

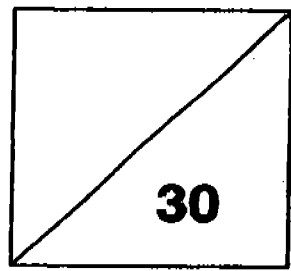
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Methodist Girls' School (Primary)
Primary 5 Mid-Year Examination 2005
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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 : 9 May 2005



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It's

School's Out!

Fun Time

@ Tiong Bahru Plaza!

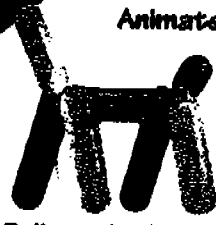
Free Gift

Where else can you have fun and learn something new?
 At Tiong Bahru Plaza, we have a whole lot of exciting activities for you to enjoy. Look out for these exciting events!

12-20 March 2005



Marionette Showtime
 Catch this fun & exciting show where marionette with delightful features in all shapes and sizes perform to "WOW" the audience! An event not to be missed!
 12 March (Sat), 4pm
 20 March (Sat), 4pm



Animated Balloon Sculpture
 The all time favourite! See balloons being transformed into many different shapes of animals by one of the fastest balloon sculpturists in Singapore!
 12 March (Sat), 2pm
 15 March (Wed), 7pm
 19 March (Sat), 4pm

Marionette Making Workshop
 A Class with a Difference! An opportunity to create and acquire marionette skills from our expert!
 12 March (Sat), 4.30pm
 20 March (Sat), 4.30pm

Balloon Sculpture Workshop
 A great opportunity to learn and master the art of Balloon Sculpturing!
 12 March (Sat), 2.30pm
 19 March (Sat), 4.30pm



Poof! The Magic Clown
 Catch Poof! as he amazes you with his wacky Magic & Balloon Show! A show that is surely to thrill all!
 15 March (Sun), 2pm
 15 March (Sat), 7pm
 20 March (Sat), 2pm



Comedy Juggling
 Check out this amazing juggler and his hilarious antics! From balls to fruits, he is able to juggle them at once, on a 7 foot high unicycle!
 15 March (Sun), 4pm
 17 March (Tue), 7pm
 19 March (Sat), 2pm

Magic Workshop
 Attend this workshop where you learn to master simple Magic Tricks!
 15 March (Sun), 2.30pm
 20 March (Sat), 2.30pm



Juggling Workshop
 Learn the art of how to master simple juggling tricks from the experts.
 15 March (Sun), 4.30pm
 19 March (Sat), 2.30pm

Ventriloquist Show
 Enjoy this entertaining puppet show with jokes, songs and magic!
 15 March (Fri), 7pm



Organised by

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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. The event was organised by _____.
- (1) Funtime
 - (2) Tiong Bahru Plaza
 - (3) Retail Mall Management
 - (4) Edutainment Holiday Programme
2. Which programme will I miss if I watch "Poof! The Magic Clown" on 20 March at 2 p.m.?
- (1) Magic Workshop
 - (2) Comedy Juggling
 - (3) Marionette Showtime
 - (4) Marionette Making Workshop
3. Children who have good coordination skills can sign up for the _____.
- (1) Comedy Juggling
 - (2) Juggling Workshop
 - (3) Ventriloquist Show
 - (4) Animated Balloon Sculpture
4. According to the organisers, which is the main highlight of the week's activities?
- (1) Marionette Showtime
 - (2) Poof! The Magic Clown
 - (3) Animated Balloon Sculpture
 - (4) Balloon Sculpture Workshop
5. What is one skill that you can learn from the week of activities?
I can learn how to _____.
- (1) ride a unicycle
 - (2) make balloons
 - (3) make a puppet
 - (4) be a ventriloquist

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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. The pineapple juice in those three glasses _____ bad.
- (1) has gone
 - (2) has went
 - (3) have gone
 - (4) have went
7. This is the girl _____ we were talking about.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
8. _____ anybody _____ where my book is?
- (1) Did ... know
 - (2) Does ... know
 - (3) Has ... known
 - (4) Had ... known
9. Are you interested _____ going to the Singapore Philatelic Museum?
- (1) in
 - (2) at
 - (3) on
 - (4) for

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10. Neither the girls nor the teacher _____ at the concert last night.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
11. When Ali _____, he found himself on a hospital bed.
- (1) came to
 - (2) came on
 - (3) came along
 - (4) came about
12. _____ my aunt likes to travel abroad, my mother prefers to stay at home for her vacations.
- (1) For
 - (2) Since
 - (3) Despite
 - (4) Whereas

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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)

Mrs Li had just done her grocery shopping. She was walking towards her car when Joe bumped into her.

"Hey (13) Mrs Li screamed. "Look at what you (14) ve done."

On the pavement were Mrs Li's groceries (15) milk, eggs, toilet rolls, biscuits and canned drinks.

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [!] exclamation mark
(3) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas
(4) [" !] inverted commas and exclamation mark
14. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) ['] apostrophe
(4) ["] 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. Amy is a very _____ person. You can talk to her about your problems.
- (1) idealistic
 - (2) pessimistic
 - (3) approachable
 - (4) knowledgeable
17. Some diseases, like chicken pox, are very _____.
- (1) deadly
 - (2) catching
 - (3) infectious
 - (4) transferable
18. I only have a _____ memory of what my pet dog looked like. He ran away when I was four years old.
- (1) poor
 - (2) clear
 - (3) vague
 - (4) distinct
19. I have _____ the accident report but I have not had the time to look at it in detail.
- (1) studied
 - (2) skinned
 - (3) skimmed
 - (4) scrutinised
20. After the incident, the police recommended that Mrs Raja _____ a burglar alarm.
- (1) attach
 - (2) fasten
 - (3) install
 - (4) connect

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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)

"Arachnida" is the name of the order of spiders, scorpions, mites and other less well-known creatures. Insects might dominate the land if it were not for arachnids. It has been said that the number of mites far surpasses the number of spiders.

The absence of antennae or feelers makes arachnids distinguishable from insects. The average arachnid has four pairs of walking legs whereas an insect has only three pairs.

Except for a few spiders, arachnids have a poor sense of sight but a strong sense of touch. Arachnids do not smell or hear. Even with these limitations, they are able to survive, multiply and develop many remarkable habits.

21. (1) prevail
(2) master
(3) influence
(4) monopolise
22. (1) beats
(2) exceeds
(3) surmounts
(4) transcends
23. (1) very different
(2) little different
(3) somewhat different
(4) recognisably different
24. (1) model
(2) typical
(3) classic
(4) normal
25. (1) restraints
(2) constraints
(3) boundaries
(4) shortcomings

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Many years ago, when China was divided into many warring states, there was a prime minister in the State of Chu who was very much feared by the people. Premier Wang was a very greedy and tyrannical officer and if provoked, would seize the throne. He had full control over all the other officers of the court and the entire army was at his command. He had even turned the emperor into a figure-head and could do as he pleased with the people. As Premier Wang was cruel and unreasonable, those who refused to give in to his demands never escaped death. 5

In the army, there was a much respected officer whose leadership had won many victories for the State of Chu. General Ling was so renowned that any other state would very much want him to be on their side. Unfortunately for Ling, Wang hated him and plotted his downfall. 10

One day, Wang summoned the general and ordered him to plan a surprise attack on a neighbouring state, Chi. General Ling was told that the invasion must be a success and that any man who failed in his duty would be executed. General Ling was very confident of yet another victory. Not knowing the premier's evil intention, he received his orders as an honour. 15

While Ling planned his invasion, Wang secretly sent his messenger to the other state with information of the general's plans. As a result, defence was stepped up. Even worse for Ling, on the day of the departure for Chi, Wang made the king order that half of the general's men be withdrawn to defend Chu. This again was part of the premier's evil trick. 20

With his troops reduced by half, Ling marched into a well-defended State of Chi, only to be surrounded by Chi forces. Many of his men died.

The Chi generals persuaded General Ling to surrender and make him their general. This hurt his pride and he decided to end his life. 25

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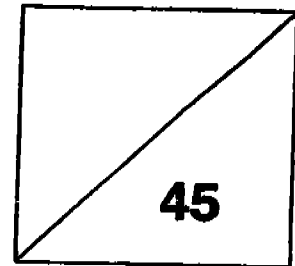
26. Premier Wang caused the people to live in great fear as _____.
- (1) he had full control of the throne
 - (2) he had great power over the army
 - (3) going against him resulted in death
 - (4) he caused the emperor to be powerless
27. Premier Wang probably wanted to get rid of General Ling as he _____.
- (1) wanted to claim all victories
 - (2) distrusted Ling who plotted his downfall
 - (3) feared that Ling might become emperor
 - (4) was jealous of Ling's popularity and success
28. In Line 18, General Ling "received his orders as an honour" because he thought _____.
- (1) the Chi generals were invincible
 - (2) there was a sure victory for the general
 - (3) Premier Wang had complete trust in him
 - (4) he was the only able officer capable of another victory
29. One important reason why Ling's attack on Chi was doomed was that _____.
- (1) he was forced to commit suicide
 - (2) the Chi state was ready for victory
 - (3) his forces were unexpectedly reduced
 - (4) the military forces in Chi were more vicious
30. General Ling took his own life as he _____.
- (1) was afraid of being a prisoner
 - (2) would rather die than surrender
 - (3) was forced to do so by the Chi general
 - (4) was persuaded to become a general of Chi

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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.

(A) as	(D) be	(G) if	(K) on	(N) since
(B) although	(E) by	(H) in	(L) out	(P) when
(C) away	(F) for	(J) of	(M) over	(Q) with

Mr Samsher Shubrati, 75, is one of the last of a dying breed in Singapore.

_____ a *dhobi*, or Indian washerman, he still cleans sheets, shirts and
 (31) *salwaar kameez* (women's Punjabi suits) by hand _____ he succumbs to the
 (32) modern convenience of washers and dryers when demand is high or the weather is bad, he is still attached to the old ways. "I prefer the natural dryer," he says in a mix
 (33) _____ Malay, Hindi and Urdu. "It's cheaper."

His shop, tucked _____ in Jalan Simpang Bedok near Tanah Merah MRT
 (34) station, is called "Saheen Laundry Service Washing And Dry Cleaning". A *dhobi*
 (35) _____ 1955, Mr Samsher cannot recall the days when dozens of washermen
 plied their trade in the area known as Dhoby Ghaut which means *dhobi* gate.

In Mr Samsher's shop are piles of sheets, shirts and Punjabi suits already cleaned. They are methodically ironed, stacked then sorted _____ the three other
 (36) men working there, all in their 70s. The *dhobis'* efficiency lies _____ each man
 (37) specialising in a task, be it washing, drying, ironing or the mysterious art of "marking". As the laundry is sorted, each item is marked _____ a strange symbol in marker
 (38) pen. These symbols, decipherable only by the *dhobis*, tell them which item belongs to which customer.

Although they have fans all _____ Singapore, this nostalgic service will
 (39) end by December, when the Government reclaims the lease _____ Mr Samsher's
 (40) shop.

"Then I will go back to India," sighs Mr Samsher. "Already so old!"

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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)

The HSBC TreeTop Walk is the latest **highlight** in MacRitchie Reservoir Park.
(41)

It is one of **savarel** long hiking routes. The first of its kind in Singapore and in the
(42)
reegeon, this free-standing suspension bridge connects the two highest points (Bukit

Peirce and Bukit Kalang) in MacRitchie.

The TreeTop Walk offers a bird's eye view of the community of flora and
(43) (44)
forma that live in the forest canopy. The total long of the walkway is about 250 metres

(45)
and its height from the forest floor vary, with the highest point at 25 metres.

(46) (47)
Instead of arch their necks, visitors are now able to catch a grympse of the

vibrant "high life" of the forest at their eye level. Nature enthusiasts will be able to

(48) (49)
have a closer observing of the animal community in the canopy or look a peek at the

flowers or fruits of tall trees and climbers and their pollination activities.

(50)
Visitors can try to spot the eighty spicies of birds which include the Drongo

Cuckoo, Asian Fairy Bluebird and Chestnut-bellied Malkoha. Visitors

can try to look out for these plants and animals as they experience this scenic and

interesting walk in the Nature Reserve.

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

She took the world by storm, surprising skeptical toy critics at New York's Toy Fair in 1959. With her good looks, charm and charisma, she won audiences _____ in record time. Soon, little girls across America, and later, the world, were _____ her praises. Today, she remains one of the _____ selling toys in the world. Her name is Barbie and this is her story.

Barbie began like any other great invention does - as an _____ in a visionary's head. Ruth Handler, co-founder of Mattel Toys, was _____ her daughter, Barbara, play with paper dolls and imagine them in grown-up roles. Suddenly, an idea hit her. Why not make a teenage doll that little girls could play and dream about the future with? Ruth recognised the value of helping children _____ their dreams and goals through play. After researching the current doll market, Ruth confirmed that while there were plenty of baby dolls _____, there were no three-dimensional teenage dolls. She then resolved to create such a doll through her own company which she co-founded with her husband, Elliott Handler.

After launching an innovative television ad campaign, Barbie quickly _____ the attention of little girls across the country. Soon, she became a worldwide sensation. As a teenage fashion model, Barbie has _____ many fabulous styles of clothes and accessories, blazing her own fashion trail.

In the 1960s, Barbie got a fashion makeover and her body underwent dramatic changes including a new Twist 'N Turn waist and a more youthful face with rooted eyelashes. Barbie also _____ wearing her hair long and straight, perfect for little girls to brush and style.

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In the early 1970s, Barbie became more poseable than ever with bendable wrists, elbows and ankles. This allowed Barbie to participate in all

(61) _____ of new activities including gymnastics, horseback riding and ballet. In the late 1970s, Barbie again underwent a major face sculpting change. The new face featured a wide (62) _____ along with bright painted eyes and looked much friendlier than any of the previous dolls.

In the 1980s, Barbie collecting became _____ (63) than a childhood pastime. With Barbie doll's original _____ (64) now in their twenties and thirties, Barbie collecting began attracting adult women as well as little girls. To _____ (65) the needs of these sophisticated adult collectors, Mattel issued the first porcelain Barbie doll. This marked the beginning of the collector line.

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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 Gopal has to set a good example. He is the head prefect.

Being _____

67 You will not be allowed to enter the park. You must buy the ticket.

Unless _____

68 The man is my uncle. You met him at the supermarket.

The man whom _____

69 The twins were frightened. They screamed at the top of their voices.

_____ so _____
that _____

70 "Where will the meeting be held tomorrow?" Mr Ang asked his secretary.

Mr Ang asked his secretary _____

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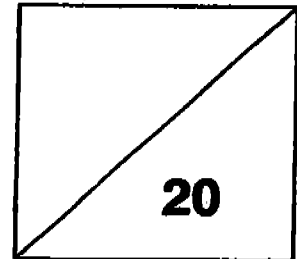
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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

Andy pedalled slowly along the grass-lined track on his way to school. Tomorrow was the start of a weekend and he was busy daydreaming about the fishing trip his father had promised him. He could hear a strange noise in the back of his mind. Suddenly, Andy came to a stop and looked up to the heavens. What he saw both shocked and terrified him.

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A huge swarm of bees filled the sky, buzzing their way angrily towards him. With no time to waste, Andy sped off in the opposite direction, not knowing where he was going or what he was doing. On a nearby hill, smoke wafted slowly skywards from the chimney of the Nelson family home. He saw that and decided to make a beeline straight towards it. He raced over the wooden bridge that crossed the dry riverbed.

10

Andy was travelling at twenty kilometres an hour but the bees were still slowly catching up with him. As he began to work his way up the hill towards the house, the bees caught up to him and he felt sharp pricks like needles entering his uncovered arms.

15

Suddenly, out of the corner of his eye, Andy spotted a well used by Mr Nelson to irrigate his orchard and vegetable garden. He hurried into the cool water and disappeared below the surface and away from the savage insects.

After holding his breath for as long as he could, Andy came up for air and noticed that the bees had moved on. Dragging himself out of the well, he struggled up the remainder of the hilly slope and rang the doorbell. Mrs Nelson opened the door to take him inside and place some soothing cream on his swollen arms. Some ten minutes later, his mother arrived and was told in vivid details his daring escape. They realized that if it had not been for Andy's quick thinking, he would have been more badly bitten. Andy's mother was glad he had suffered only a few bites and beamed at him for he had been courageous as well. She thanked Mrs Nelson for her care and took him home for a well-earned rest.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 How did Andy travel to school?

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72 Which day of the week did this story take place?

73 Why did Andy come to a stop and look up to the sky?

74 Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'supply with water'?

75 Give one reason why you think the riverbed was dry (line 11).

76 Why were the bees able to catch up with Andy?

77 What does the word 'it' in line 10 refer to?

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78 What did Mr Nelson grow on his land?

79 How did Andy escape from the bees?

80 In your own words describe how Andy's mother felt at the end of the story.
Give reasons.

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Exam Set

Answer Sheets

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41 several	46 arching	51 over	56 fulfill	61 kinds
42 region	47 glimpse	52 singing	57 around	62 smile
43 fauna	48 observation	53 best	58 attracted	63 more
44 length	49 take	54 idea	59 worn	64 fans
45 varies	50 species	55 watching	60 began	65 meet

66. Being the head prefect, Gopal has to set a good **example**.
67. Unless you buy the ticket, you will not be **allowed** to enter the park.
68. The man whom you met at the supermarket is my **uncle**.
69. The twins were so frightened that they **screamed** at the top of their voices.
70. Mr Ang asked his secretary where the meeting **would** be held the following day.
71. Andy **cycled** to school.
72. The story took place on a **Friday**.
73. Andy came to a stop and looked up to the sky **because** he heard a strange noise at the back of his mind.
74. The word is "**irrigate**".
75. There had been no rain for some time.
76. The bees were able to catch up with Andy **because** he was cycling up the slope and was going slower than usual.
77. It refers to the **Nelson family home**.
78. Mr Nelson grew fruits and vegetables on his **land**.
79. Andy escaped from the bees by jumping into **the well** and **holding** his breathes for as long as he could.
80. She was relieved that Andy was not badly **stung**. She was proud of him for his quick thinking and courage.