

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Founded in 1887

**END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2012
PRIMARY 5
ENGLISH****PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)**

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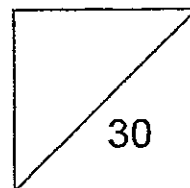
Answer all questions.

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

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Date: 8 October 2012



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

(5 marks)

The Sweet Event It's sweet to turn one

The Grand Mall
Singapore's 1st Eco Mall



1 Sept – 1 Oct 2012



Come and have a wonderful time with us, as **The Grand Mall** celebrates our 1st birthday!

Sugary Rhyme Shout-out 1 Sept – 15 Sept, 12 pm onwards

Be one of the 1st 100 children to shout out our Candy Nursery Rhyme in 10 seconds at the atrium and get a pack of Happy Jellybeans and a candycone hat!

Candycone Hat Eco Workshop

Bring back the jellybean wraps and candycone hats for the **Candycone Hat Eco Workshop** from 8 Sept – 29 Sept (weekends only) to redeem a special gift!

Candy-coated Rewards Free Parking

Spend a minimum of \$30 and redeem a parking coupon up to \$3.

Free Weekday Lunchtime Parking (12noon – 2.30pm)

Sweet Treats Giveaway

15 Sept – 1 Oct

Redeem sweet treats like cotton candy, marshmallows and rock candies (Atrium) with any amount spent.

Exclusive Eco Bag

15 Sept – 1 Oct

Spend a minimum of \$80 and redeem a specially designed eco bag.

Candylicious Countdown

Count the number of candies on The Grand Mall facebook and win \$5 Andersen's Ice-Cream voucher every week!

www.facebook.com/thegrandmall

*All sweets are sponsored by the Mall's candy shops.

You're invited to the **The Grand Mall's** birthday bash!

1 Sept, Sat: 12noon to 3pm

Enjoy an afternoon of fun games, prizes, magic shows and free goodies at our 1st birthday bash.

Join us for cake cutting at 2.30pm and have a slice!

1st 1000 children (below 12 years old) to present this cut-out coupon will get to redeem a free party pack!

Name of child: _____

D.O.B: _____

Contact No: _____

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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, 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 1 The main purpose of the Sweet Event is to _____.
- (1) attract children to the Mall
 - (2) promote the Mall's candy shops
 - (3) celebrate the Mall's grand opening
 - (4) celebrate the Mall's first anniversary
- 2 Nine-year-old Ling Ling is among the first 300 children to be there on 1 September. She can _____.
- (1) redeem a party pack if she presents the cut-out coupon
 - (2) redeem sweet treats if she spends any amount at the Mall
 - (3) get a pack of Happy Jellybeans and a candycone hat if she shouts out the candy nursery rhyme in 10 seconds
 - (4) take part in the Candycone Hat Eco Workshop if she has the jellybean wraps and candycone hats
- 3 If Mr Lim spends \$60, he can _____.
- (1) park for free anytime at the Mall
 - (2) pay \$3 less for parking at the Mall
 - (3) redeem a specially designed eco bag
 - (4) win a \$5 Andersen's Ice-Cream voucher
- 4 Which one of the following is meant only for children?
- (1) Sweet Treats Giveaway
 - (2) Candylicious Countdown
 - (3) Sugary Rhyme Shout-out
 - (4) Candycone Hat Eco Workshop
- 5 Based on the advertisement, which one of the following is **true**?
- (1) The celebrations last only one day.
 - (2) The Grand Mall caters mainly to children.
 - (3) Only those who spend at the Mall can join in the fun.
 - (4) The Grand Mall celebrates with a candy and eco theme.

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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 The old man would have helped you if you _____ him politely.
- (1) ask
 - (2) asked
 - (3) would ask
 - (4) had asked
- 7 The man _____ the manager wrongly accused of theft has resigned from his job.
- (1) that
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
- 8 The couple is still suffering _____ shock. They lost everything in the fire.
- (1) in
 - (2) of
 - (3) with
 - (4) from
- 9 All the girls except Siti _____ reading. They go to the library as often as they can.
- (1) enjoy
 - (2) enjoys
 - (3) enjoyed
 - (4) has enjoyed
- 10 Raju is well-respected by his classmates. They _____ him as their leader.
- (1) look up to
 - (2) put up with
 - (3) reach out to
 - (4) keep up with

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11 At the party last night, I was the only person who could not speak Mandarin and I felt like a _____.

- (1) frog in a well
- (2) fish out of water
- (3) dog in a manger
- (4) wolf in sheep's clothing

12 He was talking to his grandfather when the telephone _____.

- (1) rang
- (2) rings
- (3) had rung
- (4) was ringing

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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)

Mary drank some hot tea and ate a little toast.

"You wrap up warm and run out and play (13) Martha said (14) It'll do you good."
Mary went to the window. Everything looked dull and wintry.

"Out (15) Why should I go out on a day like this?"

"Well, if you don't go out but stay in, what's there for you to do?"

Mary glanced around her. There was nothing to do.

Adapted from *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

- 13 (1) [.] full stop and inverted commas
 (2) ["] inverted commas and full stop
 (3) [,] comma and inverted commas
 (4) ["] inverted commas and comma
- 14 (1) [,] comma
 (2) [.] full stop
 (3) ["] full stop and inverted commas
 (4) [, "] comma and inverted commas
- 15 (1) [,] comma
 (2) [.] full stop
 (3) [?] question mark
 (4) [!] exclamation mark

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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 penthouse commands a panoramic _____ of the city.
- (1) view
 - (2) sight
 - (3) scene
 - (4) vision
- 17 In his next boxing match, Ali hopes to _____ the heavyweight title that he lost last year.
- (1) retain
 - (2) reclaim
 - (3) retrieve
 - (4) renounce
- 18 He lay on the bed and _____ at the ceiling, contemplating his future.
- (1) gazed
 - (2) glared
 - (3) gawked
 - (4) glanced
- 19 We were not able to enjoy the concert as the singer's voice became _____ when it was drowned by the overly loud music.
- (1) inaudible
 - (2) unintelligible
 - (3) unpredictable
 - (4) incomprehensible
- 20 Mrs Lim _____ herself when she spilt some hot coffee on her hand.
- (1) burnt
 - (2) singed
 - (3) bruised
 - (4) scalded

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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)

John dropped what he was doing instantly, and grabbing whatever tools we could, John and I went down the hill.

When we got there, we found Chris armed with sticks and looking apprehensive. He was standing at a discreet distance from the lavatory, and Gerda the leopard was perched on top of the lavatory, snarling in a friendly sort of way to herself. There was no sign of Lokai, the other leopard.

"Where's Lokai gone?" I asked.

Chris pointed towards the orchard. John and I went in that direction and searched. Suddenly, we spotted Lokai lying placidly under a small orange tree. Slowly, I approached him, crooning sweet nothings, and he purred at me in a friendly sort of way. With somewhat tremulous hands, I slipped the rope through his collar and tied it securely.

- 21 (1) fitted
(2) fortified
(3) equipped
(4) strengthened
- 22 (1) a safe
(2) striking
(3) a short
(4) a hazardous
- 23 (1) snorting
(2) grunting
(3) growling
(4) whimpering
- 24 (1) lazily
(2) calmly
(3) meekly
(4) restlessly

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- 25 (1) singing
 (2) babbling
 (3) muttering
 (4) whispering

Read the passage below and answer Questions 26 to 30.

The small green and yellow turtle-shaped vehicles are a **ubiquitous sight** on the roads of New Delhi and one of India's most familiar icons. Auto-rickshaws can be seen in all major cities, and are painted in different hues that reflect their locations. In Mumbai, for instance, they are painted yellow and black. Many auto-drivers have also decorated their vehicles richly to reflect their own characters and interests. 5

Weaving through traffic at breakneck speeds and squeezing through the tiniest of gaps, the colourful three-wheeled auto-rickshaws offer a ride that is not for the **faint-hearted**.

With a top speed of just 50 kilometres per hour or so, the yellow-canopied "autos", as they are commonly called, somehow manage to overtake the Bentleys, Mercedes-Benzes and huge lorries that compete for space on Delhi's crowded roads by weaving in and out of gaps. 10

But while the auto-rickshaw is convenient, it is also known for the unsavoury practices of its drivers. "Auto-wallahs", as these drivers are known, are notorious for haggling over rates instead of using the meters, and for taking longer routes to inflate the fares. As for road habits, auto drivers routinely ignore not only the speed limit but the red lights, road dividers and directional signs as well. 15

Introduced as far back as the 1950s, auto-rickshaws have survived the passage of time because they are convenient and cheap, fitting well between the bus and taxi in the transport hierarchy. A 7-km ride, for example, typically costs about 60 rupees on an auto-rickshaw. A more comfortable taxi would charge about 100 rupees, while bus fare would cost about 10 rupees. While India's older forms of transport, from the cycle rickshaw to the horse buggy have mostly disappeared from the roads, the auto-rickshaw has survived and is in fact thriving. 20

Adapted from *The Straits Times* 4 June 2011

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26 The auto-rickshaw is considered a "ubiquitous sight" (line 1) in New Delhi because it is _____.

- (1) colourful
- (2) turtle-shaped
- (3) a danger on the road
- (4) present everywhere in the city

27 An auto-rickshaw ride is not meant for the faint-hearted (lines 7-8) because the _____.

- (1) vehicle is small
- (2) vehicle has only three wheels
- (3) driver usually drives recklessly
- (4) vehicle competes for space on crowded roads

28 How is the auto-rickshaw able to overtake bigger vehicles on crowded roads?

- (1) It takes shorter routes.
- (2) It has a very high top speed.
- (3) Other vehicles give way to it as it is a familiar icon on the road.
- (4) It can move around and between other vehicles on crowded roads.

29 Why do auto-wallahs have a poor reputation? They _____.

- (1) charge according to meters
- (2) choose to travel on crowded roads
- (3) use various means to overcharge passengers
- (4) take only passengers who travel long distances

30 According to the passage, which one of the following statements is **true**?

- (1) Auto-wallahs have a reputation to maintain.
- (2) Auto-rickshaws are the oldest form of transport in India.
- (3) People in New Delhi find the auto-rickshaws a nuisance.
- (4) The auto-rickshaw suits those who find taxis too expensive and buses too uncomfortable.

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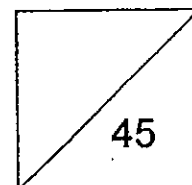
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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write the letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.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

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) also	(D) but	(G) of	(K) these	(N) were
(B) although	(E) by	(H) since	(L) this	(P) which
(C) and	(F) even	(J) than	(M) was	(Q) who

One of the earliest scientific methods to solve crime was Bertillion's 'anthropometry'.

Bertillion studied the physical aspects of a group of criminals and took several measurements of their body parts. The most important of these measurements _____ the length and width of the criminal's head, middle fingers and the little finger
(31)
of the left hand. The likelihood _____ misidentification was relatively small
(32)
_____ the probability of two people having identical measurements in _____
(33) _____ (34)
four areas are slim.

Bertillion's system helped solve many crimes _____ not only identifying the
(35)
living but also the dead. Bertillion's system might have been competent, _____ it was
(36)
cumbersome. Fortunately, a new means of identifying criminals was soon discovered –
fingerprints. Fingerprints were easier to obtain _____ all the measurements required
(37)
by Bertillion's method. They were _____ easier to keep track of and use. But
(38)
_____ so, the new fingerprint system faced an uphill battle to convince the sceptics.
(39)
Over the years, the fingerprint system solved seemingly unsolvable crimes and were the
evidence of the dedication of forensic scientists, _____ work long hours in crime labs.
(40)
Today, the fingerprint method is undeniably one of the most used methods in identifying culprits
in crime.

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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)
I am a thirty-six year-old who used to lead an active lifestyle. I was at an **exibision** when

I received a call from a client. I had to take down some notes from the conversation.

In the midst of juggling my bag, notepad and laptop, my favourite retractable black gel ink pen

(42)
fell to the floor. I bent down to pick it up and stood up panting. The years of neglect my health

(43)
finally caught in with me.

(44) (45)
In the past, **eksercising** was a means to an end. It was about lost weight and keeping

(46)
in shape. Whichever clothes did not fit, it meant ~~it~~ that it was time to hit the gym.

(47) (48)
As years went by, the intrest in working out in the gym wane. Working out was not just a high

(49)
pryority on my to-do list as work piled up.

(50)
Now twice a week, time is put aside to go to the gym. This is a **comeciment** I have
made to myself. I believe that this healthy lifestyle would keep me fit and strong.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Three boys had gone camping during the March holidays. As they headed down the mountain from the camp site, dark storm _____ shrouded the peaks around them.
(51)

The slopes were _____ as a result of the melting snow and this made the journey
(52)

more treacherous. True _____, Fred slipped and fell down a short distance from
(53)

camp. The others rushed to help. "It's all right. I am fine," he said as he slowly _____
(54)

himself up.

As they continued down the slippery trail, Fred reached into his side pocket and

felt inside. He realised that the only compass they had was broken _____ repair.
(55)

"Do not worry. We should be able to find our way down before it gets dark," assured Raju, but

there was a hint of nervousness in his _____. They walked on more quickly, not
(56)

uttering a _____. Then it began to rain. This made the journey more difficult than
(57)

_____. After several minutes, it became so bad that _____ was less than
(58) (59)

five metres. It was _____ that conditions would not improve, so an anxious Pat
(60)

shouted to the others, "Let's look for shelter and wait for the storm to pass." Struggling ahead, he

discovered a small cave that could provide respite _____ the rain. The others soon
(61)

joined him. They were soaking wet and shivering. As the exhausted boys surveyed the cave,

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they knew that they had to get a _____ going before they froze. They collected some
(62)
broken branches _____ on the ground. Each time they tried to light a match, the
(63)
wind blew it _____. By the time they succeeded, the entire _____ was
(64) (65)
used up. They waited for three more hours. After the rain had subsided, they were well-rested
and ready to continue the rest of the journey.

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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 David was embarrassed. He spilt the drinks onto his manager during the meeting.

Much to _____

67 My mother loves shopping. My father does not like it.

_____ is not shared

68 My uncle would rather watch movies at home than go to a cinema.

_____ prefers

69 The thief crept into the house stealthily so that he would not be detected.

_____ to avoid

70 The detective asked the man, "Where were you at this time yesterday?"

The detective asked the man _____

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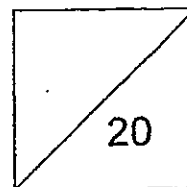
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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

We drove into the outskirts of Chestnut at the tail end of an autumn day. Sunshine slanting through the car window rested in my lap, warm and heavy as a cat. I was sleepy and a bit dizzy from reading my way through a stack of Spiderman comics. As a rule, I am not the kind who goes for stories about superheroes. I like National Geographic, but I was reading these comics because I was bored and since the lawyer had sent them in a box along with my father's things that had not been sold in an auction, I decided to flip through these comics. My mother thought comics were worthless material. She had only read factual books and medical journals. I was just eight years old when my parents were separated and they had not kept in contact but I always had a clear picture of my father in my mind as a serious man. The comics were a surprise and made me wonder what there was about him that I did not know. Naturally, I had tried asking my mother but as usual she said she could not remember what he used to read and that it was a long time ago. She drives me crazy the way she acts so secretively about him. 5 10

Suddenly, she coughed in her usual dry fussy way so as to get my attention before she says something. I waited for her to go on again with her usual speech of us making a new start. Instead, she nodded sideways. 15

"Danny, that's your new school, Chestnut College."

Your school, I thought, because she chose it, just like she chose all the others. Her face had a closed look and she was staring straight ahead, concentrating on the road. From my experience, that look would mean that whatever opinions that I attempted to voice would fall on deaf ears. 20

So I looked.

Chestnut College looked a lot like an army camp. It was a slab-grey complex set in the middle of bare-looking flatlands. She had told me that the school was close to the sea but there was no sign of the sea, except for a skyline that bristled with pipes belching smoke into the sky. 25

Not far off from the school, I noticed there were no trees or shrubs around the buildings. The few bushes along the roadside showed signs that they bore the brunt of the gritty wind flowing across the low hills and over the school. They were all stunted and shrivelled. 30

I lifted my hand to close the window but it was shut. I looked around but all of the windows were wound up. Even the vents were closed. There was no way the wind could get into the car, yet I could see the fine hairs on my arm flatten under its force. I looked at my mother, who wore only a light sleeveless shirt. She did not notice the wind, though her hair was whipping into her face and eyes. I felt a sense of uneasiness as I looked back at the school. It reminded me of the fear I had when I looked at my father's shrunken face just before he passed on and the fear that something unnatural and bad might be catching up. 35

I sat in the car, still as a stone, tongue glued to the roof my mouth, my eyes watery from reminiscing the very few precious moments that I had spent with my father. The car glided around the corner and I let the memory slip through the fingers of my mind like fine sand. 40

(Adapted from *The Gathering* by Isabelle Carmody)

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 Where were Danny and his mother driving to?

72 Explain clearly why Danny was reading comic books in the car.

73 Give a reason why Danny was surprised to find out that his father read comic books.

74 How do you know that Danny's mother was unwilling to talk about his father when he asked her about what his father used to read?

75 Which sentence from lines ^{14 to 21}~~7 to 15~~ tells you that it was not the first time Danny and his mother were moving to a new place?

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76 What evidence in paragraph four supports the fact that Danny did not communicate well with his mother?

77 Do you think Danny liked his new school? Give a reason for your answer.

78 What does the phrase "bore the brunt" (line 28) tell you about the force of the wind and the impact it had on the surrounding plants?

79 Explain clearly why Danny felt fearful when he looked back at Chestnut College.

80 What does "the memory" in line ⁴⁰42 refer to?

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31)	N	33)	H	35)	E	37)	J	39)	F
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41)	exhibition	46)	Whenever
42)	neglecting	47)	interest
43)	up	48)	waned
44)	exercising	49)	priority
45)	losing	50)	commitment

51)	clouds	56)	tone	61)	from
52)	slippery	57)	word	62)	fire
53)	enough	58)	before	63)	left
54)	picked	59)	visibility	64)	out
55)	beyond	60)	obvious	65)	matchbox

- 66) Much to David's embarrassment, he spilt the drinks onto his manager during the meeting.
- 67) My mother's love for shopping is not shared by my father.
- 68) My uncle prefers watching movies at home to going to a cinema.
- 69) The thief crept into the house stealthily to avoid being detected.
- 70) The detective asked the man where he had been at that time the previous day.
- 71) They were driving to Danny's new school, Chestnut College.
- 72) He was feeling bored and since the comics had been packed up and sent along with other things of his father's not sold at an auction, Danny decided to read them.
- 73) He thought his father was a serious man and did not read comics.
- 74) When Danny asked his mother what his father used to read, his mother would always say that she had long forgotten about it and it was such a long time ago.
- 75) The sentence is "I waited for her to go again with her usual speech of us making a new start."
- 76) From Danny's experience, the closed look whenever his mother had shown on her face tells him that whatever opinions that he voiced out would always fall on deaf ears.
- 77) He did not as he thought his new school lookd like an army camp as it was a slab grey complex set in the middle of bare-looking flatlands.
- 78) The force of the wind was so strong that it left the surrounding plants shrivelled.
- 79) He felt that something bad and unnatural was about to happen and it reminded him of the fear he had when he saw his father's shrunken face just before he passed on.
- 80) The phrase refers to the precious moments the writer had spent with his father.

