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**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION (2004)
PRIMARY FIVE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

PAPER 2

Name: _ _ _ _ _ (.)

Class: Primary Five _ _ _ _ _

BOOKLET A

**30 QUESTIONS
(30 MARKS)**

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

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Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Serving a piece of Thailand in the heart of Singapore,  it's the

Exotic Flavours of Thailand @ Poolside.

31st Mar - 3rd Apr 2004

Experience a serving of authentic Thai cuisine direct from the Land of Smiles. A buffet of sumptuous Thai dishes as well as traditional dance and music performances awaits you at our poolside. Freshly prepared by our Thai guest chefs from Bangkok and Phuket, you'll be tempted by a spread of authentic Thai delicacies such as The Treasure Leaf (Lobster Jicama) and Poh Pia Sod (bean sprouts wrapped in rice crêpes). Plus you'll stand a chance to win a trip to Bangkok or Phuket every night. There'll also be goodie bags to be given away.

Please call **6831 4760** for reservations.

\$45++ per person
\$60++ per adult (includes free flow of Wine & Beer)
\$22++ per child (includes free flow of Soft Drinks)

Buffet is served from 6.30 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.

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Marrriott
SINGAPORE

330 Orchard Road Singapore 238865
Tel: (65) 6735 5800 Fax: (65) 6735 9360
www.singaporemarrriott.com



The Treasure Leaf

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice 1, 2, 3 or 4. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1. This advertisement is promoting _____.
 - (1) the accommodations at Marriott Hotel
 - (2) a Thai restaurant in Marriott Hotel
 - (3) a four-day buffet of Thai cuisine
 - (4) chefs from Bangkok and Phuket

2. Which one of the following statements about the event is **false**?
 - (1) Goodie bags will be given away to diners.
 - (2) The buffet includes a lucky draw.
 - (3) The lucky draw is held in the nights.
 - (4) There will be traditional drama performances.

3. By taking part in the lucky draw, you stand to win a _____.
 - (1) free flow of beverages
 - (2) night's free accommodation in Marriot
 - (3) trip to Bangkok or Phuket
 - (4) trip to Bangkok and Phuket

4. The buffet is served for _____.
 - (1) lunch
 - (2) breakfast
 - (3) tea
 - (4) dinner

5. By paying \$60+++ per diner, Mr Tan and his wife get to enjoy a/an _____.
 - (1) unlimited supply of wine
 - (2) unlimited supply of soft drinks
 - (3) limited supply of beer
 - (4) limited supply of beverage of his choice

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 correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

6. David may _____ the secret if you ask him nicely.
- (1) reveal
 - (2) reveals
 - (3) revealed
 - (4) revealing
7. Either Peter or Muthu _____ going to help at the hospice today.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
8. _____ having stomach cramps, Jerome completed the race.
- (1) As
 - (2) Yet
 - (3) Since
 - (4) Despite
9. I have been selected to perform a solo item in the school concert. It is really _____ honour to be able to do so.
- (1) a
 - (2) an
 - (3) the
 - (4) some
10. The accident victim was discharged _____ the hospital after being treated.
- (1) at
 - (2) of
 - (3) from
 - (4) with

11. "Did anyone _____ during the movie?" Louis asked his friends.

- (1) cry
- (2) cries
- (3) cried
- (4) crying

12. Mary asked the twins to share these sweets _____ themselves.

- (1) within
- (2) around
- (3) among
- (4) between

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. (3 marks)

When Australian farmer Alf Jenkins died, he left \$11 million to his neighbours.

"I was surprised that he had this amount of money (13) said his close neighbour (14) Tom, with tears in his eyes.

"What a lovely man!" Mrs Birch cried (15) She was his caretaker when he was ill.

They continued singing praises of old Alf Jenkins.

13. (1) [,] inverted commas and comma
(2) [" !] inverted commas and exclamation mark
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
14. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) ["] inverted commas
15. (1) [.] full stop
(2) [,] comma
(3) [" !] inverted commas and exclamation mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

16. The majestic snow-capped mountains _____ over us.
- (1) soared
 - (2) climbed
 - (3) towered
 - (4) hovered
17. The mist was so thick that we could only just _____ the shape of the motel.
- (1) make up
 - (2) make out
 - (3) pick out
 - (4) pick up
18. The tiger _____ through the jungle looking for food.
- (1) swaggered
 - (2) pranced
 - (3) prowled
 - (4) scampered
19. The magistrate described the aged gangster as an incorrigible _____.
- (1) misfit
 - (2) outlaw
 - (3) outcast
 - (4) delinquent
20. In order to complete all our urgent projects, we had to work _____.
- (1) at full blast
 - (2) round the clock
 - (3) every now and then
 - (4) through thick and thin

For each question from 21 to 25, four options are given. Choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

James had just (21) run past two runners, but he still had to catch up with one more. Not wanting to lose the baton at this last stage of the 4 x 400 metre relay race, he held it tightly in his hand and (22) pressed on. Soon, his legs began to (23) turn soft and it seemed that this was the longest race he had ever run. With only a hundred metres to the finishing line, James (24) gathered what little strength that was left, (25) ran quickly past his rival and hurled himself onto the finishing line.

21. (1) overrun
(2) overshot
(3) overtaken
(4) overcome
22. (1) insisted
(2) persisted
(3) tolerated
(4) persevered
23. (1) melt
(2) quiver
(3) hobble
(4) wobble
24. (1) mustered
(2) collected
(3) channelled
(4) accumulated
25. (1) hobbled
(2) dashed
(3) stormed
(4) trudged

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

"...but Dad! Please let me go!"

"Stop whining like a child! The final answer is NO!"

Mr Tan ignored the persistent pleadings. He was not to be moved by his son's cries and allow him to go on that camping trip. Mr Tan knew that it was extremely dangerous to camp in the forest on a deserted island off Singapore during a rainy season. Asher had 5 pleaded with his father but to no avail. He was left alone in his room, moping; refusing to get over the disappointment of not being able to join his friends for the trip.

A little later, the phone rang. It was a call for Asher from his best friend. Lenny's voice echoed through the receiver. He and his brother, Larry, had not been able to get their parents' consent for the trip either. "Our whole vacation is ruined, it's going to be so boring!" they all 10 acknowledged, their faces sullen.

The next day, however, Asher brightened up. He and his friends decided to proceed with their vacation plans with or without the approval of their parents. It was a cheerful day. The seas were glazed golden by the sheer radiance of the bright morning sun. What danger could there possibly be? Their hearts thumped wild with excitement, they were embarking 15 on the adventure of their lifetime. With some effort, they pushed their home-made raft and put it out into the cool, inviting waters. Soon, they were off. The view was indeed breathtaking - they were engulfed with royal shades of azure. Then they heard a slow, low rumble. It sounded harmless enough, then the first trickles of rain began to fall.

They held precariously to their raft. The sea seemed to have a life of its own, wanting 20 to devour the three little boys and usher them into the depths of the unknown. The winds blew hard and strong. Powerful gusts came, blow after blow, determined to knock the little raft out.

Soon, with the raft on its side, Lenny and Larry clung desperately to it, keeping afloat. Asher was nowhere to be found. "Asher! Asher! Where are you?" That was all they 25 managed to shout inaudibly amid the raging sea.

In an hour, the storm lulled. Lenny and Larry were exhausted by the unexpected turn of events. With great difficulty, they pulled themselves onto the raft. They were crying.

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26. Why did Mr Tan not allow his son to go on the camping trip?

- (1) He was irritated by his son's continuous pleadings.
- (2) He was annoyed that his son was acting like a spoilt child.
- (3) He did not trust his son to go on the trip with his friends.
- (4) He knew that it was unsafe because it could rain heavily.

27. Larry and Lenny were disappointed because _____.

- (1) Asher was ill and could not go on the trip
- (2) Asher's father did not agree to the trip
- (3) their parents disallowed them from going on the trip
- (4) they decided to go on the trip without their parents' permission

28. When the boys first set off on their trip, the weather was _____.

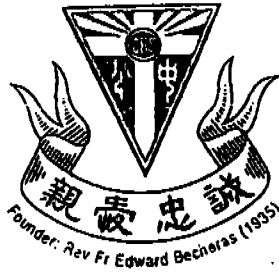
- (1) cloudy
- (2) very windy
- (3) hot and humid
- (4) bright and sunny

29. The phrase "slow, low rumble" in line 18 refers to the _____.

- (1) sound of thunder
- (2) noise produced by a boat's engine
- (3) noise produced by the boys' stomachs
- (4) sound produced by the waves hitting against the raft

30. Which one of the following statements is true?

- (1) Asher was the only one who fell from the raft during the storm.
- (2) The boys went on the trip knowing that there would be a storm.
- (3) The boys travelled on a raft which they had made on their own.
- (4) Larry was Asher's best friend.



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BOOKLET B

**50 QUESTIONS
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TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 2 H

INSTRUCTIONS:

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE.

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| (A) all | (D) for | (G) in | (K) since | (N) when |
| (B) even | (E) had | (H) into | (L) so | (P) where |
| (C) from | (F) has | (J) next | (M) to | (Q) with |
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From where he sat at a roadside stall each morning eating breakfast, Mahesh could look right (31) _____ the SRK Saraswathy, a primary school for children (32) _____ the squatter areas off Old Klang Road in Kuala Lumpur. He noticed moss covered the building and the grounds flooded when it rained.

(33) _____ a flash flood closed the school in March 2002, the 44-year old contractor decided it was time to act. He brought (34) _____ 100 truckloads of soil, had the grounds levelled and recruited 80 parents to turf the new fields. His efforts got him appointed to the Parents' Committee (35) _____ though he did not have any children at that time.

Using extra paint and materials from his contracts, he has (36) _____ repainted the school, carpeted the school offices and had the plumbing fixed. Sarojini, who (37) _____ taught for over 20 years, says teachers are now more motivated. Mahesh now wants to organize free medical checkups (38) _____ his wife, who is a doctor. He also plans to help run a new preschool, (39) _____ he may send his 2-year old son. Mahesh says, "I just hope to inspire others to do the same (40) _____ under-privileged kids."

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

(41)

Freelance writer Jacqueline Tan **beleives** she must be her pager

(42)

company's most loyal **sebscribur**. While many Singaporeans have long

(43)

give up on that simple device, the 31-year old is still holding on to her pager.

(44)

She signed on with SunPage when her mother got tiring of taking her calls at

(45)

home and **knaged** her to get a pager.

(46)

Others may complain about the inconvenience of find public phones

(47)

to return a page, but not her. She knows where they are at her favorite

(48)

hangouts. If she is at Wisma, she headed for the public phones near the

(49)

toilets. She has admitted to **enteteining** thoughts about getting a handphone,

(50)

just to make it easier of friends to contact her.

Fill in each blank with a suitable answer. (15 marks)

Marilee is a fitness instructor who has won medals in aerobics competitions and jogs 25 kilometres a week. Five years ago, she weighed a hefty 120 kilograms. Frustrated by her inability to (51) _____ weight, she consulted an exercise physiologist and he customised a (52) _____ to reduce overall body fat and gain muscle. Marilee wanted a healthy body with a good ratio of lean body mass to fat. As she (53) _____ to give up, by the fifth year of her programme, she had gone down from 120 kilograms to about 75 kilograms. Here are the secrets of her (54) _____

Marilee said that carbohydrates are not the enemy. The problem is when you eat too (55) _____ in one sitting. Your body uses carbohydrates for immediate energy and to replace glycogen in your muscles and liver. Whatever that is not (56) _____ is converted into fats. For Marilee, dinner is her lightest (57) _____, and she tries to eat by 6 p.m. According to a trainer, if you load (58) _____ on kilojoules at the end of the day, you are not burning them off. Some carbohydrates, like fruit juice or yogurt, are best eaten following exercise, when your body is looking to (59) _____ energy. Fifteen minutes after exercise, the body is (60) _____ receptive to replacing the glycogen in the muscles and liver, rather than converting it to (61) _____

Conventional wisdom says you should exercise whenever you can fit it in. The new thinking is that (62) _____ first thing in the morning burns stored fat, whereas exercising later tends to burn kilojoules you consumed that day. Marilee's running (63) _____ consists of a 30-minute, high intensity or interval run at 5.30 a.m three days a week. She exercises on an (64) _____ stomach. For those who would end up light-headed, Marilee (65) _____ eating an apple or banana or drinking a glass of juice 15 to 20 minutes beforehand.

Adapted from Readers Digest June 2002

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. Mrs Chia likes eating out. She likes cooking her own meals more.

Mrs Chia prefers _____

67. He is talking to a man. The man is my uncle.

_____ whom

68. My mother will be worried. I must give her a call.

_____ unless

69. My parents will take me on a holiday only if I do well in my examinations.

_____ as long as

70. "I will come back tonight," said John.

John said that _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

I believe that the art of making friends is either in you or it can be learnt. The former is something that all of us would wish to have. (However, the latter is something that most of us have to work till our very last day.) It involves learning a thing or two through printed sources, talking to people and learning by trial and error.

How to win friends? The first key question is to ask yourself whether you wish to win friends through your special efforts or whether you would rather just sit back and wait for things to happen.

If you truly want to have friends and as many as you can gather, then you must make the effort and be sincere in doing so. You must not do it just because they are rich or powerful, but because you like people in general. Then, and only then, will you learn new things about yourself and those you meet. The joy and warm feelings you gain will come in abundance. You will feel rich. You will always feel a sense of achievement and success, though you may not have much by way of money.

As an octogenarian, I speak with conviction that we should live a full life – not necessarily a rich material one. And one cannot live a full life if one cannot win friends. An example of someone who goes to great lengths to win friends is my friend, Dr C. J. Poh, former President of the Red Cross Society.

Upon hearing that I was in the United Kingdom, he invited me to visit him and gave me directions to his house. So, with a lawyer friend at the wheel, Sok Hiong and I travelled to Edinburgh. We drove in circles for hours and were quite helpless as I had not asked him for his telephone number. Finally, we stopped two youths and asked for directions, providing the names of Dr Poh and his Scottish wife.

One of them uttered something about a Chinese gentleman known as the “King of Kinghorn”. Unlikely to be Dr Poh, I thought, but the youths said it was worth the try. Hopping into our car, they led us to the house. At the porch waiting with his arms akimbo was Dr Poh, who seemed worried sick about us.

After thanking the young men and exchanging warm greetings with our hosts, I finally got the opportunity to find out why Dr Poh was nicknamed “King of Kinghorn”. He laughed and explained that he lived in the district of Kinghorn. Once a month, he would host a buffet lunch of Singapore cuisine and invited about 20 to 30 people. In less than a year, every single household in the district was covered and he was given that nickname.

What can we learn from Dr Poh’s story? Firstly, he wanted as many friends as he could. Secondly, he went all the way to prepare exotic hometown dishes to show his hospitality. It worked. Easy.

We need to win friends not just on an individual level, but at all other levels including national, regional and even international spheres. The alternative is that we live in a sad, unfriendly world.

Adapted from Mr. Wee Kim Wee’s “Making Friends” in “Glimpses and Reflections”, 2004.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Does the ^①writer believe that people can learn the art of making friends quickly?
Quote a sentence from the passage to support your answer. ②

72. Who does the word "they" in line 9 refer to?

73. According to the passage, what do you think is the writer's definition of "a full life" (line 14)?

74. Which word in the passage tells you that the writer is very old?

75. Quote a three-word phrase from the passage which shows that the writer and his friend were lost when he was in Edinburgh.

76. How many people were in the car when the writer finally arrived at Dr Poh's residence?

77. What do you think was Dr Poh's nationality? Explain your answer.

78. Why was Dr Poh known as the "King of Kinghorn"?

79. Use a word that best describes Dr Poh's character based on what you have read.

80. Why do you think the author encourages us to win friends?

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| 06. 1 | 16. 3 | 26. 4 |
| 07. 1 | 17. (2) | 27. 3 |
| 08. 4 | 18. (3) | 28. 4 |
| 09. 2 | 19. 2 | 29. 1 |
| 10. 3 | 20. 2 | 30. 3 |

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| 31) H | 52) plan | 66) Mrs Chia prefers cooking her own meals to eating out. |
| 32) C | 53) refused | |
| 33) N | 54) success | 67) The man whom he is talking is my uncle. |
| 34) G | 55) much | 68) My mother will be worried unless I give her a call. |
| 35) B | 56) used | |
| 36) K | 57) meal | 69) My parents will take me on a holiday as long as I do well in my examinations. |
| 37) F | 58) up | |
| 38) Q | 59) restore | 70) John said that he would come back that night. |
| 39) P | 60) more | 71) No, he does not. The sentence is "However, the latter to work till our very last day." |
| 40) D | 61) fats | |
| 41) believes | 62) exercising | 72) It refers to the people you want to friend. |
| 42) subscriber | 63) routine | |
| 43) given | 64) empty | 73) The writer believes that a "full life" means to have friends. |
| 44) tired | 65) advises | |
| 45) nagged | | 74) The word is "octogenarian". |
| 46) finding | 75) The phrase is "drove in circles". | |
| 47) favourite | 76) There were five people in the car. | |
| 48) heads | 77) He was very likely a Singaporean. He prepared Singaporean cuisine, his hometown dishes, for the monthly buffet. | |
| 49) entertaining | | |
| 50) for | 78) He was like a king when he threw a banquet every month and since he lived in the district of Kinghorn, he was known as the "King of Kinghorn" | |
| 51) lose | | |

80) He encourages us to win friends...