



**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2006
PRIMARY FOUR
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

PAPER 2

Class: Primary Four _____

**40 QUESTIONS
(48 MARKS)**

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLET: 1 HOUR 15 MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS:

Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all the questions.

Section A – Grammar MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. Jason has caught measles from his brother as it _____ an infectious illness.
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

2. This bridge is more dangerous to cross than the other one as it is the _____ of the (two).
 - (1) narrow
 - (2) narrows
 - (3) narrower
 - (4) narrowest

3. Neither of the boys _____ interested in taking part in the football match. They rather take part in the badminton tournament.
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

4. My father left the house early _____ he was (late) for work.
 - (1) so
 - (2) yet
 - (3) that
 - (4) until

5. Here are the books you borrowed from Mary. They are _____.
 - (1) his
 - (2) her
 - (3) hers
 - (4) theirs

6. Noah will go to the party, _____ ?
 - (1) will he
 - (2) won't he
 - (3) would he
 - (4) wouldn't he

Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

7. After much effort, they managed to _____ the enemy's secret code.
- (1) solve
 - (2) break
 - (3) explain
 - (4) answer
8. Doctors all over the world are working hard to _____ a cure for bird flu.
- (1) invent
 - (2) discover
 - (3) construct
 - (4) experiment
9. After the hurricane, the government decided to spend millions of dollars to _____ hundreds of damaged buildings.
- (1) build
 - (2) repair
 - (3) restore
 - (4) decorate
10. The people in the valley waited anxiously for the _____ to erupt.
- (1) tsunami
 - (2) volcano
 - (3) hurricane
 - (4) earthquake
11. The burglar crept _____ across the room so as not to wake anyone up.
- (1) patiently
 - (2) stealthily
 - (3) aimlessly
 - (4) meticulously
12. People caught in the open during a _____ are usually in danger of freezing to death.
- (1) drought
 - (2) blizzard
 - (3) cyclone
 - (4) landslide

Section C – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The Sunday Times, October 15

CONMAN SETS UP SHOP PROMISING CHEAP COMPUTERS

A man rented shop space in Lorong Lew Ljan and then placed several advertisements in the local newspapers promising cheap computers. But after collecting more than \$6,000 in deposits for the computers from 13 people, he disappeared on Thursday with the money. Police are now looking for a man identified only as Mr Koh.

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Police believe that apart from the 13 people who were duped, several other people had responded to the advertisements. A police spokesman said the known victims, most of them professionals, paid between \$455 and \$550 each. They were told that they would receive their goods by Friday.

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One of the victims said, "When my computer did not arrive as promised, I began to get worried." She tried to phone Mr Koh but was unsuccessful in locating him. She then reported the incident to the police the following day. Several other customers who did not receive their computers also made police reports on the same day.

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Police are investigating the case.

Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

13. This article appeared in _____.

- (1) a police report
- (2) the newspapers
- (3) an advertisement
- (4) a telephone message

14. Many people responded to the advertisements because _____.

- (1) they knew Mr Koh
- (2) they were professionals
- (3) the computers were cheap
- (4) the shop was in Lorong Lew Lian

15. The word "duped" in line 6 means _____.
- (1) selected
 - (2) deceived
 - (3) promised
 - (4) convinced
16. The victims made a report to the police on _____.
- (1) Thursday
 - (2) Friday
 - (3) Saturday
 - (4) Sunday
17. When the police found Mr Koh, what would they charge him with?
- (1) Cheating
 - (2) Disappearing
 - (3) Renting shop space
 - (4) Selling cheap computers

Section D – Grammar Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. Use each word once only.

✓(A) swum	✓(B) swim	✓(C) swimmers
✓(D) swimmer	✓(E) swims	✓(F) swimming

Janet goes (18) _____ with her mother every Saturday afternoon. They usually (19) _____ at the swimming complex in Bishan. Although Janet is much younger than her mother, she is the better (20) _____. She has a lot of stamina and she (21) _____ very gracefully. Janet has (22) _____ in many competitions and she has won many prizes in the one hundred-metre freestyle event.

Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. Use each word once only.

(A) building	(B) making	(C) discover	(D) watching
(E) catch	(F) theatre	(G) springing	(H) improved

In the past, people had to travel all the way to cinemas in town to watch their movies. Today, cineplexes have been (23) _____ up in various HDB estates to cater to the tastes of the public.

A cineplex houses a few cinemas in one (24) _____. In this way, several movies can be screened at one time. These cinemas are equipped with cushioned seats and air-conditioned comfort. The sound system and the screens have also been (25) _____.

Cineplexes have several advantages over individual cinemas. A movie buff does not have to go to another cinema to (26) _____ another movie. He has a variety of movies to choose from. Cineplexes will continue to attract crowds even though the cost of (27) _____ a movie is high.

No matter what happens, families and individuals will enjoy going to the movies as a pastime.

Section F – Comprehension Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable answer.

At one time, snake charmers could be found in every tourist spot in Singapore. Today, we can hardly see them.

Most snake charmers learn the art of (28) _____ a snake from their fathers or grandfathers. In this way, the art is passed down from one (29) _____ to the next.

A snake charmer performs to groups of people who are entertained by the snake which moves and sways in accordance to the (30) _____ played by the charmer on a flute. A snake really cannot hear because it does not have eardrums, so it actually sways according to the movement of the (31) _____.

Tourists are usually (32) _____ five dollars if they want to take a picture with the snakes. Some people are brave enough to hold a snake in their hands, but others shun them for fear of being bitten.

Section G – Sentence Synthesis and Transformation (3 x 2 marks)

For each of the items, rewrite the given sentences using the word/s provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the given ones.

33. You do not train hard. You will not enter the finals of the competition.

unless

34. His new shoes would not get dirty. He wrapped them in plastic.

_____ so that

35. My grandfather used to live in a fishing village. My family visited it.

where

Section H – Comprehension – Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

There are more than ten thousand different types of wasps in the world. They are divided into two categories : social wasps and solitary wasps.

Social wasps lead a communal existence in their colonies. The queen lays eggs which later hatch and the workers feed the grubs which will grow into adults. On the other hand, solitary wasps live in individual nests. Each female wasp builds her own nest and lays her eggs in it. When these eggs hatch, she feeds the leafless grubs on her own without help from worker wasps. She is often considered to be more independent than the social female wasp.

Wasps are often feared as harmful insects because of their poisonous stings. Actually, a wasp only stings when it is threatened. In reality wasps can be very useful insects. This is because wasps kill caterpillars and other pests that live on plants in order to feed their grubs.

However, wasps can also be destructive. Some wasps can damage plants and there are also some other wasps that kill honey bees.

36. What are grubs ?

37. Which two-word phrase in the passage means to live with others ?
38. In line 10, why is the solitary female wasp often considered to be more independent than the social female wasp ?
39. How do wasps help farmers ?
40. According to the passage, what is one possible reason why some wasps kill honey bees ?

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19)B 20)D 21)E 22)A 23)G 24)A
25)H 26)E 27)D 28)charming 29)generation
30)music 31)flute 32)charged

33)You will not enter the finals of the competition unless you train hard.

34)He wrapped his new shoes in plastic so that it would not get dirty.

35)My family visited the fishing village where my grandfather used to live.

36)Grabs are the young of a wasp that are legless.

37)The two-word phrase is "communal existence".

38)The solitary female wasp feeds her grabs on her own but social female wasp depend on the worker wasp to feed her grabs.

39)Wasps kill caterpillars and other pest that live on plants.

40)Wasps kill honey bees for destruction.