

Section A: Reading

Read the article below, then answer questions 1-7.

Read part of Letter to Daniel by Fergal Keane. The writer is expressing his feelings about the birth of his son. He works as a foreign correspondent-someone who writes articles about life in other countries. The letter is addressed to his son.

Daniel Patrick Keane was born on 4 February 1996.

My dear son, it is six h it's six o'clock in the morning on the island of Hong Kong. You are asleep cradled in my left arm and I am learning the art of one-handed typing. Your mother, more tired yet more happy than I've ever known her, is sound asleep in the room next room and there is a soft white in our apartment.

Since you've arrived, these have melted into night and back again and we are learning a new grammar, a long sentence whose punctuations marks of feeding and winding and nappy changing and these occasionally moments of quite.

We had wanted you and waited for you, imagined you and dreamed about you and now that you are here no dream can do justice to you. Outside the window, below us on the harbor, the ferries are ploughing back and forth to Kowloon. Millions are already up and moving about and the sun is slanting to the towers blocks. I can see the trail of jet over Lamma Island and, somewhere out there, the last stars flickering towards the other sides of the world

1. How is Daniel Patrick Keane being held by his father?

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2. Why is Daniel Patrick Keane's mother tired? Why is she happy?

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3. What has been keeping the parents awake at night?

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4. What literary device is employed when the writer says, "a long sentence whose punctuation marks of feeding and winding and nappy changing and these occasional moments of quiet"? Put a tick in a box. (1)

- ☐ Metaphor
- ☐ Simile
- ☐ Personification

5. Describe some linguistic features used by the writer to express his feelings towards his newborn son.

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6. How are the ferries described in the text?

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7. Describe the characteristics of the island of Hong Kong based on the text.

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## Section B: Writing

Imagine that you are Daniel at the age of 12 and you have just read this letter from your father. Write a letter replying to your father.

You could include:

- Memories of living in Hong Kong as a small child.
- The things that you appreciate about your father and mother.

Space for your plan:

Write your letter:

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# End of unit 6 test answers

*The tests and answers have been written by the authors. These may not fully reflect the approach of Cambridge Assessment International Education.*

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Question	Answer	Marks
1	He is holding him gently / carefully / lovingly / protectively. <i>Give 1 mark for any explanation of this idea given in the learner's own words.</i>	1
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She is tired because she has a newborn baby / has been awake in the night.</li> <li>• She is happy because she has a new baby / loves her baby / is a new mother.</li> </ul> <i>Give 1 mark for any of these ideas given in the learner's own words, to a maximum of 2 marks.</i>	2
3	The baby keeps them awake all night. / They do not notice whether it is night or day. <i>Give 1 mark for any explanation of this idea given in the learner's own words.</i>	1
4	metaphor <i>Give 0 marks if the learner has ticked more than one box. Give 1 mark if an alternative to a tick has been used in the correct box, for example, X.</i>	1
5	Learners' answers could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of repetition of 'you'. Shows he can think of nothing but the baby. / Shows that he loves the baby.</li> <li>• Listing (for example, 'wanted,' 'waited,' 'imagined,' 'dreamed') Shows how excited / fulfilled / amazed etc. he is.</li> <li>• Long sentences: Mirrors the long time that they have waited for the baby to arrive.</li> </ul> <i>Give 1 mark for any of the above features and 1 mark for an accompanying explanation demonstrating understanding, to a maximum of 2 marks.</i>	2
6	The ferries are working hard / leaving marks or furrows in the water / going back and forth. <i>Give 1 mark for any explanation of this idea given in the learner's own words.</i>	1
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is highly populated / many people live there</li> <li>• It is built up / there are many tower blocks</li> <li>• It is beautiful / has lovely views / there are lovely stars at night</li> </ul> <i>Give 1 mark for any of the above to a maximum of 2.</i>	2

Dear Dad,

For Kaylee

Reading your letter brought back so many memories of our time in Hong Kong when I was just a little boy. I remember the busy streets, the smell of the harbor, and the warmth of our cozy apartment. Even though I was young, those memories are etched vividly in my mind.

I appreciate you and Mom more than words can express. You both have always been there for me, guiding me through life's ups and downs with unwavering love and support. Mom's tireless dedication to caring for me, especially during those early years, is something I will never forget. And your one-handed typing skills must have been impressive! I can only imagine how challenging it was, but you did it for me.

I'm grateful for the love and patience you've shown me since the day I was born. Your words in the letter remind me of the deep bond we share as father and son. It's comforting to know that even though time has passed, that bond remains strong.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and feelings with me. Your letter has touched my heart in ways I can't fully express. I look forward to making more memories with you and Mom in the years to come.

With all my love,

Daniel

Dear Dad,

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Reading your letter brought back so many memories of our time in Hong Kong. Even though I was just a small child, I remember the crowded streets, the smell of street food blowing through the air, and the sight of the ferries crossing the harbor. It's incredible how vivid those memories still are.

I appreciate everything you and Mom did for me during those early years. Despite the challenges of being new parents in a foreign city, you both always made sure I felt loved and cared for. Mom's tireless dedication and your unwavering support have shaped me into the person I am today.

I remember how you used to hold me in your arms, typing away on the computer with one hand while I slept peacefully. Those moments meant the world to me, and they still do. Mom's warmth and affection filled our home, making it a safe haven amidst the chaos of the city.

Now that I'm older, I realize just how much you both sacrificed for me. From the late nights spent comforting me to the countless diapers changed, your love and devotion knew no bounds. I am endlessly grateful for everything you've done for our family.

Although we may be miles apart now, the love and bond we share remain as strong as ever. Thank you for being the best parents a son could ask for.

With all my love,

Daniel