

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL

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PRIMARY 5 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2010 ENGLISH LANGUAGE BOOKLET A

Total Time : 1 hour 50 minutes

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Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.




Pets' Funtime by the Beach

Free Admission

Sunday, 20 June 2010

10 am – 5 pm

East Coast Park E2



Join us for a jolly good time and win prizes in our contests! Check out the booths offering a wide variety of products and services for your pets!

Programme:

11.00 am – Spitting Image
Owners and pets will parade on stage in matching outfits. The pair that looks most alike wins!

12.00 noon – Super Canine 2010
Watch in awe as owners guide their dogs to perform astonishing tricks to impress our judges, be it playing dead, singing or dancing to a favourite tune.

1.00 pm – Rock and Roll
Dogs will take the cue from owners to roll over, stand, beg, sit or to do whatever else they can do. The one that does them correctly the most number of times wins!

2.00 pm – Fabulous Fur
Impress the judges with feline fur power. The cat with the most stunning and well-groomed coat of fur will claw its way to victory.

3.00 pm – In a Flash
Pet hamsters with super-speed abilities will challenge one another in running in exercise balls down a mini running track.

Treats for your pets!
Cut out the coupons in our advertisements on 20 June 2010 for your free goodie bag. Limited to one redemption per person, while stocks last.

Doggie Express Grooming Studio
Let your dog enjoy an express grooming session for just \$10!

Free Dental Check
Let two vets give your pet a dental check for free.

Gift with purchase
Spend \$10 in a single receipt at the event and get an exclusive handphone pouch worth \$8.

Sponsors:
Pets' School House
Claws and Paws Pet Shoppe
Furry Friends Training School

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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 is organised by _____
- (1) Pet Food Supplier
 - (2) Pets' School House
 - (3) Claws and Paws Pet Shoppe
 - (4) Furry Friends Training School
- 2 Pet owners **need not** take part with their pets when they let their pets participate in _____.
- (1) Fabulous Fur
 - (2) Spitting Image
 - (3) Rock and Roll
 - (4) Super Canine 2010
- 3 Pet owners **need to** pay a fee if they _____.
- (1) take their pets for a dental check
 - (2) let their pets take part in 'In a Flash'
 - (3) let their pets go for a grooming session
 - (4) take their pets to the 'Pets' Funtime by the Beach'
- 4 The likely purpose of the 'Gift with purchase' offer is to encourage visitors to _____.
- (1) patronise the booths
 - (2) buy the handphone pouch
 - (3) participate in the various contests
 - (4) visit the 'Pets' Funtime by the Beach'
- 5 Which one of the following statements is true?
- (1) Goodie bags will be given to all visitors to the event.
 - (2) Visitors may buy products and services at the event.
 - (3) Only dog and cat owners can take their pets to the event.
 - (4) The various contests will start at 10 am and end at 5 pm.

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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 Mei Ling will tell us all about her trip to London when she _____.
- (1) returns
 - (2) returned
 - (3) is returning
 - (4) has returned
- 7 When I saw the umbrella they had found, I knew at once _____ it was.
- (1) what
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
- 8 They made it to the concert _____ their car broke down on the way.
- (1) as
 - (2) since
 - (3) unless
 - (4) although
- 9 Mr Kumar _____ friends with almost every resident in this neighbourhood since he moved here a year ago.
- (1) will make
 - (2) is making
 - (3) has made
 - (4) had made
- 10 Nobody could convince him _____ the consequences of his rash act.
- (1) in
 - (2) to
 - (3) of
 - (4) on
- 11 Robin Hood, together with his friends, _____ nearly captured by the soldiers when they were in the forest.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

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12 I had to _____ the invitation as I had an important meeting to attend.

- (1) turn up
- (2) turn over
- (3) turn from
- (4) turn down

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)

Once, there lived two brothers who were farmers in China. Lao Da was married with four sons while Xiao Er was still single. They lived separately.

"Xiao Er is all alone (13) Lao Da said to himself (14) if the next harvest is poor, he will have no one to help him. I must give him more rice."

He gathered some bags of rice and left for Xiao Er's house.

Over at Xiao Er's house, Xiao Er thought (15) Lao Da has a family to feed. If the next harvest is poor, he will not have enough rice. I must give him more rice."

He carried a bag of rice and left for Lao Da's house.

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- (1) [,] comma
 - (2) [.] full stop
 - (3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 - (4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

- 14
- (1) [:] colon
 - (2) [.] full stop
 - (3) ["] inverted commas
 - (4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

- 15
- (1) [:] colon
 - (2) [: "] colon and inverted commas
 - (3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 - (4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

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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 The parents _____ a sigh of relief when their lost child was found.
- (1) uttered
 - (2) heaved
 - (3) released
 - (4) breathed
- 17 Water _____ from the burst pipe and soon flooded the basement of the building.
- (1) oozed
 - (2) trickled
 - (3) gushed
 - (4) dribbled
- 18 The athlete _____ off the track as he had sprained his ankle.
- (1) ambled
 - (2) hobbled
 - (3) lumbered
 - (4) sauntered
- 19 Grandpa _____ softly as he read the comic book.
- (1) cackled
 - (2) grinned
 - (3) chuckled
 - (4) guffawed
- 20 Little Walter grimaced and _____ that he had a pain in his stomach.
- (1) reported
 - (2) declared
 - (3) suggested
 - (4) complained

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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)

Lion-hunting is still practised in Africa, especially among the natives. The natives in Africa have a unique way of capturing the animals alive.

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In areas where these ferocious animals prowl, two deep pits are dug, each about five

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metres from the other. Along each side of the pits, the natives build a fence. A dog, usually

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a white one, is tied midway between the pits and left there. At nightfall, the dog, because

of its colour in the dark, is easily noticed. The howling of the dog attracts the lion when it comes

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hunting for food. On seeing the dog, the lion makes a headlong dash for it and falls into the pit in front of it.

- 21 (1) queer
(2) special
(3) creative
(4) different
- 22 (1) savage
(2) untamed
(3) dangerous
(4) venomous
- 23 (1) erect
(2) install
(3) establish
(4) assemble
- 24 (1) sensed
(2) spotted
(3) observed
(4) overlooked
- 25 (1) lures
(2) tempts
(3) charms
(4) motivates

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Read the passage below and answer questions 28 to 30.

The climb to the top was indeed a challenge. The slope was extremely steep and what had worsened the situation was the torrential rain an hour earlier which made the surface slippery.

We had lost most of our vital equipment in the midst of the storm when my companion, Jomo, slipped and dropped the two haversacks which he very confidently kept slung over his shoulders. It would be risky to try descending a hundred metres of slippery cliff to recover the lost tools among the wreck of our helicopter. 5

Reaching the mountain top was our only way to fetch help for the two casualties at the foot. Although another lucky member of the team had stayed behind and bandaged their wounds, there was still fear that they would die of profuse bleeding. Besides, there were no other ways of contacting the camp above as our radio system was destroyed in the crash. 10

Suddenly, as if from nowhere, a soaring flare was sighted. Ah! It must be Sam. He must have salvaged the flare-gun which my companion and I had totally forgotten about. 15

"Just wait," I told Jomo. "I'm keeping my fingers crossed. They may have seen it."

Soon, the sound of an approaching helicopter was heard. The pilot was circling the area.

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For each question from 26 to 30, 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)

- 26 The torrential rain which fell earlier _____.
- (1) was a challenge to the writer
 - (2) made the climb more difficult
 - (3) continued for more than an hour
 - (4) caused the slope to become extremely steep
- 27 It would be very difficult for the writer and his companion to climb to the mountain top because _____.
- (1) they were injured
 - (2) the rain was very heavy
 - (3) they were short of equipment
 - (4) their radio system was not working
- 28 In line 17, the word "it" refers to the _____.
- (1) flare
 - (2) camp above
 - (3) mountain top
 - (4) wrecked helicopter
- 29 Sam was the _____.
- (1) writer
 - (2) writer's companion
 - (3) one who was injured
 - (4) one who attended to the wounded
- 30 "Soon, the sound of an approaching helicopter was heard." (line 18) This was the result of the _____.
- (1) use of the flare gun
 - (2) radio system working again
 - (3) writer keeping his fingers crossed
 - (4) the writer and his companion reaching the mountain top

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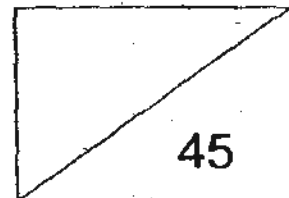
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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write the letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) about (D) because (G) for (K) over (N) who
 (B) after (E) by (H) in (L) that (P) with
 (C) and (F) but (J) on (M) until (Q) would

Jane Goodall was born in London, England, on April 3, 1934. On her second birthday, her father gave her a toy chimpanzee named Jubilee. Jubilee was named _____ a baby chimp in the London Zoo, and seemed to foretell the course
 (31) Jane's life _____ take. To this day, Jubilee sits in a chair in Jane's
 (32) London home. From an early age, Jane was fascinated _____ animals
 and she talked _____ going to Africa to live among the animals there. (33)
 At the time, in the early 1940s, this was a radical idea _____ women did not
 (34) go to Africa by themselves. (35)

As a young woman, Jane finished school in London, attended secretarial school, and then worked _____ a documentary filmmaker for a while.
 (36) When a school friend invited her to visit Kenya, she worked as a waitress
 _____ she had earned the fare to travel there by boat.
 (37) Once she had earned enough to travel to Kenya, she met Dr. Louis Leakey,
 _____ was a famous paleontologist and he hired her to assist him and
 (38) his wife _____ a fossil-hunting expedition to Olduvai Gorge.
 (39) She expressed her interest _____ the idea of studying animals by living in
 (40) the wild with them, rather than studying dead animals through paleontology.

(Jane Goodall by Milada Broukal, from *What A Life! Stories of Amazing People*)

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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)

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There are three basic means of mass communication. The first is through the print word, or books, magazines and newspapers. The second is through sound - primarily radio,

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but also records and tape recordings. Thirdly, messages can be transmited through a

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kombenation of sound and pictures as in television, films and more recently popular DVDs.

These three together are called the mass media.

All media can be used to inform and entertain people. There are, however, less obvious roles which the media play. The aim may be to educate, as in school broadcast. Again, the

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aim may be to persuade, as when the media are used in advertisers. The media was often in a

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strong position to influence public opinion because they select the topics to be present and can stress the importance of one issue over another.

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In recent years, there has been public-anxiety over the dangers that could arise from

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the mass media as well. Many parents, for example, have become concerning about the

possible effects that scenes of violence and bad behaviour may have on their children. There is

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particula concern about the potential dangers certain forms of media may pose. However,

research has shown that instead of changing how viewers think, media tend to confirm what

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viewers already bileave. Viewers and listeners are not that vulnerable.

(Adapted from Reader's Digest Library of Modern Language)

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Sarah and Minah are model high school students. They study hard. They do _____ well in achievement tests. Next year, they will be attending Harvard University. What makes them _____ from most students is that they do not go to school. In fact, they have never been to school. Neither of them feels as if they had missed out on anything by being taught at home.

The home-schooling trend began in the U.S. in the 1980s with _____ keeping their children out of public schools so they could provide religious education at home.

Today, as the home-schooling trend _____ to grow, parents are more likely to _____ home-schooling an option because they think schools do not do a very good job at teaching and are occasionally dangerous places. But can parents do a

_____ job?

The answer in many cases is yes. In many studies, students _____ at home ranked average or above average _____ to students who went to public schools.

More importantly, these students are _____ more self-directed and have a greater depth of knowledge. They are very well-prepared for academic challenges.

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One such student, Jane, began home-schooling at the age of 11. "I was learning something all the time," she said. Another student, Robert, claimed that he really learnt how to study and _____ his time during his eight years of home-schooling. Still, not every student is as successful as Robert.

"For every home-schooling success story, there is an equal number of _____," states Dr Henry, an educational researcher. "There are just so many obstacles that students taught at home have to _____." For example, they have fewer _____ to interact with others their own age. Consequently, they sometimes lack social _____. No matter what though, home-schooling is a _____ trend. I think we'll be seeing more and more of this."

(Adapted for *Home Schooling* by Jack C. Richards)

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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 The teacher asked, "Where is the assignment I gave you, Lynn?"

The teacher asked Lynn _____

67 Jane did not wear her school uniform to the ceremony yesterday. She wore a gown.

Instead of _____

68 Walk carefully. You might fall.

If _____

69 I got on the bus, then I realised that I had forgotten my purse.

After _____

70 Amanda is very proud. She has very few friends.

_____ who

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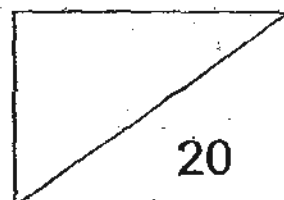
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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

"Somewhere upstairs I may find the man in charge," Akpan thought. He almost flung himself at the astonished Senior Superintendent of Police. "Don't let the police inspector and police constable take me away, Sir!" he begged. "You've got to listen. Please, Sir, please!"

The Superintendent was a shrewd and experienced man and he could recognise sincerity when he saw it.

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He spoke reassuringly to Akpan. "I'll listen," he said. "Take it easy, Boy. No one will send you away until you've had your say."

Akpan embarked upon his story. He was listened to attentively and was allowed to finish.

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"Heavens!" exclaimed the Superintendent. "This is the clue we've been waiting for years. P.C. Ihedje!"

The young police constable who had been hovering nervously at the entrance of the office, wondering what to do, came forward and saluted smartly.

"P.C. Ihedje, why was no notice taken of this boy's report? We finally have an opportunity to catch the smugglers!"

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The young policeman looked embarrassed. "Well, Sir..." his voice trailed off miserably.

The Superintendent's plan of action was soon outlined to his subordinates. He would contact the Preventive Officers down at Custom Wharf and ask them to lie in wait at the river near the prison. Meanwhile, Akpan would lead a contingent of police to 'The Master', the mastermind's house. They would wait nearby until the smuggled goods were delivered and then they would move in and catch the smugglers red-handed.

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Two agonising hours of inactivity followed, two hours during which Akpan thought miserably of what the police would say and do if it turned out to be a fruitless wait. But suddenly, they all saw a tiny twinkling eye of light at the end of the road and heard a crunching sound mingled with an occasional creak. The watchers in the tree could dimly see the shapes of the four or five men and a handcart piled high with boxes.

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Tap! Tap! Tap! One of the men rapped softly on the gate. It swung open at once. The little procession filed slowly into the compound and the gates were locked again behind them. The front door was flung open and in the bright light, the bulky silhouette of 'The Master' was clearly visible. He hurried down the steps to meet the men. The other smugglers began to unload the boxes and carry them into the house.

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Deep! Deep! The whistle whistled abently, shattering the silence of the night. The members of the police cordon leaped from their hiding places. The watchers in the trees dropped into the compound.

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~~Pandemonium broke loose.~~ Two of the smugglers tried to make a getaway through the gate, only to run into the arms of the waiting policemen. They put up a fight and were subdued and handcuffed only after a sharp tussle during which the police used batons. The Master swore loudly and tried to escape into his house by the front door. ~~Even though he was a stout man, he moved with surprising stealth and agility.~~ He slipped round the side of the house to the garage. The police barely noticed that he had disappeared until they were startled by the sudden roar of a car engine. The policemen scattered with shouts of alarm as a Land Rover shot round the corner toward them at high speed.

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(Adapted from *Akpan and the Smugglers* by R. Uwemedimo)

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 Why did the Superintendent decide to hear Akpan out?

72 Explain clearly why Akpan's story was important.

73 Why was the young police constable 'hovering nervously' (line 13) at the entrance of the office?

74 Which phrase from lines 14 to 18 tells us that P.C. Ihedje knew that he was in the wrong?

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75 Why were the two hours of waiting agonising (line 24) for Akpan?

76 When did the policemen come out of hiding?

77 Which sentence in the last paragraph tells us that the scene was chaotic during the ambush?

78 Why did the police not notice the disappearance of *The Master*?

79 When did the police first realise that *The Master* was making a quick getaway?

80 Explain clearly how *The Master* managed to escape.

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2010

SCHOOL : MGS PRIMARY
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TERM : SA1

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
2	3	4	2	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	4	1	B	Q	E	A

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
D	G	M	N	J	H

- 41)printed 42)transmitted 43)combination 44)by 45)are
46)presented 47)anxiety 48)concerned 49)particular 50)believe
51)very 52)different 53)parents 54)begins 55)consider
56)better 57)schooled 58)compared 59)often 60)schedule
61)failures 62)overcome 63)chances 64)skills 65)growing

- 66)The teacher asked Lynn where the assignment she had given to her was.
67)Instead of wearing her school uniform to the ceremony yesterday, Jane wore a gown.
68)If you walk carefully, you might not fall.
69)After I got on the bus, I realised that I had forgotten my purse.
70)Amanda, who has very few friends, is very proud.
71)He was shrewd experienced and could recognise Akpan's sincerity.
72)It was the clue that the superintendent was looking for.
73)He was afraid to get scolded for not taking note of Apkan's report.
74)The phrase is "looked embarrassed".
75)The tow hours of waiting were agonising for Apkan because Akpan thought that the wait was a fruitless wait.
76)The policeman came out of hiding when the smugglers began to unload the boxes and carried them into the house.
77)The sentence is "Pandemonium broke loose".
78)The police did not notice the disappearance of 'The Master' because he moved with stealth and agility.
79)The police first realised that when they heard the sudden roar of the car engine.
80)'The Master' slipped in the garage and turned the engine of the car on. Then the Land Rover shot round the corner towards the police at high speed.