

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

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PRIMARY 4 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2013 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Total Time : 30 minutes

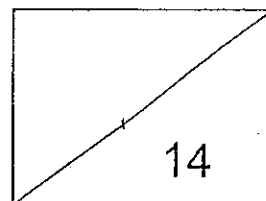
INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Answer all questions.

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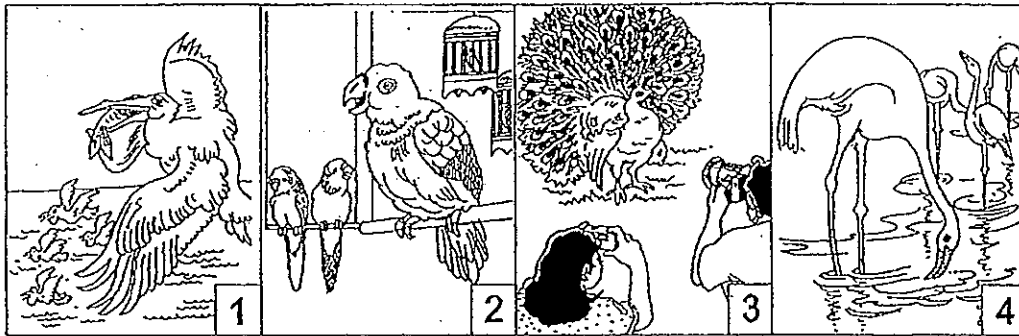


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Part 1: Picture Matching (6 marks)

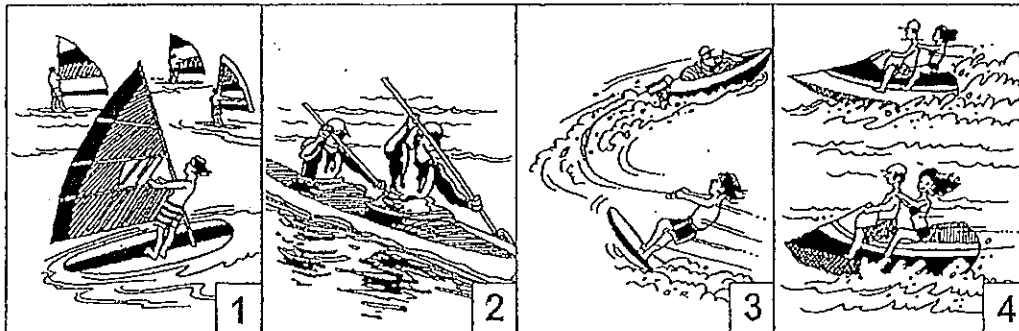
For Question 1 and Question 2, look at the set of pictures. I am going to read to you a sentence or a paragraph. Then choose the picture that shows what I have read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.

Q1



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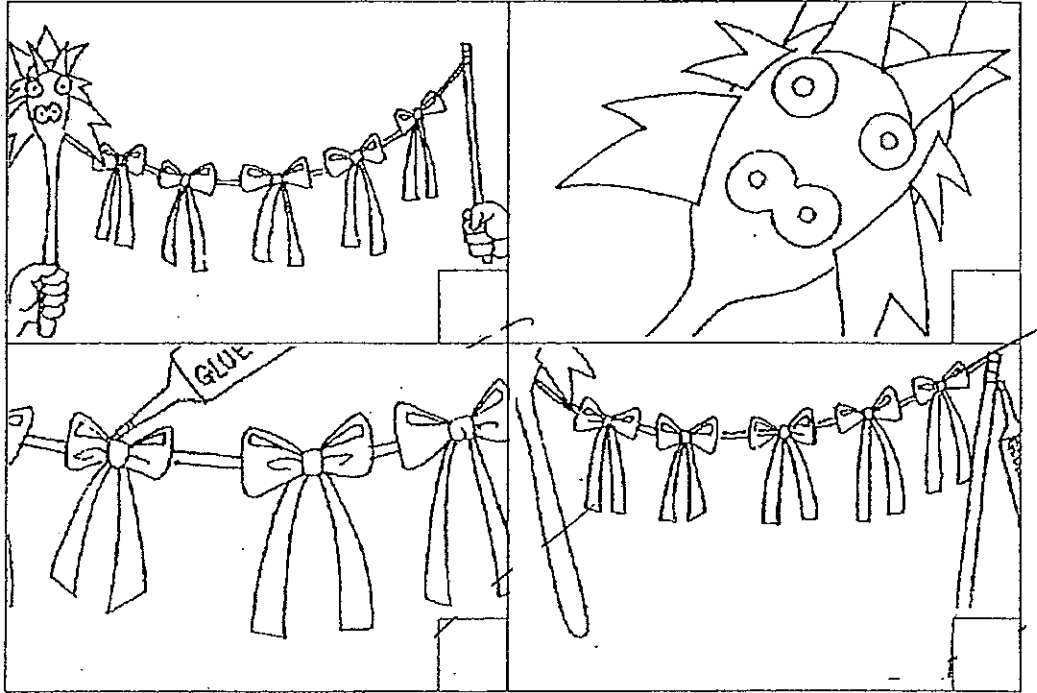
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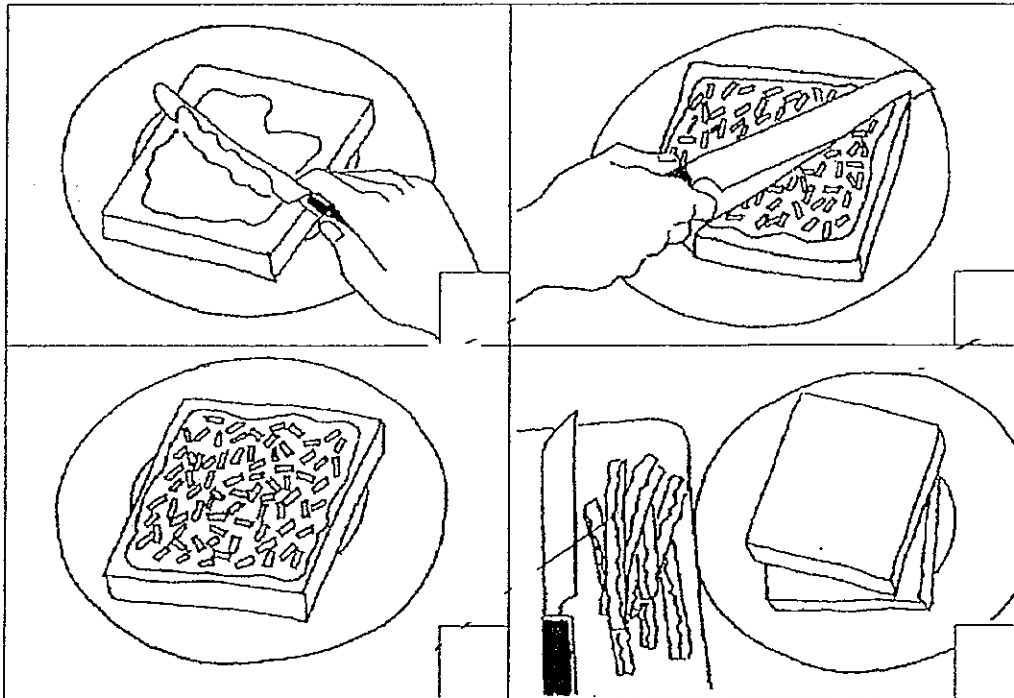
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For Question 3 and Question 4, look at the set of pictures. I am going to read to you a paragraph. Then choose the pictures that show the correct sequence of what I have read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the box provided.

Q3



Q4



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Part 2 – Note-taking (5 marks)

Q5 to Q9 is a note-taking test.

As the Social Studies teacher was away on Course, she gave the class prefect instructions on the project the class was to do in her absence.

As you listen, take down the missing information by filling in each blank numbered Q5 to Q9 with **one word or a short phrase**.

Notes on Social Studies Class Excursion
Q5 Name of Social Studies teacher: _____
Q6 Place of visit: _____
Q7 Purpose of excursion: Learn about the heritage sites and the _____
Q8 Number of Items to bring: _____
Q9 Task before excursion: Research on a _____

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Part 3 – Comprehension (3 marks)

Q10 to Q12 is a comprehension test.

Listen carefully to the passage and answer the questions that follow. For each question, choose the correct answer and write the correct number in the brackets provided.

Q10 The pandas arrived in Singapore on _____ . ()

- (1) 14 September 2007
- (2) 3 September 2008
- (3) 6 September 2012

Q11 Jia Jia loves to _____ . ()

- (1) sleep after eating
- (2) take a dip
- (3) climb trees

Q12 What is the favourite food of the male panda? ()

- (1) bamboo
- (2) apples
- (3) carrots

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PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

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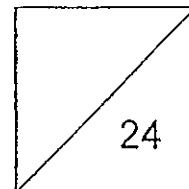
Answer all questions.

Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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Section A: Grammar (8 marks)

For each question from 1 to 8, 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.

1 The soccer match was postponed _____ there was a heavy downpour.

- (1) so
- (2) but
- (3) since
- (4) although

2 My family and _____ drink fruit juice every morning.

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

3 These pens are _____. We bought them from the bookshop this morning.

- (1) ours
- (2) mine
- (3) yours
- (4) theirs

4 Jessi has so _____ luggage because she has packed not only all her clothing but also several musical instruments.

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

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- 5 If I spend too much during recess, I _____ not have enough money for lunch.
- (1) can
 - (2) will
 - (3) could
 - (4) ought
- 6 Jane _____ in the marathon several times before. This year, she hopes to win the gold medal.
- (1) competes
 - (2) is competing
 - (3) has competed
 - (4) had competed
- 7 The toddler is crying now because she did not have enough sleep last night, _____ she?
- (1) is
 - (2) isn't
 - (3) did
 - (4) didn't
- 8 Neither Ravi nor Jia Min _____ there when I reached the bowling alley yesterday.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

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Section B: Vocabulary (6 marks)

For each question from 9 to 14, 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.

- 9 After the athlete was found to have cheated, he was _____ and was not allowed to participate in other events.
- (1) disabled
 - (2) disowned
 - (3) disqualified
 - (4) disapproved
- 10 Tommy has just been _____ with a kidney disease. He will need to watch his diet and eat less salty food.
- (1) analysed
 - (2) diagnosed
 - (3) prescribed
 - (4) pronounced
- 11 Nicole, who has _____ with me since we were in Primary One, is my best friend.
- (1) gone out on a limb
 - (2) painted the town red
 - (3) fallen through the cracks
 - (4) stuck through thick and thin

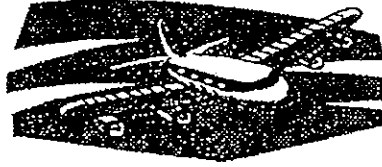
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- 12 Despite having been told so many times, Samantha refuses to change her ways. She is as obstinate as a _____.
- (1) deer
 - (2) fowl
 - (3) joey
 - (4) mule
- 13 Belle and her classmates have been studying late into the night to revise for their coming examinations! They are as hardworking as a _____ of oxen.
- (1) pride
 - (2) drove
 - (3) colony
 - (4) congregation
- 14 Meg was offered a job at a prestigious company. However, she _____ the opportunity as she needed to look after her elderly mother.
- (1) passed on
 - (2) passed up
 - (3) passed out
 - (4) passed away

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Section C: Comprehension (10 marks)

Study this advertisement carefully and answer the questions 15 to 19.



Singapore Travel Fair 2013

Your dream holiday awaits you!

Come and discover inspiring holiday moments; be it an adventure, an exotic getaway or a romantic escapade, Singapore Travel Fair 2013 brings the world to you in one convenient place. Hurry on-down – stand to win cash and other attractive prizes in our grand draw held at 5pm daily!

Credit Card Promotions

TRX & PNZ Cards



- Spend \$2000 and above on any travel deal to redeem a camera worth \$350
- Enjoy 30% off for the second traveller for all holidays to Europe
- Stay 2 nights and get 1 night FREE (selected destinations only)
- Enjoy 30% off per couple for all holidays to Australia (first ten customers only)

From 18 – 20 February 2013 only

Location: Singapore Expo – Halls 2 & 3
 Time: 10am to 9.30pm
 Entrance fee*: \$4 per person;
 FREE for children aged 12 and below

**Tickets may only be purchased on-site. Last ticket sale at 8pm daily.*

Travel Deals 2013

GLOBAL TRAVEL

9-Day New Zealand Autumn Trail

Price: From \$3500 a person, \$200 off a couple for the first ten couples

Highlights: Go for a star-gazing night tour, see autumn foliage and experience the Tasman

Glacier onboard a Glacier Explorer boat

Contact: Call 6220 1226 for more details

ASIA TOURS

7-day Korea West Coast Explorer

Price: From \$1200 a person

Highlights: Ride on South Korea's high-speed rail and see the twin-peaks of Mount Maisan

Contact: Call 6230 4233 for more details

For more amazing travel deals, specially brought to you by our local travel agencies, visit our website at www.sgtravelfair.com or call our hotline at 1800-748-7233.

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For each question from 15 to 19, 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.

- 15 At the Singapore Travel Fair 2013, _____.
- (1) one will learn about all the countries in the world
 - (2) it is compulsory for all who attend to book a holiday of their dreams
 - (3) one can experience an adventure, an exotic getaway or a romantic escapade
 - (4) there is a chance of winning cash and other attractive prizes every day
- 16 Which of the following is true of the Singapore Travel Fair 2013?
- (1) The entrance fee is \$4 per family
 - (2) Adults do not need to pay an entrance fee
 - (3) Tickets must be purchased before 8pm daily
 - (4) Tickets may be purchased in advance from *www.sgtravelfair.com*
- 17 With a TRX or PNZ credit card, one may _____.
- (1) purchase a camera at a discounted price of \$350
 - (2) receive an extra night of stay at selected destinations
 - (3) obtain a 30% discount off holidays to Europe for all travellers
 - (4) enjoy a 30% discount off for every couple who books a holiday to Australia

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- 18 Which of the following can one enjoy if they travel to New Zealand?
- (1) Travelling on a high-speed rail
 - (2) Taking a boat ride to observe the stars
 - (3) Admiring the colours of autumn leafage
 - (4) Hiking to see the twin-peaks of a mountain
- 19 Which word in the advertisement has a similar meaning to unusual and interesting?
- (1) Exotic
 - (2) Inspiring
 - (3) Attractive
 - (4) Convenient

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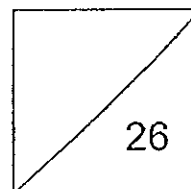
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Write your answers in this booklet.

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Section E: Grammar Cloze (4 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 EACH LETTER ONCE ONLY.**

(A) against	(B) among	(C) at	(D) for
(E) of	(F) onto	(G) over	(H) to

Sophia woke up at ten o'clock that morning. She looked out
 _____ the window and decided it was a perfect day for a picnic.
 (20)

Excitedly, she reached _____ her phone and arranged to
 (21)
 meet her best friend, Melissa, at the nearby park to have a picnic.

When Sophia arrived at the park, she selected a shady spot just
 under a tall tree, _____ some sunflowers. She laid out her
 (22)
 picnic mat and put her picnic basket down. As she was waiting for
 Melissa to arrive, she decided to take a short nap. She sat on the mat,
 leaned _____ the tall tree and soon fell asleep.
 (23)

A while later, Sophia awoke and looked around in horror. Her
 picnic basket was gone!

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Section E: Grammar Cloze (2 marks)

Read the passage carefully. **UNDERLINE** the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Singapore is a shoppers' paradise, with a wide collection of malls all over the island state. However, the best time to pick up the most satisfying bargains [is / are] during the annual Great Singapore Sale.
(24)

Between June to July each year, my relatives from Malaysia travel to Singapore to get their hands on bargain buys. After their short stay in Singapore, each of them [return / returns] feeling contented with bags full of new purchases.
(25)

My cousin once told me that her family members do not shop for months before June, in anticipation of the Great Singapore Sale.

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Section F: Synthesis (2 marks)

For each of the questions 26 and 27, 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).

26 "I am looking for my watch," Thomas told Jimmy.

Thomas told Jimmy that _____

27 You will be late for school if you do not leave immediately.

_____ unless

Section G: Vocabulary Cloze (8 marks)

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

Nail polish, or nail varnish, is applied to human fingernails or toenails. It can be used for various _____ such as decorating or protecting the nail plate. Today's nail polish is a refined version of the paint on vehicles. Car paint would be _____ for human nails as it would chip off easily if applied. As such, the formula has to be revised in order to _____ the cracking that occurs with the natural movement of the human nail.

Nail polish is said to have originated in China. It started off being made _____ a combination of beeswax, egg whites, vegetable dyes and other ingredients. Egyptians used orange henna which would stain their fingernails.

Back in 1300 BC, the colour of the nail polish would _____ the ranking of the person's social class. Gold and silver were considered to be the royal _____. However, perhaps due to fashion trends, these were later _____ to black and red. It was also often used in place of gloves to _____ up the dirt underneath the nails. Do you think people still paint their nails for the same reasons today?

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Section H: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 36 to 40.

It was the 1924 Olympics in France. Eric Liddell was a sprinter who was a potential gold medallist in the 100-metre dash. He trained hard to get into top shape.

However, when the schedule for the Olympics was announced and Liddell found out that the heats would fall on a Sunday, he said firmly, "I'm not running." He had set aside the day for God and wanting to stay true to his commitments, he withdrew from his best event. Many people were disappointed but this did not get him down. Instead, Liddell decided to take part in other races. On 7 July 1924, Liddell even turned up at the finals of the 100-metre competition to cheer the competitors from his country on to victory. 5

Liddell worked hard to train and build up his stamina for the new and longer 200-metre and 400-metre races. Critics were on a lookout to see how Liddell would fare. True enough, on 9 July 1924, many people criticised Liddell's performance in the 200-metre final competition. Although Liddell had won a bronze, the Scottish newspaper stated that Liddell did not perform as well as he should have. 10

Nonetheless, Liddell pressed on. On 11 July 1924, his perseverance finally paid off. The crowd went into a frenzy of enthusiasm as Eric Liddell won gold in the 400-metre race and broke the existing world record. When he was asked how he had managed to run so fast, Liddell responded, "The secret of my success is that I ran the first 200 metres as hard as I could. Then, for the second 200 metres, with God's help, I ran harder. I will always remember this triumphant moment!" 15 20

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Throughout his athletic career, Liddell faced opposition from many sources as Liddell did not always do what people expected of him, such as running in his best event. Rather, his determination and dedication to God are an inspiration to everyone. Eric Liddell is truly a man who stood in the face of the supreme test of Olympic competition and never gave in.

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Adapted from <http://ministry-to-children.com/an-olympic-story-the-gold-medal-life-of-eric-liddell/#>

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

36 Why did Eric Liddell refuse to participate in the 100-metre race?

37 How did Eric Liddell show support for other athletes who ran in the race?

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38 Why was Liddell's performance in the 200-metre race criticised?

39 Which two-word phrase from lines 15 – 20 tells us that Liddell was happy and proud of his win?

40 Why was Eric Liddell considered determined?

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013

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SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

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3	1	1	4	2	3	3	3	3	2	4	4	2	2	4	3	2

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23
3	1	E	D	B	A

24)is

25)returns

26)Thomas told Jimmy that he was looking for his watch.

27)You will be late for school unless you leave immediately.

28)purposes

29)unsuitable

30)prevent

31)from

32)represent

33)colours

34)switched

35)cover

36)Eric Liddell had found out that the heats a Sunday and he had set aside the day for God and he wanted to stay true to commitments.

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38)Liddell only won a bronze medal and the Scottish newspaper stated that Liddell did not perform as well as he should have.

39)triumphant moment.

40)Eric Liddell faced opposition from many sources is he did not always do what people expected of him and never gave in.

