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There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

#### EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) across	(D) after	(G) among	( <b>K</b> ) are	(N) before
<b>(B)</b> from	(E) himself	<b>(H)</b> in	<b>(L)</b> is	(P) itself
<b>(C)</b> of	(F) or	(J) through	( <b>M</b> ) to	<b>(Q)</b> who

An electric shock occurs when a person comes into contact with an electrical source. Electrical energy flows (29) \_\_\_\_\_\_ a portion of the body, causing an electric shock. Exposure (30) \_\_\_\_\_\_ electrical energy may result in little to no injury at all, damage (31) \_\_\_\_\_\_ death.

Most electric shocks are caused by electrical appliances, especially those with exposed electric components. In addition, lightning strikes **(32)** \_\_\_\_\_\_ a natural form of electric shock. Burns are the most common injury resulting from either.

In those older than 12 years, most electrical injuries result (33) \_\_\_\_\_\_ exploring and activities around various electrical gadgets and systems in their surroundings. For adults, the use of common sense helps reduce the risks of electrical injury. People (34) \_\_\_\_\_\_ work with electrical systems should always check that the power is turned off (35) \_\_\_\_\_\_ working on them.

If you come **(36)** \_\_\_\_\_\_ a person suffering from electric shock, the person attempting to help the victim should protect **(37)** \_\_\_\_\_ by standing on an insulating material such as rubber or wood, then attempt to drag the victim away by means of a rope or broom.

Treatment of electric shock depends on the severity **(38)** \_\_\_\_\_\_ the burns or whether any other injury resulted from the mishap. Minor burn may be treated with topical antibiotic ointment and dressings. However, more sever burns may require surgery.

Adapted from webmd.com

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# Each of the underlined words contains either a grammatical or spelling error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

If you were on TikTok around the start of June 2022, there's a good chance you saw a Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) warrant officer - who are commonly addressed as (39)"Encik" - sharing his daylee workout, which included a "10km run with five sets of Tabata or a 5km run with 10 sets of Tabata". (41)(40) The intense rooteen came from Senior Warrant Officer Leong Teng Kee, that Power98 DJ Jerald Ko interviewed at the Army Open House. The original video that Ko (42) **post** has since gained more than 570,000 views. (43) So, how did he feel about achieving vairel status? (44) The 55-year-old, who is Chief Master Trainer in the SAF's Centre Of Excellence For Soldier Performance (CESP), shared more with CNA Lifestyle when we spoke with him. (45) In case you were wondering how **pashunet** he is about fitness and his job, he had (46) just completed a 5km run after we met at his home in western Singapore, where a significant amount of space was dedicated to a "mini military mewzeum". (48) Talking about the video on TikTok, he said: "I'm very happy that I'm able to inspyer a lot of people to get fit. A lot of people have shared with me that it motivated them to take on a new fitness programme. (49) Hence, SWO Leong doesn't think he can make a large impact on his own. "I would (50) say I'm just <u>done</u> a small part. If more people do the same thing, we can work towards a stronger and healthier community."

Adapted from cnalifestyle.channelnewsasia.com

#### Fill in each blank with <u>a</u> suitable word.

Sales of coconut water have surged in Singapore, as some consumers believe that the beverage can ease side effects of the Covid-19 vaccine.

Importer and distributor Siam Coconut saw a 140 per cent (51) \_\_\_\_\_ in sales of the beverage in July, (52) \_\_\_\_\_ with June. Its fresh coconut sales also went up by 70 per cent (53) \_\_\_\_\_ the same period.

"We have many retailers buying our coconut and coconut water to make coconut shakes as (54) \_\_\_\_\_\_ as a lot of group-buy orders for home delivery and gifting to friends and (55) \_\_\_\_\_\_ in anticipation of their vaccination," says Mr Kelvin Ngian, general manager of Siam Coconut. Sales are also up for two other coconut beverage brands.

In Singapore, mass vaccinations (56) \_\_\_\_\_ Covid-19 were rolled out on February 22, starting with seniors aged 70 years and above. This was later extended to (57) \_\_\_\_\_ age groups. From June 26, the vaccination exercise was accelerated to deliver as many as 80,000 doses daily. Common side effects from the (58) \_\_\_\_\_ include fever, fatigue, chills and muscle aches.

Sales executive Sheryll Lin, 26, stocked (59) \_\_\_\_\_ on coconut water after friends told her that it helped to reduce the severity of the (60) \_\_\_\_\_ effects.

"It eased my fever quite quickly after my second jab and I felt more energetic after I drank a bottle," she says. Her parents also "felt better" after (61) \_\_\_\_\_ coconut water, she adds.

But doctors say there is no evidence to suggest that coconut water can help alleviate **(62)** \_\_\_\_\_\_ such as fever or body aches.

Dr Tan Teck Jack, chief executive of Northeast Medical Group, a clinic chain, says: "It is known to be no more hydrating **(63)** \_\_\_\_\_\_ plain water despite containing electrolytes such as potassium, sodium and manganese."

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But he adds that the electrolytes in coconut water are similar (64) \_\_\_\_\_

those in most sports drinks, so it may benefit someone who is depleted of electrolytes due to prolonged high fever or excessive dehydration.

Dr Leong Choon Kit, a family physician at Mission Medical Clinic in Serangoon, says drinking fluids in general can help reduce the feeling of chills and inflammation. "It does not necessarily **(65)** \_\_\_\_\_\_ to be coconut drinks. Soup, isotonic drinks, plain water and all beverages can help."

Adapted from The Straits Time

For each question from 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. You answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as meaning of the given sentence(s).

66 The door automatically opened once I rang the bell.

No sooner \_\_\_\_\_

67 Muru played in the rain. He fell ill.

Had

68 A bridge must be constructed so that supplies can be delivered to that village across the river.

In order to \_\_\_\_\_

69 Adam asked Amelia, "Why did you choose to sing this song for your audition?"

Adam wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_

As Wilfred was anxious about his test the next day, he could not sleep well.

Due to his \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

I saw the water seeping through the crack again when the canoe was drifting idly on the calm sea. I picked up the paddle. There was no choice except to turn back towards the island. I knew that only by the best of fortune would I ever reach **it**.

The wind did not blow until the sun was overhead. Before that time, I covered 5 a good distance, pausing only when it was necessary to bail water out from the canoe. With the wind, I went more slowly and had to stop more often because of water spilling over the sides, but the leak did not worsen.

This was my first stroke of luck. The next was when a pod of dolphins appeared. They came swimming out of the west, but as they saw the canoe, they 10 turned around in a great circle and began to follow me. They swam up slowly and so closely that I could see their eyes, which are large and the colour of the ocean. Then they swam on ahead of the canoe, crossing back and forth in front of **it**, diving in and out, as if they were weaving a piece of cloth with their broad snouts.

Dolphins are animals of good omen. It made me happy to have them 15 swimming around the canoe. Though my hands had begun to bleed from the severe chafing of paddling, just watching the dolphins made me forget the pain. I was very lonely before **they** appeared, but now I felt that I had friends with me and did not feel the same.

The blue dolphins left me shortly before dusk. They left as quickly as they had 20 come, going on into the west, but for a long time I could see the last of the sun shining on them. After night fell, I could still see them in my thoughts and it was because of this that I kept on paddling when I wanted to lie down and sleep. More than anything, it was the blue dolphins that took me back home.

Fog came with the night, yet from time to time I could see the star Magat		
which is part of the figure that looks like a crawfish and is known by that name. The	25	
crack in the planks grew wider so I had to stop often to fill it up with a cloth and to		
bail out the water.		
The night was very long, longer than the night before. Twice I dozed off		
kneeling in the canoe, though I was more afraid than I had ever been. But the		
morning broke clear and in front of me lay the dim line of the island like a great fish		
sunning itself on the sea.		
I reached it before the sun was high, and the sandspit and its tides bore me		
into the shore. My legs were stiff from kneeling and as the canoe struck the sand, I		
fell when I tried to climb out. I crawled through the shallow water and up the beach.		
There I lay for a long time, hugging the sand in ecstasy.		

Adapted from "Island of the Blue Dolphins" by Scott O'Dell

- 71 From the first paragraph, which two-word phrase showed that the writer had to go back to the island? [1m]
- 72 What did the pod of dolphins do when they saw the canoe? [2m]

73 Do you think the dolphins were swimming near the writer? **Provide evidence from** the passage. [2m]

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74 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage. Write your answers in the column on the right. The first one has been done for you.
[3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer to
it (line 4)	the island
This (line 9)	
it (line 13)	
they (line 18)	

75 Choose words from lines 25 - 35 which have similar meanings to the words below. [3m]

shape	
faint	
happiness	

76 Write 1, 2, and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ The writer's hands felt painful from rowing with the paddles.

\_\_\_\_\_ The writer's canoe started leaking.

\_\_\_\_\_ The writer fell asleep in the canoe.

77 Which phrase suggests that seeing the dolphins was a lucky sign for the writer?

[1m]

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# 78 Based on the story, list **two** ways that the dolphin helped the writer.

(i)	
(ii)	

79 Which **two** words from lines 33 - 35 show that the writer had difficulty walking after reaching the island? [2m]



80 Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
The writer though that it was possible to reach the island.		
The dolphins swam alongside the writer's canoe in the late afternoon.		
The writer fell when she stood up to get out of the canoe because she was exhausted.		

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