2020 PRIMARY 5 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2

Name : _____ ( )

Class : Primary 5 ( )

Date: 26 October 2020

Time: 8.00 to 9.10 a.m

Duration: 1 hour 10 minutes

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 1

SITUATIONAL WRITING (15 Marks)

CONTINUOUS WRITING (40 Marks)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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4. Write your answers on the answer sheet and foolscap provided.

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Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

1 The picture below shows a poster which Tim and Gina came across. Study the picture carefully.

Annual Games Day

Date: 6 November 2020

Time: 3.00 – 4.00 pm

Venue: School Hall

Participants must:

- form groups of four
- choose only ONE sport - floorball, soccer or badminton
- register by 30 October 2020

Registration forms are available at the General Office.

- *School team players must <u>not</u> participate in the sport in which they are representing the school.*
- *Only the group leader needs to register the team.*

18 October 2020



Tim, the Annual Games Day is back. Are you interested in taking part in it?



Yes, Gina! I'm thinking of asking Ben to be the group leader. He's the captain of the school's soccer team He'll know what we need to do and also be able to invite his teammates to join us.

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Your Task

Imagine you are Tim.

Write an email to your classmate, Ben, who is not in school, to invite him to be the group leader for the team in the Annual Games Day activity.

You are to refer to the picture and information on page 2 for your email.

In your email, include the following key information:

- the purpose for writing this email
- the date and time of the event
- which sports he can choose from and why
- when Ben needs to reply to you
- what Ben needs to do before he registers for the event

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

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Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

2 Write a composition of <u>at least 150 words</u> about **a joyous occasion.**

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

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

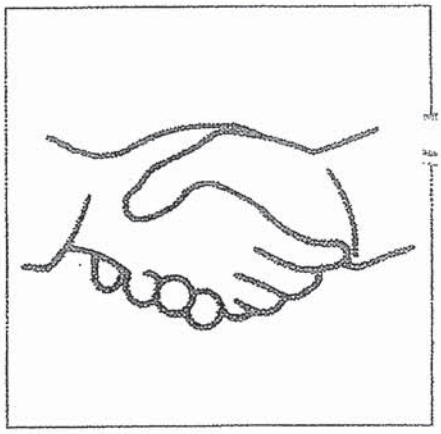
Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What was the joyous occasion?
- What happened?

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







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TAO NAN SCHOOL 道南学校

SINCERITY & PERSEVERANCE

2020 PRIMARY 5 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary 5 ( )

Date: 26 October 2020

Time: 10.30 a.m. – 12.20 p.m.

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

Parent's signature: _____

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

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Booklet A	28
Booklet B	67
Total	95

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For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The prefects _____ patiently outside the classroom until their teacher-in-charge arrived.

   (1) wait
   (2) are waiting
   (3) were waiting
   (4) have been waiting

2. The members from the Readers' Club met the author _____ latest book had sold millions of copies.

   (1) who
   (2) which
   (3) whom
   (4) whose

3. The children _____ their homework by the time their parents reached home.

   (1) complete
   (2) completed
   (3) had completed
   (4) have completed

4. "Do you know that I _____ kite-flying when I was your age?" Grandpa told me.

   (1) enjoy
   (2) enjoyed
   (3) was enjoying
   (4) have enjoyed

5. My brother used to _____ in my notebook when he was younger.

   (1) draw
   (2) drew
   (3) draws
   (4) drawn

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6. The dancers _____ the ballet routine for the concert since the term started.

(1) practised
(2) are practising
(3) have practised
(4) have been practising

7. Osman _____ the examination if he had studied hard.

(1) will pass
(2) would pass
(3) will have passed
(4) would have passed

8. The hotel guests are delighted that all the furniture in their bedrooms _____ brand new.

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

9. "Jane's handwriting is beautiful, _____?" I asked my teacher.

(1) is it
(2) isn't it
(3) does it
(4) doesn't it

10. _____ the tight deadline given to submit their project, the students managed to hand it in on time.

(1) Owing to
(2) In spite of
(3) Even though
(4) As a result of

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For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

11. The brave firemen _____ the blazing door to rescue the trapped victims.

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

12. The basketball player was _____ the sportsmanship medal for his outstanding performance during the game.

(1) given
(2) granted
(3) awarded
(4) assigned

13. The well-developed train network makes all the shopping centres _____ to tourists.

(1) possible
(2) available
(3) reachable
(4) accessible

14. The eager scouts _____ assembled the various parts of their model aeroplane together without stopping to rest.

(1) abruptly
(2) diligently
(3) attentively
(4) grudgingly

15. "This puzzle is _____. I've solved it successfully numerous times," Ahmad boasted.

(1) an uphill task
(2) a bed of roses
(3) a piece of cake
(4) the tip of the iceberg

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

I had not eaten the whole day and was starving. **(16)** **Opting** to have pizza for dinner, I called a **(17)** **reputable** pizza shop named 'Krispy Pizza' and ordered a mushroom pizza. I told the person over the phone that I would pick it up in half an hour. When I arrived at the pizza shop craving for my piping hot pizza, I was informed that my **(18)** **order** had not been received! Furious, I lectured the young waitress on the poor service before storming out.

I then made my way **(19)** **sulkily** to another pizza shop named 'Krispy Hut' and ordered a mushroom pizza. "That's funny," the manager said as he **(20)** **did a double take**. "You're the second guy named Johnson to order the same pizza in the last hour. I don't think the other guy will show up. Here, you can have his mushroom pizza."

Adapted from https://just for laughs.com

16. (1) Deciding
    (2) Agreeing
    (3) Resolving
    (4) Concluding

17. (1) grand
    (2) popular
    (3) credible
    (4) splendid

18. (1) request
    (2) booking
    (3) demand
    (4) instruction

19. (1) nastily
    (2) meanly
    (3) sullenly
    (4) furiously

20. (1) looked upset
    (2) looked annoyed
    (3) looked surprised
    (4) looked impatient

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

Let's CRAFT !

A carnival brought to you by Marine Youth Club

Community Residents Are Friends Too

Date : 1 November 2020

Time : 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Venue : Marine Community Club

Guest-of-Honour : Mrs Amy Teo (Chairperson of Marine Youth Club)

Event Highlight:

On-the-Spot Art Competition

Theme: Let's Celebrate

Time: 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Unleash your creativity! Submit a drawing to show how the different races celebrate their special occasions.

- ✓ Participants must be between 5 and 12 years old.
- ✓ Drawing paper will be provided.
- ✓ You may use coloured pencils, paint or crayons.
- ✓ Register at the information counter no later than 15 minutes before the start of the contest.
- ✓ Attractive prizes to be won!
- ✓ Judges' decisions are final.

Call 6987 4321 or email us at enquiries@mcc.pa.sg for further enquires.

More details about the event are available at www.marinecc.pa.sg/events.

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Join us for these workshops at the carnival. Vacancies for each workshop are limited.
For more details or to register for them, scan this QR code.

Sew For Fun
(10 a.m. – 12 p.m.)



Sew your very own recycling bag!
Our trainer, Mdm Chin, specialises in sewing tissue box holders, cushions covers and curtains.

All participants have to bring along an old T-shirt. Sewing machines and other materials will be provided.
Only 35 places available.

Venue: Craft Room 1
Fee: $15

Puppet Making
(1 p.m. – 3 p.m.)

Learn how to make lovely puppets inspired by the characters from a fairytale. After that, bring them to life during the storytelling session. Your puppets will sing and dance as the school librarians from Everest Secondary School retell the fairytale.

All materials will be provided.
For kids aged 3 – 8 years old.



Venue: Kids Room 2
Fee: $10

Cartoon Drawing
(11 a.m. – 1 p.m.)



Learn how to draw interesting cartoon characters. Conducted by Mr Sanyo, a cartoonist, who will share useful tips on how to draw your favourite cartoon characters with a few easy strokes.

A goodie bag consisting of a set of drawing pencils and sketchbooks will be given to all the participants.
Only 20 places available.

Venue: Craft Room 2
Fee: $20

Buttons on Cards
(12 p.m. – 2 p.m.)

Learn how to make beautiful greeting cards with colourful buttons. Send your well-wishes to your loved ones and friends.

The buttons are sponsored by Button Ups Company.



Venue: Craft Room 3
Fee: $10

Sign up for these afternoon craft activities at the Main Foyer :

- Coin Bank Painting
- Paper Origami Folding



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

21. Why is the word 'CRAFT' written entirely in capital letters?

(1) It is followed by an exclamation mark.
(2) It is to show that the word is part of a name.
(3) It is formed from the first letters of other words.
(4) It is to show the types of activities available at the carnival.

22. The organiser of the carnival is _____.

(1) Mrs Amy Teo
(2) Marine Youth Club
(3) Marine Community Club
(4) Everest Secondary School

23. Martha wishes to take part in the On-the-Spot Art Competition. She must _____.

(1) go to the carnival at 11a.m.
(2) email Marine Community Club
(3) submit an online registration form
(4) register at Marine Community Club

24. The **main** aim of the event is to _____.

(1) publicise Marine Youth Club
(2) showcase the participants' drawings
(3) ignite the residents' passion for the arts
(4) encourage the residents to make new friends

25. Which one of the following statements about the poster is **true**?

(1) All the workshops are held in the morning.
(2) The residents can visit the website for more information on the event.
(3) The participants for the art competition must bring their own art paper.
(4) The storytelling session is scheduled before the puppet making activity.

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26. The trainer for Sew For Fun is an expert in _____.

(1) tailoring T-shirts
(2) mending old clothes
(3) sewing recycling bags
(4) making home furnishing items

27. The participants of the _____ will receive a gift when they sign up for the workshop.

(1) Sew For Fun
(2) Puppet Making
(3) Cartoon Drawing
(4) Buttons on Cards

28. Suling is a thrifty girl. Which one of the following activities might she choose?

(1) Create a puppet
(2) Sew a recycling bag
(3) Decorate a coin bank
(4) Design a greeting card

(Go on to Booklet B)

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2
(BOOKLET B)

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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.

(A) at	(D) can	(G) his	(K) nothing	(N) since
(B) before	(E) could	(H) however	(L) of	(P) something
(C) by	(F) for	(J) nevertheless	(M) one	(Q) unlike

The story of Pepper, 'the dog on wheels', has inspired many people. Pepper was special. _____ (29) other dogs, he moved around in a little wheelchair. _____ (30) his accident, he would run everywhere and have lots of fun in the park with his furry friends. Sadly, _____ (31) fateful day changed Pepper's life forever. His owner had taken him to the park for his usual evening run. _____ (32), the leash broke and Pepper dashed across the road. Unfortunately, he was knocked down _____ (33) a speeding car. Instantly, Pepper was rushed to the animal hospital.

_____ (34) the hospital, a team of vets operated on Pepper. He had suffered injuries on his hind legs. Although Pepper eventually recovered from the surgery, he _____ (35) only walk using his front legs because his hind legs were paralysed. To help him move around more easily, the doctors knew that _____ (36) had to be done. Thus, they designed a small wheelchair for him and attached it to _____ (37) back. Pepper had to learn to move around in a new way. He was given a new lease _____ (38) life. He learnt to play and run with the other animals while in his wheelchair. Pepper has indeed shown us how we too can overcome our setbacks and live our lives to the fullest.

Adapted from Shorty Stories – A story about A Dog and Her Famous Wheels

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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)

When someone has the 'Midas Touch', it means that he is very lucky or successful, especially where money is involved. This phrase comes from a story in (39) [ ] *ancient Greek mythology about a legendary ruler call King Midas.* (40) [ ]

According to this story, Midas aidded the Greek God Dionysius who gave (41) [ ] (42) [ ] *him a reward in the form of the wish. Midas, being a greedy and meterielistic king,* (43) [ ] *wished that everything that he touched would turning to gold. His wish was* (44) [ ] *granted. Feeling extremely esctatic, he exclaimed, "This is wonderful! My wish* (45) [ ] (46) [ ] *has finally comes true!" Smiling to himself, he believed that he was now the wealthy* (47) [ ] *man in the whole world!' However, little did he know the consequances of his wish.*

Midas discovered that he could not touch anything without it turning to (48) [ ] *gold. Thus, he could no longer eat as every moresel of food particle that he picked* (49) [ ] *up would immediately become gold! Regretted his wish, Midas asked Dionysius to undo the spell. The god instructed him to bathe in the River Pactolus. This action* (50) [ ] *cured Midas of his golden touch. However, his story is a cautionnery tale for us. We should not be greedy and learn to be contented with what we have.*

Adapted from http://www.moralstories.midastouch.com

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Did you know that clown doctors are more than just clowns? They use _____ (51) such as singing, storytelling and other clowning skills to help their patients _____ (52) with the fear, anxiety, loneliness and boredom. These patients may experience such _____ (53) when they are in hospitals. Without a _____ (54) these special doctors believe that the atmosphere of fun and humour can help the patients _____ (55) about their illnesses for a while.

Dr Adams was a world-renowned clown _____ (56). His hospital always welcomed the sick, _____ (57) of their race or background. It also provided free medicine and treatment for those who could not _____ (58) to pay for them. As Dr Adams believed that _____ (59) was the best medicine, he would often dress up as a clown to _____ (60) his patients up. He knew that humour and laughter could combat stress, _____ (61) pain and help people cope with difficult situations. That was how he _____ (62) known as the world's first clown doctor.

_____ (63) by Dr Adams, there are now many professional clown doctors in the world today. In _____ (64) to make their patients smile, these clown doctors make it a _____ (65) to attend workshops to learn various techniques to induce laughter. Through this, they carry on Dr Adam's legacy of compassion and care.

Adapted from www.patchadams.org

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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. Mr Muthu does not eat beef curry. Mr Muthu's son also does not eat beef curry.

Neither _____

nor _____.

67. Jolene were that colourful dress to my birthday party.

_____

_____ by Jolene.

68. I was pleased to see my sister helping Mum wash the dishes.

The sight of _____

_____

69. Mother asked me, "Where did you go this morning?"

Mother asked _____

_____

70 Paul invited Susan to the charity concert. Susan accepted it.

Susan accepted the _____

_____

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Read this passage and answer Questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

After having studied overseas for five years, I returned to my hometown in Hsin Li Valley. Nothing seemed to have changed — the red brick houses and the villagers' slow-paced lifestyles. I sat behind the counter of my parents' grocery shop, watching people pass by. My parents sold provisions like cooking oil, rice and sugar. There was no demand for luxury items. The people here lived humbly, content with just having enough food on the table.

Just then, a little short-haired girl came into the shop with an empty bottle in her hand to buy some peanut oil. Her appearance startled me. She looked familiar and yet, I could not recall where I had met her. After she left, my mother asked, "Do you know who she is?"

I shook my head, totally clueless. My mother smiled and said, "She's Hui Lan's daughter."

"Hui Lan's daughter? Hui Lan is back in Hsin Li Valley too?" I could hardly believe my ears. Nodding, my mother related how miserable Hui Lan's life had been since she left the village twenty years ago.

Hui Lan and I had been classmates and childhood friends. She was intelligent, quick-witted and the most courageous girl I had ever met! I recalled one incident which was deeply etched in my mind. In order to earn some extra income, my mother made me sell homemade buns to my teachers and classmates. I dreaded doing it as I was extremely shy. I was afraid that **they** would laugh at me for being poor. Sensing my reluctance, Hui Lan scooped out the buns from my bag and persuaded the other students to buy them. In just a few minutes, she sold all the buns and even took some future orders. I felt indebted to her from then on. Unfortunately, after a few months, her father faced difficulties in his business and had to seek a livelihood in another town. Knowing she had no other choice, Hui Lan followed her family.

That afternoon, I could not stop thinking about Hui Lan and her children. Life had been kinder to me than her. Was there any way I could lend a helping hand to my friend and her family? But what could I do to help? That evening my mother accompanied me to Hui Lan's house. Upon arrival at the sparsely furnished house, a middle-aged woman greeted us. She could easily pass off as my mother's sister – their ages seemed to be quite close. Noticing that **I was staring at her intently**, she appeared somewhat embarrassed and stammered, "It's been a long time since we met. You have put on some weight, Meng Yi." I regained my composure and tried to say something to hide the awkwardness. What had happened to the once youthful girl I knew? Nevertheless, we chatted for a while.

Hui Lan told me about her life after she had left Hsin Li Valley. She had to stop schooling and support her family by working as a salesgirl. Shortly after, she got married and had three children. Life was hard and the family had to live from hand to mouth. Though she wished that her children were in school, **it** was simply beyond her means.

The next day, I visited my friend again. From the curiosity in her eyes, I could tell that she had not expected me to visit her so soon. "Hui Lan, I've found a school for your children! Also, I'll sponsor their education all the way to their graduation!" I said excitedly. Hui Lan cried tears of gratitude. I was happy that I was able to do something for my long-lost classmate who had helped me in my time of need. I had finally repaid my debt.

Adapted from When I See Hui Lan Again by Meng Yi

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71. Why did the writer leave Hsin Li Valley? [1m]

72. Which sentence in paragraph two shows that the writer was surprised when the little girl came into the shop? [1m]

73. 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 from the passage	What the word refers to
a) here (line 5)	
b) they (line 20)	
c) it (line 39)	

74. Which four-word phrase from paragraph five tells us why the writer sold homemade buns? [1m]

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75. Which two of the following words correctly describe how Hui Lan felt from lines 21 – 25? Put a tick √ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]

ashamed	☐	confident	☐
curious	☐	reluctant	☐
sad	☐	timid	☐

76. 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) When the writer went back to his hometown, he could not recognise it.		
b) The writer's parents owned a business.		
c) The writer felt that all his classmates were fearless.		

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77. What made the writer stare at Hui Lan intently (Line 31)? [2m]

_____

_____

78. Choose words / phrases from paragraph six, which have the same meanings as the words below. [3m]

	Word / phrase
a) stuttered	
b) gained	
c) embarrassment	

79. What difficulties did Hui Lan experience before her marriage? [2m]

(a) _____

(b) _____

80. How did the writer repay his debt? [2m]

_____

_____

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ANSWER KEY

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SUBJECT: ENGLISH
TERM: SA2

PAPER 2
BOOKLET A

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

BOOKLET B

Q29	Q	Q30	B	Q31	M
Q32	H	Q33	C	Q34	A
Q35	E	Q36	P	Q37	G
Q38	L	Q39	called	Q40	aided
Q41	a	Q42	materialistic	Q43	turn
Q44	ecstatic	Q45	come	Q46	wealthiest
Q47	consequences	Q48	morsel	Q49	Regretting
Q50	cautionary	Q51	skills	Q52	deal
Q53	feelings	Q54	doubt	Q55	forget
Q56	doctor	Q57	regardless	Q58	afford
Q59	laughter	Q60	cheer	Q61	reduce
Q62	became	Q63	Inspired	Q64	order
Q65	point				

Q66. Neither Mr Muthu nor his son eats beef curry.
Q67. That colourful dress was worn to my birthday party by Jolene.
Q68. The sight of my sister helping mum wash the dishes pleased me.
Q69.Mother asked me where I had gone that morning.
Q70. Susan accepted the invitation by Paul to the charity concert.

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Q71. The write left Hsin Li valley to study overseas for five years.
Q72. Her appearance startled me.
Q73.

word from passage	What the words refer to
a) here (line 5)	Hsin Li valley
b) they (line 20)	the writer's teachers and classmates
c) it (line 39)	Hui Lan wishing that her children were in school

Q74. Earn some extra income
Q75. Sad and reluctant.
Q76.

	True/False	Reason
a) When the writer went back to his hometown ,he could not recognise it.	False	The writer could recognize his hometown as nothing seemed to have changed.
b) The writer's parents owned a business.	True	They owned a grocery shop which sold provision shops cooking oil , rice and sugar
c) The writer felt that all his classmates were fearless.	False	Hui Lan was the most courageous the writer had ever met.

Q77. He was surprised that Hui Lan could easily pass off as his mother's sister as their ages seemed to be quite close.
Q78.

	word/phrase
a) stuttered	stammered
b) gained	put on
c) embararrassment	awkwardness

Q79
a) She had to stop schooling.
b) She had to support her daily by working as a salesgirl.
Q80. He repaid his debt by finding a school for Hui Lan's children and sponsoring their education all the way to their graduation.

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