

Maha Bodhi School
2021 Semestral Assessment 1
English Language (Paper 1)

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There are two parts to this paper: Part I and Part II.
Answer both questions in Part I and Part II.

Part I: Situational Writing (15 marks)

The following shows Gary and his friend, Susan, discussing a poster.
Study the pictures below.

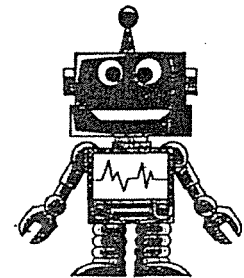
LegoRobo Challenge at Marina Stadium

Wednesday, 23 June 2021

Come showcase your Lego-building skills!

Participants must

- be between 10 and 12 years old.
- build a robot with a maximum of 500 Lego pieces before the competition.
- register on our website, www.legorobo.sg, by 25 May 2021.



Look here, Susan. A LegoRobo Challenge! It's too bad that I will be staying in a hotel with my family on that day. What about you?



What a coincidence! I will be away on a cruise. I must tell Ken about this event. He is in the school robotics club. He is also very creative with Lego and I know that he is free on that day. I'm sure that he would like to participate. I'll email him with the details today.



Your Task

Imagine you are Susan.

Write an email to your classmate, Ken, to encourage him to participate in the LegoRobo Challenge.

In your email, include the following key information:

- the date of the challenge
- the place where the competition will be held
- two reasons why Ken should participate in the challenge
- two things Ken needs to do before the challenge if he wants to participate in it

You may re-order the points. Remember to write in complete sentences.

Part II: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

Write a composition of at least 150 words about an act of honesty.

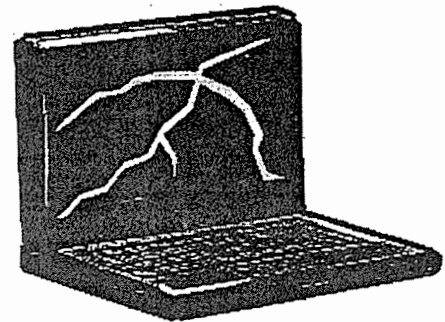
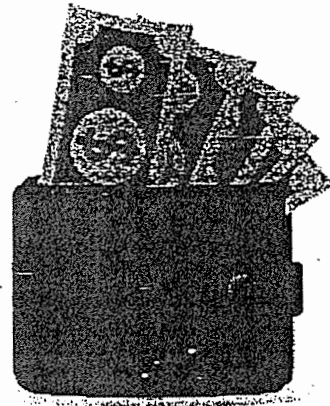
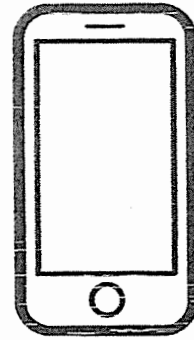
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic. Your composition should be based on **one or more of these pictures**.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What was the honest act?
- Why was the character honest?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.

Do the planning of your story on the following page.



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Please remember to check your work thoroughly.



Section A: Grammar MCQ (10 x 1 mark)

For each of the following, choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3, or 4) on the OAS.

1. My neighbour noticed the man with many bags of food _____ towards the lift and assumed he was a deliveryman.
 - (1) walks
 - (2) walked
 - (3) walking
 - (4) was walking

2. "You won't share this secret with anyone, _____ you?" Rishi asked Zhi Ming.
 - (1) do
 - (2) will
 - (3) have
 - (4) must

3. The minute I saw my reflection in the glass door, I realised I _____ to put on my mask.
 - (1) forget
 - (2) will forget
 - (3) had forgotten
 - (4) have forgotten

4. "Do remember that the distribution of TraceTogether tokens _____ starting next Monday at your nearest community centre," the volunteer said.
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

5. Soccer players are not used to _____ in an empty stadium.
 - (1) play
 - (2) plays
 - (3) played
 - (4) playing

6. The town councils have stepped _____ safety measures in the areas where the breeding of mosquitoes tends to occur.
- (1) in
 - (2) on
 - (3) up
 - (4) into
7. Adam picked up his sister's pizza and bit into it, not knowing it was _____.
- (1) his
 - (2) hers
 - (3) theirs
 - (4) himself
8. My brother said, "We have no swimming pool in school. If we _____ one, I would swim there every day."
- (1) has
 - (2) had
 - (3) have
 - (4) am having
9. Cut the cake and share it _____ the three of you.
- (1) with
 - (2) within
 - (3) among
 - (4) between
10. I have told him many times to switch off the lights before leaving the room, _____ he still does not do it. Please switch it off for him.
- (1) yet
 - (2) hence
 - (3) instead
 - (4) otherwise

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

For each of the following, choose the best answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3, or 4) on the OMS.

11. It is illegal to feed any animal at a nature reserve. _____ can be fined up to \$50,000.
- (1) Culprits
 - (2) Abusers
 - (3) Suspects
 - (4) Offenders
12. My grandmother wants to _____ digital skills so that she can buy groceries online.
- (1) pick on
 - (2) pick up
 - (3) pick off
 - (4) pick out
13. Whenever there is wet weather, there will be a _____ in demand for umbrellas and the demand falls when the weather turns good.
- (1) rush
 - (2) climb
 - (3) surge
 - (4) boost
14. With my long sleeve shirt, wide brim hat and big sunglasses, I am _____ protected against the sun rays. I don't need an umbrella.
- (1) acceptably
 - (2) accurately
 - (3) adequately
 - (4) appropriately
15. Having to cook for my family was extremely _____, but my sister promised to help me so I stopped worrying.
- (1) hair-raising
 - (2) nerve-racking
 - (3) gut-wrenching
 - (4) heart-stopping

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s) and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3, or 4) on the OMS.

“You know that person?” Enfield asked.

Utterson nodded but did not (16) divulge that the person was the owner of the house Enfield pointed at earlier.

Back in his own house, Utterson (17) promptly retrieved some documents from his safe. He (18) leafed through them until he found an envelope (19) bearing the words “Dr Henry Jekyll’s Will.” He opened it and by the flickering light of the candle, he saw the sentence he had (20) sought.— In the event of Jekyll’s death, all his possessions were to be passed to his friend, Edward Hyde. The document also stated that Edward Hyde would be free from any financial obligations of Dr Jekyll.

Adapted from *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* retold by Peter Crowther

16. (1) betray
(2) explain
(3) disclose
(4) uncover
17. (1) rapidly
(2) directly
(3) punctually
(4) immediately
18. (1) flipped
(2) combed
(3) searched
(4) rummaged
19. (1) taking
(2) having
(3) posting
(4) keeping
20. (1) aimed at
(2) gone after
(3) looked for
(4) enquired about

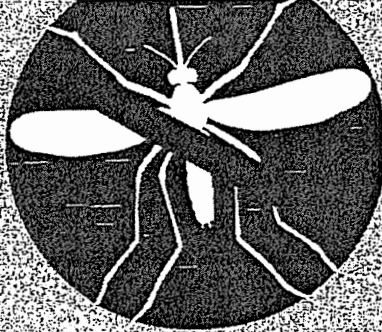
Section D : Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1 mark)
Look at the following article and answer questions 21 to 28.

A Singapore Government Agency Website

FACTUALLY EXPLAINERS STORIES INTERVIEWS ARTS & CULTURE MORE FEATURES RESOURCES CONTACT

Share: Listen

Dengue - Know the symptoms and protect yourself.



Sudden onset of fever lasting for 2-7 days

Nausea or vomiting

Know your DENGUE SYMPTOMS!

It typically starts off with a high fever accompanied by aches. Those with worsening dengue infections may also experience abdominal pain, persistent vomiting, bleeding tendencies, and rapid breathing.

Headache with pain behind the eyes

Skin rashes

SUSPECT YOU MAY HAVE DENGUE?

See a doctor immediately! Based on your symptoms, the doctor will evaluate if further investigations such as blood tests are needed.

Joint and muscle pain

Mild bleeding (e.g. nose or gum bleeding)

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Some Facts

The Aedes mosquito prefers to breed in clean stagnant water readily found in our homes. All it takes is clean, stagnant water as little as the size of a 20-cent coin, for mosquitoes to breed.

The number of dengue cases in Singapore has been on the rise, with this year's numbers already at an all-time high. In Singapore this year, the cumulative number of dengue cases stands at over 22,400 and there are close to 400 dengue clusters around our island (as of 4 August 2020). You can get notifications on areas with higher Aedes aegypti mosquito population with the National Environment Agency's (NEA's) myENV app.

Enforcement and Penalties

Since 15 July 2020, heavier penalties have been imposed on households, construction sites and town councils with:

- Repeated mosquito breeding offences;
- Multiple mosquito breeding habitats detected in a single inspection;
- Mosquito breeding detected after having received a legal notice from NEA.

Protection

To protect you and your loved ones from dengue fever, do the following at least once a week:

1. Loosen hardened soil.
2. Turn over pails.
3. Tip vases that are not in use.
4. Flip flowerpot plates that are not in use.
5. Clear the roof gutter and use insecticide.

If you are living in a dengue cluster, include the following practices:

1. Spray insecticides in dark corners around the house
2. Apply insect repellent regularly
3. Wear long sleeve tops and long pants

If you have dengue fever, you can apply repellent regularly so that mosquitoes do not bite you, pick up the virus and then transmit them to others.

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Adapted from <https://www.gov.sg/article/dengue-know-the-symptoms-and-how-to-protect-yourself>

Choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OMS.

21. Based on "Know Your Dengue Symptoms!" which one of the following statements is true?
- (1) Fever and muscle aches are the usual symptoms of dengue fever.
 - (2) One will surely experience rapid breathing when one has dengue fever.
 - (3) A blood test is always conducted for all who show symptoms of dengue fever.
 - (4) One does not need to see a doctor if one finds the symptoms one experiences bearable.
22. In the section "Know Your Dengue Symptoms", the pictures are included so that _____.
- (1) they provide more information
 - (2) readers are aware of the dangers
 - (3) children will be attracted to the page
 - (4) viewers do not have to read the section
23. The phrase "(as of 4 of August 2020)" is used under the sub-heading "Some Facts" to _____.
- (1) highlight when the information was published
 - (2) point out that the information is correct up to that date
 - (3) inform readers when the information will be next updated
 - (4) help readers remember the date the information was obtained
24. Which one of the following phrases is used to emphasise that it is easy for mosquitoes to breed?
- (1) all it takes
 - (2) on the rise
 - (3) at an all time high
 - (4) readily found in our homes
25. Badriya is her class' environmentalist. She is giving a talk to her classmates about dengue and is crafting her speech. Complete the following statement in her speech.
- A heavier penalty is imposed if _____.
- (1) NEA staff conduct repeated inspections
 - (2) a legal notice from NEA is issued for the first time
 - (3) more than one mosquito breeding ground is found during one inspection
 - (4) mosquito breeding sites are found in households, construction site and town councils

26. Under the section "Protection" we can conclude that _____ is the best way to fight dengue.




- (1) caution
- (2) teamwork
- (3) education
- (4) prevention

27. Which one the following features in the website allow readers to give feedback on the website?

It is the feature that allows readers to _____.

- (1) share the text on the page
- (2) listen to the text on the page
- (3) rate the usefulness of the page
- (4) print the information on the page

28. Badriya wants to write an email to the agency to find out the answer to a question. Which one of the following should she click on?

(1)	
(2)	
(3)	CONTACT
(4)	

Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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.

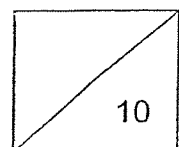
(A) and	(D) even	(G) over	(K) these ^{this}	(N) which
(B) as	(E) in	(H) then	(L) too	(P) while
(C) by	(F) on	(J) these	(M) when	(Q) with

On 20 February 2021, Jasmine Harrison became the youngest woman to row alone across an ocean. It took the 21-year-old swimming teacher just (29) _____ 70 days to row across the Atlantic Ocean. Every day, Ms Harrison rowed for about 12 hours. (30) _____ average, she rowed about 20,000 strokes a day. (31) _____ Ms Harrison had a satellite phone that allowed her to talk with family and friends every day, she still had a lot of time all (32) _____ herself. Things got a little harder after her speaker fell into the water (33) _____ she could no longer listen to music.

The highlight of her journey was (34) _____ she got to see lots of sea life including several whales. One of the whales (35) _____ rose out of the ocean right next to her boat. For several days, she was followed by a small group of dolphins. "It's just amazing," she said.

However, there was danger (36) _____. Twice, her boat was turned over (37) _____ the night by large waves. The second time, she hurt her elbow quite badly. Once, she nearly ran into a ship. Despite (38) _____ unfortunate incidents, she kept going. After 70 days, 3 hours and 48 minutes, she reached the island of Antigua making her the youngest woman ever to row across the Atlantic or any ocean.

Adapted from *21-Year-Old Rows Across Atlantic, Sets Record* by newsforkids.net



Section F: Editing (12 x 1 mark)

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

I grew up in a family that was not well-to-do. There were six of us altogether and

(39)

we were crammed into a tiny HDB flat at Bukit Ho Swee. We did not have a refridgerater.

(40)

(41)

Neither did we have a radio and a television. You would not belief it if I told you we did

not even have a bed. Everyone slept on mattresses on the floor. Our parents did not have

(42)

(43)

surffishent money to pay for our school fees but forchunetly, we could depend on

(44)

government bursaries to pay for our studies. Luxuries were not heard from in our home

(45)

and even the basic neccessitys of life were hard to come by.

(46)

Ironic, growing up in such a poor family was good preparation for my future. We

(47)

(48)

could not grow up with the latest toys or gajets but our parents never denied us the

(49)

opertunity of a good education.

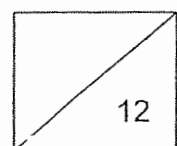
(50)

Whenever I felt discouraged, I think back of the hard times I had in my

childhood and this keeps me going. There is never an option to give up. These two words

are simply not allowed in my vocabulary.

Adapted from *A life That Matters* from *Chicken Soup for the Singapore Soul*



Section G: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

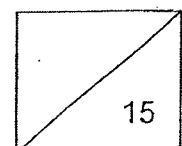
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Would you be surprised if I told you I was a victim of bullying? Everybody in my family has a gap between their front teeth. It is something that runs (51) _____ my family. When I was a child, my classmates would sometimes pick on me and make fun of the gap between my front teeth so I know what it feels (52) _____ to be bullied.

Being bullied because of my appearance did not (53) _____ there. When I started growing, the size of my feet followed my (54) _____ – size 12 at twelve years old, size 13 at thirteen years old and so on. Finally when I was sixteen years old, my feet stopped growing at size 16. This was another (55) _____ for other children to poke (56) _____ at me. I was frustrated and I let it out on the field. I always felt better after sweating it out. Soon, I learnt that sports was a good way to release my (57) _____.

Do you know that some children bully others without knowing it? Everyone wants to win when playing, but that can sometimes cause some children to (58) _____ wrong choices. They might end up (59) _____ others out of games so that they have a greater (60) _____ of winning. By doing so, the children who are left out might feel (61) _____ worthy than others. This is a form of bullying too. Instead, children should be encouraged to give everyone the opportunity to take (62) _____ in games and play together. They will soon realise that having good relationships with their peers is more important than winning. Winning makes them happy only for a (63) _____ but the impact of a kind deed lasts a lifetime. Participating in sports can be great for children to (64) _____ their skills, learn teamwork, and build strong friendships. Bullying has (65) _____ place in sports. It is much cooler to be kind, and that is something we should practise in every school and every team.

Adapted from *Choose Kindness and Sportsmanship, Not Bullying* by Carlos Dunlap



Section H: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the following questions, 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 meaning as the given sentence(s).

66. Wait outside. Come in when I tell you to.

_____ until

67. Bala's father encouraged him. Bala then tried out for the school soccer team.

_____ with

68. Ahmad was chided. He was not able to complete the work his mother assigned him.

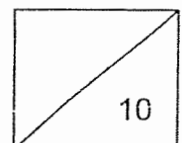
_____ for

69. The tap is leaky. Water is being wasted.

_____ resulted in

70. John asked his sister, "Did you read the news article about the wild boar this morning?"

John asked _____



Section I: Comprehension (Open-ended) (20 marks)

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80. Your answer must be based on the passage read.

<p>Grandma has always stayed with us since Grandpa passed away when I was just a baby. Grandma used to take care of me because Father and Mother had to work. She would cook lunch for me. Whenever she cooked, I could not resist having an extra helping. When I was little, Grandma took me to the nearby playground every evening. Sometimes, when I did not have a friend to play with, she would sit on the other end of the see-saw, her wrinkled feet bracing herself, as we bounced up and down. When I entered Primary One, we would walk to school talking about what we planned to do that day. Every morning at the school gate, Grandma would give me a big hug. In the afternoon, she would be at the gate waiting for me.</p>	5
<p>Things changed after a fall. While coming out of the toilet, Grandma slipped and fell onto the floor. Although Grandma recovered, she walked with a slight limp and also started to forget things.</p>	10
<p>"Where are my glasses?" asked Grandma one day. "I just put them on the table." She flipped aside her newspapers and then stood up looking around anxiously. At that very instant, my eyebrows rose.</p>	15
<p>"Grandma, your glasses are around your neck," I said.</p>	
<p>Grandma peered down and gave a feeble smile. Heaving a sigh, she sat down and continued reading the newspapers.</p>	
<p>Two weeks later, something scary happened. The school dismissal bell rang and I ran to the school gate looking around for the calm face and pleasant smile that welcomed me every day after school. Grandma was not there. The minutes ticked by as I waited, pacing up and down. Finally, with a heavy heart, I took the route we walked every day hoping to meet Grandma along the way. When I reached home, I noticed that Grandma's slippers were not in the shoe rack and sprinted to the lift again.</p>	20
<p>"Grandma! Grandma! Where are you?" my shouts echoed in the void deck.</p>	25
<p>As I wandered from one block of flats to another, my view turned hazy with tears.</p>	
<p>Suddenly, from a distance, I saw Grandma sitting alone in the playground. It was odd but true. Grandma was lost. She was lost in the neighbourhood where she had stayed for more than twenty years. Somehow, she could not remember the path that we took to school though we had been taking the same route for more than three years. Neither could she recall the path home. She sat at the playground hoping to meet me.</p>	30
<p>The following week, Father and Mother took Grandma to the hospital. When they returned, Grandma's face had a blank look while Father and Mother appeared grim. That night, Father and Mother explained Grandma's condition to me.</p>	
<p>"Grandma has started forgetting things as she is ill with Alzheimer's disease," muttered Father.</p>	35
<p>Mother added, "For now, there is no cure but with the doctor's help and medicine, it will not worsen too quickly."</p>	
<p>The words hit me hard like a sledgehammer.</p>	
<p>"Grandma will be fine. We will give her the support she needs," said Mother as she went over to Grandma and softly placed her hand on her shoulder. Grandma continued rocking with no expression on her face.</p>	40
<p>Grandma stopped accompanying me to school or the playground. Grandma preferred to sit on the rocking chair at home, gaze at the television and doze off. I could not believe she was the same person who had once been so active. Thinking of all that Grandma had done for me, I told myself it was now my turn to care for her. I resolved to spend more time with her as it seemed that our roles have been reversed.</p>	45

Adapted from *Where's Grandma* by Edmund Lim W.K

71. Which four-word phrase in the first paragraph tells us that Grandma had not always lived with the author? (1m)

72. In lines 19 to 24, which of these two words describe how the author felt? Put a tick in each correct box. **Do not tick more than two boxes.** (2m)

anxious	<input type="checkbox"/>	impatient	<input type="checkbox"/>	pleasant	<input type="checkbox"/>
calm	<input type="checkbox"/>	upset	<input type="checkbox"/>	irritated	<input type="checkbox"/>

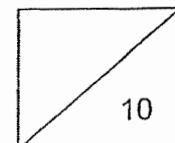
73. Explain clearly why the author sprinted to the lift again when he saw that Grandma's slippers were not on the shoe rack. (2m)

74. Which word from lines 13 to 26 has the same meaning as the word(s) below? (3m)

became aware	a)
blur	b)
weak	c)

75. State two reasons why it was odd that Grandma was lost. (2m)

Reason 1	
Reason 2	



76a) What does the phrase "at that very instant" in lines 14 and 15 refer to? (1m)

b) What does the word "it" in line 37 refer to? (1m)

77. Look at the example given and fill in the blanks in the following table.

(2m)

Character	Character's reaction to Grandma's illness	Evidence
Author's mother	She was positive.	She said that Grandma would be fine and that they would give her the support she needed.
Grandma	She was emotionless.	a) _____ _____ _____
Author	He was b) _____	His mother's words hit him like a sledgehammer.

78. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ Grandma went to the playground alone.

_____ Grandma accompanied the author ^{on} the see-saw.

_____ Grandma could not find her glasses.

79. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give **one** reason why you think so. (3m)

Statement	True/False	Reason
a) The author enjoyed Grandma's cooking.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
b) Grandma did not return home from the playground as she had hoped to meet the author there.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
c) The author raised his eyebrows because grandmother flipped the newspapers.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>



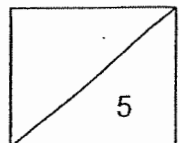
80. Explain what the author meant when he said that their roles have been reversed (line 47). (2m)



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Booklet A

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	2	4	1	4	3	2	2	3	1
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	2	2	3	2	3	2	1	2	3
Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
1	3	2	1	3	4	3	3		

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
G	F	P	C	A	M	D	L	E	J
Q39)	Refrigerator	Q43)	Fortunately	Q47)	Did				
Q40)	Nor	Q44)	Of	Q48)	Gadgets				
Q41)	Believe	Q45)	Necessities	Q49)	Opportunity				
Q42)	sufficient	Q46)	Ironically	Q50)	Feel				

Q51)	In	Q56)	Fun	Q61)	Less
Q52)	Like	Q57)	Frustrations	Q62)	Part
Q53)	stop	Q58)	Make	Q63)	While
Q54)	Age	Q59)	Leaving	Q64)	Practise
Q55)	reason	Q60)	chance	Q65)	No
Q66)	Wait outside until I tell you to come in.				
Q67)	Bala tried out for the school soccer team with his father's encouragement.				
Q68)	Ahmad was chided for he was not able to complete the work his mother assigned him.				

Q69)	The leaky tap resulted in water being wasted.
Q70)	John asked his sister if she had read the news article about the wild boar this morning.
Q71)	Since Grandpa passed away.
Q72)	Anxious, upset
Q73)	Grandma did not pick the author up in school and was not at home and the author was worried so he went to find grandma.
Q74)	a) noticed b) hazy c) feeble
Q75)	Reason 1 : Grandma was lost in the neighbourhood she had lived for twenty years. Reason 2 : Grandma could not remember the route to the author's school though they had been taking that route for more than three years.
Q76)	a) The moment Grandma stood up. b) Grandma's illness.
Q77)	a) Grandma's face had a blank look and she was rocking with no expression on her face b) shocked
Q78)	3 1 2
Q79)	a) True : The author could not resist having an extra helping of grandma's cooking. b) False : She got lost and did not remember the way home. c) False : The author raised his eyebrows because Grandma did not know her glasses were around her neck.
Q80)	Before Grandma had fallen, she was the one taking care of the author but after Grandma had fallen and got the alzheimer's disease, the author had to take care of her grandma.