

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.

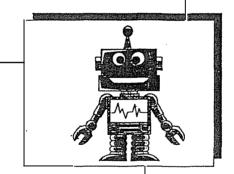
LegoRobo Challenge at Marina Stadium

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 <u>at least 150 words</u> about an act of honesty.

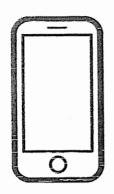
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic. Your composition should be based on **one or more of** these pictures.

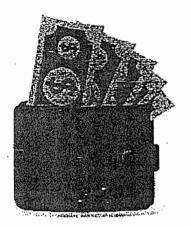
Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

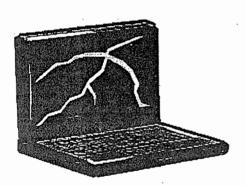
- What was the honest act?
- · Why was the character honest?

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)

(1) play(2) plays(3) played(4) playing

	r each of the following, choose the correct 2, 3, or 4) on the OAS.	answer and shade the c	correct oval
1.	My neighbour noticed the man with man assumed he was a deliveryman.	ny bags of food	towards the lift and
	(1) walks(2) walked(3) walking(4) was walking		
2.	"You won't share this secret with anyone,	· ›	ou?" Rishi asked Zhi Ming.
	(1) do(2) will(3) have(4) must		
3.	The minute I saw my reflection in the glamask.	ass door, I realised I	to put on my
	(1) forget(2) will forget(3) had forgotten(4) have forgotten		
4.	"Do remember that the distribution of To Monday at your nearest community centr	-	starting nex
	(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were		
5.	Soccer players are not used to	in an empty stad	lium.

6.	The town councils have steppedbreeding of mosquitoes tends to occur.	_ safety measures in the area	s where the
	(1) in (2) on (3) up (4) into		
7.	Adam picked up his sister's pizza and bit into it, not k	nowing it was	
	(1) his(2) hers(3) theirs(4) himself		
8.	My brother said, "We have no swimming pool in so swim there every day."	hool. If weo	ne, I would
	(1) has		
	(2) had (3) have		
	(4) am having		
9.	Cut the cake and share it the three c	of you.	
	(1) with		
	(2) within (3) among		
	(4) between		
10	. I have told him many times to switch off the lights b still does not do it. Please switch it off for him.	efore leaving the room,	he
	(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 of	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.

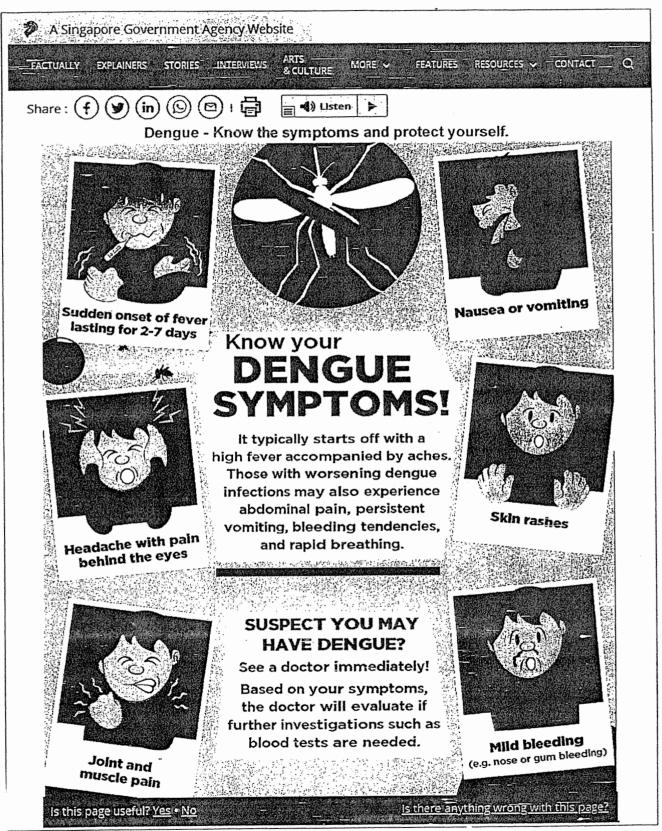
Utterson nodded but did not (16) <u>divulge</u> that the person was the owner of the house Enfield pointed at earlier.

Back in his own house, Utterson (17) <u>promptly</u> retrieved some documents from his safe. He (18) <u>leafed</u> through them until he found an envelope (19) <u>bearing</u> 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) <u>sought</u> — 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.





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.

Is this page useful? Yes • No is there anything wrong with this page?

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

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- 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.

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- (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 figh	٦t
	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)	0.
(2)	9
(3)	CONTACT
(4)	(f)

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.

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(A) and	(D) even	(G) over	this (K) these	(N) which			
(B) as	(E) in	(H) then	(L) too	(P) while			
(C) by	(F) on	(J) these	(M) when	(Q) with			
On 20 F	On 20 February 2021, Jasmine Harrison became the youngest woman to row alone						
across an oce	an. It took the 21-ye	ar-old swimming te	acher just (29)	70 days			
to row across t	he Atlantic Ocean.	Every day, Ms Harr	ison rowed for abou	t 12 hours.			
(30)	average, she	e rowed about 20,0	00 strokes a day. (3	1)			
Ms Harrison ha	ad a satellite phone	that allowed her to	talk with family and	friends every day, she			
still had a lot of	f time all (32)	herself.	Things got a little ha	arder after her speaker			
fell into the wat	ter (33)	she could no I	onger listen to musi	c.			
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The high	nlight of her journey	was (34)	she got to se	ee lots of sea life			
including sever	al whales. One of th	ne whales (35)	rose ou	ut of the ocean right			
next to her boa	t. For several days,	she was followed b	by a small group of c	lolphins. "It's just			
amazing," she	said.						
Howeve	r there was danger	(36)	Twice, her boat	was turned aver			
11040040	i, there was danger	(30)	Twice, her boat	was turried 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 <u>refridgerater</u> .
(40) (41)
Neither did we have a radio <u>and</u> a television. You would not <u>belief</u> 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 <u>from</u> in our home
(45)
and even the basic <u>neccessitys</u> of life were hard to come by.
(46)
<u>Ironic</u> , 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 <u>felt</u> 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 12

Section G: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark) Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Would you b	e 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 fro	ont 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	e size of my feet followed my (54)	– size 12 at twelve
years old, size 13 a	t 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	g it out. Soon, I learnt that sports was a good way	to release my
(57)	························	:
Do you know	that come shildren bully ath are without by a vince	ita Fuanca a wanta ta win
	that some children bully others without knowing	
	nat can sometimes cause some children to (58) _	
	t end up (59) others out of gai	
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 encourag	ed to give everyone the opportunity to take (62)_	in
games and play tog	ether. They will soon realise that having good rela	ationships with their peers
is more important th	an winning. Winning makes them happy only for	a 63)
but the impact of a k	kind deed lasts a lifetime. Participating in sports c	an be great for children
to (64)	their skills, learn teamwork, and build st	rong friendships. Bullying
has (65)	place in sports. It is much cooler to be l	kind, and that is something
we should practise i	n every school and every team.	
Adapted from Choos	se Kindness and Sportsmanship, Not Bullying by Carl	os 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).

6.	Wait outside. Come in when I tell you to.	
	until	
	Bala's father encouraged him. Bala then tried out for the school soccer team.	
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	Ahmad was chided. He was not able to complete the work his mother assigned him.	
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		L
	The tap is leaky. Water is being wasted.	
-	resulted in	
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	John asked his sister, "Did you read the news article about the wild boar this morning?"	
	ohn asked	
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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.

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. 5 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. Things changed after a fall. While coming out of the toilet, Grandma slipped and fell 10 onto the floor. Although Grandma recovered, she walked with a slight limp and also started to forget things. "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 15 that very instant, my eyebrows rose. "Grandma, your glasses are around your neck," ! said. Grandma peered down and gave a feeble smile. Heaving a sigh, she sat down and continued reading the newspapers. Two weeks later, something scary happened. The school dismissal bell rang and I 20 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 waiked 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. "Grandma! Grandma! Where are you?" my shouts echoed in the void deck. 25 As I wandered from one block of flats to another, my view turned hazy with tears. 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. 30 Neither could she recall the path home. She sat at the playground hoping to meet me. 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. "Grandma has started forgetting things as she is ill with Alzheimer's disease," 35 muttered Father. Mother added, "For now, there is no cure but with the doctor's help and medicine, it will not worsen too quickly." The words hit me hard like a sledgehammer. "Grandma will be fine. We will give her the support she needs," said Mother as she 40 went over to Grandma and softly placed her hand on her shoulder. Grandma continued rocking with no expression on her face. 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 45 Grandma had done for me, I told myself it was now my turn to care for her. I resolved to

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

spend more time with her as it seemed that our roles have been reversed.

	Which four-word phrase in the first paragraph tells us that Grandma had not al lived with the author?									
2. In ea	lines 19 to 2 ach correct b	24, which of ox. Do <u>not</u> t	these two words de tick more than two	escribe how th	e author felt? Put a	a tick in (2m)				
	anxious		impatient		pleasant					
	calm		upset		irritated					
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		rly why the a	author sprinted to the shoe rack.	ne lift again wh	en he saw that Gr	andma's (2m)				
·. 1		from lines 1	3 to 26 has the sar	me meaning a	s the word(s) below	v? (3m)				
		olur	b)							
		eak	c)							
. Si	tate two reas	sons why it v	was odd that Grand	lma was lost.		(2m)				
	Reason 1									
You	Reason 2									

What does the v	word "it" in line 37 refer to?		(1
Look at the exan	nple given and fill in the blank	s in the following table.	(2
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	His mother's words hit him like a sledgehammer.	
Write 1, 2 and 3 in the passage.	in the blanks below to indicate	e the order in which the events occ	urr
	Grandma went to the playg	ound alone.	

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

Statement	True/False	Reason	
a) The author enjoyed Grandma's cooking.			-
b) Grandma did not return home from the playground as she had hoped to meet the author there.			-
c) The author raised his eyebrows because grandmother flipped the newspapers.			_
Explain what the au (line 47).	thor meant w	hen he said that their roles have been reversed	(2m)

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Please remember to check your work thoroughly.





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Booklet A

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Booklet B

	Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
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7	Q39)	Refrig	erator	Q43)	Fortuna	tely	Q47)	Did		
	Q 40)	Nor		Q44)	Of		Q48)	Gadge	ts	
	Q41)	Believ	e	Q45)	Necess	ities	Q49)	Opport	tunity	
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Q52)	Like	Q57)	Frustrations	Q62)	Part			
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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 his	m.						
	FI	ectronic	Multiple Choice (Jupetione	eMCO available at			

Electronic Multiple Choice Questions eMCQ available at www.sgtestpaper.com

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
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	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.