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METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

**PRIMARY 4 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2004
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

BOOKLET A

NAME: _____ ()

CLASS: P4. _____

DATE: _____

Section A
Grammar (6 marks)

Choose the most suitable answer for each blank and shade the number of the correct answer in the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The maid has been instructed to close the windows _____ it rains.
 - (1) until
 - (2) since
 - (3) because
 - (4) whenever

2. The organiser says that each guest _____ a gift at the door tomorrow night.
 - (1) receive
 - (2) received
 - (3) will receive
 - (4) has received

3. I have done my homework. Have you done _____?
 - (1) mine
 - (2) ours
 - (3) theirs
 - (4) yours

4. Neither the girls nor Lily _____ to attend the lesson. They prefer to read in class.
 - (1) want
 - (2) wants
 - (3) wanted
 - (4) wanting

5. The teacher made Tom _____ back after school.
 - (1) stay
 - (2) stays
 - (3) stayed
 - (4) staying

6. I have never _____ a Tasmanian Devil before.
 - (1) see
 - (2) saw
 - (3) sees
 - (4) seen

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Section B
Vocabulary (6 marks)

Choose the correct answer for each blank and shade the number of the correct answer in the Optical Answer Sheet.

7. Bicycles can be _____ at the park at three dollars per hour.
- (1) sold
 - (2) rented
 - (3) borrowed
 - (4) purchased
8. The mother cat, together with her _____ of kittens, is lazing in the garden.
- (1) herd
 - (2) pack
 - (3) flock
 - (4) litter
9. Do not try to persuade her. She is as _____ as a mule.
- (1) lazy
 - (2) crafty
 - (3) haughty
 - (4) obstinate
10. The snake _____ into the bushes and disappeared.
- (1) sprinted
 - (2) slithered
 - (3) stumbled
 - (4) scampered
11. The _____ clown entertained the audience with his funny antics.
- (1) grim
 - (2) solemn
 - (3) delightful
 - (4) extraordinary
12. Everyone was told not to believe his stories as he liked to make a mountain out of a mole hill.
- (1) brag
 - (2) gossip
 - (3) magnify
 - (4) exaggerate

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Section D:
Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A pigment is a substance that produces colour in the skin of living things. The pigment in the skin of animals and man serves as protection from the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun. The pigment found in man is known as melanin. Melanin gives our skin a tanned look and can produce small brown spots known as freckles.

However, the pigments serve as camouflage for some animals. Chameleons undergo a process where special pigment cells in their body expand rapidly so that these animals appear to have changed colour suddenly.

In plants, the most important pigment is the chlorophyll. It is a green colouring found in the leaves and is essential for the process of photosynthesis. Photosynthesis allows the plant to make its own food. The colour of many flowers and fruits is due to the presence of yellow and orange pigments known as carotenoids.

In autumn, the colour of leaves changes due to the destruction of green chlorophyll. The carotenoids then produce the brown colour in leaves before they dry up and fall from trees.

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

13. A pigment is a colour producing substance found in _____.
- (1) man only
 - (2) plants only
 - (3) animals only
 - (4) all living things ()
14. Chameleons use their pigments to _____.
- (1) attract animals
 - (2) produce melanin.
 - (3) change their skin
 - (4) protect themselves ()
15. Freckles are caused by _____.
- (1) chlorophyll
 - (2) carotenoids
 - (3) melanin in our cells
 - (4) harmful ultraviolet rays ()
16. _____ is an essential element for the process of photosynthesis.
- (1) Melanin
 - (2) Pigment
 - (3) Chlorophyll
 - (4) Carotenoids ()
17. In Autumn, leaves _____ and fall from the trees.
- (1) turn green
 - (2) make food
 - (3) change colour
 - (4) produce chlorophyll

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BOOKLET B

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Section D
Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

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

(A) at	(B) by	(C) for	(D) into
(E) of	(F) on	(G) with	

Mary sat up and stretched slowly. She listened (18) _____ the familiar sounds of her mother preparing breakfast. Suddenly, images (19) _____ what happened the night before came flashing (20) _____ her mind. Mother had been knocked unconscious (21) _____ an errant driver. Mary started weeping as she prayed for Mother's recovery.

Section E
Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

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

(A) choose	(B) chooses	(C) choice	(D) chose
(E) choosing	(F) chosen	(G) choices	

Mrs Lee took her two children, May and Liane, to the supermarket. May headed straight for the fruit section to (22) _____ her favourite fruit. After she had (23) _____ her favourite grapes, she helped Liane look for some tidbits. There was a wide variety of tidbits and Liane's (24) _____ was a few packets of chips. After that they went to the ice-cream section and (25) _____ a tub of chocolate ice-cream. Then they went to look for Mrs Lee who was waiting for them at the canned food section. The children had an enjoyable afternoon at the supermarket.

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Section F
Vocabulary Cloze (8 marks)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE THE WORD ONCE ONLY

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| (A) alighted | (B) anxious | (C) board | (D) dawned |
| (E) experience | (F) fell | (G) keeping | (H) nightmare |
| (J) passed | (K) trapping | (L) unforgettable | (M) vain |

Most children dread the first day of school. Seven-year-old Alice Yeo's frightening (26) _____ explains why. The Primary One pupil's first day at school turned into a (27) _____ as she spent the night locked in a school bus.

Alice had got onto the wrong bus when classes ended on the first day of school. After all the other pupils had (28) _____, the bus driver was unaware that Alice was still on (29) _____. He then drove home and locked up the vehicle, (30) _____ the girl inside.

Alice's parents grew increasingly (31) _____. When night (32) _____, they began desperately searching the school grounds as well as calling up various bus operators. However, it was in (33) _____.

Alice was only discovered the next morning, by which time she had endured the ordeal for more than twelve hours. This was indeed a terrible experience for Alice.

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Section G
Comprehension (10 marks)

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

On a hot February afternoon in 1987, three students from the University of Singapore and 234 other passengers boarded the ill-fated train at the Malayan Railway Station in Singapore. Robert, Sean and Janet had planned to visit the famous Batu Caves near Kuala Lumpur to witness the annual Thaipusam celebrations.

At 3.00 p.m., the train pulled out of the station and headed for its destination. Sixty-five kilometres from Singapore, at a place called Sangkang, the train began to vibrate. Robert and Sean began to laugh. They thought that it was a joke. Their short-lived laughter turned to horror when all at once the train swerved most violently to the left and then to the right. This was immediately followed by a deafening bang. The two boys found themselves sprawled on the floor of their compartment. Shocked and dazed, they looked around for Janet, but she was nowhere to be seen. She had been flung out of the window when five coaches were derailed, and had fallen into a swamp.

Soon after the accident, three fire-engines and some thirty-five fire fighters arrived on the scene. They pulled out the trapped passengers.

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Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

34. What did the three students plan to do at Batu Caves?

35. How often was Thaipusam celebrated?

36. Why couldn't the boys find Janet ?

37. What does "it" refer to in "They thought it was a joke ."

38. Which phrase in the passage suggests that the train would meet with an accident?

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

Have you checked your work?

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| 3) 4 | 29) C |
| 4) 2 | 30) K |
| 5) 1 | 31) B |
| 6) 4 | 32) F |
| 7) 2 | 33) M |
| 8) 4 | 34) They wanted to witness one of the annual
Thaipusam celebrations. |
| 9) 4 | |
| 10) 2 | 35) It was celebrated once a year. |
| 11) 3 | 36) She was flung out of the train window. |
| 12) 4 | 37) 'It' refers to the vibration of the train. |
| 13) 4 | 38) The phrased is "ill-fated train" |
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