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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 (2010)  
PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2  
(BOOKLET A)

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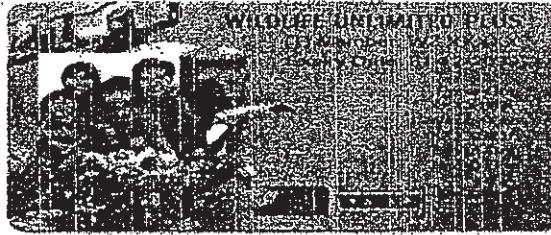
INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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

**Section A – Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)**  
Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 1 to 5.

## Be a Wildlife Unlimited Plus member!

Sign up today and enjoy these benefits at our 3 parks instantly. For \$430/year, here's what a family of 2 adults and 3 children (12 years old and below) is entitled to:



- 🐾 Free admissions to Jurong Bird Park, Night Safari and Singapore Zoo
- 🐾 Free tram and Panorail rides\* (Not valid on Sat, Sun and PH)
- 🐾 10% discount at participating retail and F&B outlets"
- 🐾 Email updates on the latest news and promotions
- 🐾 Free quarterly e-Wildlife Wonders.
- 🐾 Free parking at Singapore Zoo and Night Safari

\*Free Night Safari tram and Jurong Bird Park Panorail rides are only for a single round trip from the main station. Panorail rides are only available at the Jurong Bird Park.  
\*Terms and conditions apply.

To sign up or for more details, please call  
**(65) 6269 3411** or visit [WWW.ZOO.COM.SG](http://WWW.ZOO.COM.SG)

## Wildlife Reserves Singapore Conservation Fund



The 3 Wildlife Reserves Singapore (WRS) parks – Jurong Bird Park, Night Safari and Singapore Zoo, have been playing an active role in spearheading numerous conservation activities over the years. To further our commitment, the Wildlife Reserves Singapore Conservation Fund (WRSCF) was registered in 2009 as a charity and an institution of public character with the primary purpose of conserving endangered native wildlife.

For each admission ticket sold, WRS parks will contribute 20 cents to WRSCF specifically for the purpose of educating and preserving our local biodiversity. To make a further contribution, please visit [www.wrscf.org.sg](http://www.wrscf.org.sg) for more information.

# Singapore Zoo

Wildlife Reserves Singapore Group

80 Mandai Lake Road Singapore 729826 T: (65) 6269 3411 F: (65) 6365 2331  
[www.zoo.com.sg](http://www.zoo.com.sg)

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

1. The main aim of the brochure is to encourage people to \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1) visit the zoo
  - 2) be more aware of wildlife conservation
  - 3) sign up as members of Wildlife Unlimited Plus
  - 4) donate to the Wildlife Reserves Singapore Conservation Fund
  
2. This advertisement is most likely targeted at \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1) tourists
  - 2) families
  - 3) children
  - 4) conservationists
  
3. As a Wildlife Unlimited Plus member, one gets to enjoy \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1) free parking at Jurong Bird Park
  - 2) free tram and Panorail rides every day
  - 3) 10% discounts at all retail and F&B outlets
  - 4) a copy of e-Wildlife Wonders four times a year at no cost
  
4. If John wants to make a contribution to WRSCF, he should \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1) visit [www.wrscf.org.sg](http://www.wrscf.org.sg)
  - 2) visit [www.zoo.com.sg](http://www.zoo.com.sg)
  - 3) call (65) 6269 3411
  - 4) call (65) 6365 2331
  
5. Which one of the following statements is false?
  - 1) The sole purpose of the WRSCF is to raise funds.
  - 2) The Wildlife Reserves Singapore Conservation Fund (WRSCF) is a charity.
  - 3) The 3 Wildlife Reserves Singapore (WRS) parks are Jurong Bird Park, Night Safari and Singapore Zoo.
  - 4) The WRS parks will donate 20 cents for each admission ticket sold to the Wildlife Reserves Singapore Conservation Fund.

**Section B – Grammar ( 7 x 1 mark)**

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 corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

6. When I reached home, I was so exhausted that I \_\_\_\_\_ on the bed and fell asleep immediately.
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| 1) lay  | 2) lajd |
| 3) lied | 4) lain |
7. \_\_\_\_\_ you curb your spending, you will never be able to save much.
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| 1) Since | 2) Despite |
| 3) If    | 4) Unless  |
8. Mrs Tan always buys Tina and \_\_\_\_\_ our favourite flavours of ice cream when we visit her .
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| 1) I    | 2) me .   |
| 3) mine | 4) myself |
9. Neither the twins nor Jim \_\_\_\_\_ to take part in the competition. They do not feel confident of winning.
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|----------|----------------|
| 1) want  | 2) wanted      |
| 3) wants | 4) have wanted |
10. Dino, \_\_\_\_\_ master is my neighbour, is the cutest dog I have ever seen.
- |          |          |
|----------|----------|
| 1) who's | 2) whom  |
| 3) whose | 4) which |
11. I \_\_\_\_\_ a cold if I had not worn my jacket.
- |                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| 1) catch       | 2) will catch        |
| 3) would catch | 4) would have caught |
12. Each of these boxes \_\_\_\_\_ a mystery gift. You may open any one of them.
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| 1) contain              | 2) contains   |
| 3) <del>contained</del> | 4) containing |
- contained

**Section C – Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1 mark)**

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 (OAS).

“Lobo!” Ricky shouted (13) That’s it! I’ll name it Lobo!”

Ricky was lying on his bed, trying to think of a name for the dog that Mother was bringing home today. The name had to have a big sound, something like Bang or Pow, but in Spanish. Yes (14) Lobo was perfect.

“Ricky, your mother’s back! She’s got the dog (15) Auntie Gina hollered from the living room. “I can see them outside the window!”

- 13) 1) [ , ] comma  
2) [ . ] full stop  
3) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
4) [ . " ] fullstop and inverted commas
- 14) 1) [ : ] colon  
2) [ , ] comma  
3) [ ; ] semi - colon  
4) [ ? ] question mark
- 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 (5 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 16 to 20, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

16. Horse drawn carriages and bullock carts were the \_\_\_\_\_ of modern day cars.
- 1) precedents
  - 2) successors
  - 3) descendants
  - 4) predecessors
17. The storm has \_\_\_\_\_. We can leave for home now.
- 1) abated
  - 2) declined
  - 3) dwindled
  - 4) appeased
18. With your resemblance to Mr Tan, you can easily \_\_\_\_\_ as his son.
- 1) pass up
  - 2) pass off
  - 3) pass out
  - 4) pass down
19. John's professor advised him not to \_\_\_\_\_ but to stick to his original project since he was already halfway through it.
- 1) cast pearls before swine
  - 2) change horses mid-stream
  - 3) cross the bridge when he came to it
  - 4) count his chickens before they were hatched
20. Gina's interest in astronomy has \_\_\_\_\_. She is not as intrigued by the subject as she was five years ago.
- 1) waned
  - 2) receded
  - 3) subsided
  - 4) disintegrated

**Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)**

For each question, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

Eric was very upset. His coach had just informed him that he was not playing (21) well enough recently. He said that if Eric did not (22) brush up on his performance, he would likely be asked to leave the team. Eric frowned as he recalled the scene at the field earlier. He felt that his coach was (23) discriminating against him. All the way home, Eric was full of rage. He felt that he had been unjustly (24) derided in front of his peers. He thought he was just as good as everyone in the team. "Maybe I should just quit the team!" he thought (25) recklessly. "That would show the coach!"

21. 1) up to the mark  
2) up to the neck  
3) under one's belt  
4) under the counter

22. 1) develop  
2) improve  
3) progress  
4) enhance

23. 1) critical  
2) impartial  
3) prejudiced  
4) judgmental

24. 1) assaulted  
2) chastised  
3) punished  
4) ridiculed

25. 1) impetuously  
2) immediately  
3) impersonally  
4) imaginatively

**Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)**

*Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.*

At one time people did not think too badly of homeless wanderers, believing that they led carefree lives. Home might be a park bench or an empty carriage on a train heading for some unknown place. It was felt that they chose the life they wanted. Hence it was easy to ignore them.

Today, however, homeless people are not easy to ignore. Home can be 5 just about anywhere – abandoned buildings, shelters, bus and railway stations, subways and city streets. They are everywhere – in large and small cities all over the world. Authorities over the world can barely cope with the sheer numbers of people living on the streets. This **situation** is worse in large cities.

It is impossible to find out the exact number of homeless people. 10 Although there are people who have been living on the streets for years, there are some who are temporarily without a home because of a fire or a hurricane. Sometimes, people are forced out of their homes because they cannot pay the rent.

How do people get into such a pathetic state? Many of the homeless have lost their jobs or have problems with drugs and alcohol. As a result, they are too 15 poor to afford housing. Some are mentally ill, discharged from hospitals with nowhere to go as their families have rejected them. <sup>There</sup> They are yet others who moved onto the streets. For them, the streets are havens compared to the derelict conditions of their homes.

There have been many suggestions about how to tackle this social 20 problem. While governments can put more money into building low-cost housing, private organisations should also do their part. They can help to provide homes for the needy and people with social problems, and job training to help the jobless to acquire new skills and find work. Only when the government and private organisations work together can the problem of homelessness be tackled successfully. 25

*Adapted from PSLE Examination Papers 1994-1998*



For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding ovals on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. It was once thought that homeless people \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) were choosy
  - 2) lived carefree lives
  - 3) ignored other people
  - 4) lived in unknown places
27. In line 9, "situation" refers to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) difficulty in ignoring the homeless
  - 2) large number of people living in small cities
  - 3) homeless people living in abandoned buildings
  - 4) authorities' inability in coping with the many homeless
28. It is not possible to find out exactly how many homeless people there are because \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) they are all over the place
  - 2) the numbers keep changing
  - 3) there are far too many of them around
  - 4) many have been on the streets for years
29. The phrase which suggests that housing conditions are very poor is "\_\_\_\_\_".
- 1) such a pathetic state
  - 2) too poor to afford housing
  - 3) derelict conditions of their homes
  - 4) Home can be just about anywhere
30. In the last paragraph about tackling the problem of homelessness, the writer's main suggestion is that \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) private organisations should also offer help
  - 2) private organisations should provide jobs for people
  - 3) governments should provide all the help for the needy
  - 4) governments should give more money to the homeless

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**Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only ONCE.

A) a	D) before	G) from	K) since	N) when
B) an	E) by	H) into	L) to	P) which
C) at	F) even	J) on	M) through	Q) who

From fossils, we know that cockroaches have been around for more than 300 million years. Cockroaches are superbly fitted (31) \_\_\_\_\_ survive in many different environments. Their flattened shapes squeeze easily (32) \_\_\_\_\_ safe crevices, where they lie unnoticed or unreachable by their preys. When caught in the open, a cockroach can sprint (33) \_\_\_\_\_ high speeds for the nearest cover. From the instant it senses air movement around it, only a split second goes (34) \_\_\_\_\_ before its legs are moving.

Cockroach eggs are laid in a hard, protective sac (35) \_\_\_\_\_ looks like a beaded purse. It is quite impossible to starve cockroaches as they can eat almost anything, (36) \_\_\_\_\_ other cockroaches.

Most cockroaches are forest inhabitants. They live (37) \_\_\_\_\_ rotting vegetation, sliding their flat bodies (38) \_\_\_\_\_ leaf piles on the forest floor. One unusual species (39) \_\_\_\_\_ Madagascar is adapted to desert living. (40) \_\_\_\_\_ hiding places are fewer in the desert, its sandy colouring serves as a camouflage. This is one of the reasons for the thriving cockroach population on the pacific island.

Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

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

Diamond, which is the best friend of most, if not all women, is undoubtedly the

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'king of gems'. Not only are they the rare and most beautiful of precious stones, they are

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also the hardest **substens** ever discovered.

The word 'diamond' originated from the Greek word 'adama', which means

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**unkonkerable** or untamable. The ancient Romans used this word believing incorrectly that

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the diamond was **indistructeble** since it was so hard. However, it is now prove that though if

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is hard, it is brittle enough to be easy **shattered** with a hammer if aimed properly.

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By its natural state, the gemstone is dull and uninspiring. But in the hands of a

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skilled craftsman, its incomparable **breliants** and sparkle is brought alive. Although this

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magnificent gemstone is usually associated on engagement rings, necklaces and other

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jewellery, it plays a very important **rol** in modern factories where they are used to machine

hard metals, cut, shape and finish other modern materials.

**Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

One of the aspects of life we know least about is that which is often compared with death – sleep. On average, we spend one-third of our (51) \_\_\_\_\_ sleeping. So, if you live to be ninety, approximately thirty of those (52) \_\_\_\_\_ will have been spent in blissful oblivion. (53) \_\_\_\_\_ needs sleep although no one is certain why or how it happens. (54) \_\_\_\_\_ it, people begin to hallucinate and eventually die. Hence, sleep (55) \_\_\_\_\_ is a well-known and widely used form of torture.

A person passes back and forth through various (56) \_\_\_\_\_ of sleep during a normal night. The sleeper moves into a light sleep, during which breathing is light and the body begins to slow (57) \_\_\_\_\_. This is the period during which sleepers move their bodies, changing their body (58) \_\_\_\_\_, turning from left to right and sometimes resting on their backs.

Deep sleep relaxes the (59) \_\_\_\_\_ and body further. This stage is probably the worst stage from which to be (60) \_\_\_\_\_. Your mind and body will both be (61) \_\_\_\_\_ sluggish that someone talking to you or seeing you may quite easily think you are drunk. If you go straight back to sleep, you will probably (62) \_\_\_\_\_ nothing. During deep sleep, the body's metabolic rate is lowered by about 15%, the pulse rate slows down by (63) \_\_\_\_\_ ten and thirty beats a minute and body temperature begins to drop.

For most of us, the next stage of sleep is one of the most interesting. This is when we dream. It is characterised (64) \_\_\_\_\_ rapid eye movement, REM, in which your eyes dart back and forth under closed (65) \_\_\_\_\_. Unlike the previous stage, you will be able to recall the dream that you were having once woken.

**Section J - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 mark)**

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

66. David was determined to do well for his examination. In the end, he passed with flying colours.

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

67. Jake wants to dance more than he wants to sing.

\_\_\_\_\_ prefers \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. John arrived at Mary's apartment and found the door ajar.

Upon \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. The princess decided to marry the prince who was brave.

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

70. I shall go cycling tomorrow. The weather must be fine.

\_\_\_\_\_ provided \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

It was at least two months before Christmas when my nine-year-old daughter, Rose, told her father and me that she wanted a new bicycle. Her old Barbie bicycle just couldn't cut it. It was too babyish, and besides, it needed new tyres.

As Christmas drew nearer, her desire for a new bicycle seemed to fade – or 5  
so we thought, as she didn't mention it again. Merrily, we started purchasing the latest rage – Baby-Sitter's Club dolls – and beautiful story books, a doll house, a holiday dress and toys. Then, much to our surprise, on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, she proudly announced that she "really wanted a bike more than anything else."

Now, we didn't know what to do. It was just too late, what with all the details 10  
of preparing Christmas dinner and buying last minute gifts, to take time to select the 'right bike' for our little girl. So here we were – on Christmas Eve around 9 p.m., having just returned from a wonderful party, contemplating our evening ahead – hours of wrapping children's presents, parents' presents, a brother's presents and friends' presents. With Rose and her six-year-old brother, Dylan, nestled snugly in 15  
their beds, we could think only of the bicycle, the guilt and the idea that we were parents who would disappoint their child.

That was when my husband, Ron, was inspired. "What if I make a little bicycle out of clay and write a note that she could trade the clay model in for a real bike?" The theory, of course, being that since this is a high-ticket item and she is 20  
"such a big girl", it would be much better for her to pick it out herself. So he spent the next five hours painstakingly working with clay to create a miniature bicycle.

On Christmas morning, we were so excited for Rose to open the little heart shaped package with the beautiful red and white clay bike and the note. Finally, she opened the package and read the note aloud. 25

She looked at me and then Ron and said, "So, does this mean that I can trade in this bike that Daddy made for me for a real one?"

Beaming, I replied, "Yes."

Rose had **tears in her eyes** when she replied, "I could never trade in this beautiful bicycle that Daddy made me. I'd rather keep this than get a real bike." 30

**At that moment, my husband and I would have moved heaven and earth to buy her every bicycle on the planet!**

*Michelle Lawrence*  
*3rd Serving of Chicken Soup for the Soul*

For each question 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided.  
**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. Explain in your own words why the narrator's daughter wanted a new bicycle.

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72. Why was the narrator surprised when her daughter announced on December 23<sup>rd</sup> that she really wanted a bicycle?

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73. Why couldn't the narrator and her husband buy her daughter the bicycle?

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74. How do you think the narrator and her husband felt when they could not buy a bicycle for their daughter? Why?

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75. What did the narrator and her husband decide to do to solve the problem?

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76. In your own words, how was the narrator going to explain to her daughter why she did not get a real bicycle?

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77. Which word in the passage tells you that the father took great care to make the gift for his daughter?

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78. How did their daughter feel when she had "tears in her eyes" in line 29 ?

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79. Did the narrator's daughter like what she got for Christmas? How do you know?

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80. Explain what the narrator meant when she said "my husband and I would have moved heaven and earth to buy her every bicycle on the planet!"

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**End-of-Paper**



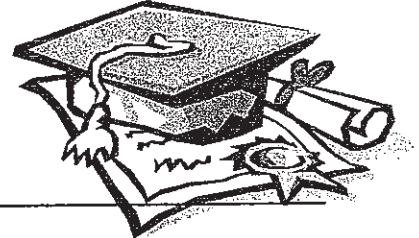


# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2010**

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**TERM : SA1**



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- 41)rarest    42)Substance    43)unconquerable    44)indestructible  
45)proven    46)easily    47)In    48)brilliance    49)with    50)role  
51)lives    52)years    53)Everyone    54)without    55)deprivation  
56)stages    57)down    58)positions    59)mind    60)wakened  
61)so    62)remember    63)between    64)by    65)eyelids/lid
- 66)As a result of his determination to do well for his examination, David passed with flying colours.
- 67)Jake prefers dancing to singing.
- 68)Upon arriving of Mary's apartment, John found the door ajar.
- 69)The princess decided to marry the prince due to his bravery.
- 70)I shall go cycling tomorrow provided that the weather is fine.

**71)The narrator's daughter wanted a new bicycle as her bicycle could not cut it and it was too babyish and it needed new types.**

**72)The narrator thought her daughter did not want the bicycle anymore as she did not mention it again.**

**73)They did not have time (as they had to prepare Christmas dinner and buy last minute gift)and it was too late.**

**74)I think they felt guilty as they could not please their daughter and their daughter would be disappointed.**

**75)The narrator's husband decided to make a miniature bicycle out of clay and write a note to say that she could trade the miniature bicycle for a real bicycle.**

**76)She could tell her that as it was an expensive item and as she was old it would be better for her to choose her own bicycle.**

**77)The word is " painstakingly".**

**78)She was very touched/moved/stirred/grateful/thankful.**

**79)Yes, she did as she did not trade the miniature bicycle for a real bicycle.**

**80)She and her husband would have done anything to buy her daughter any bicycle she wanted.**