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Class : Primary 6 _____

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 6

Semestral Assessment 1

9 May 2014

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 50 min

30 questions

30 marks

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 11 printed pages.

Study the poster below carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.



VERTICAL MARATHON 2014



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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 activity is open to _____.

- (1) athletes only
- (2) youths only
- (3) adults only
- (4) everyone

2 A Vertical Marathon participant has to _____.

- (1) do high jumps
- (2) walk, jog and swim
- (3) run to Seacrest Tower
- (4) climb many flights of stairs

3 At the end of the vertical marathon, participants can _____.

- (1) enjoy the fresh air outside Raffles Place MRT Station
- (2) tuck into free food and drinks
- (3) enjoy a great workout
- (4) receive a free T-shirt

4 Adeline wants to sign up for the event. To receive a sponsored T-shirt, she must sign up by _____.

- (1) 1 June 2014 and buy another shirt from ABE Sports
- (2) 5 June 2014 and buy another shirt from ABE Sports.
- (3) 15 June 2014 and be one of the first 500 registrants
- (4) 30 June 2014 and be one of the first 500 registrants

5 Which one of the following statements is not true?

- (1) All winners can expect rewards.
- (2) All interested individuals must register online.
- (3) All participants must be early on the day of the challenge.
- (4) All registrants should check their email for confirmation of applications.

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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 The injured monkey followed Jack and _____ home.

- (1) I
- (2) us
- (3) me
- (4) myself

7 _____ Jacqueline leaves now, she will be late as she needs an hour to get there.

- (1) When
- (2) While
- (3) Unless
- (4) As long as

8 Personal items lay _____ the charred debris of the blaze.

- (1) by
- (2) within
- (3) above
- (4) among

9 Adeline _____ in this estate for a decade and does not want to move out.

- (1) lives
- (2) lived
- (3) has lived
- (4) had lived

10 "Since these new clothes don't fit, I'll _____ them back to the boutique when I go there again next week," Mother groaned.

- (1) take
- (2) send
- (3) fetch
- (4) bring

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11 No _____ than one thousand fans turned up to watch the singer at her recent concert.

- (1) few
- (2) less
- (3) fewer
- (4) lesser

12 Caleb never says a word, _____ he?

- (1) has
- (2) does
- (3) hasn't
- (4) doesn'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)

No one noticed the boy, not at first. No one even noticed that they had not noticed him (13) he sat halfway back in class. He did not answer much, not unless he was directly asked a question. Even then, his answers were short and forgettable.

"Bod Owens in Six B... Do you find him different?" Mr Kirby asked.

"What about him (14) Mrs McKinnon shrugged.

Mr Kirby replied, "Look at this piece of work. What lovely handwriting he has (15) It looks like Times New Roman."

The boy was a model pupil who spent much of his spare time in the school library where he read stories as enthusiastically as some children ate.

Adapted from 'The Graveyard Book' by Neil Gaiman

- 13 (1) [-] dash
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [?] question mark

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

- 15 (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation 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 I resolved to work hard to pull up my _____ grades.

- (1) dull
- (2) dreary
- (3) dismal
- (4) depressed

17 Heart disease is the _____ cause of death worldwide.

- (1) basic
- (2) crucial
- (3) leading
- (4) prominent

18 The performers of the latest musical are known for their loud costumes and _____ dance sequences.

- (1) pleasant
- (2) boggling
- (3) gorgeous
- (4) spectacular

19 With the development of innovative engineering, civilian space travel is no longer _____.

- (1) exceptional
- (2) astronomical
- (3) unconvincing
- (4) inconceivable

20 This range of hair products claims to _____ lacklustre hair and improve shine.

- (1) revive
- (2) remedy
- (3) reinforce
- (4) revitalise

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

(5 marks)

Humans have long sought to make their mark on the world. From the ancient Great Wall of China to the ultramodern Channel Tunnel linking Great Britain and France, grand structures reveal how people have tried to express themselves. (21)

The Colosseum in Rome, Italy, is thought of by many to be the most famous building in the world. It was built nearly two thousand years ago for the purpose of hosting violent gladiator games. Thousands of men, women and animals fought for their lives on the Colosseum's arena floor. Some of these warriors found fame and glory. Many more, however, died gruesome deaths, providing eager spectators entertainment. (22) (23) (24)

Since then, it has gone through several transitions. It has been a church, a fortress, a quarry, a shrine and one of the most visited tourist sites in Italy. The Colosseum still stands today as a reminder of the ancient Romans' disturbing appetite for bloodletting as entertainment. (25)

Adapted from 'The Colosseum' by Lesley DuTemple

- 21 (1) bare
(2) show
(3) display
(4) conceal

- 22 (1) treated
(2) recalled
(3) considered
(4) remembered

- 23 (1) idea
(2) desire
(3) function
(4) ambition

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- 24 (1) bringing
(2) granting
(3) conveying
(4) bestowing

- 25 (1) moved
(2) evolved
(3) changed
(4) developed

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Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

A first-time visit to the Grand Canyon National Park in North America is a wondrous moment. People are seldom prepared for the spectacle they are about to witness. Photographs simply cannot do justice to one of the wonders of the natural world.

During the busy summer season, thousands of visitors arrive daily and the wait to get in can be long. After passing through the park entrance, the rim of the canyon is nearby. Seeing the Grand Canyon for the first time – or any time – is a humbling experience. The sheer scale of its beauty numbs the mind. Laid out beyond the rim is a gorge nearly two kilometres deep and almost 450 kilometres wide. From any viewing point along the rim, you can only see a small fraction of all that is hidden within the canyon walls.

Rising up within this immense gorge are rocky spires, raised grounds and deep-walled canyons. Far below, the Colorado River can be seen as a silvery ribbon winding its way through the depths of the canyon. Layers of rock blaze red, orange, yellow, green and purple during dramatic canyon sunrises and sunsets. During summer afternoon thunderstorms, light sometimes pierces the gloom. Rocks struck by dancing sunbeams seem to glow from within. Crowd-pleasing rainbows often appear, straddling canyon walls. In winter, layers of white snow blanket the gorge in hushed silence.

Most people view the canyon from the South Rim. This part is open all year long. It is the most accessible part of the park and has the most facilities – a number of hotels, stores, visitor centres and even an airport. There are many spots along the South Rim to stop at and admire the scenery, which changes constantly.

Seeing the Grand Canyon from a scenic vista along the rim is a wonderful experience but many people want more. The Inner Canyon includes anything below the rim. It is open to hikers, mule riders and river rafters. A network of trails leads down into the canyon, with scenery quite different from the rim. Hikers feel small as the canyon walls tower over them.

The less crowded North Rim requires a five-hour drive from the South Rim. This part is not accessible during winter. The view here is different – canyon walls seem to project outward. Visitors usually will not get the feeling of dropping into a gorge. Also, as the North Rim experiences lower human traffic, it is a good place to imagine what the canyon must have been like before widespread tourism tainted the wilderness experience.

When the park was set aside as a national park in 1919, fewer than 45,000 people visited the park. Today, nearly five million tourists flock to the canyon each year. This surge has affected the park in many ways. During the peak season, tourists jostle with each other for parking spaces, hotel rooms and viewing spots along the rim. Vehicle access on many roads have already been restricted and shuttle buses have helped cut down vehicle congestion. However, overcrowding still persists.

Pollution is also a growing threat. Air pollution from nearby urban areas and power plants affects the canyon. Water pollution from surrounding cattle and human waste has found its way into canyon streams. A dam that was constructed upstream of the Colorado River changed the flow of the river, altering the ecosystems in the park.

American ex-President Theodore Roosevelt commented, "Mother Nature, through the ages, has been at work on it and man can only mar it. What you can do is to keep it for all who come after you."

Adapted from The Grand Canyon by John Hamilton

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

(5 marks)

26 Most visitors flock to the Grand Canyon during _____.

- (1) winter
- (2) spring
- (3) autumn
- (4) summer

27 Seeing the Grand Canyon is 'a humbling experience' (line 6) because it makes one feel _____.

- (1) overwhelmed that there is much to see
- (2) insignificant against the scale of the canyon walls
- (3) pleased by the rainbows that straddle the canyon walls
- (4) numbed by the beauty of the spires, raised grounds and canyons

28 The most popular part of the Grand Canyon is the _____.

- (1) Inner Rim
- (2) North Rim
- (3) South Rim
- (4) Colorado River

29 A visitor should choose to go to the North Rim if he _____.

- (1) plans to visit during winter
- (2) wants to escape the crowds
- (3) needs access to many facilities
- (4) has interests in nature trails and water-rafting

30 Roosevelt's hope was that _____.

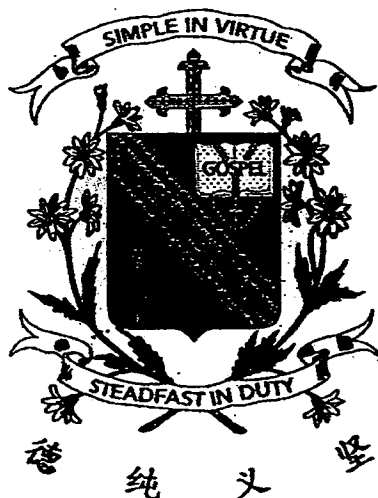
- (1) global pollution levels would decrease
- (2) mankind would embrace all that Mother Nature reveals
- (3) future generations could enjoy the national park's beauty
- (4) fewer visitors should be allowed each year to solve overcrowding

END OF BOOKLET A

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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 6
Semestral Assessment 1
9 May 2014

English Language Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 50 min

50 questions
65 marks

Instructions to Candidates:

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Answer all questions.

Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
Total	95

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages and 1 blank page.

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) about | (D) before | (G) like | (K) onto | (N) then |
| (B) after | (E) by | (H) of | (L) or | (P) us |
| (C) at | (F) how | (J) once | (M) them | (Q) when |

I liked Mrs Teo a lot. She was a plump lady with bags of fat on her arms that danced _____ she wrote on the board. On the other hand, Mrs Ng of primary four was very thin and (31) she was easily startled _____ loud noises. (32)

Two or three times a day, Paul and I would let go _____ a book, dropping it flat for (33) maximum sound effect as the poor woman jerked _____ a fish on the line. It could also be (34) done by slamming a door _____ even by scrapping a chair. _____ a loud slam made (35) Mrs Ng drop a stack of books. All these worked better if we were very quiet _____ the noise. (36) (37) Often, the class would be so quiet, our little heads bent over our work, that she would look up and congratulate _____ on our excellent behaviour, and when she looked back down at her (38) book, wham!

We thought _____ possibly driving Mrs Ng to a nervous breakdown, an event we (39) were curious about because our mothers spoke of it often. "You are driving me to a nervous breakdown!" they would yell, but _____, to prevent one, they would often grab us and shake (40) us silly. Mrs Ng seemed a better candidate.

Adapted from 'Lake Wobegon Days' by Garrison Keillor

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

The 2012 London Olympics marked the first time that every competing country had at least
(41)
one woman on its team. This came after years of **enncoreaging** female competitors, and altering
(42) (43)
rules that keep out women in religions and cultures with **mordess** dress codes. The Olympic
(44)
organisers have been very strict in the past about not allowing participants to **deeeveate** from the
(45)
official uniform attire, and therefore banned women who must not wear the designated outfits for
cultural or religious reasons.

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Although it now seems difficult to imagine the Olympics without female **airtletes** like
swimmer Missy Franklin and gymnast Gabby Douglas, women were not allowed to compete in the
(47) (48)
first modernised Olympic Games in Athens in 1896, and their inclusion was **contraveshal** long
afterwards.

With the introduction of women's boxing in 2012, women can now win medals in all the
same events as men. These **greaf** developments in women's sports give girls around the world
(49) (50)
more incentive to take in sports. Olympic organisers have also been diligence putting pressure on
countries and sports programmes that do not offer women these opportunities. Hence, more
women are competing in the Olympics partly because of **these** new regulations on clothing.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

In June 1985, two young British climbers, Joe Simpson and Simon Yates, set out to conquer the unclimbed, 6,400m high mountain in the Peruvian Andes. After two days, both had reached the _____ and had begun to make their descent when a truly spectacular (51) chain of disasters began to unfold. Simpson had just swung over the top of an ice wall on the northern ridge and was searching for a hold, when there was a sharp crack. _____ he (52) knew it, he was falling. Yates hurried _____ to find his friend lying in agony at the foot (53) of the ice wall. They were by now close to _____, and food and water were running (54) low. Both very weary, it would have been hard enough for Yates to _____ safety on (55) his own, without having to carry Simpson down with him. No mountaineer would have _____ Yates for leaving Simpson where he lay. _____, he and Simpson (56) (57) came up with a plan.

Knotting two ropes together, Yates would lower the injured Simpson as far as the rope would allow, then climb down after him, and repeat the action all the way down the slope. Amazingly, it seemed to _____ – until suddenly Simpson found himself sliding faster (58) than usual. He was heading for the edge of a sheer drop! Screaming _____, he tried (59) to stop but to no avail. He then found _____ dangling in space above a huge (60) crevasse. Yates, too, was in danger himself. Inch by inch, Simpson's weight was dragging Yates towards the edge of the mountain. Forced to choose _____ saving himself and risking (61) both their lives, Yates made the most agonising decision - he cut the rope.

Tortured by guilt and convinced that Simpson could _____ have survived the
(62)
fall, he turned and headed towards base camp. Three days after leaving his companion for
_____, Yates awoke in the wee hours of the morning to hear faint sounds from the
(63)
darkness outside his tent. Straining his ears, he heard a tortured voice calling his name! Incredibly,
Simpson had _____ the fall and had dragged his body an unimaginable six miles
_____ snow, ice and jagged boulders back to base camp. After two nights in the open
(65)
he was tired, dehydrated and delirious – but alive!

Adapted from 'Mountain Adventures' by Franklin Watts

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 Do not spend too much time on online games. You will be able to get enough sleep.

As long as _____

- 67 The lady has a sprained ankle. She continues playing tennis.

_____ although

- 68 "The equipment will be delivered tomorrow," said the technician.

The technician said _____

- 69 The soldier was given a medal. He showed bravery in battle.

For _____

- 70 Mindy frequently argued with her son over his attitude towards school work.

Mindy's frequent _____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Hao became a kite maker and Great-uncle Bo grudgingly gave enough money to buy some lengths of reject silk, paper, sewing thread and a small knife. Hao went out himself to cut bamboo, which he split into spills. With every kite he made, he mastered some new deftness, learned some secret trick of quickness and how to keep wastage to the minimum.

"Where shall I put them?" he asked his mother.

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"In your father's bedroom," said Mdm Huang. "I will sleep in your sister's room." Hao was shocked that his model-making should oust his mother from her bed. Besides, he was thrilled that his kites were judged to be so important. Up until now, they had simply been a hobby. Except for his mother, he kept the kites hidden behind the wooden bedroom door, away from prying eyes.

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He made kites in the shape of fish and kites in the shape of dragons. He painted them with lucky words because he knew the importance of good luck symbols. Then, as each was finished, he carried it to the bedroom and found a place for it among the rest. His mother walked around the room hesitantly as a crane and said nothing.

"When will you start to sell them?" asked his mother, after holding her tongue for two months.

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"When I have enough," said Hao. His mother's eyes sank to the floor. All of Great-uncle Bo's money had gone, and there was none left to buy rice.

His little sister, sensing that the secret bedroom was under discussion, was determined then to see what was hidden in the room. She hurled herself through the door and promptly fell over some of the kites. She whimpered with fright and, with huge miserable eyes, looked up at her brother. However her eye was caught by the sight of the bedroom transformed by Hao's weeks of work.

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"It does not matter. I can make *them* again," said Hao extricating Wawa from the kites. In a single movement, Mdm Huang bent and swung Wawa up onto her hip. "Come away, Baby. Your brother is working." Hao was left standing in the doorway, looking round at what he had achieved. Hardly a space remained where he could hang another kite. The time had come to sell.

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Then, who should call at the house but Miss Li. It seemed that mere chance had brought her. Hao did not hear his mother whisper, as she embraced the visitor, "Thank you for coming. I did not know who else to ask." Tea was fetched and Mdm Huang blushed with shame at the lack of rice cakes, but Miss Li did not seem even to notice. Mdm Huang praised her son's handiwork and Miss Li naturally asked to see the finished kites. Mdm Huang directed her towards the bedroom and there was nothing Hao could do to stop her from going into his private preserve. He groaned inwardly. Now she would marvel at his cleverness and craftsmanship. Hao squirmed. He never knew how to answer compliments.

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Unexpectedly, all Miss Li said was, "Do they fly?"

"Well, yes. Of course. I suppose," said Hao, rather *taken aback*. "If they don't fly, people can bring them back. I will give them their money back."

Miss Li picked up a dragon kite with a trailing tail. "Wouldn't it be better to test them yourself?"

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"No!" He took the kite out of her hands. "If they crashed, I would have nothing to sell."

"If they crash, you will have no customers after the first week." She took the kite back out of his hand, and walked quickly through the narrow doorway and out into the living room. "Let's go and test this one."

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Adapted from 'The Kite Rider' by Geraldine McCaughrean

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 From the passage, what materials are needed to make a kite?

72 Why was it important for Hao to minimise wastage (line 4)?

73 Which sentence from lines 6 to 14, tells you that Hao had been making kites for leisure before he received the money from Great-uncle Bo?

74 Why do you think Mdm Huang walked around the room like a crane (line 14)?

75 How long had Hao been working on the kites before Miss Li arrived?

76 What made Wawa barge into the bedroom?

77 What does the word 'them' in line 24 refer to?

78 When did Hao realise it was time to sell the kites?

79 What was the purpose of Miss Li's visit?

80 Explain fully, why Hao was 'taken aback' (line 38) by Miss Li's question.

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EXAM PAPER 2014

LEVEL : PRIMARY 6
SCHOOL : ST. NICHOLAS
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : SA1

Q1	4	Q21	2	Q41	encouraging	Q61	between
Q2	4	Q22	3	Q42	kept	Q62	never
Q3	2	Q23	3	Q43	modest	Q63	dead
Q4	3	Q24	1	Q44	deviate	Q64	survived
Q5	3	Q25	2	Q45	could	Q65	over
Q6	3	Q26	4	Q46	athletes		
Q7	3	Q27	2	Q47	modern		
Q8	4	Q28	3	Q48	controversial		
Q9	3	Q29	2	Q49	up		
Q10	1	Q30	3	Q50	diligently		
Q11	3	Q31	Q	Q51	summit		
Q12	2	Q32	E	Q52	Before		
Q13	1	Q33	H	Q53	over		
Q14	3	Q34	G	Q54	exhaustion		
Q15	4	Q35	J	Q55	reach		
Q16	3	Q36	D	Q56	blamed		
Q17	3	Q37	D	Q57	However		
Q18	4	Q38	P	Q58	work		
Q19	4	Q39	A	Q59	loudly		
Q20	4	Q40	N	Q60	himself		

- Q66 As long as you do not spend too much time on online games, you will be able to get enough sleep.
- Q67 The lady continues playing tennis although she has a sprained ankle.
- Q68 The technician said that the equipment would be delivered the next day.
- Q69 For showing bravery in battle, the soldier was given a medal.
- Q70 Mindy's frequent argument with her son were over his attitude towards school work.
- Q71 Some silk, paper, sewing thread and some spills of bamboo and a small knife are needed to make a kite.
- Q72 He needed to save up as much as he could from the money Great-uncle Bo had given him so that he could make more kites and have enough money to buy rice.
- Q73 Up until now, they had simply been a hobby.
- Q74 Mdm Huang wanted to avoid stepping on the kite.
- Q75 Hao had been working on the kites for two months before Miss Li.

- Q76** Wawa did not know what was in the bedroom where Hao's kites were in and sensing that Mdm Huang and Hao were discussing about in the bedroom, Wawa was determined to find out what was inside and thus barged into the bedroom to find out what was inside.
- Q77** It refers to the kites which Wawa fell over and damaged while barging into the room.
- Q78** Hao realised it was time to sell the kites when the bedroom could no longer fit in anymore kites.
- Q79** It was to encourage Hao to sell his kites and to prepare Hao to sell them.
- Q80** He was expecting her to praise him but she questioned him about whether his kites were able to fly