



**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION (2009)
PRIMARY FOUR
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

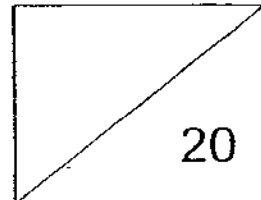
COMPOSITION

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Four _____

50 minutes

20 Marks



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There are 2 questions. Answer only ONE of them.

Question 1

Write a story based on the pictures below. Give the story your own ending. You may use the words and phrases in the box. Your story should be **at least 120 words long**.



| | | |
|------------------|--------------------|------------|
| gangsters | suspicious-looking | strolling |
| followed | snatched | bullied |
| stared in horror | witnessed | gave chase |

Question 2

Tom was watching television with his parents when he smelt smoke. He told them about it but they were too engrossed in watching the television programme and ignored him. Feeling uneasy, he went to the window to investigate. He realised that the smoke was coming from next door.

Based on the above situation, write a composition of at least 120 words.

In your composition, you may make use of the points below:

- how he felt when his parents did not respond to his question
- how he felt after he discovered the smoke from the next door
- what Tom and his parents did
- what happened in the end

You may re-order the points. You may also include other relevant points.

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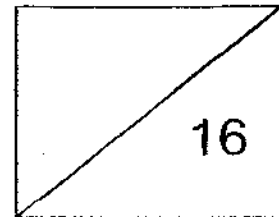
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LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 4 _____

16 Marks



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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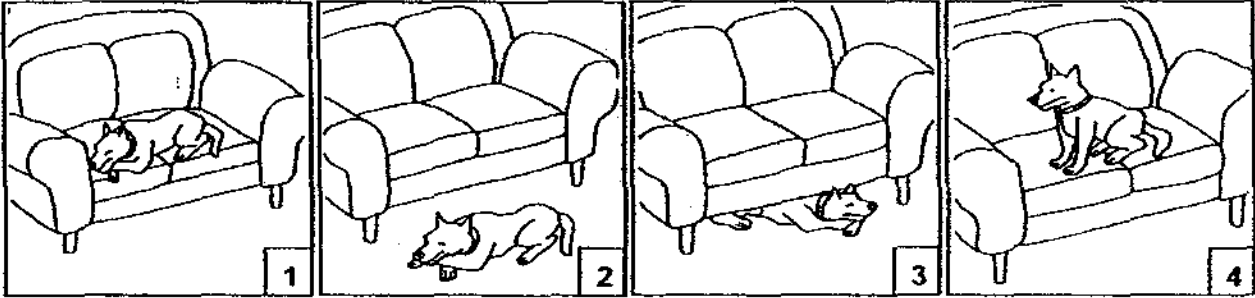
Answer all questions.

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Part 1 – Picture Matching (4 marks)

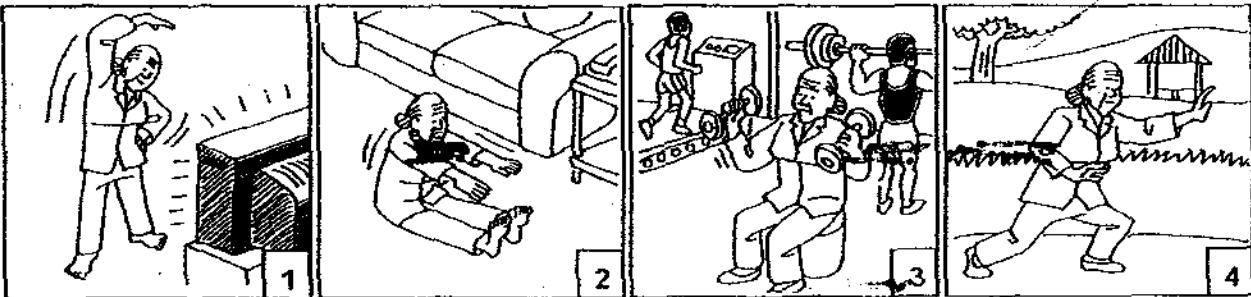
Listen carefully and choose the picture which matches the statement/s that is going to be read to you. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets.

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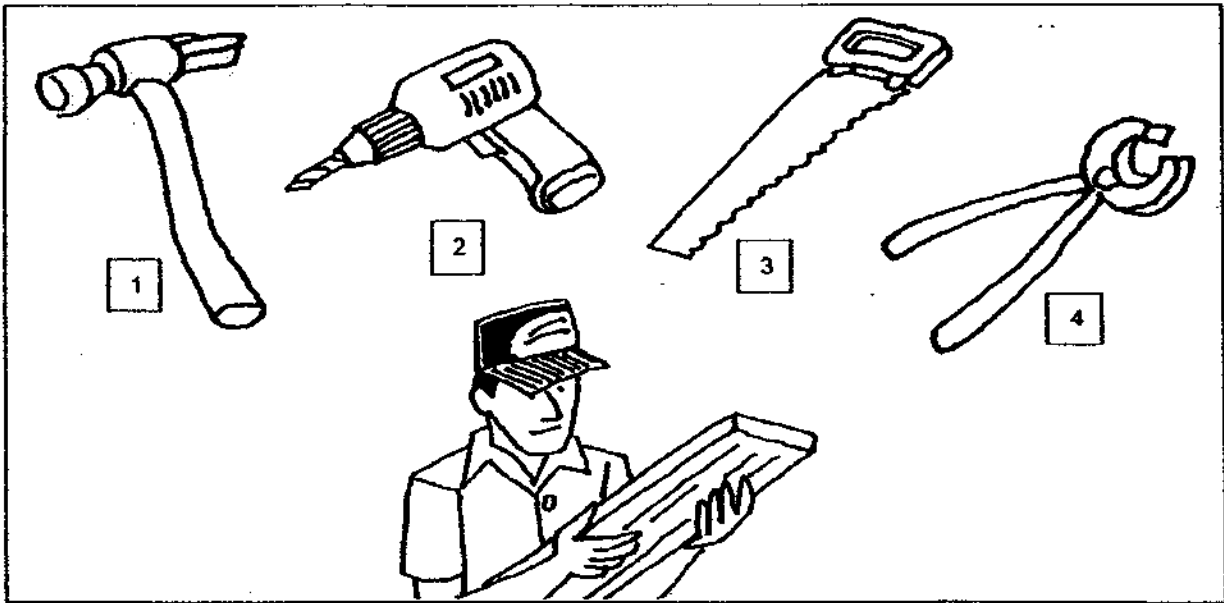
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Part 2 – Note-taking & Dictation

Questions 5 to 10 is a note-taking test. (6 marks)

Question 11 is a dictation test.

Your school has organised a Community Involvement activity to teach the pupils the importance of recycling and contributing to the community. Your class form teacher has asked you to take down some information about the event.

Each blank from questions 5 to 10 should be filled with one word or phrase. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.



| Community Involvement Programme | |
|--|-------------------|
| 5. Name of Activity : | _____ -Collection |
| 6. Date of Activity : | _____ |
| 7. Number of blocks that are covered: | _____ |
| 8. Date for giving out flyers : | _____ |
| 9. No. of classes involved : | _____ |
| 10. Attire : | _____ |



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PAPER 2

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Four _____

40 QUESTIONS
48 MARKS

13 May 2009

| Component | Marks |
|-------------------|-------|
| Sections A - C | / 17 |
| Sections D - H | / 31 |

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLET: 1 HOUR 15 MINUTES

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Section A – Grammar MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. Both Ravi and Sam _____ badminton practice once a week.

- (1) has
- (2) had
- (3) have
- (4) having

2. Let's hurry! Paula _____ for us at the void deck.

- (1) waits
- (2) is waiting
- (3) are waiting
- (4) was waiting

3. Richard is always attentive, _____ he?

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) isn't
- (4) aren't

4. Sammy's dog wags _____ tail whenever it sees him.

- (1) it
- (2) its
- (3) it's
- (4) itself

5. There isn't _____ salt left. I'll go and buy some now.

- (1) any
- (2) many
- (3) a few
- (4) a little

6. The three boys shared the marbles _____ themselves.

- (1) with
- (2) over
- (3) among
- (4) between

Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

7. The cheers and applause of the _____ filled the stadium as the footballers entered it.

- (1) visitors
- (2) audience
- (3) spectators
- (4) congregation

8. A _____ of wild dogs attacked the helpless rabbit.

- (1) herd
- (2) pack
- (3) troop
- (4) school

9. The lights in Raphael's home are not working. His mother has called for the _____ to repair them.

- (1) engineer
- (2) mechanic
- (3) electrician
- (4) technician

10. Harry _____ down the food as if he had not eaten for days.

- (1) gulped
- (2) sipped
- (3) nibbled
- (4) gobbled

11. The kidnappers released their _____ after receiving the ransom.

- (1) victim
- (2) hostage
- (3) suspect
- (4) prisoner

12. Kevin's hope of winning the race was _____ when he tripped and fell.

- (1) broken
- (2) dashed
- (3) cracked
- (4) smashed

Section C – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the graphic stimulus carefully and answer the questions that follow.

STARZ

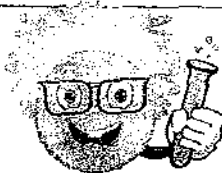
**BLOOMERS -
THE FUN LEARNERS**

REGISTER BY
26 May 2009 TO RECEIVE A FREE
STARZ BLOOMERS BAG!



Have fun and be enriched during the
June holidays!

| DATE | WORKSHOP | PRICE |
|---------|----------------|-------|
| 16/6/09 | Baking Numbers | \$80 |
| 17/6/09 | Mad Scientist | \$85 |
| 18/6/09 | Art Attack | \$90 |
| 19/6/09 | Crazy Poets | \$85 |
| 20/6/09 | Wild Musicians | \$95 |



For each workshop, you may choose to attend either the 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. session or the 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. session. All workshops will be conducted in Summer Junior School.

Workshops are suitable for children aged between 5 and 12 years.
For registration, please complete application online or drop by at our office.

For more information:
E-mail enrich@starzbloomers.com or call 9879324 (Mr. Bloom)

Closing date for registration: 2 June 2009

ENJOY 15% DISCOUNT
WHEN YOU SIGN UP FOR
2 WORKSHOPS OR MORE!

2 Classes
Available Per Day

LIMITED TO
20 PARTICIPANTS
PER WORKSHOP → participants

Website: www.starzbloomers.com

The Starz Bloomers, Star Bloom Hub, 3 Happy Road, Singapore 346778.

Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

13. The workshops are conducted in _____.

- (1) Happy Road
- (2) The Fun Learners
- (3) The Starz Bloomers
- (4) Summer Junior School

14. Participants who wish to receive a free bag should register on _____.

- (1) 20 May 2009
- (2) 27 May 2009
- (3) 2 June 2009
- (4) 6 June 2009

15. Only _____ pupils can attend the workshops by The Starz Bloomers.

- (1) kindergarten
- (2) primary school
- (3) secondary school
- (4) kindergarten and primary school

16. To enjoy a discount of 15%, participants need to sign up _____.

- (1) for any workshop
- (2) before 26 May 2009
- (3) for at least two workshops
- (4) for the most expensive workshop

17. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) All workshops start at 9.00 a.m.
- (2) All workshops are conducted 4 times a day.
- (3) Each workshop will be conducted twice a day.
- (4) More than 20 participants can attend each workshop.

Section D – Grammar Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. Use each word ONCE only.

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| (A) and | (B) before | (C) despite | (D) however |
| (E) if | (F) in | (G) since | (H) still |

Planning a birthday party can be as interesting as the celebration itself. (18) _____, to ensure that a party is well planned, a lot of preparation is required beforehand.

Firstly, you have to consider the kind of guests you plan to invite for your celebration even (19) _____ deciding on the theme. Budgeting is another important factor to consider when planning for the party. While you may want to treat your intended guests to the most sumptuous exotic spread, it would be good to check (20) _____ any of them has special dietary restrictions.

The programme of the party is important as you must make sure that your guests enjoy themselves. If you are engaging help in the planning of the party, you should discuss in advance your expectations and ideas. (21) _____ doing so, you may avoid any unhappiness from occurring at the last moment.

Finally, keep an open and flexible mind during the birthday party. (22) _____ detailed planning, there might be chances that things might go wrong. When that happens, just stay cool and laugh it off. You have done your best in planning for the best party in town!

Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. Use each word ONCE only.

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| (A) action | (B) appearance | (C) cast | (D) happiness |
| (E) live | (F) misery | (G) support | (H) taunt |

Smile Pinki tells the story of eight-year-old Pinki's journey from being a social outcast in her village to her acceptance by society. Born with a cleft lip to a poor family, Pinki spent the first few years of her life in (23) _____. The people in her village used to (24) _____ her and call her "the torn-lip girl". Pinki's father, who worked as a labourer to (25) _____ his family, could not afford to consult a doctor for his daughter.

Pinki's life took a turn for the better when she was spotted by a few social workers. They had been sent by GS Memorial Hospital to villages to find cleft-lipped patients. During one such visit, they chanced upon Pinki's village. Megan Mylan, the American director, was also with them. When she saw Pinki's photographs, she decided to (26) _____ Pinki as the main lead in her short documentary film. The reward for Pinki's (27) _____ in the film, included a sponsored corrective surgery and a small sum of money put in a trust fund for her future education purposes.

Excerpts from: Pinki's smile strikes gold. The Straits Times, 25 February 2009

Section F – Comprehension Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable answer.

In Africa, big cats hunting smaller animals is part of life. Surprisingly lions, tigers and other big cats are finding it more and more difficult to survive. They are running out of cat-friendly habitats, or places to live. Many cannot find enough (28) _____ for survival.

A decade ago, scientists believed that there were 100 000 lions in Africa. Last fall, a study (29) _____ that there may be only 23 000 left.

More than half of the lions live in big parks. Outside these areas, lions are in trouble. So are most of the world's big cats. When they leave the (30) _____, they must compete with human beings for land.

Sometimes, lions are not always safe inside parks. In 1994, one-third of the lions in one of the largest parks in Africa died from an infection. "Protected areas alone are not the solution," says Joshua Ginsberg, a scientist. He (31) _____ for the Wildlife Conservation Society.

Lions are predators which kill and eat other animals. Ranch (32) _____ often kill predators, but not in *Mugie*. There, ranch owners are learning to live side by side with lions. Other projects like this one will help to preserve the lions in the world. Without help, these strong creatures will end up living in zoos, far from the wild plains where they truly belong.

Section G – Sentence Synthesis and Transformation (3 x 2 marks)

For each of the items, rewrite the given sentences using the word/s provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the given ones.

33. Faye cooked prawns last week. Ben also cooked prawns last week.

Both _____

34. Dave is in a hurry. He will take a taxi.

_____ unless

35. Ryan won the swimming competition. He trained regularly.

_____ because

Section H – Comprehension Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Mulan decided to disguise herself as a man when she was drafted into the military twelve years ago. Until a few weeks ago, none of her colleagues had a clue that she was a woman.

The Chinese government had introduced National Service in order to fight a war against the Hun nomads living on China's northern border. All families had to give up their men and Mulan's family was no exception.

When Mulan saw her father's name on the draft posters, she decided to go in his place. Her father was old and frail and her only brother who had to take his place was too young. So, she bought a saddle and a horse, put on men's clothes and disguised as her brother. As Mulan was already an accomplished martial artist in the arts of war she successfully joined the army. She was fortunate that many military families at that time trained their daughters for war.

Once in the army, she rose through the ranks swiftly to become a general, making a name for herself as a brilliant military strategist. Twelve years later, the war ended and all the high-ranking officers were brought before the emperor to be honoured and promoted.

The emperor asked Mulan what reward "he" would like and Mulan replied that a swift horse to take her back home was what she desired. The emperor granted the request and she returned to her family home.

Once there, she took off her battle clothes, put on some make-up and let her hair down. When she emerged, her former comrades were stunned and realised that their fearless colleague had been a woman all along.

Word soon got to the emperor who then ordered an inquiry into it. He firmly stated that senior officers who had carelessly allowed this scandal might be sacked.

(Adapted from: The Little Big Story Book: Tall Tales that made the News. By Alison De Souza)

Write your answers in complete sentences.

36. Why did the Chinese government introduce national service?

37. What made Mulan confident she could fight the war?

38. Which five-word phrase in the passage has the same meaning as 'promoted quickly'?

39. Who does the word 'he' in line 17 refer to?

40. Name one quality that Mulan had. Give a reason to support your answer.

END OF PAPER

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

SCHOOL : CATHOLIC HIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA 1

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| D | B | E | F | C | F | H | G | C | B |

28)food 29)showed 30)parties 31)works 32)owners

33)Both Faye and Ben cooked prawns last week.

34)Dave will not take a taxi unless he is in a hurry.

35)Ryan won the swimming competition because he trained regularly.

36)The National service was introduced so that the Chinese could fight a war against the Hun nomads.

37)The military family at that time trained their daughters for war and Mulan must have been trained by her father and that made Mulan confident.

38)The five word phrase is "rose through the ranks swiftly."

39)It refers to Mulan.

40)She was filial and brave. She disguised as her brother to fight the war in her father place as her brother was too young.