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**Methodist Girls' School (Primary)**  
**Continual Assessment 1, 2004 – English**  
**Primary 5**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class: Pri 5, \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Study the text below and then answer questions 1 to 5.

**Singapore Botanic Gardens**

The first "Botanical and Experimental Garden" in Singapore was established in 1822 on Government Hill at Fort Canning by Sir Stamford Raffles. The Garden's main task was to evaluate for cultivation, crops which were of potential economic importance, including those yielding fruits, spices and vegetables.

This Garden closed in 1829 and it was not until 30 years later that the present Singapore Botanic Gardens was founded by an agricultural society. It was subsequently handed over to the Government and today is looked after by the National Parks Board.

In the early years, the Gardens played an important role in fostering agricultural development in Singapore through the collecting, growing, experimenting and distributing of potentially useful plants.

The Gardens has come a long way since 1859. From an experimental station and a pleasure park for family recreation, it has evolved into a fine tropical garden and an important centre for research.

The Gardens is now in the process of making major improvements and creating new horticultural attractions to enhance visitor enjoyment and to make it a leading botanic institution, and a key regional park.

**VISITOR INFORMATION**

The Herbarium and Library are open for botanical and horticultural enquiries of a professional nature. Permission to use these important scientific resources may be gained by written request.

**TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION BRANCH:**

Trade Certificate in Horticultural Practices is offered. For enquiries please call 64719939

**EDUCATION OUTREACH:**

Gardening courses, educational tours and workshops are conducted for the public at a charge. For enquiries please call 64719940 / 64719941 or fax: 64723942

**FOOD & BEVERAGES** are available at:

1. Cafe Les Amis at the Visitor Centre.
2. Java Coast Fine Coffee USA at the Ginger Garden.

**RESTAURANTS:**

1. Au Jardin Les Amin at the Visitor Centre, Tel: 64755104
2. Halia Resturant at the Ginger Garden, Tel: 64765658

**SOUVENIR SHOPS** are available at:

1. Risis Orchid Centre at the National Orchid Garden, Tel: 64755104
2. Botanic Garden Shop at the Visitor Centre, Tel: 64752319
3. Ginger Villa (DFS) at the Ginger Garden, Tel: 64765658

**MAJOR ENTRANCES** are: Visitor Centre at junction of Cluny Road and Nassim Road, Minden Gate along Holland Road, the Tyersall Avenue access to the National Orchid Garden and Cluny Park Gate at Cluny Park Road from Bukit Timah Road.

**TO GET HERE** by bus, take SBS No. 7, 105, 123, 174 TIBS No. 75, 77 and 106 along Holland Road and SBS No. 66, 151, 154 and TIBS No. 67, 171 along Bukit Timah Road.

The Singapore Airlines Hop On Trolley and the Singapore Explorer Trolley Services offer visitors rides through key shopping, cultural and entertainment districts in Singapore. Tickets for the trolley can be purchased from the respective trolley drivers. Please approach your hotel concierge or the Garden's Visitor Services Desk for the Trolley schedule.

**OPENING HOURS** of the Botanic Gardens are from 5.00 a.m. until midnight.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,**

Please contact: Visitor Services Desk  
Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road  
Singapore 259569 Tel: 64717361

For each question from 1 to 6, 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)

1. The most convenient way to get to the Botanic Gardens from a hotel in town is by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) trolley
  - (2) SBS bus
  - (3) TIBS bus
  - (4) Singapore Airlines
2. Tickets for the trolley bus can be purchased from the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Trolley Driver
  - (2) Visitors Centre
  - (3) Hotel Concierge
  - (4) Visitor Services Desk
3. The Singapore Botanic Gardens was founded by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Sir Stamford Raffles
  - (2) an agricultural society
  - (3) the National Parks Board
  - (4) the Singapore Government
4. Prior arrangements have to be made to use the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) restaurants
  - (2) visitor centre
  - (3) souvenir shops
  - (4) herbarium and library
5. The shortest route to the National Orchid Garden in the Botanic Gardens is by the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Cluny Park Gate
  - (2) Tyersall Avenue access
  - (3) Minden Gate along Holland Road
  - (4) Visitor Centre at Cluny and Nassim Road junction

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For each question from 6 to 12, 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. (7 marks)

6. Neither Sheila nor her friends \_\_\_\_\_ up their minds about going to the birthday party tonight.
- (1) make
  - (2) made
  - (3) has made
  - (4) have made
7. Mrs Goh has never come \_\_\_\_\_ such a forgetful pupil.
- (1) off
  - (2) over
  - (3) down
  - (4) across
8. \_\_\_\_\_ of the children wants to go to the zoo this weekend.
- (1) None
  - (2) Some
  - (3) Many
  - (4) A few
9. I have not seen my aunt for a long time. I \_\_\_\_\_ like to visit her during the school holidays.
- (1) must
  - (2) could
  - (3) would
  - (4) should
10. The people \_\_\_\_\_ live in Pulau Ubin are mostly poultry farmers.
- (1) who
  - (2) whom
  - (3) which
  - (4) whose
11. My grandmother gave my sister and \_\_\_\_\_ a red packet each on the first day of Chinese New Year.
- (1) I
  - (2) me
  - (3) my
  - (4) mine

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12. Indian ladies do wear the sari during festive occasions, \_\_\_\_\_ they?

- (1) don't
- (2) can't
- (3) wouldn't
- (4) shouldn't

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For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

Jeffery woke up one morning to discover that he had become a giant ant. He had a large (13) brown-black ant body.

"Jeffery (14) his mother yelled. Jeffery scampered down the stairs to have breakfast. He greeted his mum, dad and sister and told them that he was an insect. Everyone laughed.

"Do you know how to change me back (15) Jeffery asked his mother " Can't we discuss this after school?" Mum replied. "Hurry, it's time to take your bus."

Jeffery stared at himself in the mirror. He was still an ant. Couldn't anyone see?

13. (1) [ : ] colon  
 (2) [ . ] comma  
 (3) [ . ] full stop  
 (4) [ " ] inverted commas
14. (1) [ , ] comma  
 (2) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
 (3) [ " ! ] inverted commas and exclamation mark  
 (4) [ ! " ] exclamation mark and inverted commas
15. (1) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
 (2) [ " . ] inverted commas and comma  
 (3) [ ? " ] question mark and inverted commas  
 (4) [ " ? ] inverted commas and question mark

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For each question from 16 to 20, 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)

16. The swimming instructor \_\_\_\_\_ that the swimming lesson would be postponed to next week due to the heavy downpour.
- (1) renounced
  - (2) denounced
  - (3) announced
  - (4) pronounced
17. The intruder crept \_\_\_\_\_ into the dark compound of the mansion.
- (1) skilfully
  - (2) steadily
  - (3) secretly
  - (4) stealthily
18. The former president has decided to write and publish his \_\_\_\_\_, sharing with readers his experiences when he was in office.
- (1) views
  - (2) report
  - (3) memoir
  - (4) biography
19. Prices of goods sold in that department store are not \_\_\_\_\_. All items are sold at a fixed price.
- (1) arguable
  - (2) profitable
  - (3) negotiable
  - (4) acceptable
20. The detectives \_\_\_\_\_ the suspects into the shophouse.
- (1) tailed
  - (2) stalked
  - (3) cornered
  - (4) accompanied

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For each of the questions below, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Make your choice (1,2,3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Chinese New Year was round the corner. Shops and stores were packed with countless last-minute shoppers. They were trying to complete their shopping before the special day.

Shops with eye-catching and bold 'Cheap Sale' slogans hung outside attracted lots and lots of people. It was natural for people to take advantage of sales.

Deafening music making loud, unpleasant noise from the stores selling records, cassettes and compact discs added to the din and promoted the festive mood. Although the mid-day heat was unbearable, few seemed bothered by it.

Children with happy, smiling faces followed the adults around. They could not wait for the great day to arrive so that they could put on their new clothes. Everyone was looking forward to usher in the new year.

21. (1) dark  
(2) bright  
(3) striking  
(4) colourful
22. (1) blaring  
(2) bursting  
(3) sounding  
(4) screaming
23. (1) urged  
(2) spread  
(3) developed  
(4) advertised

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24. (1) intolerable  
(2) unbelievable  
(3) uncontrollable  
(4) unacceptable
25. (1) eager  
(2) thrilled  
(3) anxious  
(4) impatient

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

There are five people at our table, including myself. I've already learnt a great deal about them in the short while we have been at sea, although we rarely meet except at meal-times.

First of all, there is Dr. Rob – my favourite, I must confess. He is a man of about sixty-five, with grey hair and a humorous face. He gave up his practice a short while ago and is now travelling round the world before he retires to some quiet country village. As a young man, he served abroad for many years as a doctor in the British Army. He seems to have been everywhere. During the day, when he is not talking to his fellow passengers, he sits on deck reading or else gazes out to sea through an old-fashioned telescope. 5 10

Then there is "grandmother". I call her that because her name escapes me. In spite of being a grandmother, she looks remarkably young, not more than forty-five. She is on her way to visit her daughter who emigrated to Australia some years ago. Naturally, she is very excited at the thought of seeing her again and her three grandchildren, whom she has never seen. She can talk of little else. This voyage is a great adventure for her as she has never been abroad before. 15

Then there is a man I do not care for very much. He is an engineer by the name of Steve. He had been on leave in England and is now returning to work in Singapore. I have never met a man with such a loud laugh. He has a cabin next to mine and I can hear his laughter even through the wall! 20

The other person who sits at our table is Mrs Hunt. I have found out hardly anything about her. She is extremely quiet and rarely talks, except to consult the doctor about her children's ailments. She is on her way to join her husband in India. 25

Adapted from a diary

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For each question from 26 to 30, 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)

26. Dr Rob used to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) travel round the world
  - (2) travel to quiet, country villages
  - (3) look after the health of soldiers
  - (4) look after the health of Mrs Hunt
27. The writer does not address the lady by her name because the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) lady looks old
  - (2) lady has grandchildren
  - (3) writer has forgotten her name
  - (4) writer does not know her name
28. The word 'remarkably' in line 13 means \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) simply
  - (2) noticeably
  - (3) attractively
  - (4) exceptionally
29. The boat is sailing to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) India, Australia and Britain
  - (2) Britain, Singapore and India
  - (3) India, Australia and Singapore
  - (4) Britain, Singapore and Australia
30. From the passage, we can say that Mrs Hunt is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) selfish
  - (2) an introvert
  - (3) a loving wife
  - (4) a boring person

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, 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) for | (G) my   | (K) since | (N) what  |
| (B) by    | (E) his | (H) then | (L) their | (P) which |
| (C) every | (F) in  | (J) our  | (M) with  | (Q) who   |

Miss Karen Lee's job is to get people to walk again. On Thursday, she received the National Day Award \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
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For the past 26 years, Miss Lee, 50, a health physiotherapist \_\_\_\_\_ Tan Tock Seng Hospital, has been helping stroke and accident victims return to living normal lives \_\_\_\_\_ providing physiotherapy to those \_\_\_\_\_ have difficulty moving \_\_\_\_\_ limbs.  
(33) (34) (35)

"It's a job \_\_\_\_\_ requires a lot of patience and determination. However, I keep telling \_\_\_\_\_ patients that they can do it. Many of them give up, so it's important to help them restore confidence \_\_\_\_\_ themselves."  
(36) (37) (38)

The slender 1.71 metre tall woman said that it does require brute strength to get her patients moving again. "It's amazing \_\_\_\_\_ encouragement can do."  
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Miss Lee, who is single, took up a three-year health therapy course 29 years ago in Perth because she did not want to have a desk-bound job. She has had no regrets \_\_\_\_\_.  
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"What really makes me happy is to see patients regain their mobility. The most touching part is when they return to show us that they can live normal lives again."

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Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

When explorers set out across the seas from Europe, they had no idea what they would find. Some thought the world was flat and they would topple off the edge. Instead,

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they found **marvalous** lands with strange animals, birds and plants. In Africa, they also

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find dark-skinned people.

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Over the years about 15 million of these people were round up, transported to

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America and made to work in fields and plantations. To their **kapters** they were riches,

like silver, spice or tea.

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A slave is someone who does not get pay for his work and has no choice what

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that work shall be. He belonging to his master in the same way that horses and dogs

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belong to him. In the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, the captured Africans gave their laber to

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their American masters. Most of them served their masters unwilling. They had no

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humane rights and their only reward was the right to staying alive. Many

slaves died serving their masters.

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Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

(15 marks)

The tiger is undoubtedly a magnificent creature. It \_\_\_\_\_ (51)  
 been estimated that at the beginning of this century, there were  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (52) 30,000 and 40,000 tigers in India. In the mid 1970s, the  
 beast was on the \_\_\_\_\_ (53) of extinction but India managed to  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (54) the situation. She banned tiger shooting and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (55) a protection law in 1972 when there were only 1827  
 tigers left.

Tigers had been hunted on a \_\_\_\_\_ (56) scale for hundreds of  
 years. Poachers were one of the offenders in \_\_\_\_\_ (57) the tiger  
 population to the edge of extinction. Poachers caused much destruction.  
 Traders were encouraging \_\_\_\_\_ (58) in response to the strong  
 demand \_\_\_\_\_ (59) tiger skin.

Tigers were also hunted for their \_\_\_\_\_ (60) value. For  
 instance, tiger brain is recommended for pimples. \_\_\_\_\_ (61) gall  
 bladder, if pressed to the eyeballs, is believed to make them stronger.

The forests where tigers \_\_\_\_\_ (62) freely were  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (63) down for industrial and agricultural purposes. Some  
 people felled the trees and \_\_\_\_\_ (64) villages near their habitat.

In 1973, Project Tiger was \_\_\_\_\_ (65) to arrest the  
 diminishing number of tigers. Wildlife reserves were created to provide  
 a home for them.

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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. These are the photographs. I took them during my trip to Chinatown.

\_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_  
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67. You must come to the party or you will miss the fun.

If \_\_\_\_\_  
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68. Jamie does not want to attend the wedding reception. Peter does not want to attend the wedding reception.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

69. The Brownies like playing games more than making crafts.

\_\_\_\_\_ prefer \_\_\_\_\_  
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70. Sharon likes to play golf. Charmaine also likes to play golf.

Both \_\_\_\_\_  
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Read the passage below and answer questions 71-80. (20 marks)

Hearing the frantic shouts of her family members, Jill turned towards the river. She was aghast at seeing an alligator swimming towards Michael Fernandez, her brother. Jill yelled to Michael. She realised that he could not hear her with his head underwater. She started swimming towards him. But the alligator was moving too quickly. Jill turned and swam for the bank. Michael knew nothing of the danger! He was floating in the river, looking through the clear water at the rocks below. His snorkelling tube, attached to his facemask, rose about six inches above the water. 5

In the kitchen of their home, Michael's mother, Jessie, heard the screams and saw Jill running from the water. When she saw the terror on Jill's face, she knew something horrible had happened. She ran towards the river. 10

Jessie's heart froze on reaching there. There was Michael swimming towards her and closing in on him was the biggest alligator she had ever seen. 15

The alligator moved towards him like a torpedo. Then its jaws opened and it lunged its head onto Michael. Its jaws snapped around the boy's head. It did not appear that Michael had a chance.

As the jaws snapped shut, one of the upper front teeth in the reptile's massive jaw sliced into Michael's scalp, leaving a six-inch wound. Its lower jaw hooked into the snorkelling mask, ripping it from Michael's face. Fortunately, this allowed the boy's head to slip from its jaws. 20

Michael did not know what had hit him. Suddenly, he was about four feet under the surface of the water, on his back. Above him he could see the alligator's greenish white belly. It swam right over him. Instinctively, he began swimming underwater as fast as he could, propelled by his big flippers. 25

The Fernandez family continued shouting and clapping to distract the creature. They could still see the alligator circling in the water but they were not sure what had happened to Michael. A while later, Michael came up for air and kept swimming towards the land. Instantly, the alligator was after him. 30

Adapted from Reader's Digest, Oct'88

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Who first noticed that Michael was in danger?

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72. Why was Michael not able to hear Jill's cry?

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73. What was Michael doing in the water?

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74. Which phrase in the passage tells you that Jessie was terrified?

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75. How did Michael breathe with his face underwater?

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76. What was the alligator's speed compared to?

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77. What injury did Michael suffer as a result of the alligator's attack?

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78. What does the word 'this' in line 21 refer to?

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79. What helped Michael to swim away quickly from the alligator?

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80. Why was the alligator circling in the water?

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| 1) 1  | 28) 2           | 55) passed  | 66) These are the photographs which I took during my trip in Chinatown. |
| 2) 1  | 29) 3           | 56) large   |   |
| 3) 2  | 30) 2           | 57) bringing  |   |
| 4) 4  | 31) D           | 58) poaching  | 67) If you do not come to the party, you will miss the fun.             |
| 5) 2  | 32) M           | 59) for   |   |
| 6) 4  | 33) B           | 60) medicinal   | 68) Neither Jamie nor Peter wants to attend the wedding reception       |
| 7) 4  | 34) Q           | 61) Its   | 69) The Brownie's prefer playing games to making crafts.                |
| 8) 1  | 35) L           | 62) roamed  |   |
| 9) 3  | 36) P           | 63) cut   | 70) Both Sharon and Charmaine like to play golf.                        |
| 10) 1 | 37) G           | 64) built   |   |
| 11) 2 | 38) F           | 65) formed  | 71) It was Jill and Michael's family members.                           |
| 12) 1 | 39) N           |   |   |
| 13) 3 | 40) K           | 72) Michael's head was underwater and was not able to hear Jill's cry.                          |   |
| 14) 4 | 41) marvellous  |   |   |
| 15) 3 | 42) found       | 73) Michael was snorkelling in the water looking at the rocks.                                  |   |
| 16) 3 | 43) rounded     | 74) The phrase is "Jessie's heart froze."   |   |
| 17) 4 | 44) captors     | 75) He breathed through the snorkelling tube which was attached to his facemask he was wearing. |   |
| 18) 3 | 45) paid        | 76) It was compared to the speed of a torpedo.  |   |
| 19) 3 | 46) belongs     | 77) He suffered a six-inch wound on his scalp.  |   |
| 20) 1 | 47) labour      | 78) It refers to the aligator ripping off the facemask from Michael's face.                     |   |
| 21) 3 | 48) unwillingly | 79) Michael's big, propelling flippers helped him.  |   |
| 22) 1 | 49) human       | 80) It could not find Michael and was looking for him.  |   |
| 23) 2 | 50) stay        |   |   |
| 24) 1 | 51) has         |   |   |
| 25) 3 | 52) between     |   |   |
| 26) 3 | 53) edge        |   |   |
| 27) 4 | 54) save        |   |   |