

**2020 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY SIX
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A**

NAME : _____

CLASS : P6 _____

REGISTER NO: _____

28 QUESTIONS

28 MARKS

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 HOUR 50 MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Parent's signature: _____

Booklet A : _____ / 28

Booklet B : _____ / 67

TOTAL : _____ / 95

Section	Marks	
Grammar		10
Vocabulary		5
Vocabulary Cloze		5
Visual Text Comprehension		8
Total		28

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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. _____ I was exhausted after a long day at school, I stayed up late to complete the project.
- (1) As
(2) Yet
(3) Since
(4) Although ()
2. When I was at the shopping centre yesterday, I saw the police _____ after a shoplifter.
- (1) chased
(2) chasing
(3) was chasing
(4) had been chasing ()
3. "You won't tell anyone about my mistake, _____? Alfred asked worriedly.
- (1) will you
(2) are you
(3) have you
(4) would you ()
4. If we _____ our revisions earlier, we ~~would have done~~ better in the exams.
- (1) begin
(2) began
(3) had begun
(4) have begun ()
5. All the members of George's family _____ excited about going to the cinema after the easing of the Covid-19 safety management measures next month.
- (1) is
(2) are
(3) was_x
(4) werex ()

6. "You _____ television since nine this morning. You should stop now and read a book instead," Mr. Lee told his daughter.
- (1) were watching
 - (2) will be watching
 - (3) had been watching
 - (4) have been watching
- ()
7. "I will be taking the end-of-year examinations _____ a week's time," said Agnes confidently.
- (1) in
 - (2) for
 - (3) from
 - (4) about
- ()
8. "Let's walk more quickly or we'll miss our connecting flight to Hong Kong. There isn't _____ time to waste," Mrs Tan told her children.
- (1) fewx
 - (2) littlex
 - (3) much
 - (4) manyx
- ()
9. Based on the laws in Singapore, you _____ have a license issued by the Traffic Police before you are allowed to drive a car.
- (1) can
 - (2) must
 - (3) might
 - (4) should
- ()
10. My teacher praised my friends and _____ for helping the younger students.
- (1) I
 - (2) me
 - (3) mine
 - (4) myself
- ()

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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. Mrs Tan _____ when her son, Cecil, lost his water bottle for the third time this year.
- (1) hit the roof
 - (2) bit the bullet
 - (3) forced her hand
 - (4) beat around the bush ()
12. The pandemic has caused many companies to _____ on their spending during the lockdown.
- (1) cut up
 - (2) cut off
 - (3) cut out
 - (4) cut back ()
13. The school informed the students that their graduation certificates would be _____ in an envelope with a congratulatory letter next week.
- (1) enrolled
 - (2) encased
 - (3) enclosed
 - (4) entrapped ()
14. Please make sure that you email the submission to the school immediately. It is _____.
- (1) brisk
 - (2) hasty
 - (3) urgent
 - (4) abrupt ()
15. The earthquake hit the city and its habitants without _____.
- (1) notice
 - (2) warning
 - (3) hesitation
 - (4) interruption ()

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)

Have you ever seen a photograph of a steak, salad or slice of strawberry shortcake that made your mouth water? Images like these are the creations of skilled food photographers with an eye for details. These artists (16) get their creative juices flowing to make their audience crave a dish without the help of the food's actual presence, taste, aroma and texture. Food photographers work to create and (17) capture these beautiful and enticing images of food for magazines, menus, cookbooks and other types of media. They must have (18) very good knowledge and experience in using a digital camera and related technologies.

They work with food stylists to make the food look as (19) appetising and appealing as possible. There are approximately 1,000 photographers employed in Singapore. Only a small percentage of these professionals specialise in food photography. Such jobs are (20) typically freelance-based and highly competitive. Some photographers join the International Association of Culinary Professionals - Food Photographer and Stylist Division in hopes of landing more jobs.

*Adapted from Photography (Ferguson's Careers in Focus, 2009)
New York, Ferguson Publishing Company*

16. (1) think profitably
(2) think ingeniously
(3) think productively
(4) think constructively

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17. (1) take
(2) hook
(3) catch
(4) seize

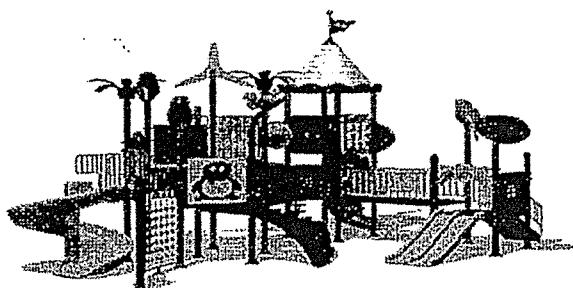
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18. (1) the agility
(2) the aptitude
(3) the potential
(4) the proficiency ()

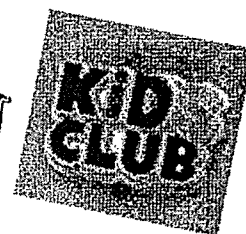
19. (1) edible
(2) likeable
(3) agreeable
(4) delectable ()

20. (1) commonly
(2) continually
(3) persistently
(4) occasionally ()

Study this flyer carefully then answer questions 21 to 28.



VivaCity



Hey Kids!

Your ticket to a world of fun and excitement has arrived. The VivaCity Kids Club opens its doors for you to experience a host of fun activities and exhilarating play times with great offers from your favourite stores all year round. Kids Club membership is now FREE from the moment you register till the day you turn 13 years old!



VivaCity Kids Club Launch Party

You're invited to our launch party on 1st and 2nd September 2020! At the Play Court Area (Level 2), you will find game stalls, craft and face painting booths, roving balloon sculptors and free candy floss and popcorn for all children aged 12 and below. If you sign up for membership at the launch party or before that, you are entitled to 2 free carnival rides at the Plaza (Level 1).



Find out more about VivaCity Kids Club and sign up at <https://www.vivacity.com/kidsclubsignup> or call our Customer Service Officers at (+65) 6386 9100.

EXCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP

for the children of shoppers at
VivaCity Shopping Mall aged
3 to 12 years old.



MEMBERSHIP IS FREE!

Registration begins on 25th August 2020.
Get your parents to help you sign up by
doing the following....

Step 1:

Download the VivaCity app

Step 2:

Sign up for your Kids Club membership

Step 3:

*Collect the membership card from the
customer service counter at Level 1

**For those who have signed up before 1st
September 2020, you may collect the
membership card on the launch party days.*

Membership Privileges

As a VivaCity Kids Club member, you get to enjoy great deals and offers from all participating stores as well as access to exclusive events all year round! That's not all, you can also enjoy special birthday deals on your birthday month when you shop and dine at VivaCity Shopping Mall. Keep a lookout for the latest updates of privileges and offers at www.vivacity.com/kidsclub/offers.

Current Promotions for Kids Club members from 01 September 2020 - 31 Dec 2020



BumbleBEE Fashion
Clothes especially designed for toddlers
#03-55

- Up to 30% discount for regular-priced items
- Additional 10% off sales items
- Free gift-wrapping service

Parisian Miki



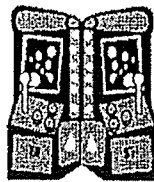
#02-57

- FREE Vision Screening and Eye Test for children aged 5 years & above
- 20% OFF all regular-priced spectacle frames and sunglasses

LEGENDS ARCADE

#03-89

- Buy \$20 worth of tokens and get 5 *FREE games
- Buy \$50 worth of tokens and get 15 *FREE games



Cotton ON Kiddos

#03-63



- Spend a minimum of \$50 and get 20% off regular-priced items
- Buy \$150 worth of clothing and get a FREE Minecraft

CANDY KINGDOM

#02-73

- 10% OFF Kids' Candy range*



*With minimum purchase of \$10 worth of items from Kids' candy range. Not valid for all other product range.

Mr Lim's Noodle Place

#02-95

Kids eat for **FREE** with purchase of any 2 full course set meals.



Terms and Conditions:

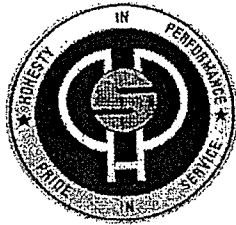
Present your VivaCity Kids Club membership card at the respective stores to enjoy the offers. All offers are exclusive to outlets at VivaCity Shopping Mall. Participating stores' terms and conditions apply, and are subjected to change without prior notice. Please check with respective stores for complete details.

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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. The **main** purpose of this flyer is to _____.
- (1) promote the membership of VivaCity Kids Club
 - (2) create awareness of VivaCity's current promotions
 - (3) invite children to the VivaCity Kids Club launch party
 - (4) encourage more people to shop at Vivacity Shopping Mall ()
22. What does the word 'ticket' in the first line of the first paragraph of the flyer refer to?
- (1) Invitation to the launch party
 - (2) Membership to VivaCity Kids Club
 - (3) Tickets to play games at the game booths
 - (4) Privilege of getting discounts and free items at the mall ()
23. To collect membership card on the launch party days, the _____.
- (1) applicant needs to download VivaCity app
 - (2) applicant needs to be between 3-12 years of age
 - (3) registration must be made before 1st September 2020
 - (4) registration must be done via <https://www.vivacity.com/kidsclubsignup> ()
24. At the launch party, only members of the VivaCity Kids Club get to _____.
- (1) go on free carnival rides
 - (2) receive free balloon sculptures
 - (3) play at the games booth for free
 - (4) gets to enjoy free popcorn and candy floss ()

25. Why are the words 'Hey Kids!' in the first paragraph of the flyer written in bold?
- (1) To inform readers what the paragraph is about
 - (2) To promote the new children's club to the reader
 - (3) To attract the attention of children to read the flyer
 - (4) To highlight the importance of the contents of flyer ()
26. Mrs Lim wants to buy a new pair of glasses and t-shirt for her 10-year-old son. She can use her son's Kids Club membership privilege at _____.
- (1) Parisian Miki and Legends Arcade
 - (2) Cotton On Kiddos and Parisian Miki
 - (3) Parisian Miki and Bumblebee Fashion
 - (4) Candy Kingdom and Bumblebee Fashion ()
27. Based on the information provided in the flyer, which of the following statements is **not true** about the current promotions?
- (1) To enjoy the promotional offers, one must present his/her membership card.
 - (2) All the promotional offers are valid from 1 September to 31 December 2020.
 - (3) The promotional offers apply to all participating shops and their branches across Singapore.
 - (4) To find out more details about the promotional offers from each store, one should access the website www.vivacity.com/kidsclub/offers.
- ()
28. VivaCity Kids Club member will be able to get a complimentary gift when he or she _____.
- (1) eats with a parent at Mr Lim's Noodle Place
 - (2) buys \$10 worth of tokens at Legends Arcade
 - (3) spends \$150 on clothes at Cotton-On Kiddos
 - (4) purchases \$10 worth of items at Candy Kingdom ()

End-of-Booklet A



**2020 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
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PAPER 2 BOOKLET B**

Name: _____ () Class: P6 _____

Section	Marks	
Grammar Cloze		10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar		12
Comprehension Cloze		15
Synthesis / Transformation		10
Comprehension Open Ended		20
Total		67

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)

(A) a	(D) but	(G) for	(K) is	(N) the
(B) and	(E) can	(H) in	(L) must	(P) was
(C) as	(F) from	(J) into	(M) to	(Q) while

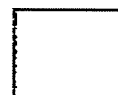
The gentle splash of a lone kayaker scudding across the water breaks the silence. A few metres away, a family of otters dives into the water as the early morning mist clouds _____ water surface of the MacRitchie Reservoir.
(29)

A gateway _____ Singapore's nature reserves, the MacRitchie Reservoir Park is a popular spot _____ nature lovers and exercise enthusiasts. Surrounded by lush forest, the MacRitchie Reservoir Park
(30)
(31)

_____ opened in 1868 and is the oldest of Singapore's seventeen reservoirs.
(32)

Visitors _____ take a morning or evening stroll along the water's edge to admire the beauty _____ serenity of the reservoir.
(33)
(34)

The MacRitchie Reservoir Park _____ also a popular venue for cross-country events. The carefully planned routes allow participants to run through designated trails _____ embracing the wonders of our native biodiversity.
(35)
(36)



The iconic MacRitchie bandstand continues to hold a special place

_____ the hearts of many Singaporeans. It serves as the focal point for most
(37)
of the photos taken within the park.

Other reservoirs include the Lower Peirce Reservoir, the Upper Peirce Reservoir and
the Upper Seletar Reservoir. Serving _____ water catchment areas, the
(38)
forests surrounding these reservoirs are protected from agricultural activities in order to ensure
the quality of the water. Fishing is also prohibited in all reservoirs.

Adapted from <https://www.nparks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/macritchie-reservoir-park>



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

One of the most practical ways of getting important tasks done is by doing them

(39)

a little at a time. Create the timetable by setting aside the same time each day or

blocking out specific periods in your daily schedule to complete a task or a piece of

work.

(40)

The key is to be consitant and slowly foster a habit. Once this happens, you will

(41)

get used to doing it and a part of the task will be acompleashed each day. Let's use

(42)

writing a book as an example. At first it will seem like an overwelming task. But if you

set your goal to writing one page a day, even if you take a break during the weekends,

(43)

you will have complete a 260-page book at the end of the year. We can also compare

(44)

(45)

this technik to building a brick house. The individual bricks can be small and lay them

one at a time can be painfully slow. However, when those bricks are constantly placed

(46)

on top of each other, a strong wall or pillar is created. Therefore, unless we plan our

(47)

time well, it not only helps us to get more work done but also developing self-discipline.

(48)

This ultimately helps us to overcome our habit of procratinasion.

Successful time management is the result of hard work done daily through the

(49)

(50)

affactive use of time. If you are achieving your daily goals, you are living productive.

Such daily achievements are the building blocks of a successful life.

Adapted from Life's Greatest Lessons: 20 Things That Matter, Hal Urban, Author Fireside books

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

(15 marks)

Thousands of edible water bottles were handed out at the 2019 London Marathon in an attempt to reduce plastic waste.

Runners generally prefer plastic water bottles (51)_____ paper cups of water as they are more convenient to drink from when running. Therefore, at the (52)_____ of a marathon, a sea of plastic waste is usually found as thirsty runners attempt to stay hydrated (53)_____ drinking from, then discarding, bottles of water as they run.

However, this time, (54)_____ of the event had arranged for all runners to be handed edible pods filled with a sports drink as they (55)_____ along the gruelling 42-km route while trying to clock the fastest time.

These 'Ooho!' pods, designed by a London-based company, were made using a common ingredient (56)_____ many may be familiar with – seaweed. The pods could be bitten to release the liquid inside and the outer covering could also be swallowed. However, if runners (57)_____ not to swallow the outer covering, they could throw (58)_____ on the ground. This was perfectly fine

as the pods were designed to break apart within four to six weeks – a relatively short time period. In (59) _____, it would take 450 years for plastic bottles to disintegrate.

“The marathon is just a stepping stone. We are hoping that the ‘Ooho!’ pods can be used (60) _____ a much larger scale in the future (61) _____ as during music festivals,” said Rodrigo Gonzalez, one of the company’s founders.

(62) _____ these efforts, the 2019 marathon was still not entirely plastic-free (63) _____ water bottles were available in shops along the route.

With the goal of reducing unnecessary plastic waste, the main sponsors of the event had also guaranteed that all water bottles (64) _____ out during the marathon would be made partly from recycled plastic. In addition, all these plastic bottles that the runners had used would be (65) _____ up and recycled.

All in all, this ‘Ooho!’ pod campaign had helped to reduce the use of hundreds of thousands of plastic bottles.

Adapted from: <https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/london-marathon-edible-water-bottle-capsules-a8889796.html>



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 famous basketball player is paying for the coach's retirement gift. His manager is also paying for the coach's retirement gift.

_____ as well as _____

67. The kind policeman helped the little boy. The little boy was very grateful.

_____ whom _____

68. "Have you made your bed today?" Mother asked Katie.

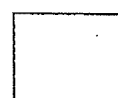
Mother asked Katie _____

69. Jim was brilliant at memorising facts. He won many trivia competitions.

Due to Jim's _____

70. Lily misbehaved during the holiday trip. It caused her to be punished by her mother.

Lily's _____



Read this passage and answer questions 71 – 81.

The river was dry. Clara could not remember the last time water had flowed along it. It had not rained for a long time and the tanks were almost dry. She would have to order water in again and that cost money, something she did not have a lot of. How much longer could they hang on? Ever since her brother, Scott, decided he wanted nothing more to do with the farm and left, she had been struggling. Her parents were too old for farm work and it was difficult to hire help. People were leaving the countryside as jobs in the city paid more. Clara had no solution.	5
The following week, Clara drove to a town to run some errands. On the way back, she saw a sign on the side of the road advertising a bed and breakfast. She knew that was the answer. She had read many stories about people living in the city wanting a countryside experience. Her family could offer accommodation and meals at their farm at a reasonable price. "Maybe I can also charge an additional fee if guests are keen to experience farming activities," she wondered. Now all she had to do was to convince her parents.	10
"No," Dad objected. "This is a working farm, not a farm stay for people who can't differentiate a horse from a cow."	15
"Considering we don't have any cows on the farm, that shouldn't be a problem," Clara said. "I really don't think we have a choice, Dad. Half the sheep are dead and the ones left aren't that far behind. If we get paying guests, we can buy more feed and get more water brought in."	20
"But it won't feel like a home with strangers around the house," Dad said.	
"Yes, it will. This will still be our house and the rooms you built will still be here," Clara assured him.	
"If we don't do this, John, we may not be able to keep this place running for much longer," Anna, Clara's mum said.	25
"And it will only be during the weekends," Clara pleaded.	
John nodded. "Just one condition – if the guests mess up my farm, this will have to stop immediately."	
Hence, the three of them prepared the house for guests. Clara got all the approvals and placed the first advertisement. The day the advertisement appeared, they	30

received three reservations. Then, Clara began worrying about their decision. What if the guests were unreasonable and demanding and the food was not good enough? Clara had prepared as much as she could. She just hoped the first guests would be nice.	
Soon, the first group of guests from the city arrived. They had never stayed in a farm house before. All it took was for a kangaroo to hop across the paddock in front of the house to make their weekend unforgettable. The guests were captivated by the animal and went home happy. The next guests were a different story. Nothing was good enough. The scenery was not beautiful enough. They did not see enough animals. The bed was too hard. The meal portions were not enough and they had no interest in seeing how the farm worked. However in the end, they still paid their money and that was what Clara needed. By the end of the third month, the bank balance was starting to look better – not good enough that they could stop worrying but a lot better than it was. Clara's dad was more comfortable with what they were doing. The minute things started to improve, Scott returned. He wanted everything for nothing. Clara was furious but her dad was thrilled to have him home. "You know what he's like," Mum said. "Scott can do no wrong in his eyes." After lazing around the farm for a few months, Scott finally decided to go back to the city to work. That morning when he left, Clara was in high spirits. It was not until her bank card was rejected because of insufficient funds when buying food for their next guests that she discovered Scott's incorrigible act. She recalled that Scott had access to the farm account and her parents would never take money out without telling her. All their hard work was for nothing. "He is not welcome in this house ever again," Dad said in a disheartened manner. Thankfully, their business picked up with the help of the guests they had accommodated in the first few months. Word-of-mouth brought them more business than any of their advertisements. It took them a year before they could stop worrying about the farm. <i>Adapted from Bright Light Multimedia - Bed and Breakfast by Shelley Banks</i>	35 40 45 50 55 60

71. Which word in the first paragraph tells us that Clara was facing difficulties? [1m]

72. What was the "answer" (line 10) to Clara's financial problem? [2m]

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

Statement	True / False	Reason
The countryside was experiencing a drought.		
Clara decided to start a bed and breakfast business after hearing stories about city people wanting a countryside experience.		
Clara was not confident that the family would succeed in their business at first.	True	

74. With reference to Line 15 – 23, give two reasons why John was not in favour of Clara's idea at first. [2m]

1. _____

2. _____

75. What did Clara mean when she said "the ones left aren't that far behind" (line 18 -19)? [1m]

76. Tick one quality that best describes Clara. [1m]

☐ inquisitive

☐ nonchalant

☐ organised

☐ rigid

Support your answer with information from the passage. [1m]

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

	Clara's business improved as a result of word-of-mouth.
	Clara put up an advertisement offering bed and breakfast.
	Clara convinced her parents to accept paying guests at their farm house.

78. Based on the passage, state the corresponding **cause** and **effect** listed in the table below. [4m]

Cause	Effect
People were leaving the countryside as jobs in the city paid more.	
	The first group of guests went home happy.
	Scott returned to the farm.
Scott stole money from the farm account.	

79. Which two words from lines 45–55 show John’s feelings towards Scott? The two words are separate. (2m)

When John saw that Scott had returned home

When John found out that Scott had taken money from the farm account

80. Explain what Clara's mom meant when she said "Scott can do no wrong in his eyes."
(line 48) [2m]

END - OF- PAPER



SCHOOL : HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
N	M	G	P	E	B	K	Q	H	C
Q39)	a		Q43)	completed		Q47)	develops		
Q40)	consistent		Q44)	technique		Q48)	procrastination		
Q41)	accomplished		Q45)	laying		Q49)	effective		
Q42)	overwhelming		Q46)	if		Q50)	productively		

Q51)	to	Q56)	that	Q61)	such
Q52)	end	Q57)	chose	Q62)	Despite
Q53)	by	Q58)	it	Q63)	as
Q54)	sponsors	Q59)	contrast	Q64)	handed
Q55)	ran	Q60)	on	Q65)	gathered
Q66)	The famous basketball player, as well as his manager, is paying for the coach's retirement gift.				
Q67)	The little boy whom the kind policeman helped was very grateful.				
Q68)	Mother asked Katie if she had made her bed that day.				

Q69)	Due to Jim's brilliance at memorising facts, he won many trivia competitions.
Q70)	Lily's misbehaviour during the holiday trip caused her to be punished by her mother.
Q71)	Struggling
Q72)	Clara's could offer accommodation and meals at her form at a reasonable price to made a profit and change an additional fee if guests.
Q73)	True → It had not rained for a long time and even the river was also dry. False → Clara decided to start a bed and breakfast business after seeing a road sign advertising a bed and breakfast. True → Clara was worried that the guests were unreasonable and demanding and the food prepared was not good enough at first.
Q74)	1) It was a working form not meant for city people. 2) It would not feel like a home with strangers around the house.
Q75)	Clara meant that the sheep that remained alive were about to die.
Q76)	organised Clara got approval for her business before putting up the first advertisements.
Q77)	3 , 2 , 1
Q78)	It was difficult for Clara To hire help. The first group of guests were captivated by a kangaroo. Clara could not buy food for their next guests as her bank card was rejected due to insufficient funds.
Q79)	thrilled disheartened
Q80)	Clara's father believed that Scott could not do anything wrong.