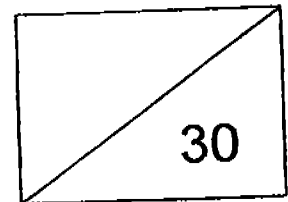


SA ✓

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)
END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2004

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

Total Time for Booklets A, B and C: 1 hour 50 minutes



Name : _____)

Class : Pri 5

Date : 29 October 2004

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

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

Singapore Orchid Festival

18th - 21st September 9am - 9pm
Singapore Botanic Gardens

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

18th September
Official Opening by
His Excellency President S R Nathan

18th - 21st SEPTEMBER

ORCHID SHOW

- * International Award Winning Orchids
- * Stunning Cut Flower Displays
- * Landscape Displays
- * Ikebana Exhibits by Ikebana International

* S\$2 admission to Orchid Show
inclusive of entry to National Orchid Garden
Tickets can be purchased at Visitor Services Counter/
Entrance of the Orchid Show

FESTIVAL

- o Talks on Orchid Cultivation & Conservation
- o Orchid Heritage Exhibition
- o Orchid Photography Exhibition - Winning Efforties
- o Children's Orchid Mask Competition
- o Concerts at Symphony Lake
- o Sales of plants, books, horticulture equipment, crafts & gifts.

o Free Entry to Festival & Gardens

SUPPORTED BY

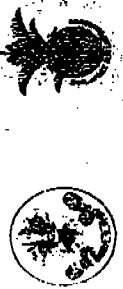


Singapore Raffles
www.singaporehotels.com

secretariat@singorchidfest.org.sg
www.singorchidfest.org.sg

Secretariat Address
The Singapore Orchid Festival,
Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluyt Road, Singapore 259569
Tel: (65) 6471 9902/7361 Fax: (65) 6467 4832

ORGANISERS

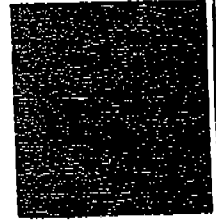


The year marks the 75th anniversary of the Orchid Society of South East Asia. To celebrate this jubilee, the Singapore Botanic Gardens, National Parks Board and the Orchid Society of South East Asia will jointly hold a spectacular Orchid Festival which would be one of the biggest ever seen in Singapore for many years.

For the first time ever in the history of the Singapore Botanic Gardens, a large section of the grounds will be turned into a showcase for Singapore's rich and diverse orchid heritage. With Asia's best orchids displayed in all their wide varieties and fabulous glory, the Festival presents a rare chance to promote orchid growing and appreciation.

Sales vendors will be located along a prominent walkway connecting the Gardens Visitor Centre to the Orchid Plaza.

The Orchid Society of South East Asia is an established society recognized by orchid growers worldwide. The Festival will be a high-profile event attracting thousands of local and international visitors. All are welcome to a display of plants by the Orchid Society of South East Asia's members and plant sales (3rd Aug and 7th Sep) with the proceeds going to the Festival.



For each question from 1 to 5, 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 Singapore Orchid Festival is organised by _____.

- (1) Singapore Roars!
- (2) National Orchid Garden
- (3) Singapore Tourism Board
- (4) Orchid Society of South East Asia

2. _____ for the first time.

- (1) The Singapore Orchid Festival is held
- (2) The world's best orchids will be displayed
- (3) Visitors need to pay an entrance fee to attend the Singapore Orchid Festival
- (4) A large section of the grounds of Singapore Botanic Gardens will be used to showcase the orchids

3. Visitors will be able to purchase orchids along prominent walkway connecting the Gardens Visitor Centre to the Orchid Plaza.
"Prominent" has the same meaning as _____.

- (1) famous
- (2) superior
- (3) attractive
- (4) conspicuous

4. Visitors at the Singapore Orchid Festival will not be able to _____.

- (1) take part in the photography exhibition
- (2) enjoy performances at Symphony Lake
- (3) purchase books about orchid cultivation
- (4) participate in the children's orchid mask competition

5. The Singapore Orchid Festival hopes to _____.

- (1) attract only local visitors
- (2) sell plants exhibited by the Orchid Plaza
- (3) raise funds for the Gardens Visitor Centre
- (4) display international award winning orchids

(Go on to the next page)

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 A lot of time _____ wasted mending a puncture in the tyre so we were late for the concert.

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

7 "Did you _____ the baby's cries last night?" asked Mrs Tang.

- (1) hear
- (2) hears
- (3) heard
- (4) hearing

8 The students volunteered to wash the windows and _____ the floor.

- (1) mop
- (2) mopped
- (3) mopping
- (4) had mopped

9 Everyone _____ been invited to tomorrow's party.

- (1) has
- (2) had
- (3) have
- (4) having

10 Gopal slipped as he _____ down the stairs.

- (1) walk
- (2) walks
- (3) had walked
- (4) was walking

11 He returned to Malaysia _____ train.

- (1) to
- (2) by
- (3) on
- (4) from

(Go on to the next page)

12 Ali _____ for Peter outside the cinema for the past two hours. He is still there now.

- (1) has waited
- (2) had waited
- (3) has been waiting
- (4) had been waiting

(Go on to the next page)

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)

It was Saturday morning. Sandra and her mother were at the supermarket.

"Shall we get a basket to put all our shopping (13) suggested Mother. "Let's see... I need these items for your birthday cake (14) flour, eggs, milk, cocoa powder and butter. "

"I (15) d like to buy some pink and silver balloons to decorate the iiving room," said Sandra. "Can I also have a banner and some streamers from the gift shop?"

Mother nodded her head. Sandra hugged her and they continued with their shopping.

- | | | | |
|----|---|--------------------------------|--|
| 13 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1
<input type="radio"/> 2
<input type="radio"/> 3
<input type="radio"/> 4 | ["?]
["?"]
["!]
["!"] | inverted commas and question mark
question mark and inverted commas
inverted commas and exclamation mark
exclamation mark and inverted commas |
| 14 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1
<input type="radio"/> 2
<input type="radio"/> 3
<input type="radio"/> 4 | [:]
[,]
[.]
[?] | colon
comma
full stop
question mark |
| 15 | <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1
<input type="radio"/> 2
<input type="radio"/> 3
<input type="radio"/> 4 | [,]
[.]
[']
[!] | comma
full stop
apostrophe
exclamation mark |

(Go on to the next page)

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 Joni's woollen sweater _____ after she washed it in cold water.
- (1) shrank
 - (2) reduced
 - (3) dwindled
 - (4) contracted
- 17 He _____ his fist and shook it angrily at the road bully.
- (1) clasped
 - (2) clutched
 - (3) clamped
 - (4) clenched
- 18 The hotel management welcomes _____ from its guests in order that they may provide better services.
- (1) advice
 - (2) opinions
 - (3) feedback
 - (4) instructions
- 19 Of the four _____ proposed, only one will be awarded the Sports Girl of the Year Award.
- (1) entrants
 - (2) nominees
 - (3) candidates
 - (4) participants
- 20 The exchange of vows is the _____ of any wedding ceremony.
- (1) focus
 - (2) highlight
 - (3) emphasis
 - (4) importance

(Go on to the next page)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) or phrase(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Once, there was a wealthy man. He lived in a mansion and had two servants working for him - a driver and a cook.

The two servants were always at loggerheads over whose responsibility it was to go and fetch the milk for breakfast every morning. The driver said

with self-satisfaction, "It's not my business. I'm the driver. I have to fetch Master to and fro work every day."

The cook mocked him, "It's not mine either. I have to prepare delicious and nutritious meals for Master."

At last, they approached their master. He listened to their stories and replied, "I'll settle the problem. In future, the driver will drive the cook to the farm each morning to fetch the milk for breakfast."

- | | | |
|----|-----|--------------|
| 21 | (1) | reviewing |
| | (2) | quarrelling |
| | (3) | discussing |
| | (4) | considering |
| 22 | (1) | boldly |
| | (2) | smugly |
| | (3) | happily |
| | (4) | confidently |
| 23 | (1) | role |
| | (2) | duty |
| | (3) | task |
| | (4) | function |
| 24 | (1) | scoffed at |
| | (2) | laughed at |
| | (3) | snapped at |
| | (4) | snickered at |
| 25 | (1) | dispute |
| | (2) | dilemma |
| | (3) | challenge |
| | (4) | negotiation |

(Go on to the next page)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

The Wright Brothers were Wilbur (1867-1912), who was born near Millville, Indiana, and Orville (1871-1948), who was born in Dayton, Ohio. Although they did not finish high school, both were keen readers. They liked to tinker with machines and so, they started a bicycle shop.

It was while reading that they came across descriptions of flying experiments. Particularly useful were the writings of Lawrence Hargraves, an Australian, who had experimented with gliders. They discussed the failure of Hargraves' experiments and decided to try their hand at building gliders. 5

They built a 1.5 metre glider which they observed closely by flying it as a kite. Next, they chose Kitty Hawk in the USA as the test-ground for the glider they built to carry a human. The US Weather Bureau had told them that the winds at Kitty Hawk would be good for their experiments. They had planned to spend hours gliding but only after a few short flights, they decided to try to build an engine-powered craft. 10

Lacking knowledge of air pressure, they built a wind tunnel to study its effects closely. Next, they built a strong but light engine and worked out a new design for the propellers. 15

On 17 December 1903, they were ready to try the plane a second time. *The Flyer* was a biplane with a small front section and specially-designed propellers. The plane travelled 36 metres in 12 seconds. The Wright Brothers were very pleased and enjoyed two flights each that day. 20

At first, not many people were interested in their experiments. In fact, only five people saw their first flight. However, the brothers kept improving on their planes and in 1905, Wilbur flew 38 kilometres in half an hour. Later, in 1908, he flew for two hours and fifteen minutes non-stop. 25

The Wright Brothers would make several more successful flights back home in Ohio while the world was slow to give them the credit they deserved for their achievement. Today, a beautiful monument stands on Kill Devil Hill, Kitty Hawk, in their honour. While there, visitors are encouraged to tour the museum exhibits, participate in a ranger conducted programme, walk around the reconstructed camp buildings, explore first flight trail area and climb up Kill Devil Hill to view the 60-foot high granite monument - the Memorial Pylon. 30

(Go on to the next page)

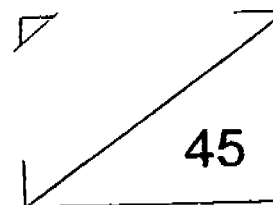
For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 26 The Wright Brothers became entrepreneurs as _____.
- (1) their hobby was reading
 - (2) they liked to fiddle with machines
 - (3) they did not have a high school diploma
 - (4) they loved to conduct flying experiments
- 27 _____ helped the Wright Brothers to finally build gliders.
- (1) Building a wind tunnel
 - (2) Making and flying kites
 - (3) Analysing Hargraves' mistakes
 - (4) Researching on flight experiments
- 28 Kitty Hawk was chosen as the test-ground for the glider because _____.
- (1) a wind tunnel was built there
 - (2) the US Weather Bureau insisted on it
 - (3) the glider carrying a human could be built there
 - (4) the winds would be beneficial for their experiments
- 29 The Wright Brothers built a wind tunnel because they wanted to _____.
- (1) learn more about air pressure
 - (2) study the effects of air pressure
 - (3) work out a new design for the propellers
 - (4) build a glider with strong but light engine
- 30 Today, a visitor to Kill Devil Hill, Kitty Hawk, will be able to _____.
- (1) speak to the Wright Brothers
 - (2) enjoy a scenic flight onboard *The Flyer*
 - (3) climb to the peak of the Memorial Pylon
 - (4) trace the steps of where the first successful flight took place

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)
END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2004

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET B

Total Time for Booklets A, B and C: 1 hour 50 minutes



Name : _____

Class : Pri 5

Date : 29 October 2004

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

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.

(A) a	(D) from	(G) since	(K) then	(N) while
(B) an	(E) however	(H) than	(L) when	(P) whose
(C) your	(F) of	(J) the	(M) which	(Q) up

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a strap-on flying machine! And the compact Solo Trek XfV could be yours on eBay (31) _____ US\$1 million with just one catch – you have to agree not to use it.

Designers of the personal aircraft (32) _____ they hope might one day transport soldiers over land-mines or zip commuters above rush-hour traffic put the one-of-a-kind device (33) _____ for auction yesterday to help raise funds for further research.

"Nobody has ever done anything like it," said chief executive Michael Moshier of Trek Aerospace, the company that designed (34) _____ machine. "It's the first aircraft that you can strap on (35) _____ back and fly around like (36) _____ bird."

He said the aircraft can hover for more (37) _____ two hours at a time and is easy to fly. The aircraft is still in the developmental stage, but Mr Moshier envisioned a day (38) _____ the sky is full of people dashing across town in such flying machines that operate much like helicopters.

(39) _____ the public has never seen the aircraft fly because the testing has been private so far, Mr Moshier assures potential buyers that the machine works and the company has pictures on its website to prove it.

(40) _____, there is one hitch for the top bidder - he will not be able to fly the aircraft home. In addition, he must sign an agreement promising not to operate the machine as the company does not want to get sued if somebody gets hurt using it.

(Go on to the next page)

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

I was shipwrecked during a terrible storm and my ship sank. All my crew **pearished** (41)

but I was the only one who survives, somehow miraculously washed ashore onto a dismal and forlorn island. With that little strength I had left, I crawled to the nearest palm tree and fell

(43) asleep in utter exaution.

I do not know how long I slept but I was awake by a sharp pain in my ankle. I looked

(45) at my foot and find that my ankle was bleeding. From the corner of my eye, I noticed a green

(46) whip-snake sleathering off. Fortunately, the snake was not poison. The injury was not

(48) seriously, so I quickly bandaged my ankle with a piece of my clothing and staregered to my

(50) feet. Then I looked around at the **desserted** island. Just when I was beginning to think that there was no way I was ever going to leave this island, I suddenly caught sight of footprints!

(Go on to the next page)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

With their beautiful plumage, melodious songs or ability to mimic sounds, it is no wonder that birds are so popular as pets. The ever-increasing _____ (51) for pet birds is causing the _____ (52) of many wild bird species to decline rapidly. Authorities and wildlife institutions are _____ (53) up efforts to protect the birds but illegal pet bird trade remains a flourishing business because of the handsome profits that can be _____ (54) from it.

A lot of pet birds are bred for sale. As for some rare bird species, they can be sold provided that they are captive bred. However, captive breeding of birds is often a tedious process fraught _____ (55) failures. To reap huge profits from selling rare birds _____ (56) a short time, many traders prefer to source the birds through _____ (57).

Poachers are known to use fishing lines to _____ (58) birds. The victims are usually left dangling in the hot sun _____ (59) the poachers return to collect them. Many cannot survive the torture. Birds that are not the _____ (60) of the poachers may be snared as well. These 'innocent' victims are simply left to _____ (61).

Poachers also _____ (62) to 'robbing' the nest. They bag the birds when they are in their nests. Very often, both the adults and young are _____ (63). Other poachers cut down trees to get to the eggs. As some birds return to the same site to nest year after _____ (64), destroying the nesting sites disrupts breeding.

Attractive profits continue to lure poachers to _____ (65) these hideous crimes. As long as there is a demand for exotic birds, they are in danger of being poached to extinction!

(Go on to the next page)

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. Tom was very relieved that the police recovered his lost car.

Much to _____

67. The English paper was easy, yet Ailing did not do well in it.

_____ although

68. Like her friends, Susan does not speak Malay.

Neither _____

69. Return the library books on time. You will not be fined.

Unless _____

70. The principal told Kannan, "Come to my office now!"

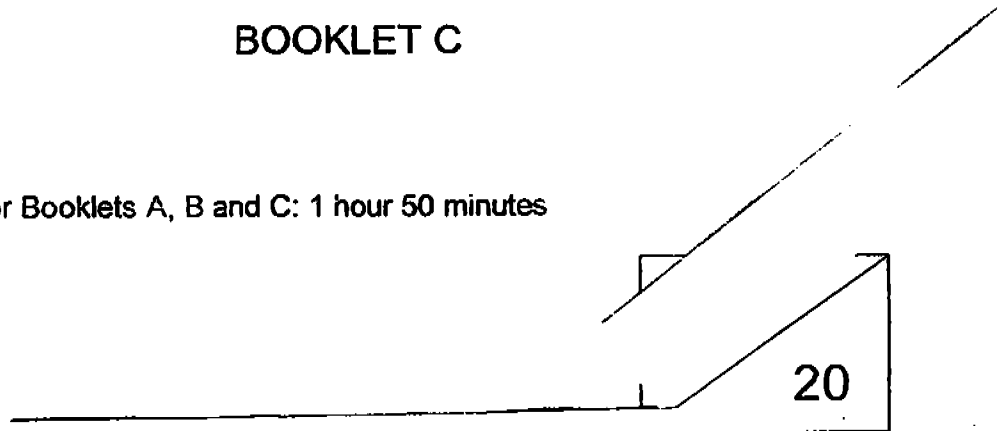
The principal _____

(Go on to the next page)

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)
END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2004

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET C

Total Time for Booklets A, B and C: 1 hour 50 minutes



Name _____

Class : Pri 5.

Date : 29 October 2004

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions ~~carefully~~.

Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 4 printed pages.

The child, with her six-year-old mind, tried to puzzle it out, but was confused and finally gave it up, returning to play with her little paper dolls arranged in a neat row on the wooden stool. Now, the child was thinking, "Yesterday I asked Mother for an egg and she scolded me and said that I was always to remember that people like us could not afford to eat eggs. Only First Aunt and Molly and Beng Beng could eat 5 eggs."

The mother had gone on scolding and scolding, and the child was afraid she would get a beating for having dared to ask for an egg, but luckily the mother was not angry for long, and in the late morning, she took the child to the temple on one of her usual visits. The child was happy to go, although having to wait for her mother to finish the long prayers made her feel sleepy. But she preferred this to staying at home. This was because Molly and Beng Beng were having their tantrums again, and this always meant that Molly would pinch her and Beng Beng would kick her or tear her paper dolls or throw her wooden stool out of the house shouting, "Yah! Now go and get it – you bad dog, you beggar. My mother says you and your mother are 10 beggars living on us!" She would not dare tell her mother what they did, because her mother would only scold and beat her and say, "Yes, we are beggars! And so we must let them do whatever they like to us!" before weeping noisily. So she understood that she should never quarrel with either Molly or Beng Beng, as she 15 would be the one to get a beating. 20

Now the child had asked for an egg again – it was the sight of a plate of fried eggs on the table in readiness for Molly and Beng Beng that made her feel hungry and want an egg, but her mother had said, "No!" angrily and that was that. Molly had come into the kitchen then and had suddenly shrieked, "You thief! Did you steal my eggs?" before ascertaining that it was the right number, and had at last gone out of 25 the kitchen, carrying the plate of eggs with her. The child had forgotten about wanting an egg when her mother came in, hot and perspiring from her walk to the grocery shop down the road, and in her hand was a paper bag of six eggs. She said to the child, "All these six eggs are for you. I shall fry them and you can eat them all up. I paid for them with my own money so you need not be afraid to eat all of them 30 up."

Adapted from *Little Ironies- Stories of S'pore*
By Catherine Lim
(Go on to the next page)

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What did the child do to amuse herself?

72. Why could the child not able to afford to eat eggs?

73. Why should the child avoid quarrelling with Molly and Beng Beng at all times?

74. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "finding out"?

75. What is Molly and Beng Beng's relationship to the child?

76. Why was the child afraid to ask her mother for eggs?

77. What were the two consequences that the child would face if she did not go to the temple?

(Go on to the next page)

78. Which phrase in the passage tells you that the child and her mother were dependent on their relatives?

79. What was Molly's first reaction when she went into the kitchen and saw the child there?

80. The child in the passage asked only for one egg. Why did her mother buy six eggs all for her?

END OF PAPER

METHODIST GIRLS SCHOOL (PRIMARY)
 END OF THE YEAR EXAMINATION 2004
 PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

SA2

- | | | | |
|-------|----------------|---|---|
| 1) 4 | 28) 4 | 55) with | 66) Much to Tom's relief, the police recovered the lost car. |
| 2) 4 | 29) 2 | 56) within | |
| 3) 3 | 30) 4 | 57) poachers | 67) Ailing did not do well in the English paper although it was easy. |
| 4) 1 | 31) D | 58) capture | |
| 5) 2 | 32) M | 59) until | 68) Neither Susan nor her friends speak Malay. |
| 6) 3 | 33) Q | 60) target | |
| 7) 1 | 34) J | 61) die | 69) Unless you return the library books on time, you will be fined. |
| 8) 1 | 35) C | 62) resort | |
| 9) 1 | 36) A | 63) caught | 70) The principal told Kannan to go to his office then |
| 10) 4 | 37) H | 64) year | 71) She played with her little paper dolls. |
| 11) 2 | 38) L | 65) commit | |
| 12) 3 | 39) N | | 72) Her mother was too poor to buy the child eggs. |
| 13) 2 | 40) E | 73) If she told her mother, her mother would scold and beat her and said that they were beggars and they had to let them do whatever they liked to them and so she would be the one to get a beating. | |
| 14) 1 | 41) perished | | |
| 15) 3 | 42) survived | 74) The word is "ascertaining". | |
| 16) 1 | 43) exhaustion | 75) They were the child's cousins. | |
| 17) 4 | 44) awakened | 76) She did not want to get scolded by her mother. | |
| 18) 3 | 45) found | 77) Molly would pinch the child and Beng Beng would kick her. | |
| 19) 2 | 46) slithering | 78) The phrase is "beggars living on us." | |
| 20) 2 | 47) poisonous | 79) Molly shrieked and blamed the child was a thief for stealing the eggs that were on the table. | |
| 21) 2 | 48) serious | 80) She wanted to show her relatives that they could afford eggs. | |
| 22) 2 | 49) staggered | | |
| 23) 2 | 50) deserted | | |
| 24) 1 | 51) demand | | |
| 25) 1 | 52) population | | |
| 26) 2 | 53) stepping | | |
| 27) 3 | 54) made | | |