

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

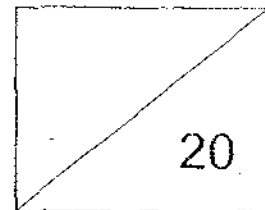
COMPOSITION

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Four _____

14 October 2009

50 minutes



INSTRUCTIONS:

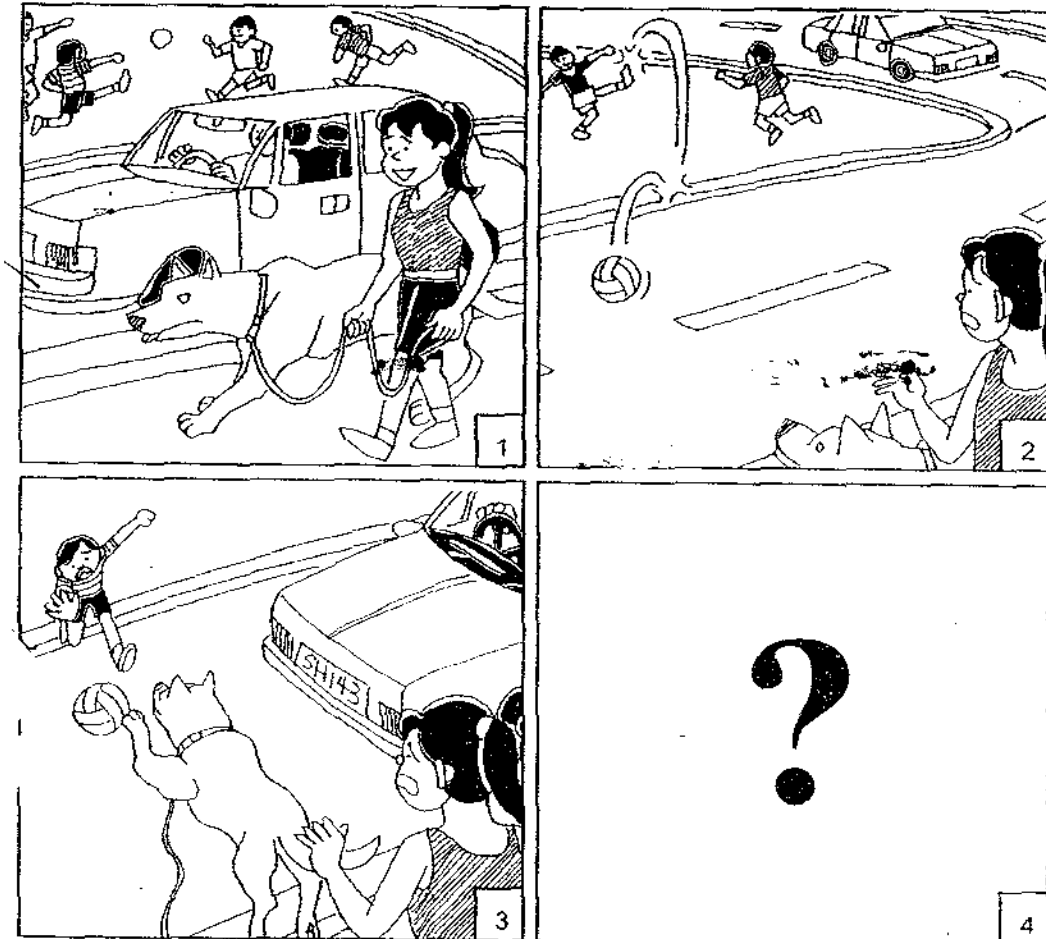
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This booklet consists of 2 printed pages excluding the cover page.

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.



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| playing soccer ✓ | leash ✓ | opposite ✓ |
| accidentally ✓ | approaching ✓ | speeding ✓ |
| screached to a halt ✓ | injured ✓ | heart-broken ✓ |

Question 2

You were swimming with your friends at the swimming pool when you heard a cry from the other end of the pool. You decided to go over to investigate and found a boy struggling in the water.

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

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

- what you and your friends saw
- what you and your friends did
- what happened in the end

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



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PAPER 2

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Four _____

Monday, 26 October 2009

40 QUESTIONS

48 MARKS

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLET: 1 HOUR 15 MINUTES

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Answer all the questions.

Parent's Signature: _____

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. Last Tuesday, the girls _____ a play in the park when it suddenly rained.

- (1) watched
- (2) are watching
- (3) was watching
- (4) were watching

2. "Please eat _____ cherries over there. They are specially bought for you," said Felicia.

- (1) this
- (2) that
- (3) these
- (4) those

3. Eric and I followed the instructions and made the kite _____.

- (1) herself
- (2) himself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

4. During recess yesterday, Bala _____ surprised when his friends presented him a birthday cake.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

5. The coffee is not sweet enough. It has too _____ sugar in it.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) much
- (4) many

6. "The pupils _____ a performance in the hall now," the class monitor said.

- (1) watch
- (2) watched
- (3) are watching
- (4) have watched

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. When Jane saw a stranger in her house, she was _____ and trembled with fear.

- (1) annoyed
- (2) ashamed
- (3) frightened
- (4) disappointed

8. Before the swimming competition, the _____ did some warm-up exercises.

- (1) onlookers
- (2) witnesses
- (3) spectators
- (4) competitors

9. Douglas was _____ of a serious offence so he was put in jail.

- (1) accused
- (2) convicted
- (3) committed
- (4) suspected

10. The new microwave oven which I bought has a _____ and I am not able to operate it.

- (1) defect
- (2) blemish
- (3) mistake
- (4) weakness

11. The burglar crept _____ across the room so as not to wake anyone up.

- (1) patiently
- (2) candidly
- (3) casually
- (4) stealthily

12. Timothy's Dad _____ to let him attend Isaac's birthday party as he had not finished his Science project.

- (1) denied
- (2) obliged
- (3) refused
- (4) rejected

Section C – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

One fine day, an old lady, Sita, suddenly became blind. She spent a lot of money on medicine, yet she could not get cured.

At last, there came a doctor called Danbad. He said that he would cure her if she gave him a large sum of money. Desperate, she agreed to give him the amount that he wanted once she was cured. So, the doctor went to her house every day to treat her.

Little did she know that Danbad was a thief! Every day, he took away a thing that belonged to the old lady. The items that went missing first were her special hand-painted boxes. Then, the beautifully hand-crafted chairs followed him home. Next, he even took the sturdy-looking tables! Thankfully, he gave the old lady good medicine and she was cured.

"Now," said the doctor, "give me my money."

"No, I won't," said Sita firmly. So, the doctor took her to court.

Sita told the judge confidently, "I told the doctor that I would pay him when I could see well. However, I cannot see well! Before I was blind, I could see tables, chairs and boxes in my house. Now I can see only bare walls. So, I am not completely cured!"

The judge understood and smiled. "Dr. Danbad," he said, "unless you can make the lady see all her furniture and things, she will not pay you."

That night the doctor quietly returned all the things he had taken from the old lady's house.

Adapted from "The Sight of the Blind" <http://home.freeuk.net/elloughton13/astory2.htm>

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

13. Sita would give Dr. Danbad _____ if he cured her.

- (1) sturdy-looking tables
- (2) a large sum of money
- (3) beautifully hand-crafted chairs
- (4) her special hand-painted boxes

14. Dr. Danbad went to Sita's house every day to _____.

- (1) train her to see
- (2) take her to court
- (3) collect money from her
- (4) give treatment for her blindness

15. Sita refused to pay Dr. Danbad because _____.

- (1) she still could not see
- (2) she was not completely cured
- (3) the judge had instructed her not to
- (4) he had taken away the items from her house

16. The judge instructed Dr. Danbad to _____.

- (1) get his money from Sita
- (2) cure Sita's blindness completely
- (3) return the items he had stolen from Sita's house
- (4) give treatment for Sita's blindness with better medicine

17. Dr. Danbad had learnt to _____ from this experience.

- (1) be a better doctor
- (2) be a good listener
- (3) be an honest person
- (4) take payment from his patients before treating them

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.

(A) her	(B) him	(C) me	(D) my
(E) our	(F) she	(G) they	(H) we

Dear Diary,

I had a wonderful time at the Victoria Theatre last week. It was a good experience for (18) _____; now appreciate the time spent and the great effort (19) _____ teachers and schoolmates had put in. The musical was indeed a huge success!

At first, I did not understand the fuss that my teachers were making. I could see that (20) _____ were anxious and wanted the whole event to go smoothly. Some of my fellow actors were also nervous. They were serious about performing well so they practised their lines dutifully when they were backstage. As for me, I knew my lines very well so I was very relaxed.

On the actual day, my fellow actors and I began pacing up and down backstage. (21) _____ hearts were thumping loudly! Soon, the musical started and it went on well. Finally, it was over and (22) _____ were glad that it was a success. Our performance was such a huge success that the DVDs of the musical were sold out! We were ecstatic! It was indeed the best day in my life!

Love,

K. J.

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.

(A) awe	(B) behold	(C) honour	(D) overall
(E) overhead	(F) perception	(G) persuasion	(H) underside

It was 1939. I heard a faint hum in the distance. As the sound grew louder, I looked up to see one of the most beautiful sights that my eyes could (23) _____. It was a gorgeous, shiny, yellow Piper J3 Cub. It was flying low, passing directly above. I could see clearly the (24) _____ of the plane. For a moment, it seemed to be a living, breathing giant bird.

The pilot was sitting in the cockpit, surrounded by Plexiglas windows, the door completely down on the right side. As the airplane came right (25) _____, he looked down. When he saw me gazing in (26) _____ at him, the best thing of all happened. He gave me a friendly wave. It was a direct communication from sky to ground! Then, he was gone.

That evening at the dinner table, I told my parents about the amazing airplane I had seen. After much (27) _____, my Dad promised to take me to the airport so that I could see a whole row of Cubs. My dad was true to his word and soon, I was overwhelmed by the rows of clean planes.

Section F – Comprehension Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

Many people may be under the impression that athletes only learn from their coaches or special education students only learn from their teachers. In my experience working with special needs people, they have (28) _____ me many important lessons, possibly even more important than what I have taught them.

As a Unified Sports partner, I have demonstrated how to control a soccer ball or how to improve teamwork skills during gym classes. Before the gym class begins, I am (29) _____ with warm hugs and smiles that make my day complete before it has even (30) _____

I have also been taught life lessons without the special athletes ever speaking a (31) _____. After watching the athletes interact with each other, it becomes clear that they do not judge people the way others do in our society. They are also the most considerate and caring group of people I have ever met. In conversations and observations, special needs people have taught me not to (32) _____ people before getting to know them and to look beyond their physical appearances.

*Adapted from "Sport Hero: Special Olympics Athletes by Jessica Kuropat"
(http://www.myhero.com/myhero/hero.asp?hero=special_olympics_athletes)*

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. Peter is attending the party tonight. Joe is also attending the party tonight.

Both _____

34. Joseph is only six years old. He can play the guitar very well.

_____ although

35. "I am going to Malaysia for a fishing trip tomorrow!" said Keith excitedly.

Keith said excitedly that _____

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

If you love ice-cream but you are tired of chocolate, strawberry and vanilla flavours, it is probably time to go local. Local flavours such as durian, red bean and sweet corn have been around for a long time. They are usually served by a friendly ice-cream man on his motorcycle which is not a common sight these days.

In the last few years, ice-cream parlours which specialise in unique Singapore flavours have sprouted around our little island. Island Creamery was one of the first. It was started by Stanley Kwok in 2003. He wanted to offer customers something different like a good quality, local-flavoured ice-cream.

Island Creamery offers ice-cream that is freshly handmade with homemade recipes. Its flavours include teh tarik, kopi-O, pulut hitam and chendol. Though these are familiar drinks and desserts, the idea of squeezing their tastes into ice-cream has become a hit with its customers.

To make the experience more fun, the Island Creamery parlour in Serene Centre has a big wall for customers to pin up their photographs. After snapping pictures with their mobile phones, they can print them out at the counter so that they can be put up on the wall for display.

However, running a business isn't always as smooth as Stanley's ice-cream as he had to adapt constantly to customers' varying taste buds. Fortunately, his passion for ice-cream has helped him achieve success. His advice to those who want to start a business - Be prepared to take risks. Persevere and never give up. Fortunately, for those who cannot afford to go to parlours like Island Creamery, the old-fashioned ice-cream men are still around.

(Excerpt from *What's Up* newspaper: July 2009)

Write your answers in complete sentences.

36. Who started the ice-cream parlour called Island Creamery?

37. Name three homemade flavours that Island Creamery sells.

38. Why is Island Creamery a special ice-cream parlour?

39. What challenge does the owner of Island Creamery face in running his business?

40. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'persist'?

END OF PAPER

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

**SCHOOL : CATHOLIC HIGH PRIMARY
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH**

TERM : SA2

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27
C	D	G	E	H	B	H	E	A	G

28)taught 29)welcomed 30)started 31)word 32)reject

33)Both Peter and Joe are attending the party tonight.

34)Joseph can play the guitar very well although he is only six years old.

35)Keith said excitedly that he was going to Malaysia for a fishing trip the next day.

36)Stanley Kwok started the ice-cream parlour called Island Creamery.

37)The terik, kopi-O and pulut hitam are three homemade flavours that Island Creamery sells.

38)Island Creamery is a special ice-cream palour because it specializes in unique Singapore flavours and allows customers to in up their photographs on their big wall.

39)The challenge that the owner of Island Creamery faces is that he has to adapt constantly to customers' varying taste buds.

40)The word is "persevere".