

**SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL**  
**SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2009**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PRIMARY FIVE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Class: Primary 5

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)**

**BOOKLET A**

30 questions

30 marks

Total time for Booklets A and 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.

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

# Malay History Museum

Open House cum Membership Drive

Date: 27 July 2009 (Sat)

Venue: Malay History Museum (190 Malan Road)

Time: 9 am to 5 pm

## Inviting Everyone

Join us at our Inaugural open house. We have planned activities to ensure that you take a part of the Malay culture home with you.

Come and join our exciting activities. Here are the timings:

Viewing of Old Malay Shows  
9.30-11.00 am

Cooking demonstration and food sampling  
1.00- 2.30 pm



Malay Traditional Games  
2.30 - 4.30 pm

There is 20% discount storewide at Malay History Store.

Visit our website at [mhs@sing.com.sg](mailto:mhs@sing.com.sg) for more discounts.

Our Guest-of-Honour

Mr Yusof Ahmad,  
Director of the Malay  
Heritage Board

Cultural Contest

Stand a chance to win two tickets to ride the Singapore Flyer.

Register at the booth.



### Membership Recruitment Drive

Sign up as a member on OPEN HOUSE Day and you will receive a \$50 Voucher from the Malay Museum Restaurant. The special promotional fee during Open House is \$45 (Usual price \$60).

Be a member NOW and enjoy these benefits and gifts (while stock lasts):

- 1) two free entrance tickets a year
- 2) a free Malay History Museum Limited Edition T-shirt
- 3) a free Limited Edition Recipe book worth \$55

### Sponsors

Party World and Malay Heritage Board

For more information about the open house, please call Miss Isha at 67772777.



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. A main aim of this advertisement is to inform the public about the \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☒ (1) opening of Malay History Museum
- ☒ (2) open house of the Malay History Museum
- ☒ (3) two sponsors of the Malay History Museum
- ☒ (4) membership fee of the Malay History Museum

2. Contestants who want to sign up for the cultural competition should \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ (1) call Miss Isha
- ☐ (2) sign up at the booth
- ☐ (3) sign up at mhs@sing.com.sg
- ☐ (4) sign up at the Malay History Store

3. If Mr Wong wants to learn to cook some Malay delicacies, he should go to the museum from \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☒ (1) 8.00 am to 11.30 am
- ☒ (2) 9.00 am to 12.00 noon
- ☒ (3) 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm
- ☒ (4) 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm

4. When you sign up for the membership ~~before~~ the open house, you could receive a \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☒ (1) T-shirt
- ☒ (2) \$50 Voucher from Malay Museum Restaurant
- ☒ (3) limited edition T-shirt, tickets and a limited edition cook book
- ☒ (4) T-shirt, tickets, a cook book and a \$50 Voucher from Malay Museum Restaurant

5. Which of the following statements is true?

- ☒ (1) The event caters to adults only.
- ☒ (2) Yusof Ahmad is one of the sponsors.
- ☒ (3) Only members can participate in the open house.
- ☒ (4) You need to pay \$60 to be a member of the Malay History Museum if there is no promotion.

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. My neighbour \_\_\_\_\_ in Toa Payoh before he migrated to Canada.
- ☒ (1) live  
☐ (2) lives  
☐ (3) has lived  
☐ (4) had lived
7. Most fathers would turn weak \_\_\_\_\_ the thought of taking care of the children for the whole day.
- ☐ (1) at  
☐ (2) to  
☐ (3) with  
☐ (4) over
8. "Do you think you have gone \_\_\_\_\_ a lot? You are in for a surprise as this is just the beginning," said the Officer to the cadet.
- ☒ (1) in  
☐ (2) on  
☐ (3) around  
☐ (4) through
9. After the long holiday, none of the girls in Class 5 SY \_\_\_\_\_ absent today.
- ☒ (1) is  
☐ (2) are  
☐ (3) was  
☐ (4) were
10. Ally was going through a lot of problems. Thankfully, \_\_\_\_\_ is fine now.
- ☐ (1) nothing  
☐ (2) anything  
☐ (3) something  
☐ (4) everything

11. I scolded the little boy for spitting on my new shoes. As he walked away, I heard him \_\_\_\_\_ something under his breath.
- (1) mutter
  - (2) muttered
  - (3) has muttered
  - (4) had muttered
12. Wendy did not do well in her mock test. \_\_\_\_\_, after putting in more effort in her work, her grades had improved in her Second Semestral Examination.
- (1) As
  - (2) Despite
  - (3) However
  - (4) Although

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For each question from 13 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.  
(3 marks)

"Susie (13) You must promise me that you do not tell anyone my secret!"  
exclaimed Peter while pulling Susie's bag.

"Alright (14) called Susie back triumphantly. "Do not worry, I won't."  
Peter trusted Susie as she was his best friend. He slowly released Susie's  
bag (15)

13. ☒ (1) [ , ] comma  
☐ (2) [ ? ] question mark  
☐ (3) [ ! ] exclamation mark  
☐ (4) [ . " ] full stop and inverted comma

14. (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ , " ] comma and inverted comma  
(4) [ . " ] full stop and inverted comma

15. (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ , " ] comma and inverted comma  
(4) [ . " ] full stop and inverted comma

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. Mei Ling loves watching "SpongeBob SquarePants" as she feels that he is the most \_\_\_\_\_ cartoon character.

☒ (1) acrid  
☐ (2) appealing  
☐ (3) detestable  
☐ (4) despicable

17. A /An \_\_\_\_\_ gives advice to people who are in need, in depression or in trouble.

☐ (1) infidel  
☐ (2) courtier  
☐ (3) barrister  
☐ (4) counsellor

18. The captain of the sinking ship has discharged his duty \_\_\_\_\_ as he allowed all his passengers to leave the ship before leaving the ship last.

☐ (1) tactfully  
☐ (2) insensibly  
☐ (3) honourably  
☐ (4) inappropriately

19. To save paper, shops should not \_\_\_\_\_ receipts but people should have a Singpass account where they can check their purchases via the internet.

☐ (1) sell  
☐ (2) collect  
☐ (3) dispense  
☐ (4) misappropriate

20. The \_\_\_\_\_ guided us through the colossal museum.

☐ (1) usher  
☐ (2) docent  
☐ (3) attendant  
☐ (4) conductor

For each question 21 to 25, choose a suitable answer to replace the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.  
(5 marks)

As the novel strain of swine flu spread, scientists around the world  rushed  (21)  
to develop a seed strain, a necessary first step in developing a vaccine using  
either chicken eggs or mammalian cells – the way most  vaccines  are produced. (22)  
They  warned  that the virus could  mutate  during the southern hemisphere's flu (23) (24)  
season before returning north in a more  lethal  form in autumn, in a pattern (25)  
similar to that seen in the deadly 1918 flu pandemic.

21. ☒ (1) flitted  
☒ (2) lingered  
☒ (3) advanced  
☒ (4) scrambled
22. ☒ (1) doses  
☒ (2) potions  
☒ (3) antibodies  
☒ (4) anesthetics
23. (1) cautioned  
(2) instructed  
(3) commented  
(4) reprimanded
24. ☒ (1) alter  
(2) alternate  
(3) preserve  
(4) stagnate
25. (1) facile  
(2) deadly  
(3) helpless  
(4) poisonous



Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

I am on the NR-1, a U.S. Navy research submarine. Nuclear powered, it can stay submerged indefinitely. A robotic arm with steel fingers protrudes from its bow. Retractable wheels emerge to let the vessel roll along the bottom like a slow and silent midnight train.

This summer, the Navy has leased the NR-1 and its 11-crew to a team of techno-archeologists who have been exploring 2,000-year-old shipwrecks. As I watch through the porthole, we reach the remains of a Roman-era cargo ship: clay pots, copper kettles and an anchor.

Back on the nearby Carolyn Chouest, a surface support ship for the NR-1, Robert D. Ballard, leader of the expedition, seems wired with an impatient and playful energy, as if born with an extra battery pack.

He and a cadre of technicians, computer scientists and archaeologists are operating the expedition's other underwater vehicle, the unmanned Jason, which is equipped with sonar, television, still cameras and excavation tools. The team has already discovered and mapped eight wrecks. Archaeological exploration has never been attempted this deep, on such a scale, and with such a multi-disciplinary team.

"The limit of scuba divers and most marine archaeologists is 200 feet," Ballard told me when I returned to the mother ship. "But 97 percent of the ocean lies below 200 feet. Some 10,000 ships have sunk in this area of the Mediterranean alone. Most shallow-water wrecks have already been looted, but the wrecks we're finding here are pristine."

Archaeology is a new discipline for Ballard, who pioneered journeys to the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, discovered new life-forms and located the Titanic.

I found that exploration is a passion that is intertwined with our search for origins and destiny. It demands good science and celebrates the human spirit.

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. NR-1 is a U.S. Navy research submarine that \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☒ (1) carries Ballard
- ☒ (2) is equipped with still cameras
- ☒ (3) can control an unmanned water vehicle
- ☒ (4) can stay under water for a period of time

27. Jason is a/an \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) robot
- (2) technician
- (3) archaeologist
- (4) underwater vehicle

28. According to the passage, the wrecks found by the author and his team below 200 feet are \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☒ (1) looted
- ☒ (2) badly damaged
- ☒ (3) found in good condition
- ☒ (4) filled with clay pots and copper kettles

29. \_\_\_\_\_ located the Titanic and discovered new life-forms.

- (1) The writer
- (2) The U.S Navy
- (3) Carolyn Chouest
- (4) Robert D. Ballard

30. The writer found that exploration \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) is like a slow and silent train
- (2) requires all types of professions
- (3) does not require a multi-disciplinary team
- (4) requires passion and good knowledge of science

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

Class: Primary 5

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Booklet A		30
Booklet B		65
Sub-total		95

**PAPER 2**

**BOOKLET B**

50 questions

65 marks

Total time for Booklets A and 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.

Write your answers in this booklet.

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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE**

<del>(A)</del> from	<del>(D)</del> in	<del>(G)</del> which	<del>(K)</del> of	<del>(N)</del> through
<del>(B)</del> between	<del>(E)</del> were	<del>(H)</del> but	<del>(L)</del> under	<del>(P)</del> at
<del>(C)</del> yet	<del>(F)</del> became	<del>(J)</del> on	<del>(M)</del> to	<del>(Q)</del> being

On 6<sup>th</sup> August 2007, a baby slow loris arrived at the Zoo. It was sickly and obviously underweight. It was <sup>(31)</sup> another illegal pet with the same sad story of <sup>(32)</sup> removed from its mother and sold illegally to someone who has no idea that wild animals are not meant to be kept as pets.

In recent years, the illegal pet trade of slow lorises has been <sup>(33)</sup> the rise. Earlier in the year, on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007, customs officials in Bangkok <sup>(34)</sup> suspicious after they had detected strange noises coming <sup>(35)</sup> a luggage. They soon discovered 23 baby slow lorises crammed <sup>(36)</sup> tiny cages and stuffed into the luggage. These animals <sup>(37)</sup> to be smuggled into Japan for the illegal pet trade and their smuggler is still <sup>(38)</sup> large.

One of the animals died from suffocation and the rest of them are now <sup>(39)</sup> the care of a wildlife sanctuary.

This is the fourth time in recent months that Thai customs officers have discovered smuggled slow lorises.

Singapore Zoo often receives confiscated exotic animals <sup>(40)</sup> include slow lorises, snakes, gibbons, tarantulas and bearded dragons. Many of them are in a pitiful state when they arrive at the Zoo.

*Adapted from Wildlife Wonders 2007 Vol.6*

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

On the morning of 26 December 1990, the polar bear keepers heard  
(41)   
unusual sounds in the polar enclosure. They investigated and discovered that  
(42)   
Sheeba had give birth to a cub.

(43)   
The days that followed were filled with exciting and anxiety. Everyone  
(44)   
was talking about the first ~~suckses~~full polar bear birth in any zoo but also the  
(45)   
first in the tropics. They were worried about their lacking of experience in

raising a polar bear cub! Days went by and the cub grew up in a tropical  
(46)   
anviromant, healthy and strong.

(47)   
Sheeba was produced milk that was richer than that of any other bear.  
(48)   
It ~~konteined~~ a very high percentage of fat which is needed to help the cub  
keep warm.

After six months, the cub was ready to meet visitors and make its first  
(49)   
public ~~apeeranse~~. A naming contest was held for the cub and "Inuka"  
(50)   
whose means 'silent stalker' in the Eskimo language was selected.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

She could not have told the exact moment at which she knew she was lost. First there was just doubt, as she took one path rather \_\_\_\_\_ (51) another. Then doubt became fear and fear \_\_\_\_\_ (52) panic, and she had to take deep breaths to stop herself from crying out. At the same time, the clouds began to cover the sun. Even those \_\_\_\_\_ (53) of light she had to steer by had gone.

They are \_\_\_\_\_ (54) the beastly Carters; the jungle is our enemy, she thought. Why didn't I listen?

She would have done \_\_\_\_\_ (55) to be back in the gloomy bungalow eating tinned beetroot and being glared at by the twins. Trying to \_\_\_\_\_ (56) herself together, she walked faster. The stream she was following was quite big; a river really and the \_\_\_\_\_ (57) was fast; it must lead to Manaus.

\_\_\_\_\_ (58) away tears, she trudged on. Then her foot was caught in a liana, a long branch hanging like a rope from the top of a tree, and she fell.

It was a bad \_\_\_\_\_ (59); her foot was trapped – and in putting out her hand to save herself, she had clutched a branch of thorns. Furious with herself, hurt, lost, she \_\_\_\_\_ (60) on the ground for a few moments helpless.

When she sat up \_\_\_\_\_ (61), something strange had happened. The stream by which she had fallen disappeared \_\_\_\_\_ (62) her in a curtain, a wall of reeds and creepers and half-submerged trees. Yet from this green barrier there had appeared a canoe, coming towards her silently \_\_\_\_\_ (63) a boat in a dream.

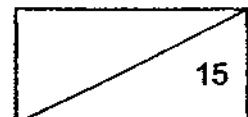
The canoe was being poled by an Indian boy who stood in the prow and was \_\_\_\_\_ it in an unhurried, easy way so that the water seemed scarcely to be disturbed.  
(64)

Maia watched for a moment, not quite believing, what she saw; then she stumbled to her feet.

"Please can you help me?" she shouted, stupidly in English, then desperately in her few words of Portuguese.

The boy looked at her; he seemed surprised by her \_\_\_\_\_ of agitation. Then he brought the canoe silently alongside. Still he did not speak.  
(65)

-Adapted from *Journey to the River Sea* by Eva Ibbotson-



For each of the items 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 Sofia wants to attend Jane's birthday party. Her schedule does not permit it.

Much as \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- 67 Terry Fox has a prosthetic leg. He completed a cross-country marathon.

Despite \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- 68 The lady in black is an actress. I spoke to her earlier.

\_\_\_\_\_ whom \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- 69 Damien was reprimanded by his teacher. He was late for school.

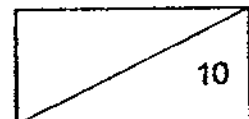
\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- 70 The homeless man asked, "Can you spare me some change?"

The homeless man asked me \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_





Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

After Hari had run out of the house, the girls turned to their mother's bed and took turns at sitting beside her through the night, giving her sips of water to drink and putting damp cloths on her forehead. Sometimes Bela or Kamal, half-asleep, would murmur, 'Is Hari back?' and Lila would shake her head silently.

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They were all so worn out by that long night that they fell asleep just before the sun came up. There was no Pinto today to rush out into the dewy grass and chase the birds into the marsh, barking. Even Lila slept with her head on the edge of her mother's bed, quite forgetting about the rock in the sea or her usual dawn prayers.

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Waking up, she was aghast to see how bright it was. The white morning light was a shock, and so was Pinto's silence and Hari's strange disappearance. Where had her brother gone? She thought he must have surely come back in the night after walking off his anger but he was nowhere around. She frowned a little as she got up, then she turned immediately to see her mother. The pale, still figure on the bed, still burning with fever, drove every other thought and worry out of her head.

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'Kamal, Bela,' she told her sisters when she had woken them up and given them tea. 'Go to the bazaar and get some ice for Ma. See if Hari is there. Call him. He may have stayed in the village at night to see the drama in the temple. Tell him to come home and bring some ice.'

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The girls found a few coins on the kitchen shelf and set off down the beach at a run and went straight to the ice shop in the market. There they ran into Lila's friend Mina who was carrying home a bag of vegetables.

'Have you heard?' she called to them anxiously. 'All the men have set off for Bombay. Someone told me Hari has gone, too.'

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'Hari?' they asked, stopping to stare at her. 'Hari has gone to Bombay? Oh no, of course not— he must be here somewhere.'

'Where? I haven't seen him. You can ask Raju— he's the one who told me.'

'No, we have to buy ice for Ma. We have to run, she has fever,' they cried, and hurried on.

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When they got home, they found Lila behind the frangipani tree, smoothing the earth and tramping it down. She had just finished burying Pinto in a shallow ditch. When she heard them come running up the path, she got up from her knees and dusted her hands and her sari. The girls stopped and watched silently as she walked back to the verandah and sat down slowly on the steps. They could see she had been crying and did not know what to say to console her. **They felt their eyes swim with tears as well.**

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*Adapted from "The Village By The Sea" by Anita Desai*

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. What did the girls do for their mother through the night?

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72. What was the relationship between Hari and the girls?

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73. What did Pinto have a habit of doing in the morning?

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74. Why was Lila shocked that Hari had not yet returned home?

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75. Explain clearly what 'drove every other thought and worry' out of Lila's head.

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76. How did Mina feel when she broke the news about Hari to Kamal and Bela? Why?

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77. Why did Kamal and Bela stop to stare at Mina when she told them that Hari had gone to Bombay?

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78. Which sentence in the passage tells you that Pinto was dead?

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79. Give a possible reason as to why Lila had been crying.

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80. Explain clearly what the sentence 'They felt their eyes swim with tears as well' in line 38 means.

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**EXAM PAPER 2009**

**SCHOOL : SCGS PRIMARY**  
**SUBJECT : PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH**

**TERM : SA2**

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
2	2	3	3	4	2	1	4	1	4	1	3	3	3	2	2	4

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
3	3	2	4	3	1	1	2	4	4	3	4	4	C	Q	J	F

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
A	D	E	P	L	G

41)unusual      42)given      43)excitement      44)successful

45)lack      46)environment      47)producing      48)contained

49)appearance      50)which      51)than      52)became      53)beams/shafts

54)correct      55)anything/much      56)pull      57)flow      58)blinking/brushing

59)fall      60)lay/wept      61)later/eventually      62)behind      63)like/as

64)steering      65)look/show/display

66)Much as Sofia wants to attend Jane's birthday party, her schedule does not permit it.

67)Despite having a prosthetic leg, Terry Fox completed a cross-country marathon.

68)The lady in black whom I spoke to earlier is an actress.

69)Damien was reprimanded by his teacher for being late for school.

70)The homeless man asked me whether I could spare him some change.

**71)The girls took turns at sitting beside their mother's bed, gave her sips of water to drink and put damp clothes on her forehead through the night.**

**72)Hari was the girls' brother.**

**73)In the morning, Pinto had a habit of rushing out the dewy grass and chasing the birds into the marsh, barking.**

**74)Lila was shocked as she thought that Hari must have surely come back in the night after walking off his anger but he was nowhere around.**

**75)Lila's mother who was pale and not moving on the bed was still burning with fever and that drove every other thought and worry out of Lila's head.**

**76)Mina must have been anxious/nervous/concerned/worried as she was not sure if Kamal and Bela had heard about Hari's departure.**

**77)They could not believe that Hari had gone to Rombay.**

**78)The sentence is "She had just finished burying Pinto in a shallow ditch."**

**79)Lila was very sad that Pinto had died.**

**80)It means that Kamal and Bela were crying too.**