



**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION (2008)
PRIMARY THREE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

COMPOSITION (NO ANSWER)

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Three _____

50 minutes

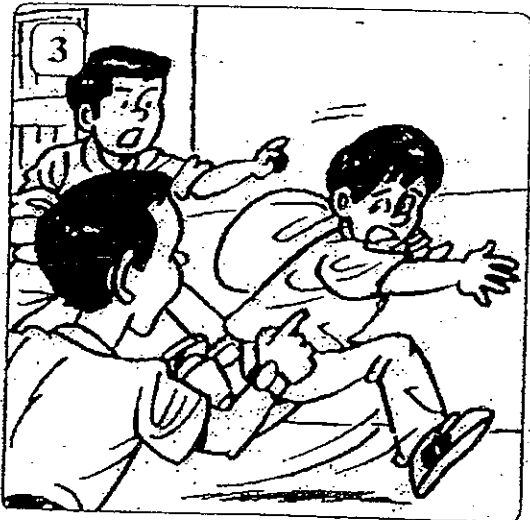
20 marks

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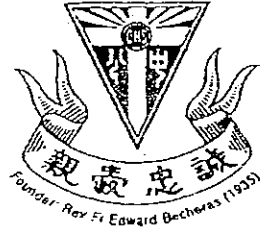
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Look at the series of pictures carefully. Write a story about the pictures. Your story should have at least 80 words. You may use the words in the box to help you.



alone	stranger	robber	—tied up
ransacked	valuables	—chased	—arrested



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LISTENING COMPREHENSION (NO ANSWER)

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15 marks

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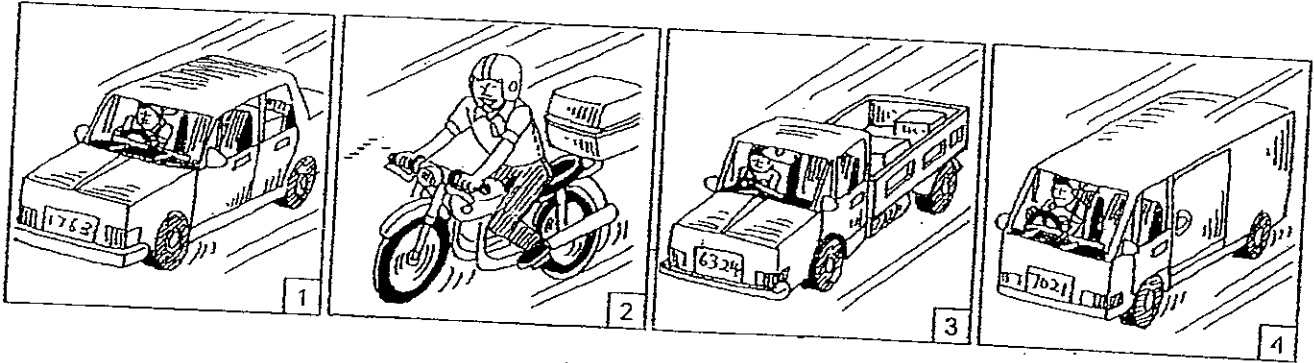
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Part 1 – Picture Matching (4 marks)

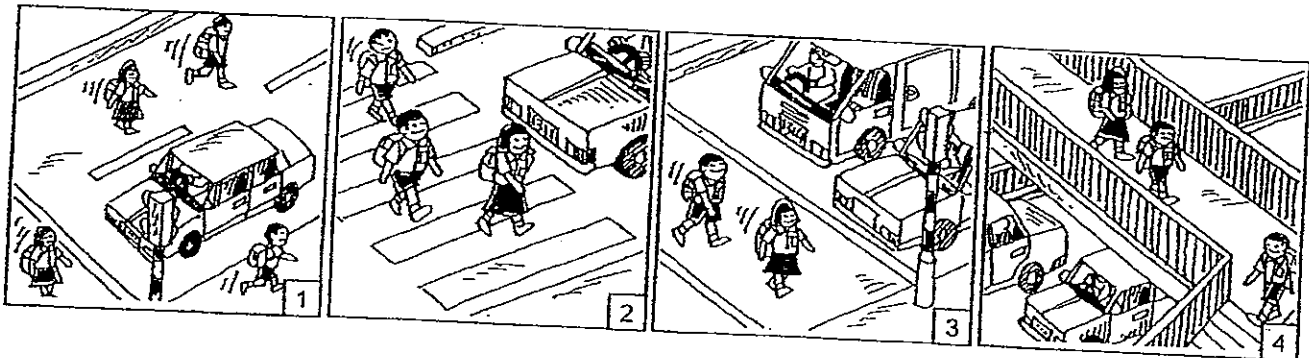
Listen carefully and choose the picture which matches the statement/s that is going to be read to you. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets.

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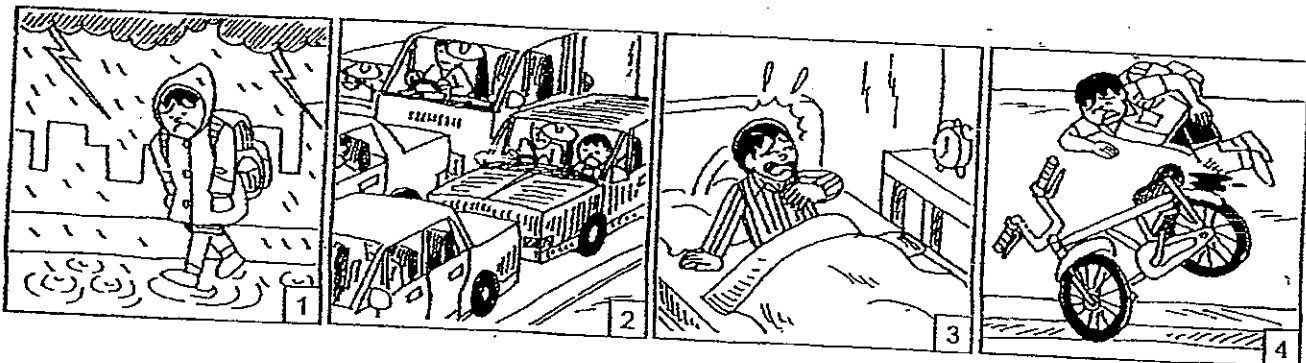
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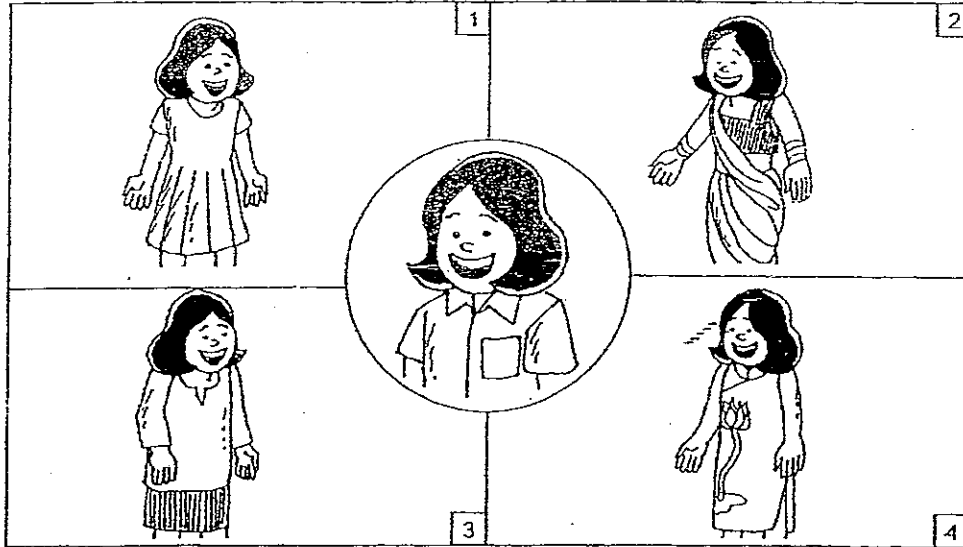
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Part 2 – Note-taking and Dictation (NO ANSWER)

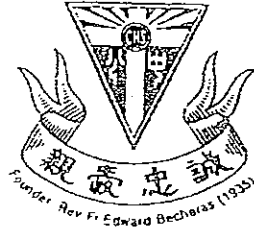
Questions 5 to 10 is a note-taking test. (6 marks)

Question 11 is a dictation test. (5 marks)

Your class will be going to the zoo on a learning journey.

Each blank from questions 5 to 10 should be filled with one word. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

5. Name of activity :	Learning journey to the _____
6. Day of activity :	_____
7. Time they will be leaving :	_____
8. No. of parent volunteers :	_____
9. Things to bring :	_____ and water bottle.
10. What each pupil will be given :	_____



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PAPER 2

Name: _____ ()

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**45 QUESTIONS
(50 MARKS)**

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLET: 1 HOUR 15 MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS:

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Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all the questions.

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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. My favourite _____ was at the bookstore promoting one of the books he had written.
- (1) author
 - (2) reader
 - (3) publisher
 - (4) illustrator
2. Rob was scolded by his mother for _____ her conversation with the teacher.
- (1) interfering
 - (2) interrupting
 - (3) intercepting
 - (4) interviewing
3. Due to the _____ response, the play was extended for two more nights.
- (1) overcoming
 - (2) overbearing
 - (3) overpowering
 - (4) overwhelming
4. The car _____ to a halt to avoid hitting the jaywalker.
- (1) scurried
 - (2) swerved
 - (3) screamed
 - (4) screeched
5. Every morning my grandfather takes his time to _____ his coffee and read the newspapers.
- (1) sip
 - (2) gulp
 - (3) gobble
 - (4) swallow

6. "Wow! Look at the _____ of ships," Daniel exclaimed to his classmates.

- 1) set
- 2) pile
- 3) fleet
- 4) flight

7. The police _____ the building and told the robbers to give up.

- 1) engulfed
- 2) encircled
- 3) entangled
- 4) encountered

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. Claire and Jaime _____ to collect donations on flag day. They were happy to be able to help the poor.

- 1) volunteer
- 2) volunteers
- 3) volunteered
- 4) are volunteering

9. Joachim and his friends _____ the basketball during their P.E. lesson just now.

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

10. The poor cat was _____ by a car as it was crossing the road.

- 1) run at
- 2) run into
- 3) run over
- 4) run away

11. There is not _____ sugar left. Please buy some more.

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

12. John runs _____ than his classmates.

- (1) fast
- (2) faster
- (3) fastest
- (4) as fast

13. I managed to finish the project _____ my friend's help.

- (1) at
- (2) by
- (3) from
- (4) with

14. Everything in that shop _____ expensive; very few people patronise it.

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

15. _____ is the heaviest animal in the world?

- (1) Who
- (2) When
- (3) Whom
- (4) Which

SECTION C : COMPREHENSION MCQ (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 16 to 20 on the next page. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet.

Catholic High School Healthy Lifestyle Day 2008



All pupils and teachers are encouraged to attend this event!

**Guest-of-Honour:
Mr Samson Soh**

Date: Friday, 23 May 2008
Time: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Venue: Bishan Stadium
Attire: PE Attire and Track Shoes

Lucky Draw Prizes

1st Prize: \$100 Cash
2nd Prize: \$50 Cash
3rd Prize: \$25 Cash



Registration Fees:

Adult: \$5.00
Child: \$2.00

Time	Activities
5.00 p.m.	Speech by Mr Samson Soh
5.15 p.m.	Sing-a-long Session
5.30 p.m.	Mass Jog
6.00 p.m.	Hip Hop Dance
6.30 p.m.	Lucky Draw
7.00 p.m.	End of Programme

- You can register personally at the Primary School General Office from 1 May to 20 May 2008.
- For further enquiries, please call Miss Caroline Goh at 6431 2211

Organiser : *PE Department
Catholic High School*

Sponsors: *Sembawang GRC
Ang Mo Kio National Library*

16. The event will be held at _____
- (1) Bishan Stadium
 - (2) Sembawang GRC
 - (3) Catholic High School
 - (4) Ang Mo Kio National Library
17. The purpose of the event is to _____
- (1) scout for people who can sing well
 - (2) listen to the speech by Mr Samson Soh
 - (3) allow people to wear PE attire and track shoes
 - (4) encourage teachers and pupils to have a healthy lifestyle
18. If Thomas and his friends arrive at 6 p.m., they would be able to participate in the _____
- (1) Mass Jog and Lucky Draw
 - (2) Mass Jog and Hip Hop Dance
 - (3) Hip Hop Dance and Lucky Draw
 - (4) Hip Hop Dance and Sing-a-long Session
19. Mark wants to sign up for the event on 20 May 2008 which is on _____
- (1) Monday
 - (2) Tuesday
 - (3) Wednesday
 - (4) Thursday
20. Which one of the statements below is false?
- (1) The event will be held on a weekday.
 - (2) The event will be held in the morning.
 - (3) The registration fee for an adult is \$5.
 - (4) Registration is at the Primary School General Office.

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.

around	away	deaf	freedom
listen	reach	sense	thick

When the little robin first learnt to fly and sing, its mother said, "Learn to fly fast and high. Keep out of (21) _____ of human beings when you are singing because they will catch you and put you in a cage."

The little robin had heard its mother's advice and warning too many times. The mother's words soon fell on (22) _____ ears. Enjoying its (23) _____, the little robin flew wherever it liked and sang whenever it pleased.

It loved singing to passers-by because they would stop to (24) _____ to its merry songs. Everyone praised the little robin. "What an appreciative audience human beings are," it thought. It could hardly stay still at one place. It flew from fence to fence singing to different audience.

One day, the little robin flew into a garden and sang. Something shot up from below. Before it could fly (25) _____, it found itself caught in a net. It was then put into a cage and the little robin regretted not heeding its mother's advice.

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.

swim	swam	was swimming	are swimming
swims	swimming	were swimming	has swum

Three years ago, my brother learnt to (26) _____ from Coach Gan. He put in a lot of time and effort. He has made great progress and now (27) _____ competitively. Last year, he took part in a (28) _____ competition and (29) _____ the freestyle. He was victorious. This year, he (30) _____ in two competitions and will be going for his third one next week.

SECTION F : EDITING (5 marks)

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

(31)

Dolphins are **merine** mammals that are closely related to whales and

(32)

porpoises. They are found worldwide and are **carnevores**, mostly eating fish and

(33)

squid. Dolphins are considered to be amongst the most **intelligend** of animals and

(34)

(35)

their often friendly **apearance** and **seemingly** playful **atitudè** have made them

popular in human culture.

SECTION G : COMPREHENSION CLOZE (5 marks)

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

It is a sad day for many Singaporeans. Ah Meng, Singapore Zoo's most famous and well-loved Orang Utan, passed (36) _____ today due to old age. She was 50 years old.

Born in Sumatra, Indonesia, around 1960, Ah Meng came to the Zoo at the (37) _____ of seven in 1971 when she was taken away from a Chinese family who had kept her as an illegal pet.

In 1982, the zoo (38) _____ the 'Breakfast with an Orang Utan' programme and Ah Meng (39) _____ the star. She shot to fame instantly and became a celebrity both at home and (40) _____. By 1986, she had been featured in almost thirty travel films, newspapers and travel magazines.

Adapted from: What's up! February 2008 Online Edition

SECTION H : COMPREHENSION OPEN-ENDED (10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 41 to 45.

Norman Ho, a butcher, caused panic in his town after he got himself a new pet. It was a gorilla that weighed 194 kilogrammes. It was equivalent to the weight of three male adults. He had trapped the 14-month old gorilla in South Africa and smuggled it home. He kept the primate in a steel cage because he was afraid of losing it.

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The gorilla, almost 2 metres tall, ate two kilogrammes of herbs, stems and roots every afternoon. It accompanied its master on evening walks in the forest and the occasional drive around town. During the evening walks, the gorilla ate plants and shoots, Norman believed that this has helped the primate to digest its food.

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However, his neighbours were not comfortable and reported him to the authorities. Soon, the police came and arrested the owner for bringing the gorilla into the country without a permit. As the gorilla was a protected animal, it meant that the law prohibited anyone from capturing this animal.

41. What was Norman's new pet?

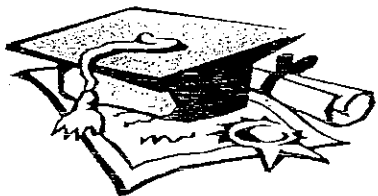
42. According to the passage, what helped the gorilla digest its food?

43. Why was Norman arrested?

44. Which word from the passage has the same meaning as "*did not allow*"?

45. Why did the neighbours feel uncomfortable about Norman and his pet?

END OF PAPER
Please check your answers.



ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2008

SCHOOL : CATHOLIC HIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH

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

Q18	Q19	Q20
3	2	2

- 21)reach 22)deaf 23)freedom 24)listen
25)away 26)swim 27)swims 28)swimming
29)swan 30)has swum 31)marine 32)carnivores
33)intelligent 34)appearance 35)attitude 36)away
37)age 38)organized 39)was 40)overseas

41)Norman's new pet was a gorilla that weighed 194 kilogrammes.

42)Plants and shoots helped the gorilla digest its food.

43)He was arrested because he brought the gorilla into the country without permit

44)The word is "prohibited."

45)They were afraid the gorilla might attack them.