

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

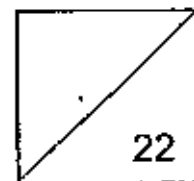
**PRIMARY 4 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2007
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Booklet A

NAME: _____ ()

CLASS: P4. _____

DATE: 7 May 2007



SECTION A: GRAMMAR (6 marks)

Choose the correct answer to complete the blank and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. After _____ attempts, Geetha finally found the solution to the Mathematics problem.

- (1) any
- (2) many
- (3) much
- (4) a little

2. Nelly _____ flu yesterday. She could not finish her literature project.

- (1) came in for
- (2) came out with
- (3) came down with
- (4) came up against

3. Either Jason or the girls _____ the school bus home this afternoon.

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

Go to page 2

4. Tara likes to eat durians, _____ she?

- (1) isn't
- (2) hasn't
- (3) doesn't
- (4) mustn't

5. Each game _____ of four stations. The players have to score well in all the stations in order to move ahead.

- (1) consist
- (2) consists
- (3) consisted
- (4) consisting

6. He strongly proposed that girls _____ be allowed to join the scuba diving club.

- (1) can
- (2) shall
- (3) could
- (4) should

Go to page 3

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (6 marks)

Choose the correct answer to complete the blank and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

7. The _____ ^{were} was very excited when they discovered the ancient burial site while excavating artefacts.

- (1) curators
- (2) architects
- (3) geologists
- (4) archaeologists

8. Everybody likes Jenny because she is always cheerful and optimistic. She also has a positive _____ on life.

- (1) opinion
- (2) outlook
- (3) character
- (4) personality

9. That boy has a very short attention span so his ability to _____ information is limited.

- (1) retain
- (2) detain
- (3) sustain
- (4) maintain

Go to page 4

10. The _____ of the plane that exploded in mid-air scattered over a wide area.

- (1) debris
- (2) rubble
- (3) scraps
- (4) residue

11. Mark's legs were _____ after the terrible car accident and he had to depend on prosthetic legs to walk.

- (1) fractured
- (2) disjoined
- (3) dislocated
- (4) amputated

12. People have always been _____ by mysteries and strange happenings around them.

- (1) charmed
- (2) intrigued
- (3) absorbed
- (4) tantalized

Go to page 5

SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

There once lived two brothers. One day, they set off together to town. The rich brother, Demetrius, rode a stallion and the poor brother, Lysander, a young mare.

At dusk, they stopped beside an inn and tethered their horses outside. The next morning, they saw three horses outside. The newcomer was a foal.

"It belongs to me!" exclaimed Demetrius.

"Whoever heard of a stallion having a foal? It was born to my mare!" Lysander retorted.

"No! It was standing close to the stallion, so it's the stallion's foal!"

The brothers decided to bring the matter to the Emperor. When the Emperor heard about the dispute, he knew the foal belonged to Lysander. However, Lysander had a twitch in his eye, which annoyed the Emperor. He then said to the brothers, "I will award the foal to whoever can solve the following riddles: what is the fastest thing in the world? What is the fattest? What's the softest and what is the most precious?"

Demetrius decided to seek advice from a woman who owed him some money. She promptly demanded that her whole debt be wiped out in exchange for the answers.

"The fastest thing in the world is my husband's bay horse," she said. "The fattest is our pig! The softest is the quilt I made for my bed and the most precious thing in the world is my three-month old baby!" Demetrius was glad that he could take the solutions back to the Emperor, otherwise he would be punished.

In the meantime, Lysander had gone back to his humble cottage, where he lived with his small daughter, and confided in her. The child firmly said, "Tell the Emperor that the fastest thing in the world is the cold north wind in winter. The fattest is the soil in our fields where crops have given life to men and animals alike, the softest thing is a child's caress and the most precious is honesty."

The day came when the two brothers were to return before the Emperor. The Emperor roared with laughter at Demetrius' answers. When Lysander spoke, his wise replies made the Emperor feel embarrassed, especially the one about honesty. The Emperor knew perfectly well that he had been dishonest in his dealings with the poor brother, for he had denied him justice.

When Lysander told the Emperor that his daughter was the one who gave him the answers, the Emperor said, "You have a wise and clever daughter. You shall be awarded the foal, together with a hundred silver ducats."

Go to page 6

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

13. The two brothers reached the inn _____.
- (1) at dawn
 - (2) at midnight
 - (3) in the evening
 - (4) in the morning
14. Demetrius said that the foal belonged to him because the _____.
- (1) mare was too young
 - (2) mare could not have given birth
 - (3) stallion was standing close to the foal
 - (4) stallion was stronger than the young mare
15. The Emperor decided to give the riddles to the brothers to solve because he _____.
- (1) wanted to know which brother was wiser
 - (2) could not decide who should have the foal
 - (3) knew who the rightful owner of the foal was
 - (4) was angered by the twitch in Lysander's eyes
16. Which of the following best describes the Emperor when he gave the riddles to settle the dispute? He was _____.
- (1) fair and wise
 - (2) clever and noble
 - (3) bored and foolish
 - (4) difficult and partial

Go to page 7

17. The poor man's wise replies made the Emperor feel embarrassed because the Emperor realised that _____.

- (1) he could not punish Lysander
- (2) Lysander had solved the riddles
- (3) he was not being fair to Lysander
- (4) Lysander had a wise and clever daughter

Go to Booklet B

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

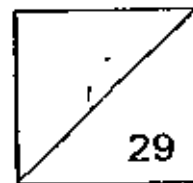
**PRIMARY 4 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2007
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Booklet B

NAME: _____ ()

CLASS: P4. _____

DATE: 7 May 2007



SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE (4 marks)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

| | | | |
|----------|--------|--------|----------|
| (A) for | (B) by | (C) to | (D) in |
| (E) with | (F) at | (G) of | (H) from |

"Daniel, are you done with your homework?" Mum called (18) _____
downstairs. "I need help (19) _____ an errand."

"Oh no! Not again!" I thought (20) _____ despair. "Yes, Mum. I am
coming right now," I replied and went downstairs reluctantly.

At the launderette, I usually have to wait (21) _____ at least an hour for
the whole washing and drying cycle to be completed. To alleviate my boredom, my
mum sometimes gives me extra money to buy myself magazines and sweets.

Go to page 2

SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (4 marks)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) ~~sing~~

(B) ~~sings~~

(C) ~~sang~~

(D) ~~singing~~

(E) ~~will sing~~

(F) ~~has sung~~

Daddy bought a karaoke set recently. Every day, my sister, Janice, (22) _____ along to the music videos. Janice likes to (23) _____ different genre of songs. In fact, she (24) _____ all the songs on the video compact discs that we have at home.

She (25) _____ for her school concert next month. The whole family is very excited and will be there to support her.

Go to page 3

SECTION F: SYNTHESIS (3 marks)

Rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

26. Xiaomei was not feeling well. She had to walk all the way home.

Although _____

27. It was raining heavily. The soccer practice was cancelled.

_____ as

28. Beatrice is caring and helpful. She is well-liked by her friends.

because _____

Go to page 4

SECTION G: CLOZE PASSAGE (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blank with a suitable word.

Today, one out of every ten people walking down the street is left-handed. In the past, young students who used their left hands to (29) _____ were punished for doing so. Some of them eventually learnt to write with their right hand, but only after putting in much (30) _____.

These days, parents and teachers are far more accepting and understanding. In almost every school in the world, students who are left-handed are (31) _____ to continue using their left hand to write.

An interesting (32) _____ to ask is whether there is any connection between left-handed people and creative genius. Some of history's most creative minds have been left-handed. In the category of music, Ludwig van Beethoven was left-handed. In the field of (33) _____ and technology, Benjamin Franklin and Albert Einstein were left-handed. In the (34) _____ of art, you have Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo. Each of these persons had a mind so exceptional as to be head and (35) _____ above anyone else in their field.

So even though it may be more (36) _____ for a left-handed person to live in a world designed for right-handed people, lefties can know that they are in good company.

Go to page 5

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Sheila looked at the audience through an opening in the curtain. Her mother had not arrived at the school hall. She looked around her and the backstage was bustling with activities. Sheila watched enviously as the dancers put on their make-up. She need not put any make-up on her face since it was completely concealed by her costume. Sheila quickly consoled herself that nobody would know even if she had stage fright later.

The seats started to fill up as more and more people arrived. Sheila quickly stepped into her bear costume and before she could put on her bear head, she had to help Lily into her bear costume and set the head on her shoulders. Lily was ready. Sheila looked around for her bear head. She was shocked when she could not find it anywhere.

Sheila searched in the big box containing all the costumes. She found a pair of wings, a magician's cloak and the closest thing to what she was looking for was the head of a parrot. She put it on and looked at herself in the mirror. She looked absolutely comical. Sheila became anxious as the minutes ticked by and the missing bear head was nowhere in sight. It was too late to get another costume.

Go to page 6

Sheila told her teacher, Mrs Foong, about her problem. Mrs Foong looked at her and made a quick decision. She pulled the neck of her costume over her head and pinned it with some safety pins. Then she cut two holes for Sheila to find her way around. The costume was uncomfortable, but it did not spoil the fun for Sheila on the stage.

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

37. Why did Sheila look at the audience through the opening in the curtain?

38. Which two-word phrase tells you that Sheila would like make-up on her face?

39. When did Sheila realise that her bear head was missing?

Go to page 7

40. What made Sheila look comical?

41. How did the two holes help Sheila?

*****The End*****

Have you checked your work?



ANSWER SHEET

M G S PRIMARY SCHOOL - PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH 2007
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

1. 2
 2. 3
 3. 2
 4. 3
 5. 2
 6. 4
 7. 4
 8. 2
 9. 1
 10. 1
 11. 2
 12. 3
 13. 3
 14. 3
 15. 1
 - 16.
 - 17.
 18. H
 19. E
 20. D
 21. A
 22. B
 23. A
 24. F
 25. E
- 26) Although Xiaomei was not feeling well, she had to walk all the way home.
- 27) The soccer practice was cancelled as it was raining heavily.
- 28) Beatrice is well-liked by her friends because she is caring and helpful.
- 29) writer
- 30) effort
- 31) ... 36) difficult
- 32) question
- 33) science
- 37) She wanted to know whether her mother had arrived at the school hall.
- 38) The two-word phrase is 'watched enviously.'
- 39) She realized it was missing when she was looking for it after she had helped Jerry into her bear costume and the head of her shoulders.
- 40) Putting on the head of a parrot and her bear costume made Sheila look comical.
- 41) The two holes helped Sheila to find her way around.