



MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)  
2019 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)  
BOOKLET A**

22 August 2019 (Thursday)

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28 questions  
28 marks

Total Time for Booklets A & B: 1 hour 50 minutes

NAME	:	_____ (    )
CLASS	:	PRIMARY 6 _____

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**ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.**

**SHADE YOUR ANSWERS ON THE OPTICAL ANSWER SHEET (OAS) PROVIDED.**

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.  
(10 marks)

1. All the participants but one \_\_\_\_\_ the training for the past three days.
- (1) attend
  - (2) attends
  - (3) has attended
  - (4) have attended
2. "Roy's never been to London before, \_\_\_\_\_?" asked Misha.
- (1) is he
  - (2) has he
  - (3) isn't he
  - (4) hasn't he
3. Compared to Raymond who is a skilful soccer player, Stanley needs \_\_\_\_\_ practice to master the basic soccer skills.
- (1) more
  - (2) most
  - (3) much
  - (4) many
4. I am confident \_\_\_\_\_ making it to the next round of the competition.
- (1) in
  - (2) to
  - (3) of
  - (4) with
5. It was Mr Lim and not Mrs Yeo who completed the project all by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) herself
  - (2) himself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves

6. Choose \_\_\_\_\_ dish you want from the menu and I shall order it for you.
- (1) however
  - (2) wherever
  - (3) whenever
  - (4) whichever
7. Joan thought of \_\_\_\_\_ some time on her project if she reached home early.
- (1) spent
  - (2) spending
  - (3) would spend
  - (4) would be spending
8. "\_\_\_\_\_ we help Rajiv now that he is in trouble, since he has always been helping us?" Tom asked Alan.
- (1) Mustn't
  - (2) Couldn't
  - (3) Wouldn't
  - (4) Shouldn't
9. Had my father been at the scene, he \_\_\_\_\_ first aid to the injured motorists.
- (1) would have given
  - (2) would give
  - (3) will give
  - (4) gave
10. I saw a man \_\_\_\_\_ by a dog just now.
- (1) chase
  - (2) chasing
  - (3) was chasing
  - (4) being chased

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

11. The colourful drawings made Kelly's poster \_\_\_\_\_ from the rest.

- (1) stand off
- (2) stand out
- (3) stand back
- (4) stand aside

12. We thought it would be \_\_\_\_\_ task to persuade my stubborn uncle to change his mind, but it turned out otherwise.

- (1) an uphill
- (2) a complex
- (3) a hazardous
- (4) an unnerving

13. Hashim never \_\_\_\_\_ from his goal of making it to the finals of the competition, no matter how hard it was.

- (1) deterred
- (2) resigned
- (3) wavered
- (4) withdrew

14. The puppy seems to have \_\_\_\_\_ energy, not being able to stay still for a moment.

- (1) tireless
- (2) reckless
- (3) senseless
- (4) boundless

15. As he was \_\_\_\_\_ by constant headaches, he decided to see a doctor.

- (1) plagued
- (2) hampered
- (3) bewildered
- (4) overpowered

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

"Look! Grandma has left the key in the keyhole!" exclaimed Liana.

"Great! We can (16)uncover the secret in that cupboard," said Ollie, giving his older sister a mischievous wink.

"But it's not right. We should not (17)meddle with the lock," said Liana so earnestly that Ollie (18)gave in and agreed to leave the key there. Sighing loudly, he returned to his music practice (19)reluctantly.

Just then, Grandma came into the room. She made a beeline for the cupboard, locked it and removed the key. His curiosity piqued, Ollie asked her what was in the cupboard. Grandma said that it contained her (20)treasured possessions. She promised she would show them to the siblings one day.

16. (1) unpick  
(2) resolve  
(3) retrieve  
(4) unravel
17. (1) intervene  
(2) intercept  
(3) tamper  
(4) tinker
18. (1) relented  
(2) accepted  
(3) consented  
(4) surrendered
19. (1) apprehensively  
(2) grudgingly  
(3) hesitantly  
(4) sulkily
20. (1) favourite  
(2) esteemed  
(3) cherished  
(4) significant

## BARTLEY TOWN COUNCIL

# • GO GREEN' CARNIVAL

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
Venue: Level 1 Atrium, NEXT Mall  
Time: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

### Launch Ceremony

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
Time: 5 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

### Guest-of-Honour

Mr Tan Hwee Kwang  
Minister of Environment

### Singapore Skyline



### Record-Breaking Attempt

As part of the launch ceremony, we will be making the largest banner of the Singapore Skyline using recycled paint scraps, led by Creativity Art Studio! YOU are invited to be a part of this record-breaking attempt.

'Go Green' Carnival is organised to encourage residents to care for and protect our environment by adjusting our lifestyle and habits.

Do you know that the household recycling rate in Singapore is a mere 19 per cent? Why is this so even when there are big blue recycling bins visibly placed at every HDB block? The answer lies in the rubbish chutes.

Rubbish chutes, found in every flat, serve as a direct route to the rubbish collection bins at the foot of each block. This has made residents less aware of the waste that they are producing. One resident, Mdm Tan, commented, "It is so fuss-free. You don't even need to step out of your house. Just open the lid, dump your trash in and then close it."

This convenience comes at a huge price to our environment. We should step up our efforts to go green. Come to the carnival to find out how easy, fun and meaningful recycling can be!

For more information on the carnival, visit <https://ggc.sg>.

Co-organisers:

SINGAPORE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY



Sponsor:

NEXT MALL





## ACTIVITIES:



Visit the Eco Fair and get water conservation tips on how to reduce your consumption!



Participate in our free workshops and learn more about how you can save the Earth!

### Highlights at the Eco Fair:

#### Recycling Drive

Bring 3 kg or more of recyclables to redeem a gift!\*

*\*while stocks last*



#### Environmentally-friendly products

Check out the new products sold at 50% off the retail price!



#### Eco Enzyme Demonstration



Learn how food products such as yogurt can be made from 'ugly' fruits – fruits that are oddly-shaped and left on the shelf.



#### "Build your own Terrarium" Competition

Register online to participate. Participants who must be aged between 7 and 12 years old, stand to win attractive prizes worth \$50!

### Upcycling Workshops Galore!

Be spoilt for choice when it comes to the wide range of free upcycling workshops. At the upcycling workshops, learn how to think out of the box and turn unwanted items into useful products! The 1-hour hands-on workshops are held daily.

#### TOTE BAG (11 a.m.)

Items to bring: old T-shirts

#### STATIONERY HOLDER (3 p.m.)

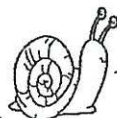
Items to bring: empty drink cans

#### SOLAR LAMP (1 p.m.)

Items to bring: plastic bottles

#### CARTON WALLET (5 p.m.)

Items to bring: 1-litre drink cartons



Register early to avoid disappointment.

For registration and enquiries, email [ggc.comp.workshop@sg.com](mailto:ggc.comp.workshop@sg.com).

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(8-marks)

21. What was Bartley Town Council's **main** reason for organising the carnival?
- (1) encourage residents to do their part for the environment
  - (2) inform residents about the recycling rate in Singapore
  - (3) discourage residents from using the rubbish chute
  - (4) highlight the availability of recycling bins
22. Jim has to go to the carnival on 26 August 2019 if he wants to take part in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) "Build your own Terrarium" competition
  - (2) "Carton Wallet" workshop
  - (3) Record-Breaking Attempt
  - (4) Eco Fair
23. Why is the word 'YOU' under the heading "Record-Breaking Attempt!" written entirely in capital letters?
- (1) to show astonishment that many people are needed to break the record
  - (2) to show the significance of everyone's participation in the event
  - (3) to show that the word refers to a person
  - (4) to show that the word is part of a name
24. At the Eco Fair, everyone can \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) make their own yogurt
  - (2) share tips on how to save water
  - (3) buy products at discounted prices
  - (4) take part in the "Build your own Terrarium" competition
25. Which of the following phrases from the section "Upcycling Workshop Galore!" suggests that all the workshops involve creativity?
- (1) think out of the box
  - (2) spoilt for choice
  - (3) wide range
  - (4) held daily



26. If you would like to attend a workshop, you need to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) email ggc.comp.workshop@sg.com
- (2) bring at least 3 kg of recyclables
- (3) be between 7 and 12 years old
- (4) pay a fee first

27. Which one of the statements is true?

- (1) All materials are provided at the workshops.
- (2) Creativity Art Studio is the sponsor of the event.
- (3) Mr Tan Hwee Kwang will grace the opening ceremony.
- (4) Everyone who contributes to the Recycling Drive is entitled to a gift.

28. The **main** purpose of the advertisement is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) encourage the public to recycle
- (2) promote the carnival on recycling
- (3) get more people involved in a record-breaking attempt
- (4) teach the public how to reduce waste through upcycling



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
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BOOKLET B

22 August 2019 (Thursday)

52 questions  
67 marks

Total Time for Booklets A & B: 1 hour 50 minutes

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
CLASS : PRIMARY 6 \_\_\_\_\_

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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

MARKS OBTAINED

BOOKLET A : \_\_\_\_\_ / 28

BOOKLET B : \_\_\_\_\_ / 67

TOTAL : \_\_\_\_\_ / 95

PARENT'S SIGNATURE : \_\_\_\_\_

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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE**

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(A) another	(D) is	(G) their	(K) to	(N) which
(B) are	(E) its	(H) these	(L) such	(P) while
(C) can	(F) or	(J) this	(M) what	(Q) whose

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Rainforests dot the landscape in Southeast Asia. Southeast Asian rainforests are unique for being home (29)\_\_\_\_\_ an amazing variety of gliding animals such as lizards, squirrels and frogs. These animals (30)\_\_\_\_\_ launch themselves from a branch and surf through the air to land on (31)\_\_\_\_\_ tree.

(32)\_\_\_\_\_ gives rise to this original way of getting around? Well, Southeast Asian rainforests are dominated by tall, majestic trees (33)\_\_\_\_\_ trunks have branches at the top but not on the lower portions. To get around, animals living in the trees must either head for the ground (34)\_\_\_\_\_ jump to the next tree. They need to find a more convenient way of moving from tree to tree. To meet (35)\_\_\_\_\_ need, some Southeast Asian animals have developed adaptations for gliding. For example, to slow (36)\_\_\_\_\_ descent, flying frogs have strongly webbed feet. Flying lizards have skin flaps that act like wings (37)\_\_\_\_\_ flying squirrels glide using a flexible membrane between their ankles and wrists.

Thus, the clever solution that allows these animals to move through the rainforests with speed and style (38)\_\_\_\_\_ gliding. Gliding, as compared to flying, is more effortless and requires less energy.

Score: / 10
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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

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Mr Gordon Yong is in his twenties. Despite his youth, he is knowledge

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about ants and has rediscovered three species that have not been saw for the

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past forty years in Singapore.

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On his obseision with the tiny insects, he says that he really likes where

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they are so different and intrassting when you get to know them well. When

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challenge people who view all ants as pests, he will share his findings that fewer

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than ten species can be considered pests out of the 235 species identity thus

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far. Indeed, the daivesity of ants in Singapore is astounding. Mr Yong beleaves

there may well be above 300 species of ants in Singapore. All the different ants

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play specified roles in the ecosystem, and that removing any one of them might

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have unknown and unintended conseequanses.

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Mr Yong's work provides valubel insights into ants. It certainly helps clear

misconceptions that ants exist only as pests.

Score:

/ 12

Children love toys. (51) \_\_\_\_\_ you have any doubts about that, just take a child to a toy store, and you will soon be (52) \_\_\_\_\_. The child will instantly find a number of things that he or she just cannot live (53) \_\_\_\_\_.

Playing with toys is actually beneficial (54) \_\_\_\_\_ children. Most toys (55) \_\_\_\_\_ some opportunities for children to learn. For example, when young children reach (56) \_\_\_\_\_ a toy and play, they learn to coordinate movements of their hands with their eyes see. As they play, they will also learn to (57) \_\_\_\_\_ with frustration when they struggle to achieve what they want to do with their toy, (58) \_\_\_\_\_ as trying to throw a ball through a hoop.

Toys that bring a lot of enjoyment need not necessarily (59) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money. They can be easily available, like an old blanket or a table. (60) \_\_\_\_\_ that is needed is the child's creativity.

(61) \_\_\_\_\_ playing with toys, playing with other children is also important as it helps in the (62) \_\_\_\_\_ of social skills. At first, adults are their most important playmates, but soon they become eager to (63) \_\_\_\_\_ with children of similar ages. It is (64) \_\_\_\_\_ such play that they learn how to get along with peers. Sharing and kindness definitely (65) \_\_\_\_\_ more benefits than snatching and pushing whilst playing.

Playing with toys therefore benefits children, and even more so when it is done with their friends.

Score: / 15
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For each of the questions from 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. The boy carefully picked up the injured bird.

The injured bird \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. I had never eaten a worse meal.

It was the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. I did not ride my bicycle but read a book instead.

\_\_\_\_\_ instead of  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Carl decided to go home. It surprised everyone.

Carl's \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. They had just left the house and then the fire alarm went off.

Scarcely \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Score: / 10
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After my consultation with the doctor, I made my way down to the lobby leisurely. My mother was going to pick me up, but knowing how she was always late, I knew I had some time to spare. I took a seat in the lobby and smiled politely at the two elderly women and an old man sitting near me. Then I dug into my backpack for my library book.

Just as I started to read, one of the elderly women tried to have a conversation with anyone who would listen. This petite woman relayed her adventure about purchasing her new pair of glasses. Everyone looked away except for me. Fascinated, I listened to her tale. Every detail she vividly expressed intrigued me. Moments later, her husband pulled up in front of the big glass doors. Her story ended abruptly. She left. The once noisy lobby was now all quiet again. 5 10

A while later, the old man's daughter came to fetch him. That left just a beautiful grey-haired woman and me in the lobby. I studied her carefully, taking in her neat appearance and expensive handbag. I concluded that she must be wealthy. I lifted my book to read.

However, I could not concentrate as my thoughts drifted to the upcoming graduation that everyone in school had been talking about. The others in my class had been discussing what presents to buy for one another. My face turned red at that thought. I had no money and I did not want to ask my parents, who were working hard to make ends meet, for such extra expenses. Yet I longed to be able to give my friends small gifts that would help them remember our friendships, even if they were something inexpensive. I sighed loudly at my predicament. 15 20

I was still deep in thought when suddenly I heard a commotion at the entrance. There was an injured teenager in a wheelchair and a frail-looking woman trying to push him along. They were struggling with the heavy glass doors. I jumped up instantaneously to help them. It was only then that I realised the woman pushing the wheelchair was shuffling along as she could not walk properly. I eased them through both sets of doors and helped them to the lift. They thanked me, but I could see that they still had a huge struggle ahead. They still needed to get on and off the lift. 25

I decided to take the lift with them. I asked them which floor they needed to go to, and then I made sure they found the correct consultation room. Looking at me gratefully, the woman said, "You are a kind boy. Thank you." I smiled shyly. 30

I was back in the lift when I realised that I had left my backpack on the chair in the lobby. My backpack had nothing of value in it, just a water bottle and a wallet with a few coins. Then I remembered that my precious library book was also on the chair. My heart skipped a beat. "Will it still be there?" When the lift doors finally opened, I raced to the lobby. 35

Both items were safely on the chair, just as I had left them. As I sat down, I could feel the beautiful grey-haired woman's smiling eyes on me. As I looked up, she nodded at me in approval. Then her taxi arrived, and without a word, she was gone.

I decided to see if I had enough money to buy a packet of nuts to munch on. To my surprise, tucked neatly inside my wallet was a fifty-dollar note. My mind flashed to the beautiful woman who had nodded at me approvingly. I had been kind to strangers, and in turn, a stranger had been kind to me. 40

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71. How did the writer intend to spend his time at the lobby while waiting for his mother? [1m]

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72. Which **two** words from lines 5-10 tell us that the writer enjoyed listening to the petite woman's tale? The words are found in two separate sentences. [2m]

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

\_\_\_\_\_ The elderly man left the lobby

\_\_\_\_\_ The writer dug out his library book from his backpack.

\_\_\_\_\_ The petite woman started telling her tale.

74. What led the writer to conclude that the grey-haired woman was wealthy? [1m]

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75. Why was concentrating on reading impossible for the writer? [1m]

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76. Which **two** of the following words best describe how the writer felt in lines 15-21? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]  
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angry

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sulky

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embarrassed

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puzzled

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resentful

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exasperated

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77. 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
a) The petite woman wanted to tell her tale only to the writer.		
b) The writer's parents refused to give him money to buy gifts for his friends.		
c) The writer's first instinct was to help the woman push the teenager along in the wheelchair.		

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78. 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. [3m]

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Word from the passage	What the word refers to
a) tale (line 8)	
b) they (line 20)	
c) struggle (line 28)	

79. Based on the information from lines 29-36, fill in the blanks in the following table. [4m]

Characters	How the characters felt	What made the characters feel that way	What the characters did as a result
the teenager and the woman			thanked the writer
the writer		the thought that his precious library book might be missing	

80. What value had the writer shown that impressed the grey-haired woman? What did she do to show her approval besides nodding at the writer? [2m]

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Score: / 20

End of Paper

## ANSWER KEY

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### Booklet A

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	2	1	3	2	4	2	4	1	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	1	3	4	1	4	3	1	2	3
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
1	3	2	3	1	1	3	2		

Q29. K

Q30. C

Q31. A

Q32. M

Q33. Q

Q34. F

Q35. J

Q36. G

Q37. P

Q38. D

Q39. knowledgeable

Q40. seen

Q41. obsession

Q42. how

Q43. interesting

Q44. challenging

Q45. identified

Q46. diversity

Q47. believes

Q48. specific

Q49. consequences

Q50. valuable

Q51. if/ should

Q52. convinced/ assumed/ surprise

Q53. without

Q54. for



- Q55. provide  
 Q56. for  
 Q57. cope/ deal  
 Q58. such/ provide/ afford/ create  
 Q59. cost/require  
 Q60. All  
 Q61. Besides/ Apart from  
 Q62. development  
 Q63. interact/ play  
 Q64. through/ with/ from/ during  
 Q65. provide/ add  
 Q66. The injured bird picked up carefully by the boy.  
 Q67. It was the worst meal I had ever eaten.  
 Q68. I read a book instead of riding my bicycle.  
 Q69. Carl's decision to go home surprised everyone.  
 Q70. Scarcely had they left the house before the fire alarm went off.  
 Q71. The writer intended to read his book.  
 Q72. Fascinated and intrigued  
 Q73. 3,1,2  
 Q74. The grey- haired woman had on expensive handbag.  
 Q75. The writer could not concentrate as the writer's thoughts kept drifting to the upcoming graduation that everyone in school had been talking about.  
 Q76. embarrassed and exasperated  
 Q77.

Statement	True/False	Reason
	False	The petite woman wanted to tell her tale to anyone who would listen.
	False	The writer did not want to ask his parents who were working hard to make ends meet for such extra expenses.
	True	The writer jumped up instantaneously to help them.



Q78.

- (i) tale (line 8 )- The petite woman's adventure about purchasing her new pair of glasses.
- (ii) they (line 20)- The small gifts
- (iii) struggle (line 28)- getting on and off the lift

Q79.

	Thankful	The writer made sure they found the correct consultation room.	
	Anxious		When the lift doors opened, the writer raced to the lobby.

Q80. He was kind. She gave him fifty dollars.

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END

