



**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2010
PRIMARY THREE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

PAPER 2

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Three _____

20 May 2010

45 QUESTIONS

1 hour 15 minutes

Component	Marks
Sections A-C	20
Sections D-H	30
Paper 2 Total	50

INSTRUCTIONS:

**Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all the questions.**

This paper consists of 10 printed pages excluding the cover page.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION A : VOCABULARY MCQ (7 marks)

For each question, choose the most suitable answer to fill in the blank. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The presents were _____ equally among the children.
- (1) donated
 - (2) collected
 - (3) distributed
 - (4) contributed
2. Rachel's hamster _____ slowly at its food, taking a small bite each time.
- (1) nibbled
 - (2) chewed
 - (3) gobbled
 - (4) swallowed
3. In order to succeed in life, we must _____ our fears.
- (1) overlook
 - (2) overtake
 - (3) overcome
 - (4) overwhelm
4. Nate's younger brother was _____ by hot water when he knocked the kettle over.
- (1) burnt
 - (2) boiled
 - (3) scalded
 - (4) steamed
5. In order to get readers interested in reading the articles, the _____ have to be big in size and captivating.
- (1) printing
 - (2) editorials
 - (3) headlines
 - (4) obituaries

6. Do not play near that tree! There is a _____ of bees flying around it.
- (1) nest
 - (2) flight
 - (3) group
 - (4) swarm
7. Since he had broken so many rules, he was _____ from the school.
- (1) banned
 - (2) expelled
 - (3) banished
 - (4) transported

SECTION B : GRAMMAR MCQ (8 marks)

For each question, choose the most suitable answer to fill in the blank. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet.

8. My dog _____ when a stranger comes to the door.
- (1) bark
 - (2) barks
 - (3) barked
 - (4) is barking
9. The lifeguard jumped into the pool as two boys _____ in the water.
- (1) is drowning
 - (2) are drowning
 - (3) was drowning
 - (4) were drowning
10. The soccer match has started. Everyone at the stadium _____ watching it with excitement.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

11. _____ is that man standing over there?
- (1) Who
 - (2) When
 - (3) Whom
 - (4) Which
12. Samuel's handwriting is _____ than Ivan's.
- (1) neat
 - (2) neater
 - (3) neatest
 - (4) as neat
13. It took him _____ time to complete the project but he was pleased with the end result.
- (1) many
 - (2) much
 - (3) some
 - (4) several
14. I stepped inside the room _____ I had switched the lights on as I was afraid of the dark.
- (1) then
 - (2) next
 - (3) after
 - (4) before
15. I was surprised to _____ Sam. I have not seen him in months.
- (1) run at
 - (2) run into
 - (3) run over
 - (4) run away

SECTION C : COMPREHENSION MCQ (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 16 to 20 on the next page.

Salesman: Good afternoon, Sir! May I help you?

Mr Ong: Good afternoon. I'm Mr Ong. I'm thinking of getting a 1600cc car.

Salesman: Nice to meet you, Mr Ong. Let me show you one of our most popular cars. This is the Toyota Camray Solara. It has a powerful 2400cc engine.

Mr Ong: How much does it cost?

Salesman: It costs \$70, 000.

Mr Ong: How far can it travel on one litre of petrol?

Salesman: It can travel 25 km on one litre of petrol.

Mr Ong: That's too expensive and it uses a lot of petrol. I travel a lot when I work and I'm looking for a car that uses less petrol.

Salesman: What about the Toyota Prius? It has a 1500cc engine and it has been voted the Best Green Car of the Year because it travels 60 km on one litre of petrol.

Mr Ong: What is its price?

Salesman: It costs only \$40,000. Here is a brochure that tells you all about the Toyota Prius.

Mr Ong: Thank you. I like the look of this car and I would like to test-drive it tomorrow when I come back with my wife.

Salesman: Certainly.

Mr Ong: Thank you very much. I'll be here at three o'clock tomorrow.

Salesman: Thank you. I'll be waiting for you. Goodbye.

Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. A car that will suit Mr Ong is one that _____.
- (1) is popular
 - (2) is expensive
 - (3) uses less petrol
 - (4) has a powerful engine
17. The Toyota Camray Solara is a popular car because it _____.
- (1) is expensive
 - (2) has won an award
 - (3) uses a lot of petrol
 - (4) has a powerful engine
18. The word " _____ " in the passage has the same meaning as "cost a lot of money"
- (1) best
 - (2) popular
 - (3) powerful
 - (4) expensive
19. Mr Ong wanted a car that uses less petrol because he did not want to _____.
- (1) drive too fast
 - (2) cause any pollution
 - (3) travel too far to work
 - (4) spend a lot of money on petrol
20. Mr Ong wanted to bring along his wife the next day so that she could _____.
- (1) buy the car for him
 - (2) test-drive the car with him
 - (3) paint the car green for him
 - (4) vote for the Best Green Car

SECTION D : VOCABULARY CLOZE (5 marks)

Choose the most suitable answer from the box below and fill in each blank.
Use each word **ONCE** only.

dropped	entrance	far	mouth
near	rose	thirst	thought

It was a hot day. Crow, half-dead with thirst, came upon a pitcher which had once been full of water. However, when he put his beak into the (21)_____ of the pitcher, he found that very little water was left in it. Crow put his beak into the pitcher again but he could not reach (22)_____ enough to get the water.

Crow tried and tried, but at last he had to give up in despair. Then, a (23)_____ came to Crow and he took a pebble and dropped it into the pitcher. The water in the pitcher (24)_____! Then, he took another pebble and dropped it into the pitcher. Crow repeated this action a few times.

At last, he saw the water moving up closer to him. After casting in a few more pebbles, he was able to quench his (25)_____ and save his life. Crow then flew away satisfied.

SECTION E : GRAMMAR CLOZE (5 marks)

Choose the most suitable answer from the box below and fill in each blank.
Use each word **ONCE** only.

are eating	ate	eat	eaten
eats	is eating	was eating	were eating

My parents returned home with dinner and I could not wait to
(26) _____ what they had bought for me. While I
(27) _____, the doorbell rang. It was my brother and since
he had not (28) _____, he decided to join us. As we
(29) _____, my brother asked me what I had for lunch.
We both (30) _____ chicken rice! What a coincidence!

SECTION F : EDITING (5 marks)

Correct the words in **bold** for spelling. Write the correct answer in the boxes provided.

(31)

Since they were early, the **audiense** took their seats while waiting.

(32)

The **teatre** was packed as it was opening night! Moments later, the

(33)

(34)

narator appeared from behind the **skreen**. Everyone started to clap as

(35)

the **performance** began. Soon, all was quiet as the curtains opened.

SECTION G : COMPREHENSION CLOZE (5 marks)

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

A century ago, there were more than 100,000 tigers in the wild. Today, there are only around 4,000 remaining.

One reason for this is overhunting. Although the (36) _____ of tigers is illegal, hunters do it anyway. They hunt tigers for their skin and body parts, which some people think have special medicinal powers.

Another (37) _____ for the fall in numbers is the loss of its habitat. Every species needs a habitat; a place where they can find food, water and shelter. Forests are the habitat of tigers. Sadly, Asia's forests have been shrinking (38) _____ of uncontrolled human activity. When the forests shrink, the number of (39) _____ decreases.

The tiger population can only grow if its habitat is protected. Saving the tigers' habitats will also protect all the other animals (40) _____ depend on the forests. That is why the conservation groups believe: Save the tiger, Save the world.

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SECTION H : COMPREHENSION OPEN-ENDED (10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 41 to 45.

Mr Ho was just about to put his key into the keyhole when he noticed that the front door was ajar. He then knew that something was not right. At that moment, he heard a scream coming from inside his house. He pushed open the door immediately.

The house was in a mess. Mr Ho dashed in and ran to the bedroom where the cries were coming from. Outside the bedroom door, he saw his wife clutching her jewellery box to her chest. She was sobbing uncontrollably and tears were streaming down her face. A man with his face concealed by a black ski mask stood in front of her. He was shouting angrily at Mrs Ho, demanding for her jewellery box and waving a knife at her.

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Grabbing a golf club, Mr Ho sneaked up behind the robber and hit him on the head as hard as he could. The robber cried out in pain and tried to turn around. However, before he could turn around, he fell onto the floor unconscious. Mr Ho called the police who arrived promptly. The robber was handcuffed and taken away. It was certainly a frightening experience for the couple!

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41. How did Mr Ho know that something was not right?

42. Why was Mrs Ho clutching her jewellery box?

43. What did the robber want from Mrs Ho?

44. Which word from the passage has the same meaning as "~~move~~ quietly"?

45. Why do you think the robber wanted to turn around?

END OF PAPER
Please check your answers.

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2010

**SCHOOL : CATHOLIC HIGH PRIMARY
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH**

TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
3	1	3	3	3	4	2	2	4	1	1	2	3	3	2	3	4

Q18	Q19	Q20
4	4	2

- 21)mouth 22)far 23)thought 24)rose 25)thirst
26)eat 27)was eating 28)eaten 29)were eating 30)ate
31)audience 32)theatre 33)narrator 34)screen 35)performance
36)hunting 37)reason 38)because 39)tigers 40)which
41)He noticed that the front door was opened.
42)She did not want the robber to take her jewellery box.
43)He wanted her jewellery box.
44)The word is "sneaked".
45)He wanted to see who hit him on his head.