

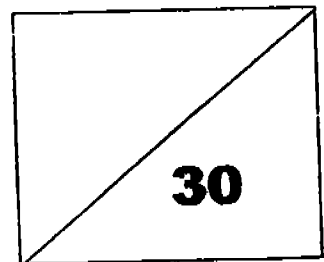
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Methodist Girls' School  
Primary 5 Mid-Year Examination 2004  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Paper 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)  
BOOKLET A

Total Time For Booklets A, B and C: 1 hour 50 minutes

Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
Class : P 5.  
Date : 10 May 2004



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.  
Follow all instructions carefully.  
Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages.

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

# Make a date with us at UK in the Park

20 March 2004, Forth Carrington Park,  
2.00pm to 7.00pm

Want to see the best of our country in the space of one day?

Then make a date with us on 20 March 2004, when our Council's partners, the British Council, will organise UK in the Park, a festival of UK culture for all ages of government in the UK.

Contemporary dance, so much excitement and energy, folk music, street art, street walk, circus, street theatre and the best of UK and Irish folk, all will be on display. There will also be a special presentation for UK's most famous TV game show, *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?* and a special performance by the band *The Saturdays*.

UK in the Park will also feature an array of other activities, including:

### Magicians include:

#### Science magician

Bring your children to learn to do magic and the science behind it. You'll see Britain's famous magician Richard Robinson. There is no magic without a narrow or trap door, proved because the magician is always there.

### Games include:

Take part in the great scrabble challenge and win prizes worth up to £100. Use your skills to win prizes worth up to £100.

### Interactive games include:

Participate in interactive games, including a quiz for graduates interested in participating in the overseas study programme in the UK.

### Custom film screenings

Custom film screenings by the true story of a girl who was born in the US, moved to the UK and became an international celebrity as a result (see page 22).

### Mini lovers

For Mini lovers, come down to take a look at the new Mini which will be on display.

### Grants and prizes

Some of the schools will be selected by the end of 2004 to participate in the UK in the Park festival. The prizes will be as follows:

Popular science magician Richard Robinson will be performing at UK in the Park. Science and magic of his science and magic can come together in a spectacular way.

SCRABBLE  
SCRIBBLE



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 event was put together by the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) British Council
  - (2) Inter-varsity team
  - (3) Sculpture Enterprise
  - (4) Director of Education
  
2. The finale to the event was a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) magic show
  - (2) film show in the park
  - (3) graffiti wall competition
  - (4) balloon sculpting demonstration
  
3. Everyone who attended this carnival went home with a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) prize
  - (2) present
  - (3) magic set
  - (4) scrabble set
  
4. A magician uses a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ for his magic tricks but not Richard Robinson.
  - (1) nature
  - (2) bottles
  - (3) science
  - (4) apparatus
  
5. I think those who wanted to take part in the \_\_\_\_\_ should be very fit and intelligent.
  - (1) Graffiti Wall Final
  - (2) Bouncy Castle activity
  - (3) Giant Scrabble Challenge
  - (4) Inter-varsity Team Building Challenge

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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. Neither of the girls \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the party tomorrow.
- (1) want
  - (2) wants
  - (3) wanted
  - (4) wanting
7. The lady, \_\_\_\_\_ my mum was talking to just now, is my teacher.
- (1) who
  - (2) which
  - (3) whom
  - (4) whose
8. Jamie forgot to bring her dictionary to school today, \_\_\_\_\_ she?
- (1) didn't
  - (2) hasn't
  - (3) hadn't
  - (4) doesn't
9. Sulaiman, together with two of his friends, \_\_\_\_\_ going to the library this afternoon.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were

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10. Ben and his sister had taken the camera and \_\_\_\_\_ fishing.

- (1) go
- (2) gone
- (3) goes
- (4) went

11. We have been waiting for Ali at the bus stop for half an hour but he has not \_\_\_\_\_ yet.

- (1) turned in
- (2) turned up
- (3) turned out
- (4) turned over

12. \_\_\_\_\_ his knee injury, Bala wants to complete the race.

- (1) For
- (2) Since
- (3) Due to
- (4) Despite

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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 Richard reached home, he went straight to the kitchen.

"Mum, I ( 13 ) ve got fantastic news for you. I'm the captain of the school football team ( 14 ) he said breathlessly.

"That's great, Richard! When is your first game ( 15 ) We want to watch you play."

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

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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. My new apartment is very \_\_\_\_\_. It is bigger than my old one.
- (1) wide
  - (2) ample
  - (3) spacious
  - (4) extensive
17. Raju's mother told him to \_\_\_\_\_ with the guests at the party to make them feel at home.
- (1) deal
  - (2) jostle
  - (3) mingle
  - (4) interfere
18. The two yellow lines tell motorists that it is \_\_\_\_\_ to park along this narrow stretch of road.
- (1) illegal
  - (2) illegible
  - (3) illogical
  - (4) illegitimate
19. The girls, who are \_\_\_\_\_ in the West Zone Netball Tournament, are training hard.
- (1) conspiring
  - (2) competing
  - (3) consenting
  - (4) confronting
20. A set of new coins was issued to \_\_\_\_\_ Singapore's thirty years of nation building.
- (1) mark
  - (2) record
  - (3) feature
  - (4) symbolise

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For each question from 21 to 25, 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)

We started off merrily, singing all the songs that we knew. On the way, we collected rare specimens, so that on our return we could boast our achievement to those of our friends who had remained at home.

After a light meal, we increased our pace as it was late in the afternoon. An ordinary hike had turned into a race against the sun. At one point, we were frightened as the possibilities of being trapped in the forest for the night were very real. Although our feet ached terribly, we pressed on, desperate to reach the end of the journey before nightfall.

Finally, we reached the main road, exhausted but relieved!

21. (1) strange  
(2) unusual  
(3) ordinary  
(4) common
22. (1) feat  
(2) collection  
(3) discovery  
(4) accomplishment
23. (1) picked up speed  
(2) took bigger steps  
(3) walked with ease  
(4) moved more leisurely
24. (1) to beat the dark  
(2) to escape the light  
(3) to enjoy the sunrise  
(4) to experience the sunset
25. (1) insisted  
(2) resisted  
(3) persisted  
(4) hesitated

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

There is nothing bigger than the Olympics in this year's sporting calendar. Come August 13, the sporting greats of the world will gather at Athens for the 28<sup>th</sup> staging of the modern Games.

Although the Greeks held their first sports gathering some 2 700 years ago, the modern Games started only in 1896. 5

Another historical note: Singapore won her sole Olympic medal way back in 1960, when Tan Howe Liang lifted that priceless weightlifting silver in Rome.

Singapore is expected to be represented by swimmers, sailors and athletes too. They are not medal earners but local sportsmen who, after years of toil and sacrifice, deserve to be there – to soak in the atmosphere, garner inspiration and rub shoulders with their idols and other world beaters. 10

It should be a good Olympics, provided the scorching Greek summer does not prevent the human body from jumping higher, running faster or throwing further.

The focus of the Olympics must surely be on the swimming pool, where the traditional United States - Australia battle will be personified by Michael Phelps and Ian Thorpe respectively. While Thorpe should dominate the freestyle races, all-rounder Phelps will be out to better compatriot Mark Spitz's 1972 record of seven gold medals in Munich. 15

In the last Olympics, Phelps, then 15, became the youngest American to compete in the Sydney Olympics, finishing fifth in the 200-metre butterfly. 20

(Adapted from *The Straits Times*, 1 January 2004)

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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. The 27th Olympics was held in \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Rome
- (2) Athens
- (3) Munich
- (4) Sydney

27. \_\_\_\_\_ gave Singapore her only silver Olympic medal in 1960.

- (1) Sailing
- (2) Running
- (3) Swimming
- (4) Weightlifting

28. One possible factor that would hinder athletes to stretch their potential is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the searing heat
- (2) other world beaters
- (3) their toil and sacrifice
- (4) their hope and inspiration

29. Ian Thorpe hails from \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Italy
- (2) Greece
- (3) America
- (4) Australia

30. Phelps is expected to win \_\_\_\_\_ gold medals.

- (1) all the
- (2) only seven
- (3) more than seven
- (4) a record of seven

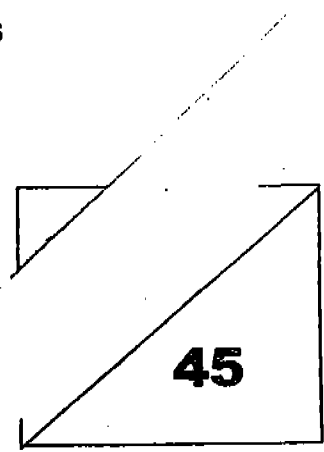
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Paper 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)  
BOOKLET B

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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 BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

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(A) after	(D) behind	(G) for	(K) over	(N) when
(B) at	(E) by	(H) into	(L) to	(P) where
(C) before	(F) down	(J) out	(M) up	(Q) with

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One morning, Keen Ming was on his way to the post office when he saw two boys climbing over the fence of his neighbour's house. He decided to hide

\_\_\_\_\_ a bush to see what the boys were doing.

(31)

He saw them creep stealthily to a mango tree. They climbed

\_\_\_\_\_ the tree and started filling their bags with the ripe mangoes.

(32)

\_\_\_\_\_ Keen Ming saw that, he quickly ran back to his house and called Mr Goh, his neighbour. As soon as Mr Goh heard that two boys were stealing

(33)

his mangoes, he ran \_\_\_\_\_ of his house. He started shouting

(34)

\_\_\_\_\_ the two boys. When the boys saw him coming, they climbed

(35)

down the tree and tried to escape.

Suddenly, one of the boys tripped \_\_\_\_\_ a stone and hurt himself.

(36)

The other boy went to his aid. Mr Goh managed to catch up \_\_\_\_\_ the

(37)

boys. He gave them a stern warning and threatened to call their parents. He took

\_\_\_\_\_ their names and personal particulars. The boys begged Mr Goh

(38)

to give them a chance. Sensing that they were sorry \_\_\_\_\_ what

(39)

they had done, Mr Goh let them go \_\_\_\_\_ they promised never

(40)

to steal his mangoes again.

The two boys were very grateful that Mr Goh let them off with only a warning.

They thanked Mr Goh for his kindness and returned home.

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

Dearest Grandma,

How are you?

(41)

Hope you are keeping warm now that the weather has turn cold. How are

(42)

Lucky and her **pupes**? I miss their barking and yelping.

(43)

Thanks for sending me the lovely presents! You are the good grandma

(44)

anyone can ever have! I had a **fántestik** time at my birthday party. I invited some

of my classmates over.

(45)

Mother, Michelle and I had fun plan the party. We decided on a denim

(46)

theme. The balloons and streamers which we hang up in the living room were

all blue. My birthday cake was in the shape of a pair of denim jeans. Everyone.

(47)

(48)

said it was a **younik** cake. Some of my friends wearing denim jeans or skirts

while the rest had denim bags or hairbands.

Michelle was the game master and she planned the most exciting games. My

(49)

(50)

favorite game was "Treasure Hunt". My group **emirged** the champion.

That's all for now. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Your loving granddaughter,

*Megan*

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

The next day, Meki took a taxi to town. At nine o'clock, he

\_\_\_\_\_ on the door to Kipara's office. A deep voice thundered,

(51)

"Come in!"

Meki stepped into Kipara's luxurious \_\_\_\_\_.

(52)

The parliamentary representative was \_\_\_\_\_ to see Meki as he did not

(53)

have an appointment. However, he did not show it and instead,

\_\_\_\_\_ Meki with a wide smile.

(54)

Meki noticed that Kipara had become much \_\_\_\_\_ since he

(55)

was elected. His \_\_\_\_\_ was as big as a six month

(56)

\_\_\_\_\_ woman's.

(57)

"What \_\_\_\_\_ you to town, Brother Meki?" Kipara asked.

(58)

Meki said, "The people want a factory. They want development. They

want \_\_\_\_\_ for their children. They are \_\_\_\_\_ of

(59)

(60)

working on the land. If you want them to \_\_\_\_\_ of you, you will

(61)

have to \_\_\_\_\_ them a factory," demanded Meki.

(62)

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Kipara was a crafty man and he knew that he would have to promise to build the people a factory, \_\_\_\_\_ they would not vote for him. He

(63)

did not like the thought of \_\_\_\_\_ his fine government house and his

(64)

fancy car and going back to his village as a teacher.

"Go tell my people that I will see to the factory. Tell them that they have a

\_\_\_\_\_ future in Ikulusi," said Kipara.

(65)

Meki was overjoyed and he did a little dance before he left Kipara's office.

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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 The children kept very quiet. The baby would not be awakened.

\_\_\_\_\_ so that  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 Mrs Tan could not drive to the office. The road was flooded.

As \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 They heard the good news. They cheered loudly.

On \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 Helen is not allowed to attend the party. She must complete her homework.


Unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 "Don't forget to bring some snacks for the excursion tomorrow," Mr Rajah said.

Mr Rajah told his pupils \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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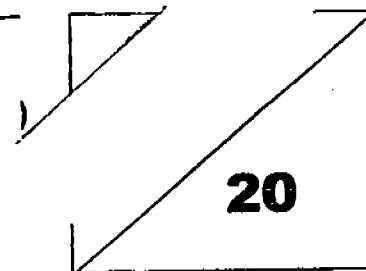


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BOOKLET C

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Date : 10 May 2004



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Answer all questions.

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

Before daybreak it started to rain again. Scobie woke up, sullen and grumpy and said, "Let's go and find somewhere better to hide."

They trudged along for a while until their clothing clung to their bodies like sheets of pasted paper. Scobie had found a way of blaming Keith because, he said, they had jumped off the train too soon. They could easily have slipped away at the station and sheltered there for a few hours. 5

"I could have conned the ticket collector. I have done it often enough and you could have stolen a few sandwiches easily from the crowded cafes on the platform."

Keith knew it had been Scobie's idea to jump. According to him, a guard on the train was taking too much interest in them. But Keith rarely argued with Scobie. They crossed a couple of fields before finding the road again. Keith had forgotten the holes in his shoes. He soon felt that he had been squelching barefoot through centimetres of water all night - water in lush grass concealing stale cows' dung and rusty tins left behind by some picnickers. 10 15

Scobie ambled along. The only time he hurried was when he spotted policemen. And he did. Ahead of them, they saw a parked car with the blue light blinking fuzzily in the rain. Scobie hesitated and the policemen picked it up like dogs detecting the scent of fear. "Hey, lad!" shouted one of them.

Scobie went straight over a four-foot wall. His agility and strength surprised Keith. Keith followed, but slow witted, less triggered. He stumbled and was aware of falling down a deep, deep slope, grabbing at coarse wet grass and cutting his hands. He sat up when he landed on the bottom of the embankment, panting and bruised. Scobie called out huskily from behind him. Above them, torchlight swished to and fro picking out raindrops. 20 25

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71 Who do you think was the leader?

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72 What did Scobie blame Keith for?

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73 Why was the first place not a good hiding place for the boys?

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74 Which phrase tells us that Scobie had been taking free train rides?

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75 Why did Keith think he had been scrambling barefoot in the water?

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76 Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "walked at a slow, easy pace"?

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77 How were the boys alerted to the presence of the policemen?

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78 Why did the policemen become suspicious of Scobie?

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79 What did Keith do instinctively to protect himself as he fell?

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80 How did the two boys know that the policemen were still around?

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| 1) 1  | 28) 1         | 55) fatter  | 66) The children kept very quiet so that the baby would not be awakened.                        |
| 2) 3  | 29) 4         | 56) stomach   |   |
| 3) 2  | 30) 3         | 57) pregnant  | 67) As the road was flooded, Mrs Tan could not drive to the office.                             |
| 4) 4  | 31) D         | 58) brings  |   |
| 5) 4  | 32) M         | 59) jobs  | 68) On hearing the good news, they cheered loudly.  |
| 6) 2  | 33) N         | 60) tired   |   |
| 7) 3  | 34) J         | 61) vote  | 69) Unless Helen completes her homework, she is not allowed to attend the party.                |
| 8) 3  | 35) B         | 62) build   |   |
| 9) 1  | 36) K         | 63) or  |   |
| 10) 4 | 37) Q         | 64) losing  | 70) Mr Rajah told his pupils not to forget to bring some snacks for the excursion the next day. |
| 11) 2 | 38) F         | 65) bright  |   |
| 12) 4 | 39) G         | 71) Scobie was the leader.  |   |
| 13) 3 | 40) A         | 72) Scobie blamed Keith for jumping off the train too soon.   |   |
| 14) 4 | 41) turned    | 73) There was no shelter from the rain.   |   |
| 15) 4 | 42) puppies   | 74) The phrase is "have done it often enough."  |   |
| 16) 3 | 43) best      | 75) The water had seeped in through the holes in his shoes.   |   |
| 17) 3 | 44) fantastic | 76) The word is "ambled".   |   |
| 18) 1 | 45) planning  | 77) The boys saw a parked car, blue light blinking fuzzily in the rain and some policemen.            |   |
| 19) 2 | 46) hung      | 78) Scobie hesitated and the policemen became suspicious of him and showed his fear to the policemen. |   |
| 20) 1 | 47) unique    | 79) He grabbed at the coarse wet grass and cut his hands.   |   |
| 21) 2 | 48) more      | 80) They could see the waving of the torchlight.  |   |
| 22) 4 | 49) favourite |   |   |
| 23) 2 | 50) emerged   |   |   |
| 24) 1 | 51) knocked   |   |   |
| 25) 3 | 52) office    |   |   |
| 26) 2 | 53) surprised |   |   |
| 27) 4 | 54) greeted   |   |   |