



MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

2020 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 1 (WRITING)

29 October 2020 (Thursday)

1 hour 10 minutes

55 marks

NAME	:	_____ ()
CLASS	:	PRIMARY 5 _____

Instructions

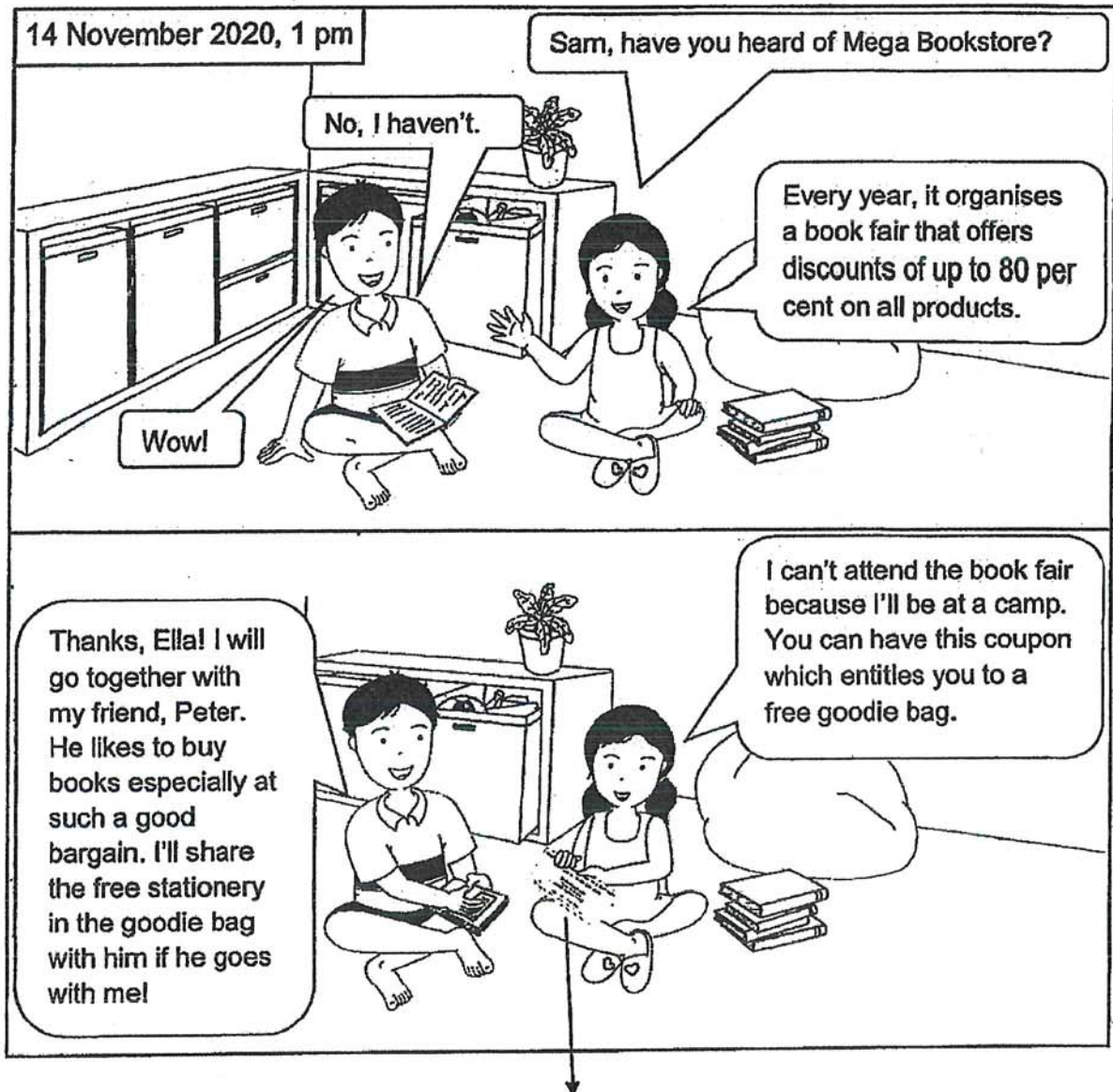
1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. There are two parts to this paper : Part I and Part II.
Answer two questions : one from Part I and one from Part II.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE : _____

Part I: Situational Writing (15 marks)

(1) Below is a page from your party planner.

The pictures below show a conversation between Sam and his cousin, Ella. The conversation took place in Ella's house. Study the pictures carefully.



Mega Bookstore's annual book fair is here again!
Don't miss out on the best deals!

28 November 2020
10am to 10pm
Jumbo Exhibition Hall

Produce this coupon to receive a free goodie bag!
Each goodie bag contains stationery items worth more than \$10.

Your Task

Imagine you are Sam.

Write an email to your friend, Peter, to ask him to attend the book fair with you.

You are to refer to the pictures and information on page 1 for your email.

In your email, include the following key information:

- where the book fair will take place
- the date of the book fair
- why your cousin gave you a coupon
- what the coupon is for
- two details to encourage Peter to attend the book fair

You may reorder the points. Remember to write in complete sentences.

Part II: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

Write a composition of at least 150 words about a wish that came true.

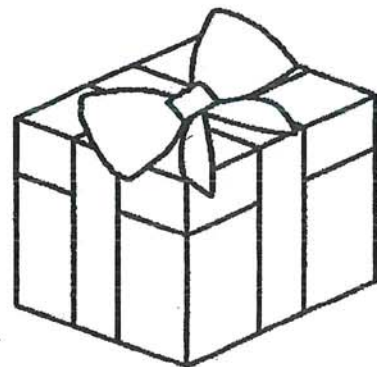
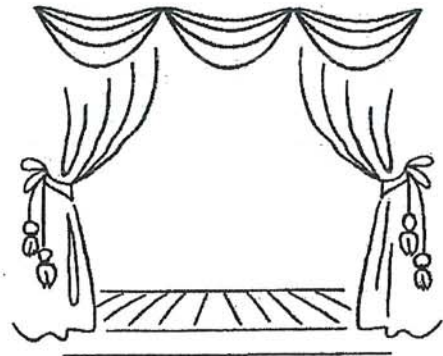
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What was the wish?
- How was the wish fulfilled?

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



END OF PAPER



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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

29 October 2020 (Thursday)

28 marks

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

NAME : _____ ()

CLASS : PRIMARY 5 _____

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ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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. Darren, as well as his cousins, _____ going to visit Grandfather tomorrow.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

2. "_____ from Sam, who else did not bring his thermometer?" the teacher asked.

- (1) Apart
- (2) Other
- (3) Except
- (4) Besides

3. The students _____ on their Social Studies project since two weeks ago.

- (1) worked
- (2) were working
- (3) had been working
- (4) have been working

4. There is _____ rice left, so Mother had to go to the supermarket to buy a packet.

- (1) any
- (2) few
- (3) little
- (4) much

5. Jonathan insisted _____ joining the skateboarding competition although he had just recovered from his injury.

- (1) in
- (2) at
- (3) on
- (4) with

6. "You've done your homework, _____?" Mrs Chong asked her son.
- (1) don't you
 - (2) didn't you
 - (3) aren't you
 - (4) haven't you
7. If I _____ a millionaire, I would donate a part of my money to help the less fortunate.
- (1) be
 - (2) am
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
8. The classroom _____ by the students before they left for their lunch break.
- (1) cleans
 - (2) cleaned
 - (3) was cleaned
 - (4) is being cleaned
9. The birthday party is about to start, _____ the cake has not been delivered.
- (1) as
 - (2) yet
 - (3) since
 - (4) despite
10. The teacher praised the students _____ worked cooperatively.
- (1) who
 - (2) when
 - (3) which
 - (4) whose

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.
(5 marks)

11. The children were so _____ in watching the television programme that they did not hear their mother calling them.

(1) indulged
(2) obsessed
(3) engrossed
(4) preoccupied

12. He was hiking up the _____ trail slowly, so as not to fall down on the slippery slope.

(1) weary
(2) dreadful
(3) disastrous
(4) precarious

13. Many families still _____ the tradition of gathering for a reunion dinner on the eve of Chinese New Year.

(1) observe
(2) adhere
(3) abide
(4) obey

14. The mother _____ rushed forward to pull the child back before he could fall into the pond.

(1) momentarily
(2) instinctively
(3) impulsively
(4) vigorously

15. Peter _____ in cold sweat when he was unexpectedly called up the stage to give a 'thank-you' speech.

(1) broke up
(2) broke out
(3) broke down
(4) broke away

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

It was a late afternoon and Benjamin had just returned home from school. When he came out of the lift, he saw a burly man peering into his neighbour's house (16)furtively. Benjamin hid behind a wall to observe what the man was up to.

The next moment, the man took out a long silver object from his brown canvas bag. It seemed like he had (17)planned to meddle with the lock. With growing (18)uneasiness, Benjamin decided to call the police.

Benjamin became more (19)worried as he waited for help. Fortunately, the police arrived in the nick of time. The man was caught red-handed.

As the policemen led the man into the police car, they praised Benjamin for his (20)vigilance. Benjamin smiled, feeling proud of himself.

16. (1) tactfully
(2) stealthily
(3) discreetly
(4) guardedly
17. (1) intended
(2) resolved
(3) anticipated
(4) contemplated
18. (1) annoyance
(2) displeasure
(3) disturbance
(4) apprehension
19. (1) annoyed
(2) horrified
(3) troubled
(4) scared
20. (1) alertness
(2) swiftness
(3) eagerness
(4) restlessness

Study this brochure carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

"Brainy Games" Festival



at Bartley Community Centre
on 15 November 2020,
Sunday, 9 am – 3pm



Come and join us for a day filled with a variety of exciting and interactive games that stretch your minds. Stand a chance to walk away with attractive prizes sponsored by Kids Technology Company.

Do you know that games can 'exercise' your brains? Lots of research has shown the benefits of brain games for children. When children engage in brain teaser games such as Scrabble, Sudoku and Chess, it strengthens their problem-solving skills, train their memories and help improve their concentration spans. Children's brains are growing at a rapid rate. The younger they are, the easier they learn. So what are you waiting for? Come join us at this festival!

What our visitors said about our event.



"Brainy Games" is an excellent option for children who enjoy mind-stretching games and want to meet like-minded children! As a mother of three highly curious children, I recommend "Brainy Games". My children enjoyed playing the various mind-stretching games, especially Sudoku, where they were given opportunities to play against skilled professionals. The Chess competition was another favourite – my children tried out new strategies in this game. Most of all, they enjoyed making new friends! "Brainy Games" far exceeded my expectations! The three of them are eager and excited to join "Brainy Games" again next year!

~Mrs Cheryl Lim (Parent)



I never knew that I would give up my gadgets for anything else until I came across "Brainy Games" last year! By participating in the event, I got to know the various types of brainy games. I also made new friends and we still meet regularly to challenge each other. Playing the games regularly has helped me sharpen my thinking skills and improve my memory. Most importantly, I no longer spend so much time on my mobile phone.

~Gupta (Participant)



How to register?

Target participants: Children 7 to 12 years old

Registration fee: \$10 (entitles you to take part in all activities and competitions)

Closing date: Sunday, 8th November 2020

Register online at www.bartleycc.com.sg



Highlight of Activities

Chess competition

Category	Age Group	Time
A	7 – 8 years old	9 am – 10 am
B	9 – 10 years old	10 am – 11 am
C	11 – 12 years old	11 am – 12 pm

Calling all Chess enthusiasts. Sign up on the spot according to your age group. The top 5 winners of every age group will receive a trophy.

Venue: Community Hall

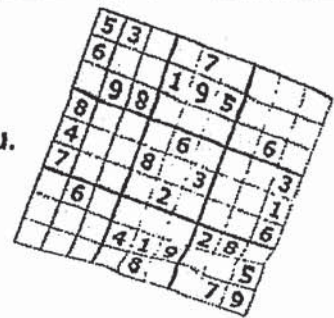


Sudoku

Keen to solve a Soduku Puzzle but don't know how?
Visit our booth and the experts will be on hand to guide you.

Time: From 9 am

Venue: Activity Room 1



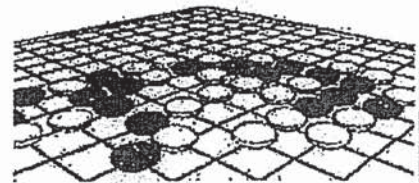
Weiqi

Come meet Mr Tan, a Weiqi coach, who will share the history of the game and some winning strategies of the game. After Mr Tan's sharing, each participant will play a game with one of Mr Tan's students. After the friendly challenge, you will walk away with a token of participation and words of advice and tips from the student.

Time: 11 am – 2pm

Venue: Atrium

Admission is on a first-come-first-serve basis



Scrabble

How quick are you at forming words? Are you up for a challenge?



Form at least 10 words to win a prize.

Time: From 9 am

Venue: Activity Room 2



Organised by Bartley Community Association



For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).
(8 marks)

21. According to the brochure, playing brain games _____.
- (1) creates happy memories for children
 - (2) has been proven to benefit both young and old
 - (3) should start for the children as early as possible
 - (4) is meant only for children with good concentration span
22. Based on Mrs Cheryl Lim's comments, which of the following statements is true?
- (1) Her children tried out new strategies to play Sudoku.
 - (2) Her children enjoyed watching the Chess competition.
 - (3) "Brainy Games" turned out to be excellent as she had expected.
 - (4) What her children liked best was making new friends at the event.
23. According to the participant, Gupta, what did he gain the most from joining "Brainy Games"?
- (1) Learnt to play brainy games.
 - (2) Made new friends at the festival.
 - (3) Reduced his usage of mobile phone.
 - (4) Sharpened his thinking skills and improved his memory.
24. Tim, a 10-year-old boy, wishes to take part in the Chess competition.
He _____.
- (1) can compete against his 12-year-old sister
 - (2) need not pay a separate fee to join the competition
 - (3) must register for the competition by Sunday, 8 November 2020
 - (4) can register for the competition online at www.bartleycc.com.sg
25. Participants who join the Weiqi activity can _____.
- (1) win attractive prizes
 - (2) share the history of the game
 - (3) compete against Mr Tan's students
 - (4) get expert advice of their game from Mr Tan

26. What is the purpose of the questions in the section on "Scrabble"?

- (1) to stir up the readers' interest in taking part in the activity
- (2) to tell the readers what they have to do to win a prize
- (3) to check if the readers are excited about the activity
- (4) to motivate the readers to form the ten words

27. Which of the following statements is true about "Brainy Games"?

- (1) Participants must take part in all activities.
- (2) There will only be 4 activities at the festival.
- (3) Children will be taught how to play all the games.
- (4) Not all participants will receive a token of participation.

28. What is the main purpose of the brochure?

- (1) to get readers to participate in "Brainy Games"
- (2) to tell readers about the benefits of playing "Brainy Games"
- (3) to tell readers about the aims of mind stretching games
- (4) to get readers interested in the development of the brain



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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

29 October 2020 (Thursday)

67 marks

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

NAME : _____ ()
CLASS : PRIMARY 5/_____

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ANSWER ALL THE 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

(A) a	(D) between	(G) from	(K) so	(N) what
(B) an	(E) but	(H) it	(L) this	(P) where
(C) as	(F) can	(J) only	(M) to	(Q) which

The monarch butterfly has beautiful orange wings with a black outline that has white dots on it. It feeds on a kind of plant called milkweed. Monarch butterflies were originally found (29)_____ in North and South America. However, now they have spread to other warm places (30)_____ the milkweed plants grow. Hence, they (31)_____ now also be found in Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

The colourful pattern of the monarch butterflies serve (32)_____ important purpose. It warns their predators that they are poisonous. They are able (33)_____ tolerate the poison that is found in the milkweed plants that they consume. They then use the poison stored in their bodies to their advantage (34)_____ a defence against the predators. An animal that eats a monarch butterfly usually does not die, (35)_____ it will feel sick enough to avoid monarch butterflies in the future.

(36)_____ is most amazing about the monarch butterflies is that millions of them migrate (37)_____ North America to the south for the winter. (38)_____ migration is quite an extraordinary sight to behold. Unfortunately, due to trees in the forests being cut down, the scale of the migration has been decreasing over the years.

Score: / 10

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

I loved eating the roti prata at Uncle Ali's stall. I always found it hard to
(39)

resist the tempting to eat there whenever I was in the neighbourhood where his stall

(40)

(41)

was located. I would indulge at some hot, crispy roti pratas even when it was a skotching

hot day. There would always be a long queue at his stall. His customers were willing to

(42)

(43)

wait pashently, sometimes up to forty-five miuntes, for what some said was the good

roti prata in Singapore.

(44)

Uncle Ali, an ameabel man, always greeted me with a friendly smile. When it was

(45)

my turn, I would not need to tell him which I wanted because my order was always

(46)

(47)

pridiktable - two pieces of plain roti prata with an abundant of curry gravy. He never

(48)

failed to give me a generose helping of the gravy.

(49)

(50)

Uncle Ali was dissappointted that one of his children was interested in take

over the stall from him. He retired five years ago. I really miss him and his roti prata.

Score: / 12

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Do you know we have a hot spring in Singapore? A hot spring occurs when hot water in the ground flows to the surface. (51) _____ in the north of Singapore, the Sembawang Hot Spring is Singapore's one and (52) _____ natural hot spring. It had (53) _____ its operations in late 2018 for major development works, and reopened to the public in January 2020. The park is now more (54) _____ for everyone with the inclusion of wheelchair-friendly ramps for the disabled.

The hot spring park boasts many new features. The highlight of these features (55) _____ the cascading pool where members of the public can enjoy a foot bath. Water (56) _____ naturally as it flows down the four-tiered pool, starting at 70°C at the top and (57) _____ the bottom tier at 40°C, which is a suitable temperature for visitors to soak their feet in and not be (58) _____ by the water.

Another feature is the water collection point where visitors can collect the natural hot spring water with the pails they have (59) _____ from home. The water collected can be used either for foot baths (60) _____ cooking raw eggs. It is a comical (61) _____ to observe some visitors crack the eggs too (62) _____ when the eggs are not properly cooked yet, causing the liquid to flow out.

(63) _____ they have eaten the eggs and had a relaxing foot bath, visitors can (64) _____ a stroll down the new Floral Walk or head over to the educational zone to (65) _____ about the history of the hot spring and how a hot spring is formed.

Do visit this fascinating place the next time you are in Sembawang!

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 bus ride was very uncomfortable. He felt sick.

It was such _____

67. Despite failing many times, Jane did not give up on her dream.

No matter _____

68. Greg was shy. He did not want to join in our conversation.

owing to _____

69. John had misplaced Annie's pen. She did not know it.

Little _____

70. Exercise regularly and you will stay healthy.

With _____

Read this passage and answer the questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Uncle Lum, who was in his sixties, had retired from his job as a teacher a few years ago. With lots of time on his hands, he slowly sipped his cup of coffee and read the newspapers. It had become his morning routine at the coffee shop since retirement. "An active mind will help in my game of chess later," he muttered to himself. He took a glance at his watch and cheered, "Yes, it is time for my chess game." He would meet his old friend, Mr Gopal, for a game of chess at the void deck of his block of flats. They were evenly matched at the game, but Uncle Lum wanted badly to win the chess game that day, having lost to Mr Gopal twice that week. 5

Uncle Lum and Mr Gopal were a familiar sight at the void deck. Mr Gopal arrived on the dot and greeted his buddy with a hearty laughter. Usually, the void deck was quiet, but that day they had the nine-year-old twins, Kai Kai and Jia Jia, for company. Their mother had left them there when she went to the market. The twins were kicking a ball around and having a whale of a time. The noise did not bother Uncle Lum much, as he was used to having big classes of noisy students when he was a teacher. However, Mr Gopal shook his head, directing his friend's attention to the sign that read "No Ball Games Here". He thought, "How could I concentrate on the game with all that noise?" He furrowed his brows in a bid to focus harder. 10 15

That morning's chess game was special. Mr Gopal's wife had made milk tea and muffins, which he brought to share with his buddy. The game had reached a critical point. Mr Gopal pondered for a long while, afraid that he could lose the game if he made a wrong move. Uncle Lum could not help but curl his lips in a smile. He would taste victory soon. With that pleasant thought, he reached for the aromatic hot tea and took a sip. All of a sudden, a flying object hit his face, nearly knocking him off his seat. His shirt was soaked with tea. With his spectacles also hanging crookedly, he was a mess. Mr Gopal quickly rushed over and helped his friend put on his spectacles. There were cracks in them, but Uncle Lum could still peer through the glass. The culprits stood before him, whimpering in fear. Kai Kai bent down and picked up the offending item. Uncle Lum soon figured out what had happened. 20 25

"You should have known better than to play with a ball at the void deck. Look at what you did to my spectacles! You are in deep trouble now, young men!" Uncle Lum spoke sternly, as he rubbed his sore face. Kai Kai quickly hid the ball behind his back, pretending that it had vanished.

Uncle Lum was appalled by Kai Kai's action. Then he could not help but chuckle at his funny action. Jia Jia tugged at his twin's shirt sleeve and said, "We have to apologise to Uncle Lum." At that moment, they saw the twins' mother hurrying over. "What happened?" she asked frantically. Mr Gopal then recounted what had happened to her. She wanted to pay for a new pair of spectacles but Uncle Lum turned down her offer politely, as he felt he was partly at fault for not stopping the twins from playing there from the start. This prompted the twins to recall what Uncle Lum had said earlier. Realising their mistake, the twins were overcome with guilt for causing the damage. In between sobs, they kept apologising to Uncle Lum. They only stopped crying when Uncle Lum comforted them and Mr Gopal held out two muffins. The twins each took one and happily started munching. 30 35

Watching the twins leave with their mother, Uncle Lum felt glad, especially about the change in Kai Kai's behaviour. He could not wait to return to the chess game. "Phew!" Uncle Lum let out a sigh of relief. It was a good thing that the ball had not messed up the chess pieces. He was certain he would be victorious that day. 40

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71. What was Uncle Lum's morning routine in line 3? [1m]

72. Why did Uncle Lum glance at his watch in line 4? [1m]

73. Fill in the following table to show the difference between how Uncle Lum and Mr Gopal were affected by the noise made by the twins. [2m]

	How the character felt	Why the character felt this way
Uncle Lum	not bothered	a)
Mr Gopal	annoyed	b)

74. "he was a mess." (line 22)
In what **two** ways was Uncle Lum a mess? [2m]

1.

2.

75. 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]

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	True / False	Reason
Uncle Lum and Mr Gopal often go to the void deck.		
Uncle Lum was a better chess player than Mr Gopal.		
Uncle Lum fell down when the ball hit him.		

76. Pick out **two** words from lines 30–39 which describe Uncle Lum's reactions when he saw Kai Kai put the ball behind his back. [2m]

and

77. Explain fully in what way Uncle Lum was "at fault" in lines 34-35. [2m]

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78. "Realising their mistake, the twins were overcome with guilt." (line 36-37)
What was the mistake and what was the damage the twins were feeling guilty about?
[2m]

a) The twins' mistake was _____

b) The twins felt guilty as _____

79. 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]

Word/s from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
offending item (line 24-25)	
her offer (line 34)	
one (line 39)	

80. "It was a good thing that the ball had not messed up the chess pieces." (line 42)
Explain clearly why it was a good thing. [2m]

END OF PAPER

Score: / 20

ANSWER KEY

YEAR : 2020
LEVEL : PRIMARY 5
SCHOOL : MARIS STELLA
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : SA2

BOOKLET A

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

BOOKLET B

Q29	J	Q30	P	Q31	F
Q32	B	Q33	M	Q34	C
Q35	E	Q36	N	Q37	G
Q38	L	Q39	Temptation	Q40	In
Q41	Scorching	Q42	Patiently	Q43	Best
Q44	Amiable	Q45	What	Q46	Predictable
Q47	Abundance	Q48	Generous	Q49	Disappointed
Q50	Taking	Q51	Located	Q52	Only
Q53	Stopped	Q54	Accessible	Q55	Is
Q56	Cools	Q57	Reaching	Q58	Scalded
Q59	Brought	Q60	Or	Q61	Sight
Q62	Early	Q63	After	Q64	Take
Q65	Learn				

Q66. It was such an uncomfortable bus ride that he felt sick.

Q67. No matter how many times Jane failed , she did not give up on her dream.

- Q68. Greg did not want to join in our conversation owing to his shyness.
- Q69. Little did Annie know that John had misplaced her pen.
- Q70. With regular exercise, you will stay healthy.
- Q71. Uncle Lum would slowly sip his cup of coffee and read the newspaper at the coffee shop.
- Q72. Uncle Lum wanted to see if it was time for his game of chess.
- Q73 a) He was used to having big classes of noisy students when he was a Teacher.
- b) He could not concentrate on the game with all the noise.
- Q74 1) Uncle Lum's shirt was soaked with tea
- 2) Uncle Lum's spectacles hung crookedly
- Q75 a) True, Uncle Lum and Mr Gopal were a familiar sight at the void deck
- b) False, Uncle Lum and Mr Gopal were evenly matched at playing chess
- c) False, Uncle Lum was hit by the ball nearly knocking him off his seat
- Q76. Appalled and Chuckle
- Q77. Uncle Lum did not stop the twins from playing at the void deck from the start and continued playing chess.
- Q78 a) The twins' mistake was kicking the ball around at the void deck.
- b) The twins felt guilty as their ball had cracked Uncle Lum's spectacles.
- Q79. (line 24-25) : It refers to the ball which hit Uncle Lum's face.
- (line 34) : It refers to the twins' mother wanting to pay for a new pair of spectacles.
- (line 39) : Mr Gopal held out two muffins. The twins each took one and happily started munching.
- Q80. Uncle Lum was about to win against Mr Gopal after losing to Mr Gopal twice that week when the ball hit Uncle Lum's face.

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