

# METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL

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## PRIMARY 5 END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2010 ENGLISH LANGUAGE BOOKLET A

Total Time : 1 hour 50 minutes

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Class: Primary 5. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 6 October 2010

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This booklet consists of 8 printed pages.

Study the advertisement below and answer the questions that follow it.

## Uniquely Singapore

### Little India Walking Guide

A cultural feast

To explore Little India: Join a guided walking tour, or let a pre-recorded audio disc help you uncover its spectacular sights and sounds

#### SIGHTS OF LITTLE INDIA

Walk down Buffalo Road which was once lined with many buffalo pens. In days of old, many snake charmers, fortune tellers, astrologers, palmists, numerologists, even parrot astrologers piled their trade here. During religious festivals, people would seek them out, hoping to discover what the future held.

Campbell Lane is a hive of activity during Hindu festivals like Deepavali, when a lively bazaar spirit fills the air. Vendors offer traditional handicrafts and garments, jewellery, carpets, food spices and flower garlands.

#### HALLMARKS

Over at Little India Arcade, you will find an ideal snapshot of culture and traditions. Here you can find the sari, a traditional garment for Indian women. It comprises a long single piece of fabric approximately 5.5 metres in length and 1 metre in width, expertly wound round a woman's body like a skirt, with the loose end thrown over the shoulder.

As you stand on Serangoon Road, you will see a large number of 'yellow gold' jewellery stores. A hot item is the *Nevarethinam*, a ring encrusted with nine different gems representing the nine planets in the solar system and it is mainly worn by men.

#### FLAVOURS

Race Course Road was named after Singapore first exclusive race course in 1843. Today, everyone is welcome at the host of restaurants along the road, which offer every conceivable Indian speciality. It is the ideal place for the gastronomically curious. Do drop by the *Banana Leaf* and *Muthu's Curry* located along the same street.

There is also a host of bread you simply must try. Upper Dickson Road is just the place to try some *appom* or *thosai*, *chapatti*, *puri*, *prata* and *naan*. Excellent when eaten with curries.



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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 people who seek the snake charmers are usually those who \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) like animals
  - (2) are celebrating religious festivals
  - (3) want to find out what the future holds for them
  - (4) study about the astrology, palmistry and fortune telling
- 2 Geetha wants to buy some jewellery and saris during Deepavali. She will most probably visit \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Buffalo Road
  - (2) Campbell Lane
  - (3) Race Course Road
  - (4) Upper Dickson Road
- 3 Which one of the following statements gives the most accurate description of the sari? The sari is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) a traditional dress worn by all women
  - (2) a single piece of 1- metre length fabric
  - (3) worn loosely and thrown over the shoulder
  - (4) worn by winding its long fabric around the body
- 4 The meaning of the word 'encrusted' in the advertisement is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) embodied
  - (2) deposited
  - (3) decorated
  - (4) embedded
- 5 *Banana Leaf* is most likely to be the name of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) a restaurant
  - (2) a food street
  - (3) an Indian specialty
  - (4) a special ingredient in Indian cooking

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 Mrs Tan, as well as her family, \_\_\_\_\_ present at the dinner last night.

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

7 My mother told my brother and \_\_\_\_\_ that we were going on a holiday.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) my
- (4) mine

8 She is very good \_\_\_\_\_ dribbling the ball past her opponents.

- (1) at
- (2) in
- (3) on
- (4) with

9 Poor little Siti eyes the bar of chocolate that Marian \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) ate
- (2) is eating
- (3) has eaten
- (4) was eating

10 Mrs Lee has been over-spending. She must \_\_\_\_\_ on her expenses.

- (1) cut in
- (2) cut up
- (3) cut off
- (4) cut down

11 \_\_\_\_\_ Singapore has no natural resources like oil and iron, she has a hardworking population.

- (1) If
- (2) Since
- (3) Unless
- (4) Although

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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 We would like to thank you for your \_\_\_\_\_ reply to our queries.
- (1) alert
  - (2) prompt
  - (3) efficient
  - (4) punctual
- 17 While out shopping, Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ an old friend.
- (1) ran into
  - (2) ran over
  - (3) ran after
  - (4) ran across
- 18 Julia's \_\_\_\_\_ to become a doctor surprised both her parents and friends.
- (1) aspiration
  - (2) expiration
  - (3) inspiration
  - (4) confirmation
- 19 Stealing is a crime and offenders will be \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) penalised
  - (2) prohibited
  - (3) persecuted
  - (4) prosecuted
- 20 The earthquake in Indonesia caused several faint \_\_\_\_\_ in Singapore.
- (1) quivers
  - (2) tremors
  - (3) motions
  - (4) trembles

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)

A few months ago, heavy rains caused floods in Singapore. It rained continuously for days. Most of the outlying areas were flooded. (21)

Areas like East Coast, Jurong and Woodlands were badly affected. Rescue workers, soldiers, the police and fire brigade were in boats trying to save people, children and animals. Some desperate families had to climb to their roof-tops to seek refuge. First aid and medical assistance were rendered to the unconscious and the injured. (23) (24)

Finally, by the third day, the rain began to cease and the water level subsided and a week later, things were back to normal. (25)

- 21 (1) eternally  
(2) erratically  
(3) incessantly  
(4) perpetually
- 22 (1) rash  
(2) frantic  
(3) reckless  
(4) insecure
- 23 (1) rest  
(2) retreat  
(3) comfort  
(4) protection
- 24 (1) yielded  
(2) returned  
(3) displayed  
(4) administered
- 25 (1) rose  
(2) sank  
(3) receded  
(4) diminished

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Laurie and Sherie Dobbs were on vacation with their family. They were staying in Alabama, on the Gulf of Mexico. They had stayed at their hotel before so they knew the area. One morning, the sisters brought a 2-metre, inflatable raft to the shore. They planned to rest, catch up on each other's news and work on their tans. They put the raft in the water near the shore, where the water was just up to their knees. Then they lay down on their back to chat and soak up some sun. A short time later, Sherie turned over and discovered that the raft had travelled an incredible distance. It had floated so far out into the gulf, land was barely visible!

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The raft had evidently been caught by an outgoing tide and within twenty minutes, the girls could no longer see land. They began to paddle with their hands, trying to turn the raft and steer it in the right direction. Working against strong water currents, they did not go far. The sun rose higher in the sky and the girls began to suffer from the heat. They splashed water on their shoulders to get cooler. That was a big mistake.

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Suddenly, sharks appeared around the raft. At first there were just a few sharks, then more and more came near. The water was so clear that the girls could see the sharks from head to tail. The sharks began to bump the raft. Either they were playing or they had far more deadly intentions. The girls were sure the sharks were trying to overturn the raft. They tried their best to be brave. Sherie was very frightened. Laurie was afraid too, but she tried to calm her sister. They hoped that by that time, someone had reported them missing.

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The hotel reported the missing raft. The nearby Coast Guard Station sent up an observation plane and launched a search boat. The girls heard the plane and began flashing a shiny mat they had brought with them. The pilot saw their signal and radioed the Naval Air Station. Within a short time a Navy helicopter arrived. The air current from the propellers scared the sharks away. A diver jumped into the water to help the girls into the lift.

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The helicopter took them to a hospital for a check-up. Except for burnt shoulders resulting from six hours in the sun, the girls recovered almost immediately. They were soon resting in their hotel room with their family. The family plans to return again for future vacations. It is most certain, however, that from now on, their sunbathing will be done on the beach.

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*Adapted from 'Close Encounter' by Milliken PC.*

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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 land was 'barely visible' (line 8) because the \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) tides were too strong
  - (2) girls were too far from the shore
  - (3) girls had steered in the wrong direction
  - (4) sun's strong rays made it difficult for them to see land
- 27 The phrase "deadly intentions" in line 17 refers to the sharks \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) waiting to attack the girls
  - (2) swimming around the raft
  - (3) wanting to overturn the raft
  - (4) wanting to play with the girls
- 28 How do you know that the officials in the area around the girls' hotel were well prepared for sea rescues?
- (1) The Coast Guard Station had a search boat.
  - (2) They knew immediately that the girls were in trouble.
  - (3) They sent a plane, boat and helicopter to the rescue.
  - (4) The Naval Air Station knew how to scare the sharks away.
- 29 The girls were easily spotted by the rescue helicopter because \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) the water was clear
  - (2) they sent out a signal
  - (3) it was the middle of the day
  - (4) the sharks were big and clearly visible
- 30 This passage is mainly about \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) an inflatable raft
  - (2) a frightening experience
  - (3) sharks swimming in the sea
  - (4) the rescue by the Naval Air Force

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## PRIMARY 5 END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2010 ENGLISH LANGUAGE BOOKLET B

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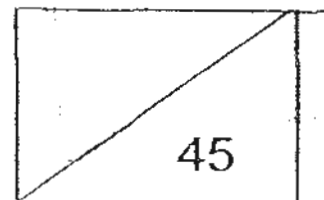
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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write the letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.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

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(A) after	(D) for	(G) of	(K) so	(N) under
(B) also	(E) from	(H) on	(L) that	(P) which
(C) behind	(F) in	(J) or	(M) to	(Q) with

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Many Singaporeans and tourists enjoy food without worrying about getting food-borne diseases or food poisoning. The driving force \_\_\_\_\_ Singapore's high hygiene standards is the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA).  
(31)

Meat imports are checked \_\_\_\_\_ wholesomeness and freedom \_\_\_\_\_ disease and spoilage; unfit consignments are destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ refused entry. Doubtful cases are detained for testing. If frozen meat shows signs \_\_\_\_\_ poor quality control or improper freezing, the exporting source will be suspended.  
(32) (33)

Vegetables and fruits come \_\_\_\_\_ similar scrutiny. Consignments found \_\_\_\_\_ pesticide residues are destroyed. Recently, seven container loads of contaminated longans were rejected for sale \_\_\_\_\_ Singapore. Action was taken \_\_\_\_\_ laboratory tests showed that the longans had had sulphur dioxide preservatives sprayed on them \_\_\_\_\_ prevent the growth of micro-organisms.  
(36) (37) (38) (39) (40)

Dried goods and canned food are also subjected to stringent checks.

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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)

(41)

Mrs Wu sat by the telephone. She was waiting **enciously** for the police inspector's call.

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It was 3 am and she had just reported the **dissepeerens** of her husband. Mr Wu had leave

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their flat **imidiotly** after dinner. He seemed to be of a hurry. He said that he was gone to meet

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some **bisnes** associates. As Mrs Wu was busy with the washing up, she did not paid much

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(50)

attention. It was only when my husband failed to return home that night that she **peniked**. She

then called the police and was told to wait for their call.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

The home of the hippopotamus is Africa. In the wild, the hippopotamus \_\_\_\_\_ (51)

in the river and \_\_\_\_\_ (52) only on plants that \_\_\_\_\_ (53) along the riverside. It

swims with its whole body \_\_\_\_\_ (54) water, keeping only its eyes and nostrils above the

water at all \_\_\_\_\_ (55). The strange thing about the hippopotamus is that it is a \_\_\_\_\_ (56)

animal but it spends most of its time in water.

Among all land animals, the hippopotamus has the \_\_\_\_\_ (57) mouth. The mouth of

the animal when open can be quite frightening, \_\_\_\_\_ (58) to children.

The skin of the animal is very \_\_\_\_\_ (59), and because of this, no other animal can

ever \_\_\_\_\_ (60) through it. That is why the hippopotamus is not afraid of other \_\_\_\_\_ (61)

Yet, the natives are able to kill the animal with their spears. They strike it at points \_\_\_\_\_ (62)

the skin is thinnest.

Hunters with rifles, however, simply \_\_\_\_\_ (63) the hippopotamus down. This animal

is \_\_\_\_\_ (64) mainly for its thick hide.

Just how big is the hippopotamus? Its \_\_\_\_\_ (65) varies from three thousand to four

thousand kilogrammes. The animal usually lives for thirty to forty years.

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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 Raju does not have the key to the house. Rani does not have the key to the house either.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 The postman delivered the wrong letters to our house yesterday.

The wrong letters \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 This is the carpark. Mr Lim parks his car here.

This is the carpark \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 John knows the good news. He is glad.

\_\_\_\_\_ to know  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 Madam Siti said, "These assignments have to be handed in tomorrow."

Madam Siti said that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

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## PRIMARY 5 END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2010 ENGLISH LANGUAGE BOOKLET C

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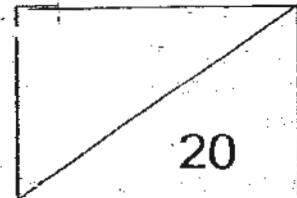
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Date: 6 October 2010



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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Tim paused to wipe the sweat off his forehead. He surveyed the fruit of his three hours of labour. The whole of Mrs Winkle's large back lawn was neatly trimmed and edged. He cleaned and pushed away his lawn mower and knocked at the back door.

"All done, Ma'am," he said when the old lady answered the door. Mrs Winkle hobbled slowly outside, inspecting the job for what seemed an eternity. Tim had to restrain himself from fidgeting while maintaining a patient expression on his freckled face. 5

Finally, Mrs Winkle found her way back inside.

"You're a good boy, Tim," she croaked, "and you did a good job."

Phew, that's Test One, thought Tim. Test Two was an interrogation about the health of Tim's relatives. He patiently informed Mrs Winkle that everyone was fine, and concentrated on maintaining his patient expression. After politely declining a piece of five-year-old hard candy, the moment arrived that Tim had been waiting for. Mrs Winkle dumped a handful of coins into Tim's eager palm. 10

"Thank you very much," he remembered to say as he dashed off towards the candy shop. 15

Tim could almost taste the sweetness of the Milka milk chocolate bar he planned to buy. He glanced at his coins. Yes, a reasonable tip. Politeness pays again, thought Tim. He looked quickly up and down the empty sweltering street before ducking furtively into the candy shop. He plunked his coins down on the counter and Mr Kay handed him the long-awaited treat. 20

Before leaving the shop, Tim again glanced both ways but saw no sign of life. He covered the chocolate bar with his cap just to be safe.

Tim's gait was casual. Smiling smugly, he was just congratulating himself on making it home, when, within 50 metres of his house, he sensed someone behind him.

"Hey, Tim, what have you got there under your cap?" asked Fred Flint, the biggest bully in the neighbourhood. Buck Smith, his shadow, stood by his side, grinning like a Cheshire cat. 25

"Err...nothing much," replied Tim, trying to maintain his composure. He looked around. He could not outrun Fred. Even if he could, some of Fred's gang were probably hiding nearby. There was no escaping. His main concern now was that there be as little blood as possible. 30

"Well, show us," said Fred. He slapped Tim's cap off his head to reveal the hidden treasure.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 What had Tim been doing for three hours?

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72 Explain clearly why Tim started to fidget.

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73 What was "the moment" (line 12) Tim had been waiting for?

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74 Which **two-word** phrase (between lines 14 and 20) tells us that Tim did not want to be seen?

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75 Why did Tim look both ways before leaving the candy shop?

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76 How was Tim feeling when he first started walking home?

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77 How do we know that Fred was near the candy shop when Tim was there?

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78 What does the phrase "Buck Smith, his shadow" (line 26) tell us about the relationship between Fred Flint and Buck Smith?

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79 What did Tim expect Fred to do to him?

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80 Why did the writer refer to the chocolate bar as the "hidden treasure" (lines 32 - 33)?

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# ANSWER SHEET

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Q35	Q36	Q37	38Q	Q39	Q40
G	N	Q	F	A	M

- 41)anxiously      42)disappearance      43)left      44)immediately      45)in  
46)going      47)business      48)pay      49)her      50)panicked  
51)lives      52)feeds      53)grow      54)under      55)times  
56)land      57)biggest      58)especially      59)thick      60)bite  
61)animals      62)where      63)shoot      64)hunted      65)weight

- 66)Neither Raju nor Rani has the key to the house.  
67)The wrong letters were delivered to our house by the postman yesterday.  
68)This is the carpark where Mr Lim parks his car.  
69)John is glad to know the good news.  
70)Madam Siti said that those assignment had to be handed in the next day.  
71)Tim had been mowing Mrs Winkle's large back lawn for three hours.  
72)He figited as Mrs Winkle was taking a long time in inspecting the lawn.  
73)That moment was Mrs Winkle giving him his tip for mowing her lawn.  
74)The phrase is "ducking furtively".  
75)He was looking out for the bullies.  
76)He was feeling pleased.  
77)Fred appeared to have seen Tim hiding his candy bar under his cap.  
78)It tells us that Buck was always following Fred wherever he went.  
79)Tim expected Fred to beat him up.  
80)It was his prized possession and he had hidden it.