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METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

PRIMARY 4 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2005 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

BOOKLET A

NAME: _____ ()

CLASS: P4. _____

DATE: _____

Section A:

Grammar (6 marks)

(Q1 - Q5 = Listening Comprehension)

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

5. The angry customers wrote letters _____ complaint to the manager.
- (1) of
 - (2) to
 - (3) by
 - (4) in
6. The residents felt the ground _____ during the earthquake.
- (1) shook
 - (2) shaken
 - (3) shaking
 - (4) had been shaking
7. Everyone in my class _____ given a ticket to watch the film, *The Sound of Music*
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) had
 - (4) have
8. The circus trainer held a fiery hoop high for the dog to jump _____.
- (1) into
 - (2) under
 - (3) across
 - (4) through
9. Little Tim runs to Grandpa for money whenever he _____ the ice-cream van.
- (1) hear
 - (2) hears
 - (3) heard
 - (4) has heard

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10. I am still hungry _____ I had eaten a lot.

- (1) for
- (2) yet
- (3) because
- (4) although

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.

11. Some snakes are completely marine. They always live in the _____.

- (1) sea
- (2) lake
- (3) river
- (4) pond

12. We must dress _____ to suit the occasion.

- (1) nicely
- (2) neatly
- (3) formally
- (4) appropriately

13. Father uses a key to _____ the lid off a tin of crackers.

- (1) pry
- (2) pull
- (3) flick
- (4) force

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14. Simon the sleuth is still at the scene of crime. Simon is a _____.
- (1) soldier
 - (2) reporter
 - (3) detective
 - (4) policeman
15. There has been no rain in Thailand for a long period of time. The country is experiencing a) _____.
- (1) flood
 - (2) famine
 - (3) drought
 - (4) Disaster
16. Nobody likes a foul-mouthed person. Such a person _____.
- (1) brags
 - (2) tells lies
 - (3) has bad breath
 - (4) uses rude language

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Section C:
Comprehension (10 marks)

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

The emus, which are flightless birds, are native birds of Australia. They were once much hated as pests as they damaged crops. Hence, they were killed in large numbers.

The emu is about two metres from its crown to its toe. It weighs about 30 kilograms. The females are usually heavier than the males. The adult female's plumage is black and covers the head, neck and general body. The small, bare, blue patches on either sides of the head and neck are less prominent in the female. The male's plumage is usually not dark, compared to that of the female. The male also has a prominently visible pale blue, bare skin on its back.

The much-reduced wings are easily concealed among the long, hairy and shaggy body feathers. The long, strong legs and feet are greyish brown in colour. The three-forward-pointing toes allow the emu to travel comfortably in all kinds of soil conditions, from hard rock surfaces to swampy lakes and sandy deserts.

The natural diet of the emu includes berries, fruits of all kinds, grasses and other vegetable matter, seeds and even insects.

The emu's breeding season is between the cold months of May and June. When in captivity, they do not have a fixed breeding season. In the wild, they nest on a trampled mass of weeds built behind a concealing bush. The female emu lays about seven to twelve eggs at one time. The green eggs are incubated for 58 to 61 days. The male emus will sit on the eggs while the females protect the nestling territory. Both parents share the responsibility of rearing the young.

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CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER AND SHADE ITS NUMBER (1, 2, 3 OR 4) IN THE OPTICAL ANSWER SHEET PROVIDED.

17. The emus were killed because they _____
- 1) were flightless.
 - 2) destroyed crops.
 - 3) multiplied too quickly.
 - 4) were much hated by farmers.
18. In comparison, the male emu _____
- 1) is heavier.
 - 2) is more colourful.
 - 3) has darker and heavier plumage.
 - 4) has less prominent pale blue bare skin on its neck.
19. Emus have specially shaped feet which are used for _____
- 1) comfortable movements.
 - 2) scratching the soil for food.
 - 3) supporting their heavy body.
 - 4) walking on all kinds of ground surfaces.
20. The emus in the wild breed _____
- 1) all the year round.
 - 2) only when in captivity.
 - 3) during winter in Australia.
 - 4) during summer in Australia.
21. _____ is / are responsible for the incubation of the eggs.
- 1) Both the parents
 - 2) The male emu
 - 3) The female emu
 - 4) Neither of the parents

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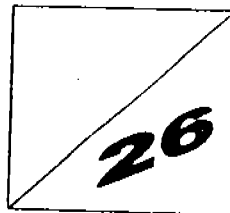
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Section D:
Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

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.

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|-----------|--------|----------|--------|
| (A) about | (B) at | (C) by | (D) of |
| (E) on | (F) to | (G) with | |

Helen was unhappy. She was jealous ⁽²²⁾ _____ her sister's popularity. Her sister was very popular ⁽²³⁾ _____ the teachers ⁽²⁴⁾ _____ school. Even her classmates looked up ⁽²⁵⁾ _____ her. Helen wished she could be like her.

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.

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|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| (A) speak | (B) speaker | (C) speaking | (D) speech |
| (E) speeches | (F) spoke | (G) spoken | |

It was Library Week. Rita was representing her class to give a ⁽²⁶⁾ _____ on 'Saving Endangered Animals'. Rita was selected because she could ⁽²⁷⁾ _____ well and had once won a prize in public ⁽²⁸⁾ _____. There were five other contestants. After everyone had ⁽²⁹⁾ _____, it was time to announce the winner. Much to Rita's surprise, she was named the best speaker.

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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.

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|------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| (A) agree | (B) clung | (C) competition | (D) declared |
| (E) debate | (F) fanning | (G) howled | (H) motorist |
| (J) said | (K) stronger | (L) strongest | (M) traveller |

Wind and Sun were both arguing one day. They could not (30) _____ which one was the (31) _____. They argued and argued until at last Sun said, "Let's have a (32) _____. I see a (33) _____ wearing a coat walking down the road below. Let's see who can make him take off his coat. The one who is able to do so will be (34) _____ the stronger one."

Wind began blowing. It bent all the trees and (35) _____ as it blew through the wood. The traveller shivered and (36) _____ tightly to his coat. Wind blew still stronger but the more tightly the traveller held onto his coat. Then it was Sun's turn. It began shining. The warmth of the Sun's rays beat down on the traveller's coat till he took it off and stood (37) _____ himself.

Persuasion will always do better than force.

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Section G:
Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Then choose the correct answer for each blank and shade the number of the correct answer in the Optical Answer Sheet.

Mr. Richard's house looked empty. Janice pushed the doorbell and waited. She heard the dog barking. She waited for a few minutes and rang again.

Unsure of what to do, she turned the door knob and slowly pushed open the door which creaked loudly and was badly in need of repair. Janice spotted the dog and was relieved to see the dog wag its tail a few times. She opened the door to another room. 5

It was so dark. It took her eyes a few minutes to adjust. Thick velvet curtains covered the windows, blocking out the sunlight. Janice felt like backing out and running home. She had not wanted to come and would not be here if it were not for her mother's orders that she pay a visit to see if the elderly man needed anything or any help. She would rather be at home doing her own work. 10

In the middle of the room, she saw two enormous armchairs. Moving closer, she spotted a pair of legs, stiffly stretched out from an armchair. Janice recognised the legs and the brown trousers as the same ones that walked slowly and painstakingly past her house every morning. Janice recalled that he had been missing from his daily routine the past few months. Maybe it had something to do with his wife's recent death. 15

Moving closer, Janice saw the old man slouched on the armchair, his eyes closed and his mouth wide open. The body was perfectly still. 20

"Mr Richards," she whispered. "Oh dear, he's dead!" Janice gasped. Just then, his mouth shut suddenly and his eyes popped open and stared at Janice.

Before she could move, the old man pulled himself up in the chair and said, "Janice, is that you?" 25

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Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

38. Why did the door creak when Janice pushed it open?

39. Why did Janice's mother want her to visit Mr. Richards?

40. How did Janice feel about having to visit Mr. Richards? Why?

41. Give **TWO** reasons why Janice thought that Mr Richards was dead.

42. What does the word "it" in line 19 refer to?

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- 1) *comprehension* 28) C
 2) *listening* 29) G
 3) 30) A
 4) 31) K
 5) 1 32) C
 6) 3 33) M
 7) 1 34) D
 8) 4 35) G
 9) 2 36) B
 10) 4 37) F
 11) 1 38) The door was badly in need of repair.
 12) 4 39) Janice's mother wanted to see if Mr Richards
 13) 1 needed anything or help.
 14) 3 40) Janice felt scared about having to visit Mr
 15) 3 Richards. She was scared as she thought
 something had happened to Mr Richards.
 16) 4 41) Mr Richards' body was perfectly still.
 17) 2 Mr Richards did not answer when Janice rang
 18) 4 the door bell.
 19) 4 42) "It" refers to Mr Richards' missing his daily
 20) 3 walks for the past few months had something
 to do with his wife's death.
 21) 1
 22) D
 23) G
 24) B
 25) F
 26) D
 27) A