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MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

2021 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

19 August 2021 (Thursday)

28 marks

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 h 50 min

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

CLASS : PRIMARY 6 \_\_\_\_\_

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

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. I mistook my sister's slippers for \_\_\_\_\_ and wore them to the market.

- (1) my
- (2) her
- (3) hers
- (4) mine

2. Lina found time to volunteer at the home for the elderly \_\_\_\_\_ her hectic schedule.

- (1) despite
- (2) however
- (3) although
- (4) whenever

3. The puzzle is so challenging that neither Ben nor his sisters \_\_\_\_\_ it yet.

- (1) solve
- (2) solves
- (3) has solved
- (4) have solved

4. "It is eleven o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ my watch. It's time to return to the classroom," James told his classmates at the canteen.

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

5. "The naughty boys burst the balloon on purpose, \_\_\_\_\_?" the monitor asked me, as he looked at the balloon fragments on the floor.

- (1) do they
- (2) did they
- (3) don't they
- (4) didn't they

6. All the students, *except Roy whose parents did not give their consent*, \_\_\_\_\_ in the upcoming Sports Day.
- (1) participate
  - (2) participated
  - (3) participating
  - (4) are participating
7. With the \_\_\_\_\_ time left, the contestants managed to add the finishing touches to their dishes before the cooking competition ended.
- (1) few
  - (2) little
  - (3) much
  - (4) many
8. Before the sky turned dark, the children had successfully \_\_\_\_\_ the firewood for their campfire.
- (1) lie
  - (2) lay
  - (3) laid
  - (4) lain
9. He did not know \_\_\_\_\_ storybooks those were and thus could not return them to the owner.
- (1) which
  - (2) whom
  - (3) where
  - (4) whose
10. "I was looking forward to finally \_\_\_\_\_ the latest edition of the game console, but it was sold out," Jane told her parents.
- (1) buy
  - (2) buys
  - (3) buying
  - (4) bought

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. It was such a windy morning that Peter could hear the \_\_\_\_\_ of the leaves in the trees as he walked through the park.
- (1) ruffling
  - (2) rustling
  - (3) bustling
  - (4) swaying
12. Mr Toh was \_\_\_\_\_ to see his door ajar as he remembered closing it that morning.
- (1) dazed
  - (2) agitated
  - (3) distraught
  - (4) bewildered
13. Uncle Roger's stories of adventures in foreign lands \_\_\_\_\_ my imagination, as I visualised myself being there with him.
- (1) subdued
  - (2) captured
  - (3) sustained
  - (4) fascinated
14. He could not \_\_\_\_\_ his defeat in the competition and cried bitterly the whole night.
- (1) get by
  - (2) get over
  - (3) get away
  - (4) get behind
15. Due to illegal hunting, the population of the elephants in the wildlife reserve has \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) receded
  - (2) withered
  - (3) dwindled
  - (4) subsided

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

It was the December holidays. Instead of (16)lazing around, I decided to volunteer at the Children's Home for their annual Christmas party. I was (17)uneasy about whether I would do a good job or not. However, my fears were (18)allayed as soon as I stepped into the place, as the existing volunteers were (19)friendly and guided me on what to do.

I was soon (20)in the thick of the action, helping with the packing of goodie bags and putting up the decorations. It was such a joy to see the happy faces of the children as they streamed into the hall, squealing in delight as they saw the decorations and goodie bags. The party turned out to be a huge success.

- 16 (1) idling  
(2) relaxing  
(3) loitering  
(4) unwinding
- 17 (1) panicky  
(2) confused  
(3) intimidated  
(4) apprehensive
- 18 (1) pacified  
(2) soothed  
(3) alleviated  
(4) cultivated
- 19 (1) amiable  
(2) devoted  
(3) gracious  
(4) affectionate
- 20 (1) kept busy  
(2) included in  
(3) guided along  
(4) being recruited

Study this information from the TourPro website and then answer questions 21 to 28.

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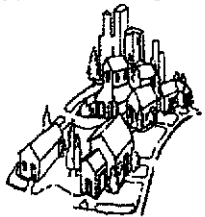
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## Harvest Town Day Tour

Date: 14 December 2021

Time: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Pick-up and drop-off point: City Centre Bus Terminal

Fee: \$60 (adult and child above 10), \$30 (child aged 10 and below)



Here's what you can look forward to!

Visit local fruit farms which grow over 20 different types of fruits. Learn about unique farming techniques and get a chance to sample some seasonal produce like durians and longans. Fresh fruit juice will also be served!

Savour the flavour of traditional dishes prepared with local ingredients. You probably will not be able to find them anywhere else! All meals and refreshments for the day will be provided, so come with a good appetite!

Visit the pretty villages scattered throughout the town, each with its own distinctive character. While you do some sightseeing and shopping, your knowledgeable tour guide will acquaint you with their rich history.

- Be well-taken care of by an experienced and knowledgeable tour guide and an approachable bus driver.
- Travel in a clean and comfortable air-conditioned tour bus.

What a participant said about a previous Harvest Town Day Tour:

*"My husband and I took our parents and three children on this tour. The bus driver, Mr Koh, and the tour guide, Bridget, made us feel very safe, comfortable and relaxed throughout the trip! Bridget knew a lot about all the places we visited! At first, I was afraid that my children would not be able to take in all the information. However, Bridget was so engaging that all of us thoroughly enjoyed listening to her commentaries! The meals were excellent and all of us had fun trying all the different types of fruits we had never even seen before! We had a great time!"*

Jessica

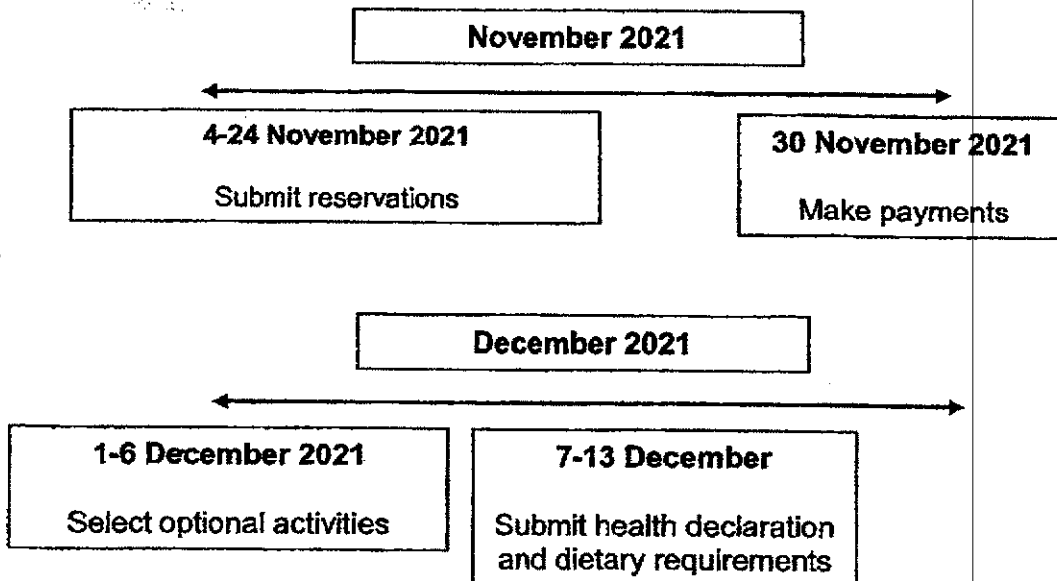
**Please Note:**

- Reservations must be made here.
- Payments must be made in cash or by credit card at the TourPro office.
- Optional activities may be selected by logging into your TourPro account.
- Health declaration and dietary requirement are to be submitted no earlier than 7 days before the tour by logging into your TourPro account.
- A minimum number of 20 participants is required for the tour to go ahead.

**Refund Policy**

- Payment made will be refunded in full should the tour be cancelled.
- Partial refunds will be granted if you withdraw at least 14 days before the day of the tour.
- Withdrawal made between 4 – 31 Oct: 75% refund
- Withdrawal made between 1 – 30 Nov: 50% refund

Use the timeline below to keep track of what you need to do.



For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer.  
Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.  
(8 marks)

- 21 Which of the following is true of the Harvest Town Day Tour?
- (1) The tour bus will depart from Harvest Town at 10 p.m.
  - (2) All schoolchildren get to do the tour at a reduced price.
  - (3) Participants should reach City Centre Bus Terminal by 6 a.m.
  - (4) Participants will be served only lunch and dinner during the tour.
- 22 Which of the following words is used to describe the fruits grown on these farms?
- (1) local
  - (2) fresh
  - (3) unique
  - (4) seasonal
- 23 According to the TourPro website, the tour guide is well-informed about the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) past events related to the villages
  - (2) unique roles played by the villages
  - (3) well-known residents of the villages
  - (4) products that are sold in the villages
- 24 Why are many exclamation marks used in Jessica's comments?
- (1) to catch readers' attention
  - (2) to evoke a feeling of anticipation
  - (3) to make her comments seem more favourable
  - (4) to convey what a pleasant experience her family had had
- 25 Jessica was initially worried that her children would \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) not understand what the tour guide was saying
  - (2) be bored by the information given by the tour guide
  - (3) not pay attention when the tour guide shared information
  - (4) be overwhelmed by the amount of information given by the tour guide



26. Mdm Low decides to go on the tour. She has to make a trip to the TourPro office to \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) book a place on the tour
  - (2) make payment for the tour
  - (3) sign up for optional activities
  - (4) submit her health declaration
27. Mr Tan received a full refund of the payment he had made for the tour. What could have happened?
- (1) There were limited places available.
  - (2) The tour had fewer than 20 participants.
  - (3) He had cancelled his reservation in November.
  - (4) He had withdrawn from the tour due to his sickness.
28. The timeline is provided on the website for the following possible reasons except \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) to interest people in the tour
  - (2) to show people what needs to be done
  - (3) to make the information more reader-friendly
  - (4) to draw people's attention to the various deadlines

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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

19 August 2021 (Thursday)

67 marks

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 h 50 min

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

CLASS : PRIMARY 6 \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
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3. Answer all questions.
4. Write all your answers in this booklet.

**MARKS OBTAINED**

BOOKLET A : \_\_\_\_\_ / 28

BOOKLET B : \_\_\_\_\_ / 67

TOTAL : \_\_\_\_\_ / 95

PARENT'S SIGNATURE : \_\_\_\_\_

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, 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**

- |            |            |          |              |               |
|------------|------------|----------|--------------|---------------|
| (A) each   | (D) their  | (G) to   | (K) whatever | (N) whichever |
| (B) one    | (E) them   | (H) was  | (L) when     | (P) whom      |
| (C) others | (F) though | (J) were | (M) where    | (Q) up        |

My school held the water sports carnival after the mid-year examinations. To accommodate the entire school population, it was held at the large swimming complex adjacent (29)\_\_\_\_\_ the school.

I was honoured to be part of the organising committee this year. The day before the competition, I, *together with some committee members* (30)\_\_\_\_\_ putting up banners and decorations to spruce (31)\_\_\_\_\_ the swimming complex. (32)\_\_\_\_\_ were assembling the carnival packs. Everyone attending the carnival would receive (33)\_\_\_\_\_ of these, consisting of a clapper, a cap, snacks and packet drinks. (34)\_\_\_\_\_ tired out after working long hours, we were looking forward to the carnival.

The red-letter day arrived. The competitive events had attracted many participants, many of (35)\_\_\_\_\_ signed up for multiple events. (36)\_\_\_\_\_ supporters were trying to outdo one another with loud cheers and making a din with the clappers. (37)\_\_\_\_\_ the outcome of the events, everyone showed good sportsmanship and congratulated the winners heartily. For non-competitive swimmers, there were also water games and tele-matches (38)\_\_\_\_\_ some teachers gamely joined in. Everyone had a splashing good time.

Score: / 10

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

Myopia, also known as short-sightedness, is a vision disorder where distant

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objects appear blurry. The prevalence of myopia in Singapore are among the highest in

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the world. During the pandemic, eye-care proffessionals are seeing even more children

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who are start to have myopia, or whose conditions have worsened due to increased

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screen time. The number of hours spending on digital devices has increased

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dramektically because of home-based learning To make matters worse, most young

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children do not have a concept of where blurred vision is. As such, their myopia is

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dieknosed and treated only at a later stage. This puts them at a greater risk of develop

higher degrees of myopia when they are older.

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Parents should therefore look into for signs of myopia in their children. These

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include holding a book very close to the eyes or squianking the eyes. Ultimately, children

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(50)

should take the responseblity of caring for their eyes, such as taking freequant vision

breaks. Hopefully, the rate of myopia in children can be reduced.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Nowadays, people are able to go on tours and learn new skills like baking and painting, all from the comfort of their homes. (51)\_\_\_\_\_ participants need are just a computer and internet connection. You can even pay and be (52)\_\_\_\_\_ by a clown online. Such live virtual experiences have been gaining in (53)\_\_\_\_\_ especially with many busy parents who signed up for their children to keep them (54)\_\_\_\_\_ as these parents had run out of activities they could do with their children. The tour guide, instructor or entertainer are live on Zoom to provide the virtual experience and interact (55)\_\_\_\_\_ their clients.

Some cooks who have switched from conducting in-person to virtual cooking classes say they are earning much (56)\_\_\_\_\_ than before. This is despite the fact that they are (57)\_\_\_\_\_ a lower fee than for in-person classes. How is this even (58)\_\_\_\_\_? Well, they can now take in students from all over the world, who want to learn how to cook via Zoom. The (59)\_\_\_\_\_ of students is also not restricted by the space in the cooking studio anymore. Hundreds and even thousands can sign up for each session.

One such cook, Mr Shanker, confessed that two years ago, he would not have (60)\_\_\_\_\_ of conducting online cooking classes. (61)\_\_\_\_\_ did he think that he would have students from all over the world. However, now he is even thinking of increasing the capacity of his online classes and expanding into new cuisines.

Mr Shanker (62)\_\_\_\_\_ to launch an online cooking class for Singapore food, showcasing chilli prawns instead of our famous chilli crabs. (63)\_\_\_\_\_ crabs are less accessible than prawns for overseas participants, he has to modify our famous chilli crab dish by (64)\_\_\_\_\_ crabs with prawns. If the participants do not have some of the ingredients, Mr Shanker will (65)\_\_\_\_\_ alternatives. As can be seen, a lot of hard work is also required for planning and conducting online classes.

Score: / 15

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For each of the questions from 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. The twins do not enjoy cycling. Their brother does not enjoy cycling.

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

67. The air conditioner was maintained regularly. It still broke down.

Despite regular \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. The animal is elusive. It is a rare occurrence to see it.

To see such \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Mr Wee gave his dog up for adoption. He was reluctant to do so.

It was with \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Mother asked Joe, "Why didn't you take the shortcut home?"

Mother wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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For years, Seng had trained tirelessly, so as to excel in bowling. Now in Tokyo, Japan for their maiden Olympic experience, he and his teammates were enjoying the fruits of their labour. They were representing Singapore in bowling at this prestigious sports event. Seng's dream had finally come true. With heads held high, they were making their way to the Olympic stadium to join the athletes from all over the world for the opening ceremony.

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Seng and the other bowlers were in high spirits. Everything was perfect – well, almost everything. Seng's eyes nearly popped out when he saw that the sleeve of his jacket had been torn. It was the red and white jacket with the Olympic logo at the back, worn by every Singapore Olympic athlete. He realised he must have torn it while trying to yank the jacket off the clothes hanger in his rush to get to the stadium. "I can't do anything about it now," he thought, as he broke out in cold sweat.

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His teammate, Kamal, giggled. How could he laugh at his plight? "Stop it, Kamal!" said Seng, feeling agitated. "I don't think anyone will notice."

"They'll notice it," said Kamal. "The spectators will notice things like that."

Seng thought about what Kamal said. Worried about that, he let out a sigh, feeling stressed.

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Suddenly, a teenaged Japanese girl came up to Seng and pointed at his jacket. She started speaking but he could not understand her. Then, she tugged at his jacket sleeve, near where the tear was.

"What do you want?" Seng asked curiously, even though he knew it was pointless to ask her. Suddenly, she started taking off her own coat. Then she looked up at him.

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"She wants you to take off your jacket for her to try on!" Kamal said.

Seng hesitated for a moment but decided to take the risk and handed the jacket to the girl. He did not think that would cause much delay and he would still be able to make it for the opening ceremony in time. She took it and bowed. He bowed slightly too. However, when he raised his head again, he saw her running off with his jacket!

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"Thief! She's..." Kamal shouted, "...stealing it!" Seng ran a few steps after her before he stopped. In a flash, she had disappeared along the crowded street, much to Seng's dismay. It would be a tall order to get the jacket back, even if Seng was a sprinter.

"What do I do now?" Seng asked sorrowfully.

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"You'll just have to go as you are," Kamal replied, dragging him along.

Twenty minutes later, they were standing with the other athletes, as the ceremony was about to start. "First, the tear. Then, the thief. What rotten luck!" Seng thought. Then, he felt a tugging, this time on his shirt sleeve. He looked down. It was the Japanese girl, holding a neatly-folded item. "You thief! You can't escape now!" Kamal burst out, as he gripped her by the arm. Seng took the jacket from her – and he immediately understood. The long rip in the sleeve was gone. It had been sewn so perfectly that he could not even see the thread. He had to hold it up close to see the stitches. Kamal was looking at the girl with his mouth open. She smiled at them and bowed again. Seng bowed a very deep bow to her this time.

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The music began and the ceremony started. Thousands of athletes marched together. Moving with the same rhythm and the same joy, all were determined to be the best that he or she could be. There was an extra marcher in the ceremony on that proud day – a beaming Japanese girl. Having tugged at the heartstrings of the Singapore Olympic team, especially Seng, she had been invited to march with them.

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71. Pick out a four-word phrase from the first paragraph that suggests that the bowlers were proud to be part of the ceremony. [1m]

72. What was Seng's dream? [1m]

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73. Based on information from lines 6 to 16, fill in the blanks in the following table. [3m]

How Seng felt	What made Seng feel that way
nervous	a )
b )	Kamal laughed at his plight.
stressed	c )

74. Explain why Seng felt "it was pointless to ask her". (lines 20-21) [1m]

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75. a) What task was considered "a tall order" (line 29)? [1m]

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b) Why was it considered a tall order? [1m]

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76. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

Do not write in this space.

	True/False	Reason
a) Seng had taken part in many Olympics prior to this one in Japan.		
b) Seng was hesitant to go to the ceremony after the girl ran off with his jacket.		
c) The stitches on the long rip was not obvious.		

77. Based on lines 20 - 29, fill in the following table. [2m]

	What Kamal thought the girl wanted	What the girl actually wanted
When the girl took off her coat and looked at Seng	a)	She wanted Seng to take the jacket off and pass it to her.
When the girl ran off with the jacket	b)	She wanted to take it away to sew the tear in the jacket.

78. Seng bowed on two occasions in the story.

a) How was the second time different from the first one? [1m]

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b) Explain why Seng that way the second time. [1m]

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79. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Do not write in this space.

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer to	
a) it (line 14)		
b) the risk (line 23)		
c) all (line 41)		

80. (a) Pick out a four-word phrase in the last paragraph which tells us how the girl who helped Seng had affected the Singapore Olympic team. [1m]

(b) What did the Singapore Olympic team do to show their appreciation to the girl? [1m]

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## ANSWER KEY

**YEAR : 2021**  
**LEVEL : PRIMARY 6**  
**SCHOOL : MARIS STELLA**  
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### BOOKLET A (PAPER 2)

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Q16	1	Q17	4	Q18	3	Q19	1	Q20	1
Q21	3	Q22	4	Q23	1	Q24	4	Q25	4
Q26	2	Q27	2	Q28	1				

### BOOKLET B (PAPER 2)

Q29	G	Q30	H	Q31	Q	Q32	C	Q33	B
Q34	F	Q35	P	Q36	D	Q37	K	Q38	M

Q39	Is	Q40	Professionals	Q41	Starting	Q42	Spent
Q43	Drastically	Q44	What	Q45	Diagnosed	Q46	Developing
Q47	Out	Q48	Squinting	Q49	Responsibility	Q50	Frequent

Q51	all	Q52	Entertained	Q53	Popularity	Q54	Busy	Q55	With
Q56	More	Q57	Charging	Q58	Possible	Q59	Number	Q60	Thought
Q61	Neither	Q62	Wants	Q63	As	Q64	Replacing	Q65	Provide

Q66	Neither the twins nor their brother enjoys cycling.
Q67	Despite regular maintenance, the air conditioner still broke down.
Q68	To see such an elusive animal is a rare occurrence.
Q69	It was with reluctance that Mr Wee gave his dog up for adoption.
Q70	Mother wanted to know why Joel had not taken the shortcut home.
Q71	With heads held high
Q72	Seng's dream was to represent Singapore in bowling at the Olympics.
Q73	a) He could not do anything about the tear on his jacket. b) Agitated c) The spectators would notice the torn on his Olympic jacket.

Q74	As the girl japenese, asking her a question in English would be pointless because she would not understand.
Q75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Seng getting his jacket back from the girl.</li> <li>b) The girl disappared along the crowded street.</li> </ul>
Q76	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) False. This was Seng's maiden experience.</li> <li>b) True. Kamal had to drag him along to the ceremony without Seng's jacket.</li> <li>c) True. When Seng first saw the jacket, he thought the torn was gone. But it was because the girl sewed it perfectly that Seng could not even see the thread.</li> </ul>
Q77	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) He thought the girl wanted to try on Seng's jacket.</li> <li>b) The girl wanted to steal the jacket.</li> </ul>
Q78	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The second bow was deeper.</li> <li>b) Seng bowed that way to thank her sincerely because he cannot speak japenese.</li> </ul>
Q79	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) (line 14)- the torn on Seng's Olympic jacket sleeve.</li> <li>b) (line 23)- Being late for the opening ceremony.</li> <li>c) (line 41)- All the athletes at Olympics.</li> </ul>
Q80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Tugged at the heartstrings</li> <li>b) The Singapore Olympic team invited her to march with the athletes.</li> </ul>

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