

TAO NAN SCHOOL

PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE MID-YEAR EXAMINATION

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

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

Date: 10 May 2010

Class: Primary 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

Time: 8.00 a.m. to 9.50 a.m.

Total Time For Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

**Booklet A**

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

	SCORE	MARKS
BOOKLET A		30
BOOKLET B		65
TOTAL		95

Section A (5 x 1 mark)

Graphic Stimulus

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

# Mini-Olympic Games Carnival

Proudly brought to you by the  
Youth Olympic Games Committee

Win  
Attractive  
Prizes!

To celebrate the upcoming Youth Olympic Games 2010, we are organising a fun-filled event for the young and old this June holiday! Come on down with your whole family!

Date	12 June 2010, Saturday
Time	11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Venue	Jalan Yaya Community Centre

Here are some of the highlights:

## Family Street Basketball



Basketball

Sign up with 2 other family members to take part in this 3 on 3 basketball challenge.

Each participant will get a free 200 Plus drink upon registration!

## Archery



Archery

Ever dreamt of being Robin Hood? Here is your chance to aim and shoot an apple with a bow and arrow.

Win attractive prizes!

## Children's Table Tennis



Table Tennis

This event is open to children aged 7 to 12 years old. Using a quick knockout system, the first player who wins 6 points will automatically qualify for the next round.

Win attractive prizes!

Admission is FREE!

To get game coupons, you may buy them at Jalan Yaya CC, all NTUB Supermarkets and ESSU Petrol Kiosks from 5 to 8 June 2010.

You may also order them online at [www.jycc.com.sg](http://www.jycc.com.sg). Alternatively, please call 61234567 to reserve your game coupons and collect them on the day of the carnival.

Game coupons will be sold during the carnival as well!

Event sponsored by 200 Plus (The Best Isotonic Drink of 2010)

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 OAS.

1. The organiser of the Mini-Olympic Games Carnival is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) 200 Plus
  - (2) ESSU Petrol Kiosk
  - (3) Jalan Yaya Community Centre
  - (4) the Youth Olympic Games Committee
  
2. There are \_\_\_\_\_ ways to get coupons for the Carnival before 12 June 2010.
  - (1) 6
  - (2) 2
  - (3) 3
  - (4) 4
  
3. If 12-year-old Ali goes to the carnival with his 10-year-old sister and father, they can all take part in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) Archery and Children's Table Tennis
  - (2) Family Street Basketball and Archery
  - (3) Family Street Basketball and Children's Table Tennis
  - (4) Archery, Family Street Basketball and Children's Table Tennis
  
4. The main aim of the Carnival is to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) promote sports
  - (2) encourage family bonding
  - (3) celebrate the Youth Olympic Games
  - (4) increase sales at NTUB Supermarkets
  
5. Which statement about the advertisement is **true**?
  - (1) There are prizes to be won for every sporting event.
  - (2) One must pay an admission fee to enjoy the carnival.
  - (3) One may purchase game coupons from 5 June 2010 onwards.
  - (4) Children below 7 years of age will be able to participate in the Children's Table Tennis.

Section B (7 x 1 mark)

Grammar

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 OAS.

6. Yesterday, Mrs Wong had to cook and \_\_\_\_\_ the house before the guests arrived.
- (1) clean
  - (2) to clean
  - (3) cleaned
  - (4) had cleaned
7. The lady \_\_\_\_\_ John is talking to is my mother.
- (1) who
  - (2) which
  - (3) whom
  - (4) whose
8. "He works here, \_\_\_\_\_ he?" asks the customer.
- (1) is
  - (2) isn't
  - (3) does
  - (4) doesn't
9. \_\_\_\_\_ you are not available, I will look for someone else.
- (1) Since
  - (2) Despite
  - (3) However
  - (4) Although
10. All but Aisha \_\_\_\_\_ going for the excursion tomorrow.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were

11. "Sue was playing with her toys when I \_\_\_\_\_ for the market," Aunt Lisa told Grandmother.

- (1) left
- (2) leave
- (3) leaving
- (4) had left

12. If I had wanted the pie, I \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- (1) shall have eaten
- (2) must have eaten
- (3) might have eaten
- (4) would have eaten

Section C (3 x 1 mark)

Punctuation

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 OAS.

Little Timmy was filling in a hole in the garden when his next-door neighbour peered over the fence. Interested in what the youngster was doing, the neighbour asked, "What are you up to (13) Timmy?"

"My goldfish died," replied Timmy tearfully (14) and I have just buried him."

The neighbour was concerned. "That is an awfully big hole for a goldfish, isn't it (15) he asked.

Little Timmy patted down the last heap of earth and replied, "That is because he is inside your cat."

Adapted from Reader's Digest

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

Section D (5 x 1 mark)

Vocabulary

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 OAS.

16. Despite his disability, Ravi remained \_\_\_\_\_ and eventually became the top student.

- (1) inhibited
- (2) unnerved
- (3) undaunted
- (4) discouraged

17. The interior designer used bright colours to \_\_\_\_\_ the ambience of the restaurant.

- (1) enlarge
- (2) endorse
- (3) enhance
- (4) enlighten

18. Two hours after consuming the contaminated food, Sheela started to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) throw in
- (2) throw up
- (3) throw off
- (4) throw out

19. The French man and the Korean lady were able to \_\_\_\_\_ with each other with the help of an interpreter.

- (1) signal
- (2) convey
- (3) gesture
- (4) communicate

20. Mr Ng is a great host because he \_\_\_\_\_ with his guests and makes them feel at home.

- (1) unites
- (2) merges
- (3) mingles
- (4) associates

Section E (5 x 1 mark)

Vocabulary Cloze

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 OAS.

Sandra lost her right leg in a car accident when she was only ten years old.

While growing up, whenever some insensitive passers-by were (21) rude towards her, Sandra always tried to appear optimistic and did not let them (22) bother her too much.

One day, Sandra decided that she had to do something meaningful with her life. She told her best friend, May, that she was going to join a full marathon to raise funds for a charity organisation. May did not hesitate to give Sandra her (23) candid opinion that it would be a challenging feat. Sticking by her decision, Sandra was determined to (24) succeed.

After six months of gruelling training, the day of Sandra's marathon had finally arrived. Many supporters who had heard of her good cause accompanied her throughout the walk to cheer her on. There were many times when Sandra almost fainted due to dehydration and (25) fatigue, but she never gave up. Sandra achieved her goal and was able to walk with her head held high.



21. (1) aloof  
(2) arrogant  
(3) domineering  
(4) disrespectful
22. (1) affect  
(2) strain  
(3) insult  
(4) influence.
23. (1) frank  
(2) biased  
(3) devious  
(4) objective
24. (1) pull in  
(2) pull off  
(3) pull out  
(4) pull through
25. (1) anxiety  
(2) frustration  
(3) withdrawal  
(4) exhaustion.

Section F (5 x 1 mark)

Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30 based on the passage.

According to many experts, bull sharks are the most dangerous sharks in the world. This is because they are an aggressive species of shark and they tend to hunt in waters where people often swim - along tropical shorelines. Bull sharks live all over the world, in warm, shallow ocean waters. They are even known to swim in freshwater rivers.

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Humans are not part of a bull shark's normal prey. Scientists think that when a bull shark goes after a person it is because the big fish is curious or because it simply mistakes a person for prey. Bull sharks will eat almost anything, but their diet consists mainly of fish. They also sometimes eat dolphins and sea turtles. Bull sharks even eat other sharks. They hunt during the day and the night. Before it attacks its prey, a bull shark head-butts the animal. This head-butting habit, along with its short, blunt snout, led to it being named "bull shark".

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Bull sharks are unusual among sharks in their ability to survive in freshwater. These sharks have been spotted thousands of miles up the Amazon River in South America - far from the ocean. Bull sharks have also been found swimming in the Mississippi River as far north as Illinois as well as upstream in many other rivers around the world.

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Sharks must keep salt in their bodies to survive and most can live only in salt water. However, bull sharks have developed special adaptations that help them keep salt in their bodies even when they are in freshwater. Scientists are still studying these sharks to figure out why and how they developed this unusual ability.

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Bull sharks are not on the endangered species list. Thus, people fish for bull sharks for food, for their hides, and for oil. Researchers believe that their populations may be shrinking fast.

Adapted from National Geographic Kids

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 OAS.

26. \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>are</sup> not part of a bull shark's normal diet.

- (1) Sharks
- (2) Humans
- (3) Dolphins
- (4) Sea turtles

27. The bull shark got its name because it \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) head-butts its prey
- (2) eats almost anything
- (3) is able to survive in freshwater
- (4) is the most dangerous shark in the world

28. Which of the following statements is false?

- (1) In order to survive, sharks must keep salt in their bodies.
- (2) Bull sharks' meat, hides and oil are very soft after by hunters.
- (3) Bull sharks only live in shallow, warm ocean waters of the world.
- (4) Humans are attacked by bull sharks because they are sometimes mistaken as prey.

29. The phrase 'unusual ability' (line 21) refers to the bull shark's ability to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) hunt during the day and the night
- (2) head-butt its prey before attacking it
- (3) swim up the Amazon River in South America
- (4) keep salt in its body even when it is in freshwater

30. Which of the following is the most suitable title for this passage?

- (1) A Bull Shark's Diet
- (2) All About Bull Sharks
- (3) A Day in the Life of a Bull Shark
- (4) How to Save Bull Sharks from Extinction

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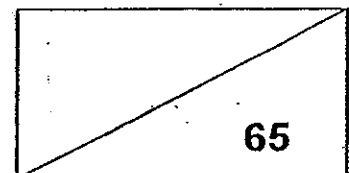
Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

**Booklet B**

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



Section G (10 x 1 mark)

Grammar Cloze

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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|----------|
| (A) is    | (D) a   | (G) has   | (K) the  | (N) or   |
| (B) in    | (E) by  | (H) of    | (L) with | (P) that |
| (C) where | (F) was | (J) which | (M) this | (Q) have |
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The Jurong Bird Park is a wonderful place to visit. Its collection \_\_\_\_\_ (31) more than 8000 birds from 600 species \_\_\_\_\_ (32) the largest in the world.

The idea to build a bird park on this island was conceived \_\_\_\_\_ (33) 1968 by the then Minister of Finance, Dr Goh Keng Swee, himself. Dr Goh was attending a conference in Brazil \_\_\_\_\_ (34) he visited its botanical gardens. He was given a special tour of the free-flight zone \_\_\_\_\_ (35) the Estate Manager and was surprised to find an aviary in the gardens. \_\_\_\_\_ (36) led him to think of an open-concept bird park that would be like \_\_\_\_\_ (37) garden in many ways, except that it would also be home to birds that roam freely in it.

Today, residents and tourists get to enjoy the open concept Bird Park which \_\_\_\_\_ (38) a very close resemblance to the natural habitat of the birds. This sets it apart from the usual aviaries of birds enclosed in cages. Who is happiest in \_\_\_\_\_ (39) situation? It is either the visitors of the Bird Park \_\_\_\_\_ (40) the birds themselves. My guess is, the feathered inhabitants of course!

Section H (10 x 1 mark)

Editing for Spelling and Grammar

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar.

Write the correct word in the relevant box.

The newly-wed couple was filled with anticipation and excitement about their

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upcoming holiday. However, three days before their **deparcher**, the wife was bitten by a

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dog. A doctor takes care of her wound but issued a two-week quarantine order because

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(44)

of the possibiliti of **rabies**. The couple's dreams is shattered. They would not be able to

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make the trip for America as they had planned.

(46)

The man, filled with **dissapointment** and anger, stomped to the airport to watch

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(48)

the aircraft take up without him and his wife. He shed tears of **frustrayshen** and cursed

the Heavens for their misfortune.

(49)

The next day, a **trajik** piece of news spread throughout the city. The plane to

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America had crashed, takes hundreds of lives with it. The couple was to have been on

that ill-fated plane. When the man heard the news, he embraced his wife and they both

thanked their lucky stars and the ill-behaved dog.

Section I (15 x 1 mark)

Comprehension Cloze

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Staff from the Public Utilities Board (PUB) have been visiting homes from 2003 under the Water Efficient Home Scheme. They teach the public conservation and \_\_\_\_\_ them with money-saving tips. They would also advise them on \_\_\_\_\_ to save water.

Recently however, the tides have turned. Previously, the staff from PUB had to reach out to the public. Now, more and more people have \_\_\_\_\_ calling in for help to reduce their water usage. The \_\_\_\_\_ of calls has tripled to about 5,000 a week.

Singapore's current dry weather has \_\_\_\_\_ to a surge in water use. The El Nino is to be blamed for this climate phenomenon \_\_\_\_\_ disrupts the normal weather patterns in many parts of the world. This includes Southeast Asia where it usually leads to drier and warmer \_\_\_\_\_ conditions in many parts of the region.

Thankfully, despite the unfavourable weather, the PUB has said that the \_\_\_\_\_ levels at Singapore's 15 reservoirs are adequate \_\_\_\_\_ our use. However, PUB warned that the first two weeks of March is generally dry \_\_\_\_\_ showers expected on three to four days in the afternoon. Therefore, households should be prudent in their water \_\_\_\_\_ or they will see a sudden increase in \_\_\_\_\_ monthly water bills.

In order to get \_\_\_\_\_ this dry spell, the PUB will also send staff to homes if requested by the public to share tips. Said a PUB spokesman, "The public can \_\_\_\_\_ an appointment with us, but we also \_\_\_\_\_ households whose consumption is above the national average." So do not be too surprised if a PUB staff member comes knocking on your door.

Section J (5 x 2 marks)

Synthesis

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words(s) provided. Your answers must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. Joe was very hungry. Joe ate an entire pizza.

\_\_\_\_\_ that

\_\_\_\_\_

67. The netball match will go on if it does not rain.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

68. "My computer was attacked by a virus yesterday," Jane said to David.

Jane told David that \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

69. Mr Heng passed his driving test. He was determined.

Due to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

70. The pupils were not attending the conference. The teacher was not attending the conference.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



Section K (10 x 2 marks)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer Questions 71 to 80 based on the passage.

Entering Ward 60 of Mount Alice Hospital, I spotted an elderly woman staring out of a window, looking rather crestfallen. I decided to introduce myself to her and ask how she was doing. The woman, whom I later knew to be Mrs Lee, replied softly that she was getting better. However, looking at her leg in a cast, I knew that she would have to remain in that wheelchair for the next few months at least.

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"I haven't seen you here before, Dr Tan. Are you new?" Mrs Lee asked, squinting to take a better look at me and my name tag.

"Oh, this is Miss Tan and she is a medical student attached to our hospital," said Nurse Annie as she walked in. Then whispering into my ear, she told me that Mrs Lee could not see clearly. Her spectacles had shattered when she fell from an apple tree. She had climbed up the tree to get fresh apples to bake apple pies.

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"Goodness gracious! Aren't apples from a supermarket fresh enough for apple pies?" I thought to myself.

"Doc, how soon do you think I can get back to leading a normal life?" Mrs Lee asked, ignoring Nurse Annie's comment on my position in the hospital.

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As I was only a medical student, I still had much to learn. I replied that while I did not have the answer to her questions, I could tell her how she could lead a meaningful life. She might wish to consider having different hobbies. I suggested knitting. That would keep her busy while her leg healed.

"Thank you, Doc. It's a brilliant suggestion," Mrs Lee remarked. Day after day, I visited Mrs Lee. She was not knitting at all. I suggested reading instead. More and more, I found myself suggesting a list of activities that Mrs Lee did not take up. Mrs Lee just nodded and beamed every time I gave her a new suggestion. Gradually, our conversations became more and more frequent. They soon became a high point of my work day.

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Mrs Lee started talking about herself. She told me how fifty years ago, she took up two jobs to support her three young daughters. I had never seen anyone visit Mrs Lee and did not want to ask her about her children. There were moments when I detected sadness in her eyes, but I did not know how to console her. This led to awkward silences. Looking into those eyes, I desperately tried to remember the lessons from a communication skills class that I had taken the previous semester. My mind was blank. I should have paid more attention in class!

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Eventually, I found out that her children had abandoned her, leaving her to fend for herself. Putting on a brave front, she obviously tried to get over it. However, I could see the inevitable pain in her eyes.

I did not see her on the day that she was discharged. However, when I was leaving the hospital that evening after work, Nurse Annie passed me a 'Thank You' card. "Doc, I enjoyed our conversations. It was something I looked forward to every day. I would like to bake you an apple pie to thank you for your time." Smiling, I closed the card. I finally understood the reason she was not interested in any of the activities that I had suggested.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Where was the author when she first met Mrs Lee?

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72. What was Mrs Lee doing when she first met the author?

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73. Which word in the passage tells you that Mrs Lee had difficulty with her vision?

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74. Explain clearly how Mrs Lee ended up in a wheelchair.

75. What does "They" in line 24 refer to?

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76. "I did not have the answer to her question" (Line 16 and 17). Why did the author say that she did not have the answer to Mrs Lee's question?

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77. Name two activities that the author suggested to Mrs Lee that would keep her busy while her leg healed.

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78. How do we know that Miss Tan did not find her communication skills class interesting?

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79. Why did Mrs Lee not have any visitors during her stay at the hospital?

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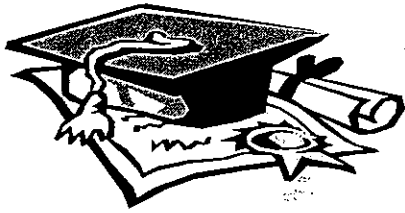
80. How was Mrs Lee planning to show her appreciation to Miss Tan?

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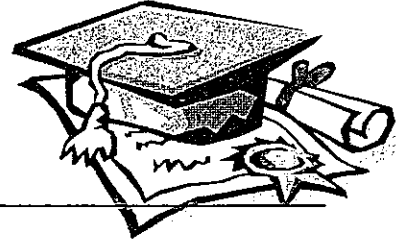


# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2010**

**SCHOOL : TAO NAN PRIMARY  
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**TERM : SA1**



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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
E	P	D	G	M	N

- 41) departure    42) took    43) possibility    44) were    45) to  
46) disappointment    47) off    48) frustration    49) tragic    50) taking  
51) provide    52) how    53) been    54) number    55) number    56) which  
57) weather    58) water    59) for    60) with    61) usage    62) their  
63) through    64) have    65) visit  
66) Joe was so hungry that he ate an entire pizza.  
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68) Jane told David that her computer was attacked by a virus the previous day.  
69) Due to his determination, Mr Heng passed his driving test.  
70) Neither the pupils nor the teacher were attending the conference.  
71) The author was in ward 60 of Mount Alice Hospital when she first met Mrs Lee.  
72) She was staring out of a window.

**73) The word is 'squinting'.**

**74) She had climbed up an apple tree but she fell and broke her leg.**

**75) It refers to the conversation between the author and Mrs Lee.**

**76) The author was only a medical student who had much to learn.**

**77) She suggested knitting and reading.**

**78) She mentioned that she should have paid more attention on her communication skills class she took the previous semester.**

**79) Mrs Lee's children had abandoned her.**

**80) She was planning to bake Miss Tan an apple pie.**