



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2011 FIRST SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION  
PRIMARY 5**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2: BOOKLET A**

**TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Pr 5 ( )

**There are a total of 80 questions – 30 MCQ and 50 open-ended questions.**

**Instructions to pupils:**

- 1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Follow all instructions carefully.**
- 3. Answer all the questions**
- 4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.**

**Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1m = 5m)**  
Study the flyer below and answer questions 1 to 5.

# Storytelling Competition for Pupils

Organised by National Library Board Singapore



Participate in a storytelling competition on the theme "Kindness". Stand to win attractive prizes and a trip to Japan to represent Singapore and compete with other winners from all countries of Asia for the title of "Best Storyteller of Asia".

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize**  
\$2000 and a trip to  
Japan

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**  
\$1000 and a book  
hamper worth \$500

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize**  
\$500 and 5 book  
vouchers worth \$20  
each

\*All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

## Registration Criteria:

- ✓ Participants must be Singaporeans.
- ✓ Participants must be 12 years old and below.
- ✓ Participants must be currently studying in a primary school in Singapore.

Official registration forms are available from all branches of National Library from 2 May 2011. Please enclose a photocopy of your birth certificate, latest school result slip together with the official registration form.

Registration will close on 6 June 2011, 8.00 p.m.

For further enquiries, please email to [enquiry@nlb.gov.sg](mailto:enquiry@nlb.gov.sg) or call 1800-268 8868.

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.

1. Which one of the following statements is true?

- (1) All participants will get to have a free trip to Japan.
- (2) The first prize winner of this competition will have the title of 'Best Storyteller of Asia'.
- (3) Only participants who are in the first three positions will be awarded a certificate of participation.
- (4) Only Singaporean pupils who are currently studying in primary schools in Singapore can participate.

2. Which of the following best describes the purpose of this competition?

- (1) It is to select the best pupil in sweet-talking.
- (2) It is to select the kindest pupil as the winner.
- (3) It is to select a winner to represent Singapore in storytelling.
- (4) It is to select a Singaporean winner who has not been to Japan.

3. Who is eligible to participate in this competition?

- (1) Siti, Indonesian, ABC Primary School.
- (2) Yuki, Singaporean, XYZ Primary School.
- (3) Mary, Singaporean, Canadian International School.
- (4) Dani, Singapore Permanent Resident, 123 Secondary School.

4. Participants can obtain the official registration forms \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) by calling 1800-268 8868
- (2) by emailing to enquiry@nlb.gov.sg
- (3) by going to any branches of National Library
- (4) by going to any primary schools in Singapore

5. Whose registration will not be accepted?

- (1) Ann who submitted her form on 2 May at 12.10 p.m.
- (2) Dylan who submitted his form on 6 June at 9.00 p.m.
- (3) Catherine who submitted her form on 5 May at 8.01 p.m.
- (4) Benjamin who submitted his form on 4 June at 11.20 p.m.

**Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x 1m = 7m)**

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.

6. Neither the group members nor Alex \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the drama rehearsal.
- (1) need
  - (2) needs
  - (3) has been needed
  - (4) have been needed
7. Mary has been playing the piano \_\_\_\_\_ nine this morning.
- (1) at
  - (2) for
  - (3) since
  - (4) when
8. Please remember to hang \_\_\_\_\_ the laundry to dry under the sun.
- (1) in
  - (2) of
  - (3) on
  - (4) out
9. \_\_\_\_\_ we wait here for you while you park the car?
- (1) Will
  - (2) Shall
  - (3) Might
  - (4) Would
10. The children were \_\_\_\_\_ to study hard and do well for their examinations by their form teacher, Mrs Lim.
- (1) encourage
  - (2) encourages
  - (3) encouraged
  - (4) encouraging

11. The six friends shared the pizza equally \_\_\_\_\_ themselves.

- (1) upon
- (2) within
- (3) among
- (4) between

12. If I \_\_\_\_\_ wings like a bird, I would fly around the world.

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

**Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)**

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.

It was slightly past midnight. I heard some rustling outside the door. My heart started to pound furiously. I crept quietly towards the door and strained my ears to listen for any sound.

I whispered timidly (13) "Who's there?"

A few seconds later, I heard a muffled voice. I decided to be brave for once and opened the door slowly. As I peered behind my door (14) I realised that it was my sister wearing a facemask.

"Why are you wearing a facemask?" I asked, feeling irritated.

"Don't you remember that I had a Halloween party earlier?" she asked. Then she broke into a wide grin and continued (15) I dressed up as the Midnight Nurse and everyone was so impressed with my costume."

13. (1) [ : ] colon  
(2) [ , ] comma  
(3) [ . ] full stop  
(4) [ ; ] semi colon
14. (1) [ : ] colon  
(2) [ , ] comma  
(3) [ . ] full stop  
(4) [ ; ] semi colon
15. (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ , " ] comma and inverted comma  
(4) [ - " ] full stop and inverted comma

**Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1m = 5m)**

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.

16. Drivers will be affected badly if the price of petrol continues to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) rise
- (2) raise
- (3) arise
- (4) grow

17. From the evidence, the police can \_\_\_\_\_ that the victim knew the murderer.

- (1) get
- (2) obtain
- (3) deduce
- (4) retrieve

18. Please \_\_\_\_\_ that the pupils complete their assignments on time so that they will not be late for recess.

- (1) assure
- (2) ensure
- (3) insure
- (4) censure

19. I tried to \_\_\_\_\_ him from leaving but he insisted on having his way.

- (1) discourage
- (2) disintegrate
- (3) disorientate
- (4) disseminate

20. I cannot read what he has written as his handwriting is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) illegal
- (2) illegible
- (3) illiterate
- (4) illogical

**Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)**

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

Sang Nila Utama's ship was caught in a tremendous, violent storm. Water  
(21)

began to fill the vessel. In order to lighten the ship and stop it from sinking, all heavy objects were thrown overboard, but to no avail. One of the crew suggested that the Prince threw his heavy crown overboard too. As soon as it hit the waves, the storm ceased and they arrived Temasek unscathed.  
(22) (23)

They landed near the mouth of what is now the Singapore River and decided to venture to the forest to hunt. Suddenly, they saw a strange but  
(24)  
magnificent animal. It was described as having a red body, black head and white chest. It moved with extreme agility and incredible speed and soon disappeared  
(25)  
from their sight.



21. (1) evil  
(2) cruel  
(3) brutal  
(4) turbulent
22. (1) stopped  
(2) lessened  
(3) disappeared  
(4) discontinued
23. (1) unhurt  
(2) unafraid  
(3) unprepared  
(4) undamaged
24. (1) tread  
(2) prowl  
(3) travel  
(4) explore
25. (1) absurd  
(2) awesome  
(3) implausible  
(4) astonishing

**Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

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.

Once upon a time, there lived an old woman and her young daughter in a small village in China. They were extremely poor. Although they worked very hard, they barely managed to survive with the little money they earn.

5 While the daughter would work in the rice fields all day, her mother would tend to the few chickens and pigs that they owned. At times she took on extra jobs like mending clothes for the villagers. A few years later, their lives started to change for the better. They decided to set up a small shop with the money they had saved.

10 Upon seeing that, the greedy village chief decided to take advantage of the situation. He told the girl that the village had a peculiar village custom. He explained that anyone who wished to set up a business in the village had to pay a gold nougat to every family in the village. As the custom had been practised for many generations, it was thus compulsory for her to do the same.

15 The girl protested strongly but it was in vain. The village chief refused to listen to her pleas and ordered her to get the gold nougats ready the next day. The young girl ran away to the forest, feeling very dejected. Crying bitterly as she ran, she tripped over something and fell. When she stood up and looked at what she had tripped over, she saw a pebble that resembled a gold nougat! As she picked it up, a brilliant idea struck her!

20 The girl picked up many of those pebbles from the forest and carried them home. She placed them into a large rucksack. Then she called the village chief to collect it so that he could distribute the gold nougats to the villagers. The greedy village chief agreed readily and thanked the girl happily. However, he did not have the slightest intention to distribute the gold nougats to the  
25 villagers. He heaved the heavy rucksack all the way home and hid it under his bed, not knowing that he was being watched by a group of bandits.

30 That night, the bandits stole into the village chief's house. Fearing for his life, the village chief handed the rucksack of gold nougats to them. When the bandits opened it, they were furious to find out that the gold nougats were only pebbles. The village chief was equally shocked and told the bandits he had been fooled by the girl. The bandits did not believe him and demanded for real gold nougats. In the end, the village chief had to give them his chest of gold nougats which he had hidden in the well. The village chief became penniless after that. He regretted his actions and vowed not to be greedy ever again.

26. How did the old woman and her daughter make a living at first?

- (1) They worked as farmers.
- (2) They set up a small shop.
- (3) They sold vegetables in the market.
- (4) They mended clothes for the villagers.

27. Why did the girl cry?

- (1) She was hurt badly after she tripped and fell.
- (2) She was tired from working in the rice fields all day.
- (3) She was forced by the village chief to comply with the village custom.
- (4) She was too happy because she saw a pebble that resembled a gold nougat.

28. Why did the village chief thank the girl happily?

- (1) He was happy to receive a present from the girl.
- (2) He could share the gold nougats with the bandits.
- (3) He was going to be richer because of his tricky plot.
- (4) He could distribute the gold nougats to the villagers.

29. Why was the village chief shocked when the bandits opened the rucksack?

- (1) The bandits tried to rob him.
- (2) He realised the girl had fooled him.
- (3) The bandits wanted real gold nougats.
- (4) He had to give up his chest of gold nougats.

30. Why did the village chief hand over his chest of gold nougats that was hidden in the well?

- (1) He was afraid he would be killed.
- (2) He wanted to distribute his chest of gold nougats.
- (3) He had too many gold nougats that he did not know where to hide them.
- (4) He needed the bandits to help him find a new hiding place for his chest of gold nougats.



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**PAPER 2: BOOKLET B**

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

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

<b>Booklet A</b>	<b>/30</b>
<b>Booklet B</b>	<b>/65</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>/95</b>

PAPER 1 - Writing	<b>/55</b>
PAPER 2 - Language Use & Comprehension	<b>/95</b>
PAPER 3 - Listening Comprehension	<b>/20</b>
PAPER 4 - Oral Communication	<b>/30</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/200</b>

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**Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40. 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.

Use each **WORD** once **ONLY**

<del>A) a</del>	<del>D) by</del>	<del>G) from</del>	<del>K) like</del>	<del>N) or</del>
<del>B) at</del>	<del>E) else</del>	<del>H) in</del>	<del>L) of</del>	<del>P) with</del>
<del>C) also</del>	<del>F) for</del>	<del>J) into</del>	<del>M) on</del>	<del>Q) when</del>

The Taj Mahal, built more than 300 years ago, is one of the most beautiful buildings in the world. It was built \_\_\_\_\_ a Mongul king named Shah Jehan in the Indian city \_\_\_\_\_ Agra. (31)

\_\_\_\_\_ (32)

Shah Jehan loved his wife very much. \_\_\_\_\_ she died in childbirth, he (33)

decided to build something big and beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ her memory. More than anything (34)

\_\_\_\_\_ he wanted his wife's tomb to be perfect. (35)

The building is made of pure marble with patterns specially selected \_\_\_\_\_ (36)

their colour. A large dome rests \_\_\_\_\_ top of the centre of the building. Around this (37)

large dome are four smaller ones. Four thin white towers or minarets rise \_\_\_\_\_ the (38)

corners of the terrace.

\_\_\_\_\_ sunset, the Taj Mahal is at its most beautiful as the marble takes on (39)

the golden colour of the sky. However, some people prefer to see the building at noon when

the bright sun makes the pure marble shine \_\_\_\_\_ silver. Still others thinks that it is (40)

most magnificent at night when the marble picks up the soft moonlight.

Marks

**Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)**

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

There is a special kind of light which can do things that ordinary light cannot. This

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**marvarless** light is called the LASER, which is short for Light Amplification by Stimulated

(42)

(43)

Emission of Radiation. It is a powerful light in where all the rays of light moves exactly

(44)

together. The laser can perform miraculous tasks because it has **ernormaus** energy and

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can be used with great **presition**.

(46)

Today, we use lasers in various way to benefit humanity. Laser beams are used to heat, melt or vapourise material in manufacturing. They are also useful in the medical field.

(47)

(48)

They can cut and burns off unwanted tissues in the body without **damangeing** the surrounding

(49)

parts. Scientists have also finds lasers useful in military purposes. They are used in

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**guidence** systems for missiles, aircrafts and satellites. This new technology is changing the way we live.

Marks

**Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m =15m)**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

When David Livingstone was barely ten years old, he had to work in a cotton mill from six in the morning until eight in the evening. It was indeed very hard work for a little boy of that \_\_\_\_\_  
(51)

However, he did not want to work all his \_\_\_\_\_ in that mill. As soon as he \_\_\_\_\_ the day's work, he would hurry to night school where he \_\_\_\_\_ Latin.  
(52) (53) (54)

His mother always kept a simple, hot \_\_\_\_\_ for him when he got home. By the time he finished his supper, it was nearly midnight. Still he would not \_\_\_\_\_ until he had done some reading in bed.  
(55) (56)

David Livingstone was no ordinary person. When he \_\_\_\_\_ up his mind to do something, he would do it no \_\_\_\_\_ how difficult. At that early age, he had already decided to be a missionary.  
(57) (58)

He worked in the mill to earn enough \_\_\_\_\_ to go to Glasgow to study. \_\_\_\_\_ studying religion, David also took up medicine. He knew that the knowledge of medicine would come in \_\_\_\_\_ in his work as a missionary.  
(59) (60) (61)

Marks

When David Livingstone offered to go to China, the London Missionary Society sent him to Africa                     . He went deep into the heart of Africa and                      up mission stations in remote jungles where he lived and                     . His main work was to spread his religion and to                      the natives of their illnesses.

(62) (63)

(64)

(65)

David Livingstone also became an explorer and was the first white man to discover the mighty Victoria Falls.

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**Section J: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2m = 10m)**

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).

66. Mrs Wong does not like chocolates. Her children do not like chocolates too.

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

67. As soon as the lights went out, the children began to scream.

\_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. Joe ran very fast. He could not catch up with Mr Lim.

No matter \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. It was raining heavily. Our excursion was postponed.

Since \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. "Mrs Lee will be going to Japan tomorrow," said Marcus.

Marcus said \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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### Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2m = 20m)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 71 to 80.

The truck driver was enjoying his meal at a local diner and happened to look towards the door when it opened. That was probably the only reason he ever paid attention to the old lady who came in. She was quite ordinary looking, a little bent, with wisps of white hair under her hat.

He bit into his hamburger and expected the lady to disappear into one of the booths quietly. On the contrary, there was the sound of running steps and the owner and all the waiters hurried from behind the counter to meet the old lady.

"Mrs Cosby!" they shouted. The old lady smiled and greeted them all, "Susan, Bob, Alyssa, Carmen, good to see you all."

"Very good, indeed, Mrs Cosby!" Bob, the owner said. "Now, let me take your coat," he continued. The truck driver watched with interest. He had never seen a diner owner help anyone out of their coat before, and he had been driving across the country for quite a few years.

"I shall bring you a little soup first. Then you can decide what it is you wish to eat this time," Alyssa smiled and returned to the kitchen. "Let me tidy up your table," Susan said. She wiped the table clean and out of nowhere appeared a bright white, clean table cloth. Carmen seemed to pull a vase with a yellow rose from her pocket.

When Bob passed his table, the truck driver **could not resist**, "Excuse me..." "Yes? Would you like more coffee?" Bob asked. "No, thank you, maybe later. I was just wondering... What is so special about the old lady over there?" the truck driver asked. "I'll explain soon if you wait," Bob said.

Out of sheer curiosity, the truck driver waited, watching in awe how the waitresses did everything in their power to make the old lady really enjoy her meal. When she was finished, Bob refused to take any payment from her. He escorted her to the door and stood there, waving as long as it took for her to reach the corner and turn out of sight. Then he turned and returned to the truck driver.

"Now, a story about the best teacher," he said and sat down. "You know how every school seems to have a class that everyone thinks will never graduate? Trouble makers, that's what we were," Bob smiled as he looked in the direction of the waitresses. He continued, "None of our teachers stayed for long. One morning, a new teacher walked in, yet again. We looked at Mrs Cosby and gave her, maybe, a week. She looked too soft to ever handle us. Although, we gave her a hard time, she never lost her temper, no matter what we did. Then on the last day of the first month she had been our teacher, she showed the teacher attitude she became so famous for."

"What was so special about her teacher attitude?" the truck driver asked.

"She opened her briefcase and took out a bunch of papers. We feared the worst - a test. But oh no, it was something that totally surprised us. She asked each one of us to come to the front of the class, one by one, and gave us each a paper. In each paper she had written what the student in question had been good at during the last month."

Mrs Cosby did that every month from then on. Each month Bob and his classmates got a paper that emphasized their strengths. Her positive teacher attitude transformed his class. They did not want to hurt her feelings anymore and actually started to study. Other students and teachers could not understand what had happened. On the day of their graduation, Mrs Cosby hugged each and every one of them, and told them with tears in her eyes how proud she was of them. Then she handed each one of them a book which contained all the encouraging letters she had written through the years.

"She had turned a bunch of misfits into people who could achieve great things - because now we believed in ourselves. We went on to fulfill our dreams. Mine was to own a diner and here I am, instead of ruining my life with alcohol and drugs, which I was already going to before Mrs Cosby appeared. Maybe, now you understand why that old lady deserves all the respect we can give her," Bob concluded.

The truck driver nodded. Then he asked for his bill.

**ANSWER IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. Which 3-word phrase in paragraph 1 tells us that the truck driver was not exactly paying any special attention to the old lady when she first came in?

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72. Was the old lady's entrance to the diner a quiet one? How can you tell?

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73. What did the diner owner do that was a rare sight to the truck driver?

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74. Explain clearly what the truck driver 'could not resist' in line 16.

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75. Which word in paragraph 7 has the same meaning as 'accompanied'?

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76. What was the relationship between the old lady and the waitresses?

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77. Which sentence in paragraph 8 suggests that Mrs Crosby was a very patient teacher?

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78. What did Mrs Crosby do to demonstrate her teacher attitude?

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79. Was there a change in the class behavior towards Mrs Crosby a few months later? How can you tell?

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80. According to Bob, what could have happened to him if Mrs Crosby had not taught him?

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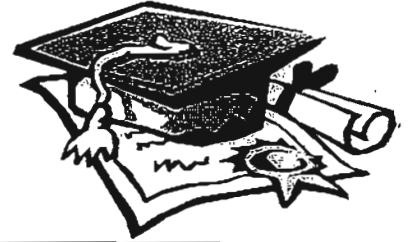


# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2011**

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**TERM : SA1**



Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
E	F	M	G	B	K

- 41)marvellous      42)which      43)move      44)enormous
- 45)precision      46)ways      47)burn      48)damaging      49)found
- 50)guidance      51)age      52)life      53)finished      54)learned
- 55)meal      56)sleep      57)made      58)matter      59)money
- 60)Besides      61)handy      62)instead      63)set      64)worked
- 65)cure/heal
- 66)Neither Mrs Wong nor her children like chocolates.
- 67)The children began to scream when the lights went out.
- 68)No matter how fast Joe ran, he could not catch up with Mr Lim.
- 69)Since it was raining heavily, our excursion was postponed.
- 70)Marcus said that Mrs Lee would be going to Japan the next day.
- 71)The phrase is "happened to look".

**72)No, it was not a quite one. Once the old lady entered the diner, there was the sound of running footsteps and the diner owner and all the waiters hurried behind the counter to meet the old lady.**

**73)The diner owner helped the old lady with her coat.**

**74)The truck driver could not resist asking Bob about what the old lady was so special about.**

**75)The word is "escorted".**

**76)The old lady was the 'waitresses' teacher when they were younger.**

**77)The sentence is "Although, we gave her a hard time, she never lost her temper, no matter what we did".**

**78)She wrote the strengths of each students on a piece of paper and gave it to them at the end of every month.**

**79)Yes, there was a change. They started to study hard, the class did not want to hurt Mrs Cosby's feelings anymore.**

**80)He would have had already been ruining his life with drugs and alcohol.**