**“The Jade Peony” by Wayson Choy Questions (15 marks)**

**Answer the following questions on a separate lined piece of paper. Point form is okay.**

1. Why are all the family members holding their breath? (1)
2. What is the Jade Peony? What does it mean to Grandmama? (2)
3. Why does Grandmama continue to make the windchimes, which cause so much dissension in the family? (2)
4. Father and the older children have a conversation about learning Mandarin Chinese. How does this conversation connect with other parts of the story? (1)
5. How do things change for Sek-Lung as they work on and finish the wind chime? (1)
6. Why does Father go pale at Grandmama’s description of the cat? (1)
7. What is the importance of the last paragraph? (2)

**Choose one of the following questions to answer in a few sentences. Use complete sentences and support your answer with evidence from the text. (5)**

1. Grandmama’s hands have a significant role in the story. How do Grandmama’s hands change throughout the story as her grandson sees them? Give evidence from the story to show this progression.
2. With the story turning to death, the author brings the story back to the beginning discussion of signs. Use examples of the signs given in the story to discuss how the family interprets them.