

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL

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PRIMARY 4 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2010 ENGLISH LANGUAGE BOOKLET A

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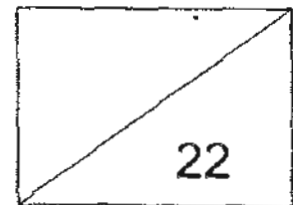
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SECTION A: GRAMMAR (6 MARKS)

Choose the correct answer to complete the blank and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet (or OAS) provided.

1. Many tourists have visited the Sentosa Resorts World _____ it was opened recently.

- (1) until
- (2) while
- (3) since
- (4) although

2. John is determined to win the race and has invested _____ money and effort into competitive training.

- (1) a few
- (2) many
- (3) a little
- (4) a lot of

3. Anna did not want to be late for the graduation ceremony as one of her favourite professors _____ giving a speech.

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

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4. The factory nearby _____ ^{Pungent smell of burning rubber.} ~~the pungent smell of burning rubber.~~

- (1) gave in
- (2) gave up
- (3) gave off
- (4) gave away

5. Although my sister had been pestering my parents for a new bicycle, they only bought bicycles for my brother and _____.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) her
- (4) she

6. On Children's Day, _____ child received a souvenir.

- (1) all
- (2) any
- (3) each
- (4) several

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SECTION B: VOCABULARY (6 MARKS)

Choose the correct answer to complete the blank and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet (or OAS) provided.

7. The fat boy disliked going to school as he was often _____ by his classmates for his weight.
- (1) blamed
 - (2) ridiculed
 - (3) endorsed
 - (4) commended
8. The mountaineers, who were determined to reach the summit of Mount Everest, were _____ by the cold weather.
- (1) undaunted
 - (2) unconfined
 - (3) unburdened
 - (4) unsympathetic
9. Alice was so terrified of the principal, Mr Tan, that she _____ badly every time she spoke to him.
- (1) mourned
 - (2) chattered
 - (3) sniggered
 - (4) stammered

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10. The man who was stabbed in the leg managed to _____ to the main road to call for help.
- (1) strut
 - (2) stagger
 - (3) saunter
 - (4) swagger
11. The knight _____ rescued the distressed princess from the fearsome dragon.
- (1) lavishly
 - (2) gallantly
 - (3) sensibly
 - (4) courteously
12. David tried to _____ when the elephant threw a bun at him.
- (1) ape
 - (2) wolf
 - (3) duck
 - (4) crow

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SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (10 MARKS)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions 13 to 17.

Lighthouses all over the world, guide ships safely to shore. In darkness and in fogs, they warn of dangerous rocks and reefs. They can also be landmarks which some ships use to find their way along the coast. Nowadays, most lighthouses are lighted by electricity. Sometimes, keepers are needed to look after the lighthouses. Sometimes, the lighthouses run by themselves. 5

At the top of the lighthouse is a lantern. This is the most important part of the light house. The light inside the lantern is enclosed in a giant glass lens. The lens turns around the light. Prisms on the lens bend lights' rays into a single blazing beam. 10

Sailors know a lighthouse by its size and shape. At night, they recognise it by its beacon or light. Some beacons show a fixed steady light. Usually, the beacons emit white lighting but it can also be coloured. Other lighthouses flash their light according to a special pattern. A flashing pattern has periods of dark and light. In some patterns, the periods of dark are longer. In others, the periods of light are longer. 15

Before electricity was invented, kerosene was used as a fuel in lighthouse lamps. It produced a bright light but it was a dirty fuel. The smoky lamps had to be cleaned every day and the wicks had to be trimmed to prevent them from bursting into flames. 20

There are many fascinating stories about lighthouses. Take the lighthouse called Portland Head Light, for instance. One wintry night in 1864, there was a very heavy fog. A ship with people from Ireland to America crashed into a huge rock in the sea. The lighthouse could not be seen due to the heavy fog. The passengers got into lifeboats and many were saved. One person who was saved that night was a boy named John F. Fitzgerald who grew up to become the mayor of Boston. His grandson, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, became the thirty-fifth president of the United States. 25

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13. Which one of the following statements is false?

Lighthouses guide ships safely to shore by _____.

- (1) providing electricity
- (2) shining in the dark
- (3) acting as landmarks
- (4) warning them of dangerous rocks

14. The light from the lantern is changed into a blazing beam by _____.

- (1) electricity
- (2) lighthouse keepers
- (3) mirrors in the lantern
- (4) prisms on the glass lens

15. Kerosene is not a good fuel to use in the lighthouse because it is _____.

- (1) rare
- (2) smoky
- (3) expensive
- (4) changeable

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16. In 1864, a ship crashed into a huge rock near Portland Head Light because the _____.

- (1) captain was inexperienced
- (2) captain did not know the way
- (3) ship had too many passengers
- (4) captain could not see the way clearly

17. Which one of the following words from the passage has the same meaning as "shining brightly"?

- (1) lighting
- (2) blazing
- (3) flashing
- (4) bursting

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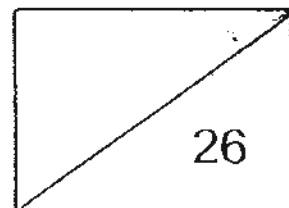
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SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE (3 Marks)

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 A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) as	(B) at	(C) by	(D) in
(E) after	(F) of	(G) to	(H) under

Elizabeth Choy Su-Mei won fame for her courageous acts (18) _____ resistance during the Japanese Occupation. During the Japanese Occupation, Elizabeth worked (19) _____ a canteen operator with her husband at the Singapore Mental Hospital. The couple secretly brought food, medicine, money, messages and even radios (20) _____ the British prisoners of war at the hospital. They were arrested by the Japanese soldiers.

Elizabeth was interrogated and tortured (21) _____ the Japanese soldiers but she never admitted to being a British supporter. She was released (22) _____ enduring two hundred days of suffering and constant threats of being executed. After the war, Elizabeth Choy was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) (23) _____ recognition of the valour she exhibited during the Japanese Occupation.

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SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (2 MARKS)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) ride	(B) rode	(C) riding
(D) was riding	(E) were riding	(F) had been riding

I was so excited last night that I could not sleep. I waited for four years before my wish was finally granted. I could not believe that I would be walking into the stable. I had always wanted to (24) _____ horses as soon as I was old enough. I loved reading about the beautiful horses that were fiercely loyal to their riders. I remembered the first time many years ago while I (25) _____ a pony at the Singapore Zoo, I fell off and hurt my back. However, that did not affect my love for (26) _____.

My great grandfather had been a famous cowboy. As a young boy, he tamed and (27) _____ many wild horses. Perhaps one day, I would be just like him, living among the animals I adored.

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SECTION F: SYNTHESIS (3 MARKS)

For each of the questions 28 to 30, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

28. Climbing a mountain is a thrilling experience. It is a dangerous experience.

29. After fossils were discovered by scientists, many dinosaur species have been identified.

since _____

30. The nature guide explained about the forest animals. He took us on a walk through the forest.

SECTION G: VOCABULARY CLOZE (8 MARKS)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Albert Schweitzer served as a doctor in Lambarene, Africa, for over thirty years. There he built a hospital with his two bare hands and offered medical care to the (31) _____ of Lambarene who were very appreciative of his kind acts. He was known and loved as the "Jungle Doctor". From a very young age, Albert (32) _____ everyone very kindly. He could not bear to see anyone in pain. Seeing human beings suffer was bad enough and to see other human beings treating animals with cruelty was even worse. It (33) _____ him greatly as well.

One day, Albert was horrified to see an (34) _____ horse limping its way to the slaughter house. When it refused to move, it was beaten and dragged. (35) _____ another occasion, he felt very uneasy during a bird-shooting game in which he reluctantly took part. When the time came for him to aim his catapult at the birds, he quickly chased them away instead. Of all (36) _____ experiences, the one that made Albert feel most guilty was when he lashed out at a fierce dog (37) _____ was attacking his horse. His whip caught the dog's eyes and it howled continuously in extreme pain.

As a result of Albert's numerous painful (38) _____, he was convinced that no one had the right to cause pain or suffering to his fellow human beings or to any animals. He believed that every living thing on earth should be treated with utmost respect and dignity.

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SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (10 MARKS)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 39 to 43. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Guided by the rays of sunlight, we walked through the dense forest, thrashing our way through with a *parang** As we worked on, a trail slowly emerged. We were very exhausted, our food and water supply were diminishing. We had been walking aimlessly for a day hoping to find our way out of the place. Our classmates would probably laugh if they knew what had happened to the so-called "Famous Five". We were labelled that as we were known to be adventurous, just like the characters of the book. 5

"Hey guys, let's just stop for a while to rest, shall we?" May requested.

"I agree with her whole-heartedly," panted Bala.

"If I know that we are going to be in this sorry state, I would rather spend the holidays at home watching television than doing **this**," James complained while nursing the scratches on his arms and legs. 10

All of us were not experienced trekkers so that showed how **foolish** we had been. We should have made sure that we had all the necessary equipment for the trek. We had forgotten to bring along a compass. The outdated map was of little use either. They were grateful they had the *parang** as it was the most useful. While resting, Sam came up with a great idea and that was to look for a stream that would lead us downhill. However, the journey could be rough and we might get hurt. Then again, we had to take the risk, as there was no better alternative. 15 20

"Shh...listen, can you hear that?" Bala muttered.

In a flash, all of us dashed towards the source of the sound. There, about fifty metres away, we saw a stream, our saviour! We tracked along the path downstream but it was not a simple task as the ground was very damp and slippery. Our legs bled as we walked through thorny bushes and we had to hang onto roots and stems for support as we climbed downhill. 25

Suddenly, we heard voices ahead of us. Our pace doubled and our hearts were thumping as we approached the voices. Our anxiety was replaced by tears of relief and joy.

* A long blade

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Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

39. What were the five good friends known for in the class?

40. What does "this" in line 11 refer to?

41. How were the friends "foolish" (line 13)?

42. Explain clearly why the friends were grateful they had the parang.

43. Why were the friends happy to hear voices at the end?

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18. F 19. A 20. G 21. C 22. E 23. D 24. A 25. D

26. C 27. B

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37. which 38. experiences

39. They were known to be adventurous.

40. It refers to trekking in the forest.

41. They were foolish as they were inexperienced trekkers and had forgotten to bring the necessary equipments.

42. The parang was useful as it helped the friends clear their way in the forest.

43. They knew that they might be downhill or they could ask for help from the people.