



MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

2023 WEIGHTED ASSESSMENT 3

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)**

**BOOKLET A**

17 August 2023 (Thursday)

28 marks

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

NAME	:	_____ ( )
CLASS	:	PRIMARY 5 _____

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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4. Use a 2B pencil to shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

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. "Sixty dollars \_\_\_\_\_ too much to pay for the dresses," Kate told the salesgirl, as she put them back on the rack.

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

2. The bag containing some documents and cash \_\_\_\_\_ on the road yesterday.

- (1) are found
- (2) was found
- (3) is being found
- (4) have been found

3. If you do not have a good grasp \_\_\_\_\_ the concepts, you will not be able to complete the test with ease.

- (1) over
- (2) for
- (3) of
- (4) in

4. Mother realised that something was amiss when she noticed Bob \_\_\_\_\_ suspiciously in the backyard.

- (1) behaved
- (2) behaving
- (3) had behaved
- (4) was behaving

5. I will join you \_\_\_\_\_ you decide to go and exercise at the park.

- (1) might
- (2) could
- (3) would
- (4) should

6. My parents intend to take my brother and \_\_\_\_\_ to Japan during the holidays. \_\_\_\_\_ will all be staying at Uncle Henry's house.

(1) I ... We  
(2) me ... We  
(3) us ... They  
(4) me ... They

7. "If I \_\_\_\_\_ a bird, I \_\_\_\_\_ above the mountain," Tom told me.

(1) am ... will fly  
(2) were ... would fly  
(3) am ... will be flying  
(4) was ... would be flying

8. Even though there is \_\_\_\_\_ chance of rain today, it might be a good idea to carry an umbrella with you.

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

9. "The deadline for the project has been extended to next Monday. \_\_\_\_\_, I will submit it today," Bala said to Susan.

(1) Then  
(2) Therefore  
(3) Meanwhile  
(4) Nevertheless

10. After I \_\_\_\_\_ on the couch comfortably, I opened my book and started reading it.

(1) lie  
(2) lay  
(3) had lain  
(4) was lying

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. After an \_\_\_\_\_ investigation, the police were able to track down the burglar.

- (1) extreme
- (2) extensive
- (3) excessive
- (4) extraordinary

12. I had to use all my strength to \_\_\_\_\_ my dog from running away when it saw a squirrel in the park.

- (1) restrict
- (2) confine
- (3) contain
- (4) restrain

13. His old wooden armchair was \_\_\_\_\_, so he decided to get a new one.

- (1) falling off
- (2) falling out
- (3) falling apart
- (4) falling through

14. Jason \_\_\_\_\_ his parents' offer to lend him money to start a business as he wanted to be independent.

- (1) disqualified
- (2) disallowed
- (3) declined
- (4) denied

15. Grandfather wanted a quiet sixtieth birthday celebration without any \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) fuss
- (2) anxiety
- (3) uncertainty
- (4) anticipation

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

Mike chanced upon his classmate, Kenny, shoving a younger student. He decided to (16)step in and take action. He told Kenny to stop what he was doing. Kenny, a notorious bully, gave Mike a (17)menacing glare. Mike swallowed hard, trying to be (18)calm. "I don't think it's right to bully others," he said.

"Who do you think you are, trying to tell me what to do?" Kenny growled.

"I'm just someone who hates seeing others in (19)a predicament," Mike said bravely. Mike stood his ground and explained (20)in a convincing way as to why bullying was wrong. Kenny's conscience must have been pricked, for he grumbled and soon walked away.

16. (1) interact  
(2) interfere  
(3) interrupt  
(4) intervene

17. (1) stern  
(2) fierce  
(3) unfriendly  
(4) threatening

18. (1) composed  
(2) agreeable  
(3) peaceful  
(4) relaxed

19. (1) worry  
(2) misery  
(3) despair  
(4) difficulty

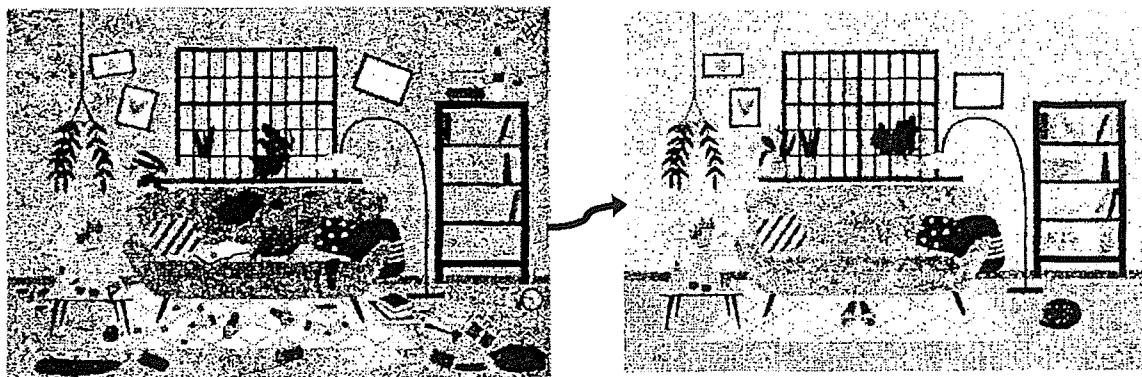
20. (1) persuasively  
(2) completely  
(3) coherently  
(4) earnestly

Study this article from a magazine, Better Homes, and then answer questions 21 to 28.

# A Guide to Keeping Your House Clean and Tidy

by Naomi Kwan  
30 July 2023

*Are you tired of living in a messy and cluttered house?  
Has housekeeping always seemed like a laborious task to you?  
If your answer is "Yes" to these questions, read on!*



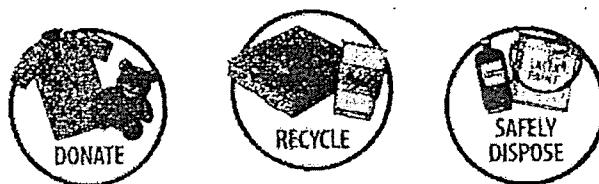
A clean and tidy home is essential for your mental and physical well-being. Here are a few simple tips and tricks to get you started on transforming your living space into a welcoming sanctuary!

## Declutter and Organise

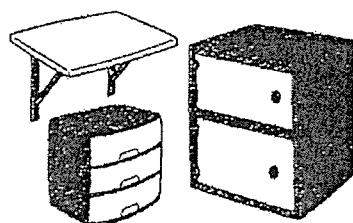
The first step towards a clean and tidy home is decluttering — remove anything you no longer need or use.

What should you do with these items?

- Donate items in good condition
- Recycle suitable items
- Dispose of the rest responsibly

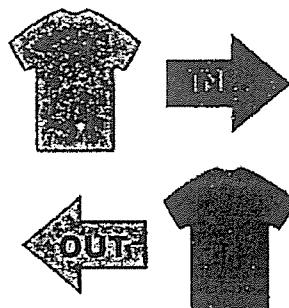


Once you have decluttered, it is time to organise the remaining items and designate a place for each of them. Take a moment to compare how much storage space you need with **what** is available. You would need to set up a system for keeping your belongings neat and tidy, using shelves, cabinets and containers.



## Maintain the System

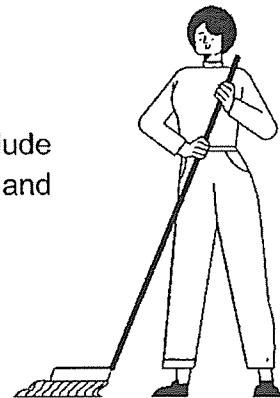
After decluttering and organising, be careful not to clutter your house again! Get into the habit of returning items to their designated places once you have finished using them. Before purchasing a new item, ask yourself whether you really need it and have space for it. You can always consider renting or borrowing it instead. If you decide to go ahead with the purchase, but there is limited space, you may apply a simple “one out, one in” rule – get rid of an item before you bring a new one into your home.



## Clean Regularly

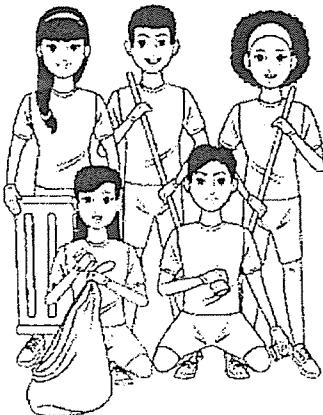
Establish a weekly routine that works for you. It should include chores like dusting, vacuuming, mopping, cleaning toilets and changing bedsheets.

If you spread them out and just do one daily, you will find it less tedious. Windows and most household appliances require cleaning less often, probably every few months.



## Make Housekeeping a Team Effort

Talk to your family members and involve them by assigning tasks and setting expectations. Get young children to take charge of their own belongings and clean up after themselves. You can also inject some fun by playing some upbeat music while you do housekeeping or turning it into a healthy competition to see who can clean up the fastest!



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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. The purpose of the questions just below the main heading "A Guide to Keeping Your House Clean and Tidy" is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) seek readers' opinions on housekeeping
- (2) find out about housekeeping problems faced by readers
- (3) convince readers to feel that they can benefit from reading the article
- (4) make readers feel embarrassed about living in a messy and cluttered house

22. Based on the section "Declutter and Organise", which statement is **not** true?

- (1) Items that can still be used may be donated.
- (2) Items used infrequently should be stored away.
- (3) Rubbish should be discarded in the correct manner.
- (4) All unwanted items must be donated or thrown away.

23. In the section "Declutter and Organise", the word "what" in bold refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the items you are retaining
- (2) the storage space you have
- (3) the system for organising your items
- (4) the time needed to organise your belongings

24. The **main** message in the section "Maintain the System" is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) it is important to cut down on new purchases
- (2) the number of items in the house should never change
- (3) every item in the house be stored in a designated place
- (4) decluttering and organising are tasks that must be done constantly

25. The last sentence in the section "Maintain the System" is made up of two parts linked by a dash (—). The dash is used here to present the second part as \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the description of a rule
- (2) a simple solution to a problem
- (3) the explanation as to why a rule is applied
- (4) the less important part compared to the first

26. According to the article, we should clean the floor \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) once a day
- (2) once a week
- (3) a few times a year
- (4) a few times a week

27. According to the article, we can make housekeeping less boring by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) talking to our family members
- (2) having young children join in the tasks
- (3) having a competition with other families
- (4) listening to upbeat music at the same time

28. What is the main aim of the article?

- (1) to emphasise the importance of housekeeping
- (2) to present the benefits of a clean and tidy home
- (3) to offer readers practical advice about housekeeping
- (4) to encourage readers to take care of their mental and physical well-being



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CLASS : PRIMARY 5 \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Do not use correction fluid/tape or highlighters.

**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 to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE**

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(A) a	(D) by	(G) have	(K) on	(N) when
(B) an	(E) for	(H) how	(L) their	(P) while
(C) as	(F) has	(J) it's	(M) thus	(Q) yet

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In recent years, the beaches along Singapore's coast have occasionally witnessed a stunning natural phenomenon where waves glowed blue at night. This is caused (29)\_\_\_\_\_ the marine plankton, *dinoflagellate Noctiluca scintillans*, which emit a blue light (30)\_\_\_\_\_ they are agitated. Commonly known (31)\_\_\_\_\_ sea sparkles, they are single-celled organisms that feed (32)\_\_\_\_\_ other plankton in the water.

To survive in the water, the plankton have developed (33)\_\_\_\_\_ extraordinary mechanism: they emit a blue light. The sudden flash of light startles predators, making it difficult for them to locate and capture the plankton. Not only does it (34)\_\_\_\_\_ a blinding effect on the predators, it also attracts prey. (35)\_\_\_\_\_ does it do so? Well, the light acts as a beacon, sending a strong signal to the nearby organisms. The unsuspecting organisms are (36)\_\_\_\_\_ lured towards the plankton. This increases (37)\_\_\_\_\_ chances of finding food.

(38)\_\_\_\_\_ this glow may be beautiful, there could be harmful impacts on our ecosystems. The presence of the plankton may lead to a reduction in the oxygen supply in the water, therefore suffocating other organisms. Scientists are monitoring this phenomenon closely.

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)

Dear Mom and Dad,

Let me share with you the unforgettable experiences I had

(39)

at the Primary 5 camp. Despite feeling exhaustid, we were able to enjoy

(40)

Nature's imesurable beauty during the hike. The instructors wanted us to

(41)

understand the purpose of these activities so they tharougly explained to us

(42)

(43)

as to when these activities had been planned, ensure that we would learn

(44)

important values such as teamwork and disipline when we carried out the

(45)

activities. The activity that I enjoy the most was rock climbing.

(46)

Undoubtedly, the campfire, which was hold in the evening, was

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the highlight of the camp. We gathered to sing songs with great eegleness.

(48)

The class performances were met with thunderous applause and the audience

(49)

appreciated the commend efforts of the performers.

(50)

I am immense grateful that I had the opportunity to attend the

camp. It is one experience that I will cherish forever.

Love,  
Adrian

Score: / 12

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Imagine a person under pressure. Say, for example, he is working to a (51) \_\_\_\_\_ deadline to complete a project. Recognising the urgency of the situation, his brain springs into action and (52) \_\_\_\_\_ signals to his body to release stress hormones. When they are released, his brain becomes more alert and responsive. His senses become sharper, allowing him to perceive and process information (53) \_\_\_\_\_ efficiently. He is then (54) \_\_\_\_\_ able to stay focused and perform under pressure. He completes his work in time and the quality may even (55) \_\_\_\_\_ his expectations. As can be seen from this example, stress is (56) \_\_\_\_\_ necessarily a bad thing.

While small amounts of stress can be (57) \_\_\_\_\_ to us, too much stress can be detrimental to our health. (58) \_\_\_\_\_ we are constantly and heavily subject (59) \_\_\_\_\_ stress, our bodies will produce too much stress hormones (60) \_\_\_\_\_ can have negative effects on our physical and mental well-being in the long run. Studies have shown that excessive stress levels are (61) \_\_\_\_\_ with various health issues like obesity, weakened immune system and heart diseases.

Hence, we should know how to (62) \_\_\_\_\_ stress effectively. It is vital to identify stress symptoms, and find the necessary support and resources to (63) \_\_\_\_\_ with stress. Don't forget to slow down, relax and get that much (64) \_\_\_\_\_ rest when we are feeling overwhelmed. Make time to play, draw or paint, (65) \_\_\_\_\_ time in nature, read a book, play an instrument, or be with friends and family. These activities are more than just fun; they help us feel positive emotions that offset stress.

Score: / 15
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For each of the questions 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 blue cup does not belong to him. The white cup does not belong to him either.

Neither of

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67. He is so short that he cannot reach the top shelf.

too

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68. You must take care of your health even though you are busy.

No matter

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69. The football match was postponed because it was raining heavily.

Due to

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70. "Why are you standing outside the house?" Mother asked me.

Mother asked me

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Score: / 10

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Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

After the morning hustle and bustle, the atmosphere at Taichung's main market quiets down as all but one stall shut for the day. The stallholders return home at midday, leaving a lone lamp shining on a fruit stall. Mdm Yang Siew Yin silently sorts out the fruits from the carton boxes as she attends to the occasional customer. Years of manual labour have taken a toll on her health, for Mdm Yang now walks with a limp. Despite that, she hardly sits down to rest and never complains. Her fingers, gnarled and curled, and hardly ever at rest, are also evidence of her many years of hard work. 5

Mdm Yang, who is nearly 70, lives alone. She leads a contented life. Every day, she wakes up at three, and makes her way to the fruit wholesaler by six. Religiously, she opens her stall at the market before daybreak and tends to it for the next twelve hours. Being the first to arrive there and the last to leave, she has **earned the respect of all the other stallholders** who reverently gave her the title "Market Chief". Her life revolves around her stall which she inherited from her father at the age of twenty. To maximise profits and keep herself active, she manages the stall single-handedly. Having come from a disadvantaged background herself, she feels for the poor. Mdm Yang lost her mother before completing her primary school education. Stricken with cancer, her mother had chalked up huge hospital bills and her father had to borrow from kind-hearted neighbours to settle **them**. Observing the hardship that her parents had gone through, Mdm Yang made up her mind at a tender age to help the needy once she was able. A decade ago, she donated a large sum of money to her alma mater, Tai Yao Primary School, to set up a fund for pupils to obtain financial aid. She donated another sum to build a library there too. Since then, Mdm Yang has been helping schools, 10 15 20 orphanages and poor children. 20

Recently, a renowned international magazine selected Mdm Yang as one of the "Unsung Heroes of Philanthropy" winners of the year. The editor wrote, "Of all that she has given away, her greatest gift is a genuine heart of gold." In spite of being the recipient of the prestigious award, all Mdm Yang really cares about is her fruit stall. She has unwittingly become a celebrity in her neighbourhood. She was perplexed when fans turned up at the stall, hoping for a picture with her. Even as she smiled at them, she felt that it distracted her from her work. To those who asked Mdm Yang about her award, she would shrug her shoulders casually, showing little enthusiasm, saying, "I have done nothing extraordinary and everyone who wants to can do it." She added that she did not place great importance on money and felt blessed whenever she donated. 25 30

Mdm Yang's ability to donate such large sums of money has led many to ask how a mere fruit seller could earn so much money. Mdm Yang does not crave material gains. All she needs are food and a place to sleep. "Work is my sole enjoyment," she said. "If not, how would I be able to work such long hours daily?" Even when customers want to tip her, she refuses to accept. She explains that when customers buy from her stall, it is already a form of support. Her philosophy in life is simple, "True contentment is not having everything, but in being satisfied with everything you have." 35

71. What does Mdm Yang do at her stall after midday? [2m]

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

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in this  
space.

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

72. How have the years of hard work affected Mdm Yang physically? [2m]

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

73. Mdm Yang has "earned the respect of all the other stallholders" (line 11)

(a) Why are the other stallholders respectful of Mdm Yang? [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_

(b) What did they do as a result of their respect for Mdm Yang? [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

74. From the second paragraph, pick out a word that tells us that Mdm Yang tends to her fruit stall without any help. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Mdm Yang donated money to her alma mater, Tai Yao Primary School.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mdm Yang's mother contracted cancer and passed on.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mdm Yang won the "Unsung Heroes of Philanthropy" award.

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76. To Mdm Yang, what was one unwelcome effect of her celebrity status? Explain clearly why it was an unwelcome effect. 2m]

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77(a). From lines 22-30, pick out a two-word phrase that tells us how Mdm Yang felt about winning the “Unsung Heroes of Philanthropy” award. [1m]

(b). What gesture did Mdm Yang make that suggests that this was how she felt about winning the award? [1m]

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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. [2m]

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
(a) them (line 17)	
(b) it (line 35)	

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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]

	True/False	Reason
(a) Mdm Yang is not concerned as to how much profits her fruit stall makes.		
(b) Mdm Yang decided to help the poor only when she started working.		
(c) Mdm Yang likes nothing better than to operate her fruit stall.		



80. Based on the last paragraph, fill in the following table. [3m]

Mdm Yang's personal qualities	Evidence from the last paragraph that shows Mdm Yang's personal qualities
(a) _____	Mdm Yang does not crave material gains.
Generous	(b) _____ _____
Diligent	(c) _____ _____



END OF PAPER

Score: / 20



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**PAPER 2**

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	2	3	2	4	2	2	3	4	3
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	4	3	3	1	4	4	1	4	1
Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
3	4	2	4	1	2	4	3	D	N
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38		
C	K	B	G	H	M	L	P		

Q39)	Exhausted	Q43)	Ensuring	Q47)	Eagerness
Q40)	Immeasurable	Q44)	Discipline	Q48)	Applause
Q41)	Thoroughly	Q45)	Enjoyed	Q49)	Commendable
Q42)	Why	Q46)	Held	Q50)	Immensely

Q51)	Tight	Q56)	Not	Q61)	Linked
Q52)	Sends	Q57)	Helpful	Q62)	Handle
Q53)	More	Q58)	As	Q63)	Deal
Q54)	Better	Q59)	To	Q64)	Deserved
Q55)	Exceed	Q60)	Which	Q65)	Spend

Q66)	Neither of the cups belongs to him.
Q67)	He is too short to reach the top shelf.
Q68)	No matter how busy you are, you must take care of your health.
Q69)	Due to the heavy rain, the football match was postponed.
Q70)	Mother asked me why I was standing outside the house.

Q71a)	Mdm Yang silently sorts out the fruits from the carton boxes.
Q71b)	Mdm Yang attends to the occasional customer.
Q72a)	Mdm Yang walks with a limp.
Q72b)	Mdm Yang's fingers are gnarled and curled and hardly ever at rest.
Q73a)	As Mdm Yang is always the first to arrive at the market and is the last to leave.
Q73b)	They gave Mdm Yang the title "Market Chief".
Q74)	Single-handedly
Q75)	2, 1, 3
Q76)	As fans turned up at the stall hoping for a picture with her, Mdm Yang felt that it distracted her from work.
Q77a)	Little enthusiasm
Q77b)	Shrugged her shoulders
Q78a)	It refers to the huge hospital bills.
Q78b)	It refers to buying from Mdm Yang's store.
Q79a)	False: she wants to maximise profits.
Q79b)	False: she made up her mind at a tender age to help the poor.
Q79c)	True: work is Mdm Yang's sole enjoyment.
Q80a)	Satisfied
Q80b)	She donates large sums of money.
Q80c)	She worked for long hours every day.