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SINGAPORE HOKKIEN HUAY KUAN

5-SCHOOL COMBINED PRIMARY 6 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

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2007

英文 **ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

PAPER 2: (LANGUAGE USE AND  
COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

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.

This booklet consists of 11 printed and 1 blank pages.

School : \_\_\_\_\_

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

Class : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 24 August 2007

TOTAL	30
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Section A: Graphic Stimulus

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

# Courses



Course title	Baking Workshop for Adults
Date	4 July 2007 (closing date for registration- 20 June 2007)
Day/ Time	Wed, 7.15 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.
Course description	Whether you are a busy executive or a homemaker, you will pick up the basics of convenient baking and learn to make a variety of <u>easy-to-prepare items</u> .
Remarks	Please pay your course fee <u>within 7 days upon registration or before the closing date of registration</u> , otherwise, course registration may be cancelled.
Conducted by	Bake Funhouse



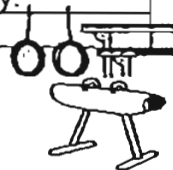
Power Write for P5 and P6 Pupils!
15 July 2007 - 9 Sept 2007
Sun, 3.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.
This course helps pupils to present ideas in a creative manner. Pupils will be led into various writing activities and be taught to use key writing skills with a creative mind.
Conducted by C-Write



Course title	Gymnastics for Children
Date	31 Mar 2007 - 2 June 2007
Day/ Time	Sat, 4.00 p.m. - 4.45 p.m.
Course description	This is a gymnastics programme designed for children aged 5 to 12. They will learn the basic gymnastics skills which help them to build up their motor and coordination skills and mental acuity. These activities promote strength, flexibility, coordination, concentration and discipline in the children.
Remarks	Recreational Gymnastics is also available for children aged <u>3 to 6 yrs only</u> .
Conducted by	Fitness World

**Coming up!**

- Swimming (adults only)
- Inline-skating (elementary)
- Aerobics (ladies only)



(Adapted from: [www.pa.gov.sg](http://www.pa.gov.sg))

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. Mrs Wong does not wish to spend hours in the kitchen preparing a cake. "Baking Workshop for Adults" is suitable for her because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) it is a one-day course
- (2) it teaches convenient baking
- (3) it is conducted after working hours
- (4) there is a variety of items to be learnt

2. Sue signed up for "Baking Workshop for Adults" on 5 June 2007. She would not be able to attend the workshop if she paid her course fee on \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) 12 June 2007
- (2) 14 June 2007
- (3) 18 June 2007
- (4) 20 June 2007

3. All the courses are organised by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) onePA
- (2) C-Write
- (3) Fitness World
- (4) Bake Funhouse

4. Mark is a twelve-year-old pupil. He hopes to pick up a sport that can help him to relax after his revision. He should sign up for \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Aerobics
- (2) Swimming
- (3) Inline-skating
- (4) Recreational Gymnastics

5. The course "Power Write" teaches children mainly \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) grammar skills
- (2) creative writing skills
- (3) examination strategies
- (4) speech and drama techniques

Section B: Grammar MCQ

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. Alex, as ~~well as his friends~~, <sup>distractor</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ having fun at the theme park ~~last week~~

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

7. \_\_\_\_\_ attempting to scale the wall in order to enter the house, the burglar slipped and fell.

- (1) As
- (2) While
- (3) Besides
- (4) Although

8. The movie was so hilarious that it really made our class of forty \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts out.

- (1) laugh
- (2) laughed
- (3) laughing
- (4) was laughing

9. "He hold~~s~~ the key to the safe, \_\_\_\_\_ he?" Mary questioned.

- (1) did
- (2) does
- (3) didn't
- (4) doesn't

10. She was so angry that she refused to accept our explanation at first. We finally managed to talk her \_\_\_\_\_ to our point of view.

- ~~(1)~~ out
- ~~(2)~~ over
- ~~(3)~~ down
- ~~(4)~~ round

11. Should Mary \_\_\_\_\_ the office, tell her I am out for lunch.

- (1) call
- (2) calls
- (3) called
- (4) calling

12. The pair of scissors \_\_\_\_\_ very sharp. You must be careful!

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

**Section C: Punctuation MCQ**

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(3 marks)

With its visitor numbers on the rise, expansion is on the cards for the Singapore Art Museum.

The museum, which is housed in the former St Joseph's Institution (13) will lease the plot of land at Queen Street adjacent to its own to add to its existing floor space. Work on this currently-vacant structure is expected to be completed in the second half of next year.

The museum's assistant director for collections, Mr Low Sze Wee, 37, said the facade of the 72-year-old building will be retained.

"Isn't that exciting (14) Besides climate control and other works, the building's weightload will also have to be reinforced to accommodate heavy artworks (15) he said.

Source: Thursday, April 26, 2007  
[TODAYonline.com](http://www.todayonline.com)

13. (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ ? ] question mark  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark
14. ~~(1)~~ [ . ] full stop  
~~(2)~~ [ ! ] exclamation mark  
~~(3)~~ [ ? ] question mark and inverted commas  
~~(4)~~ [ ! ] exclamation mark 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: 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 Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

16. Although they are twin brothers, they are not similar at all. Instead, their interests are rather \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) diverse
- (2) various
- (3) multiple
- (4) plentiful

17. That was cruel treatment towards an animal. What an \_\_\_\_\_ act!

- (1) atrocious
- (2) awkward
- (3) incredible
- (4) indifferent

18. If you \_\_\_\_\_, you will be able to make a tidy sum of money from this business deal.

- (1) make ends meet
- (2) go off on a tangent
- (3) play your cards right
- (4) keep your head above water

19. He's a \_\_\_\_\_ motorcyclist; he loves performing all sorts of dangerous stunts for the fun of it and does not care about the risks involved.

- ~~(1)~~ ruthless
- ~~(2)~~ frivolous
- ~~(3)~~ daredevil
- ~~(4)~~ hazardous

20. Tom is always so \_\_\_\_\_. He must learn to listen to other people's opinions and not insist on his own ways all the time.

- ~~(X)~~ uncouth
- ~~(X)~~ impulsive
- ~~(X)~~ pretentious
- ~~(X)~~ domineering

Section E: 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 Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Ludwig van Beethoven, a German composer of classical music, lived in Vienna,

Austria. Beethoven was widely regarded as one of history's supreme composers who  
(21)

produced notable works even after he had completely lost his hearing. He was one of  
(22)

the greatest in music. His reputation had inspired many composers, musicians, and  
audiences. He had eccentric personal habits, such as wearing filthy clothing even as  
(23)

he washed compulsively. In 1826, his health took a drastic turn for the worse.  
(24) (25)

His death the following year was attributed to liver disease.

Source: [http://www.famouspeople.com/famous\\_biographies/Beethoven.htm](http://www.famouspeople.com/famous_biographies/Beethoven.htm)

21. (1) always  
(2) more or less  
(3) in a big area  
(4) to a large extent

22. (1) perfect  
(2) worthy  
(3) creative  
(4) outstanding

23. (1) erratic  
(2) strange  
(3) undesirable  
(4) unpredictable



24.

- (1)
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)

severely  
tirelessly  
endlessly  
uncontrollably

25.

- (1) rough
- (2) sudden
- (3) dangerous
- (4) threatening

**Section F: Comprehension MCQ**

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

(5 marks)

I have vivid memories of encounters with people whose voices or words have moved me over the years. One that springs to mind happened during a visit to Guilin, China, a beautiful land of craggy mountains, mists and rivers.

Walking along, we met two young girls, no older than 15 or 16, selling medicinal herbs near a river. They carried a large basket filled with herbs, inviting passers-by to buy their goods with vibrant voices. 5

“Hello!” I called to them.

“Hello!” They smiled back. “We offer every kind of medicine. Choose the one you want.”

I smiled at their high spirits and asked, “Do you have anything to make me smarter?” 10

They seemed taken aback, but only for an instant. “I’m sorry,” one of them replied in a clear, firm voice. “We have just sold that out.”

Our group burst into laughter at this witty reply, and I was touched. As a Chinese saying puts it, “Even a single word uttered out of goodness can warm the heart in the cold winter.” 15

My wife and I ended up buying some herbs as souvenirs, and I wondered how the girls and their families were doing.

I believe that sincere one-to-one conversation can soften and melt even hearts that are completely frozen. By talking with someone face-to-face, you can actually change that person’s life and your own. Today, we live in the midst of a flood of information. The more we rely on one-way communication, like the radio, the more we feel the need to stress the value of the human voice: The simple but precious interaction of voices. 20

In a face-to-face conversation, the listener can ask questions or disagree, and this in turn may make the speaker rethink his or her own views. The process is dynamic and multi-faceted, creating mutual joy and understanding. For me, I love talking to a wide range of people from all over the world. I always learn something new and I find it inspiring to be exposed to different ways of thinking. 25

Source: “The Power of words” in *A Piece of Mirror and Other Essays*, Daisaku Ikeda

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. The author met the two girls selling herbs while \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) on a vacation with his wife
  - (2) having a conversation with someone
  - (3) looking for medicinal herbs by the river
  - (4) hiking on his own in the mountains in China
27. By telling the author that the herb he wanted was sold out, it showed that the two girls were \_\_\_\_\_.
- ~~(1)~~ clever and amusing
  - ~~(2)~~ shocked and amazed
  - ~~(3)~~ polite and apologetic
  - ~~(4)~~ anxious and embarrassed
28. Why was the author "touched" (line 14)? It was \_\_\_\_\_.
- ~~(1)~~ his trip to China
  - ~~(2)~~ the sudden breeze
  - ~~(3)~~ seeing the girls being so friendly
  - ~~(4)~~ the two girls telling him honestly that the herb was sold out
29. What does the word "this" in line 26 refer to? It refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
- ~~(1)~~ a face-to-face conversation
  - ~~(2)~~ the herb the author wanted
  - ~~(3)~~ the listener asking questions or disagreeing
  - ~~(4)~~ the dynamic and multi-faceted process of communication
30. This unforgettable incident made the author realise \_\_\_\_\_.
- ~~(1)~~ that the herb he wanted did not exist
  - ~~(2)~~ the value of having a sincere conversation
  - ~~(3)~~ the joys of having a vacation in the mountains
  - ~~(4)~~ how poor the people living in the mountains were



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BOOKLET B

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

Class : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 24 August 2007

TOTAL	65
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Section G: 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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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<del>(A)</del> a	<del>(D)</del> in	<del>(G)</del> this	<del>(K)</del> into	<del>(N)</del> on
<del>(B)</del> an	<del>(E)</del> many	<del>(H)</del> that	<del>(L)</del> of	<del>(P)</del> every
<del>(C)</del> and	<del>(F)</del> most	<del>(J)</del> next	<del>(M)</del> each	<del>(Q)</del> however

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Yut is a traditional game we play on New Year's Day in Korea. There are four sticks, (31) \_\_\_\_\_ made of wood and about 15 centimetres (32) \_\_\_\_\_ length. The sticks have two sides - one side is rounded (33) \_\_\_\_\_ the other is flat.

Before the game starts, people have to be grouped (34) \_\_\_\_\_ teams. Then we draw a very simple game board on a white paper. (35) \_\_\_\_\_, draw seven small circles or points so that it looks like (36) \_\_\_\_\_ x-shaped square. A point on the lower right side of the game board is the starting point and a point at the opposite lower left side is the end point. To win this game, you have to get the (37) \_\_\_\_\_ points and arrive at the end point first.

On New Year's Day, all members (38) \_\_\_\_\_ the family and relatives get together and play (39) \_\_\_\_\_ game. We bet some money (40) \_\_\_\_\_ who will win. We enjoy the game.

Source: <http://www.topics-mag.com/edition11/games-sticks-stones.htm>

**Section H: 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. (10 marks)

The art of paper folding was first developed in China. Then Buddhist Monks

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brought paper to Japan in the sixth senturi. The only time they could use paper

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was for ceremonial **ocasious** because it was **scarse**. The figures made from

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origami is shaped like animals. There were few written records of paper folding designs and the only ones that lasted were the simple ones. The simple ones have

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beckoning beauty and their **simpfysity** is appealing. In modern time, origami is very

47.

often find in ~~the~~ western world.

48.

Origami have a terrific boost in the 1950's and now origami is a very popular

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thing to do. From ancient China, there have been many changes in folding the paper

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and there are many more designs. Some **oreeginel** ones that are still being used as decoration today are in the shape of paper cranes and boats.

Source: [http://www.indianchild.com/origami\\_instructions.htm](http://www.indianchild.com/origami_instructions.htm)

**Section I: Comprehension Cloze**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Grandmother always tells me, it is better to give than to receive. I personally experience this joy of (51) \_\_\_\_\_ on 14 July 2007.

On that day, I (52) \_\_\_\_\_ a knock on my door. An old man, (53) \_\_\_\_\_ was dirty and tired from all the (54) \_\_\_\_\_, was asking for water. He had walked from somewhere far away (55) \_\_\_\_\_ my place in one night. Just the night before, he had slept near a rubbish dump and he (56) \_\_\_\_\_ very bad. He said he wanted to go to another neighbourhood (57) \_\_\_\_\_ his family was. Although I offered him a glass of water, he (58) \_\_\_\_\_ politely. He was not thirsty. I then offered him a lift to his destination.

On my way back, I heard a woman talking on her mobile phone as I pulled (59) \_\_\_\_\_ a petrol kiosk. Getting out of my van, I heard her (60) \_\_\_\_\_ something about being stuck and that she had called a tow truck. She added that it had not (61) \_\_\_\_\_ and she needed to get home urgently. I went to the woman and saw (62) \_\_\_\_\_ worried she was. She went to apologise to the attendants and said that she was very upset, hoping that she had not made (63) \_\_\_\_\_ anxious. I asked her what the (64) \_\_\_\_\_ was. She had stopped too close to the gas pump and the wheel of her car was stuck on the gas pump protective post. Together, we freed the car! She was elated to be finally going (65) \_\_\_\_\_. I returned home. I could not recall a more wonderful day.

Source: <http://www.noogenesis.com/malama/kindness/Stories/0103.html>

Section J: Synthesis / Transformation

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

(10 marks)

66. Steve did not play well in the match because he was too anxious.

As a result of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. We did not know about the change in the time of the flight. We could not receive the visitors.

Not \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. The engine failure was the reason for the plane crash.

\_\_\_\_\_ due to  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Kim made her father angry. She wants to apologise to him.

Having \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. "Where were you? I have been looking high and low for you this morning," Mrs Tan said.

Mrs Tan asked me \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Section K: Comprehension OE

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

(20 marks)

Grandmother told me many stories, but there was one that she would not tell. I asked her many times. She would smile and say "One day"

Many a time, I pestered, coaxed and even used my best smile to change her mind. She would not tell me. Once, when she was admitted to the hospital for an X-ray, she refused to take her bangle off. The nurse insisted that she should remove all items from her body, but to no avail. I thought that she must have been afraid that she might lose it. After all, jade was expensive. It was her most valuable treasure. 5

When I was a little girl, Grandmother would let me sit on her lap. When she put her arms around me, I would hold her hands to my heart. The bangle on her wrist never failed to arouse my curiosity. She wore the bangle all the time. I had never seen her without it. "What is this?" I would ask. 10

I recalled the many things Grandmother told me about jade. She told me that 'jade' was derived from the Spanish word meaning *hip*. People used to wear the stone near their hip as protection against kidney diseases, or as a cure for such diseases. It was also known as 'axe stone' because it was fashioned in prehistoric times into tools and weapons. She also told me how a piece of jade could change in colour and appearance when worn. She showed me her bangle and related how the streaks of white and green had increased over the years. I looked hard and it seemed as if I was peering at a living thing. Somewhere along the way, Grandmother would say, "One day, I will tell you the story of my bangle." That would conclude our conversation about the jade bangle. 15 20

I remember the times when I pestered Grandmother. "Tell me, tell me, tell me," I insisted. "Tell me the story of your bangle!"

With a smile, she would say, "One day, when you are not so rude, I will tell you." 25

When I was ten or so, my patience began to wear out. I asked my mother, "Why does Grandmother keep saying 'One day'. Why won't she tell me now?"

"Be patient, Annie. She must have her reasons."

"Mom, I am sure you know the story. Can you tell me in secret?" I pestered my mother. I thought to myself, "Finally, I would get to hear from my mother." Mother walked away, pretending not to hear. 30

My little brother Zi Han did not share my curiosity. He simply said, "When Grandmother tells you the story, you can tell it to me."

As I turned twelve, Grandmother turned seventy-one. Perhaps she thought she did not have many more years to live. Perhaps she saw that I was growing up to be a mature, sensible girl and could now understand what she had to tell me. 35

Grandmother did not tell me the story in one sitting. That year, the story would unfold, step by step, scene by scene, each more remarkable than the one before. My birthday fell on the week before Christmas and Grandmother promised that, by then, I would hear the ending. As it turned out, the story became her best Christmas gift to me. From it, I learnt values of love, friendship, integrity and many invaluable lessons. 40

The story of the jade bangle is more than a story, it points to something greater. As a tale, it must be told. As a gift, it must be given.

Adapted from: *The Jade Bangle*, David W.F. Wong

71. What does the word "one" in line 1 refer to?

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72. Give two reasons to show that the writer's grandmother liked her bangle very much.

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73. From the passage, give two examples to show that the writer was close to her grandmother.

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74. According to Grandmother, what were the beliefs people had about jade in the past?

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75. Explain fully why the writer compared the jade bangle to a living thing.

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76. From lines 8 to 20, quote a sentence to show that the writer was unsuccessful in getting her grandmother to tell her the story.

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77. In what way was the writer rude towards her grandmother (line 24)?

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78. Why did the writer approach her mother for the story of the bangle?

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79. Why did the writer's grandmother keep her in suspense?

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80. In what way was the writer's reaction different from her brother's towards their grandmother's story?

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*Answers Key*

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	4	1	3	2	3	2	2	4	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
1	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	3	4
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
4	4	2	4	2	1	1	3	3	2
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
M	D	C	K	J	B	F	L	G	N

41 century	46 times	51 giving	56 smelt	61 arrived
42 occasions	47 found	52 heard	57 where	62 how
43 scarce	48 had	53 who	58 refused	63 them
44 were	49 since	54 walking	59 into	64 problem
45 simplicity	50 original	55 to	60 say	65 home

66. As a result of his anxiety, Steve did not play well in the match.
67. Not knowing about the change in the time of the flight, we could not receive the visitors.
68. The plane crash was due to the engine failure.
69. Having made her father angry, Kim wants to apologies to him.
70. Mrs Tan asked me where I had been and said she was looking high and low for me that morning.
71. It refers to the story of the jade bangle.
72. The writer's grandmother wore the bangle all the time. She refused to remove it during the X-ray.
73. When the writer was a little girl, she used to sit on her grandmother lap her grandmother would put her arms around the writer.
74. They believed that if they were the jade near their hip, it would protect them against kidney diseases or it would act as a cure for such diseases.
75. Grandmother told her that, when worn the piece of jade would in change in colour and appearance and stowed that it was true by pointing out the increasing number of streaks of white and green, it was like a living thing, able to change its colours.
76. The sentence is "One day, I will tell you the story of my bangle".

77. She insisted that her grandmother tell her the story.
78. She thought her mother would tell her the story.
79. Her grandmother wanted to tell her the story when she has grown up to be a mature, sensible girl and could understand the story better.
80. The writer was very curious about the story but her brother was not curious and did not seem to mind about grandmother not telling him since when his grandmother told his sister, his sister would be able to tell him.