

Suggested Answers:

Activity 1: Plot Diagram

Stage	Event
Exposition	Dawan and Kwai sit on the old bridge and discuss the scholarship to study in the city. Dawan thinks that she will never win it as she is a girl.
Rising Action	The teacher announces Dawan as the scholarship winner. Father is displeased that Dawan wins the scholarship instead of Kwai. Dawan asks Noi and the head monk to talk to Father but both refuse to help.
Climax	Bao accuses Kwai of bullying Dawan. Kwai pushes Dawan when she tries to stop him from hitting Bao. Dawan falls and cuts her ankle. Later, Kwai realises that Dawan cares for him.
Falling Action	Father is angry when he finds out Kwai places second in the examination. Dawan and Kwai talk to Father about the scholarship. He agrees to let Dawan go to the city school.
Resolution	Kwai is sad that Dawan is leaving. Dawan cries but her grandmother encourages her. As the bus nears the river, Dawan sees Kwai standing on the old bridge.

Accept any relevant answers.

Activity 2: Describing Characters

Character	Trait	Evidence
Dawan	Determined	Wants to go to the city school although her father disapproves.
	Caring	Leaves her umbrella for Kwai in the rain although he has hurt her.
Kwai	Brave	Stops Vichai from hitting Bao again.
	Jealous	Feels unhappy when Dawan wins the scholarship instead of him.
Father	Traditional	Thinks that it is wasteful to send girls to school.
	Impatient	Scolds Kwai when he forgets to bring home the buffalo.

Character	Trait	Evidence
Grandmother	Supportive	Tells Dawan she is proud of Dawan for winning the scholarship.
	Encouraging	Encourages Dawan to go to the city school.
Mother	Submissive	Feels that she cannot say anything when Father does not allow Dawan to go to the city school.
	Caring	Offers to walk with Dawan to Noi's house.
Bao	Kind	Gives a lotus bud to Dawan for free.
	Supportive	Encourages Dawan to follow her dream.
Noi	Honest	Tells Dawan the truth about the hard life in the city.
	Caring	Helps to bandage Dawan's injured ankle.
Teacher	Modern	Encourages students to think of ways to overcome injustice in the society.
	Fair	Listens to Dawan's opinion even though she is a girl.
Mr. Phaspras	Cunning	Abuses his power by offering not to draft Ghan into the army.
	Greedy	Makes Noi and Ghan pay him a lot of money if they do not want Ghan to be drafted.

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Activity 3: Themes

Theme	Evidence
Family support and love	<p>a) When Dawan wins the scholarship, her grandmother supports her whole-heartedly. Grandmother also encourages her when Dawan is hesitant to leave the village.</p> <p>b) Kwai also wants the scholarship. Although his father wants him to go to the city school, Kwai decides not to take the chance away from Dawan because he loves his sister.</p>

Gender inequality	<p>a) Dawan struggles for her right to study in the city school even though she has won the scholarship fairly.</p> <p>b) Her father thinks education is more important for boys and wants Kwai to get the scholarship. He even blames Dawan for taking her brother's chances away.</p>
Exploitation of the poor	<p>a) The landlord exploits the poor villagers by taking away sacks of rice as the rent for the land although the villagers work hard all year to produce the rice. The landlord then sells the rice and becomes richer.</p> <p>b) The army officer offers not to draft Ghan into the army if Noi and Ghan pay him a sum of money.</p>

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Activity 4: Lessons Learnt

Lesson Learnt	Evidence
We must be determined to fight for our rights.	<p>a) Dawan faces a lot of opposition when she wants to go to the city school after winning the scholarship.</p> <p>b) Dawan meets her cousin, Noi, and the monk to get their help to talk to her father.</p> <p>c) She refuses to give in until her father allows her to further her studies in the city.</p>
We should support our family members and friends.	<p>a) Dawan's grandmother is proud of her and encourages her to pursue her dreams and ambition.</p> <p>b) Bao is also supportive of Dawan although Bao herself does not go to school.</p>
We should not stop people from getting education.	<p>a) Dawan wins the scholarship because she gets first place in the examination. Her father believes that a girl does not need much schooling. Instead, he wants Kwai to go to the city school.</p>
We should not waste the opportunities that come our way.	<p>a) Dawan is determined to make full use of the scholarship to get a better education.</p> <p>b) She believes that it is the best opportunity for her to bring changes to her society in the future</p>

Accept any relevant answers.

Activity 5: SPM Practice 1

Outline:

1. Name the novel you have chosen and the author.
2. Name the character that has undergone some major changes in his/her life.
3. Give reasons for your choice (personal).
4. Support your answers with evidence from the novel.

Suggested Points:

- The novel that I have read is *Sing To The Dawn* by Minfong Ho
- The character that has undergone some major changes in her life is Dawan
- After Dawan has won the scholarship, she becomes more determined to further her studies in the city
- She refuses to give up her dream to continue her study in the city even though she faces many challenges from her family and society
- She has become more courageous
- She argues with the head monk when she disagrees with his religious ideas
- Dawan changes into a more matured girl
- She believes she can do anything a boy can do and tries to overcome the challenges

Accept any relevant answers.

Activity 6: SPM Practice 2

Outline:

1. Name the novel you have chosen and the author.
2. State the theme clearly.
3. Provide explanations/ justifications.
4. Support your answers with evidence from the novel.

Suggested Points:

- The novel that I have read is *Sing To The Dawn* by Minfong Ho
- The theme of family relationship is strong in the novel and this is shown through the characters of Dawan, her grandmother and Kwai, Dawan's brother
- Dawan is very close to her family members. She loves her brother, Kwai very much
- After she has won the scholarship, Dawan is worried about Kwai's feeling because he wants the scholarship too
- Grandmother becomes the first person who supports Dawan's decision to go to the city school
- She is willing to walk three miles with Dawan to Noi's house to find out more information about the city
- Kwai also shows a strong family relationship by supporting Dawan's decision to study in the city because he loves her very much

Accept any relevant answers.

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