

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)
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PRIMARY 3 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2009
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
BOOKLET A

Total Time : 1 hour 45 minutes

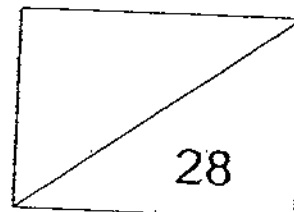
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Date: 5 May 2009



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Vocabulary (MCQ) (6 marks)

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

1. The _____ was released from prison last week.
~~(1) tenant~~
~~(2) inmate~~
~~(3) patient~~
~~(4) resident~~ ()

2. This unusual plant gives off an unpleasant _____.
(1) scent
(2) odour
(3) aroma
(4) fragrance ()

3. Ali plucked up his _____ and apologised to his mother.
(1) effort
(2) strength
(3) courage
(4) knowledge ()

4. Being _____, he refused to listen to his parents' advice to stop smoking.
(1) as calm as a cat
(2) as wise as an owl
(3) as timid as a mouse
(4) as obstinate as a mule ()

5. Water is precious. All of us should help to _____ it.
(1) reserve
(2) deserve
(3) preserve
(4) conserve ()

6. The teacher _____ at the pupils in anger because they were disobedient.

- (1) glared
- (2) peeped
- (3) glanced
- (4) squinted

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Grammar (MCQ) (6 marks)

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

7. Nobody _____ allowed to go to the canteen as the examination was not over yet.

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

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8. Look!(One)of the hamsters _____ trying to climb up the wheel.

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

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9. Motorists are advised to turn on their headlights when driving _____ expressway tunnels.

- (1) along
- (2) under
- (3) across
- (4) through

()

10. I want to finish all my homework by today, _____ my cousins will be coming to my house tomorrow.

- (1) but
- (2) and
- (3) since
- (4) when

()

11. These books are not _____. They belong to Jane.

- (1) us
- (2) his
- (3) our
- (4) him

()

12. Last night, Tom wanted to _____ some water but he could not see in the dark and ended up falling over a chair.

- (1) drink
- (2) drank
- (3) drunk
- (4) drinks

()

Vocabulary 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 A WORD ONCE ONLY.

~~(A) parade~~
~~(E) chance~~

~~(B) fetch~~
~~(F) display~~

~~(C) hilarious~~
~~(G) take~~

~~(D) captivating~~
~~(H) opportunity~~

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10 December 2008

Dear Aunt Rose,

Thank you for a great holiday. My sister and I enjoyed our stay with you last week.

We had a tremendous time at Hong Kong Disneyland. Some of the rides were so fun that we wished we had the time to go on another round. The Mickey Show was so _____ (Q13) that we laughed until our stomachs hurt. We loved the _____ (Q14) too as we were able to see all our favourite Disney characters walk right before our eyes.

Thank you again, Aunt Rose, for making our trip so enjoyable. Please come and visit us soon. It will be an _____ (Q15) for us to _____ (Q16) you to our favourite place, Sentosa!

With love,

Daniel and Danielle

Vocabulary 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 A WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A) remember	(B) holidays	(C) years	(D) create
(E) expensive	(F) easy	(G) programme	(H) hours

Scrapbooking is fast becoming a very popular hobby.

Scrapbooking involves pasting photos of people, places or things on pages in photo albums. Many people like to create such pages as a way to _____ (Q17) how their children have developed over the years while others love to do pages on the _____ (Q18) they have spent overseas or events that have taken place.

To ensure that the scrapbook pages do not turn yellow over the _____ (Q19), special papers and materials have to be used. However, these materials can be quite costly. As a result, some people feel that scrapbooking is an _____ (Q20) hobby. However, many people still think that all the money is well spent, especially when they see their beautifully decorated albums that can be passed from one generation to the next.

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 G) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

~~(A) will swim~~ ~~(B) am swimming~~ ~~(C) swim~~ ~~(D) swam~~
~~(E) swims~~ ~~(F) is swimming~~ ~~(G) swimming~~

My favourite animal is the dolphin.

I ~~love~~ ~~to~~ watch television programmes that feature dolphins _____ (Q21) together. They look so graceful in the water. It has always been my dream to _____ (Q22) with the dolphins. Sometimes, when I _____ (Q23) in my pool, I imagine that my float is a dolphin and I will spend my time playing with my imaginary dolphin.

One of the reasons why the dolphin is my favourite animal is because of the way it cooperates with its friends. For example, when a mother dolphin needs to hunt for food, her friends _____ (Q24) around her baby to take care of it. Dolphins are such amazing and intelligent creatures, don't you think so?

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 G) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

~~(A) and~~ ~~(B) because~~ ~~(C) but~~ ~~(D) nor~~
~~(E) that~~ ~~(F) so~~ ~~(G) when~~

Air is all around us.

Although air is present all the time, we cannot see it. We can neither smell _____ (Q25) taste it. Yet air is everywhere. How can we tell that air is present when we cannot see it? We can feel air _____ (Q26) it blows in our faces. We can also hear the howling of the air on a windy day.

We live at the bottom of a big layer of air _____ (Q27) this is called the atmosphere. At the ground level, there is plenty of air _____ (Q28) as we go higher and higher, there is less air. Hundreds of kilometres up in the sky, there is no air at all, since air is not present in space.

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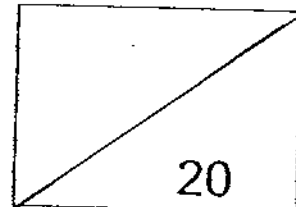
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Comprehension (MCQ) (10 marks)

Read the following information report and answer the questions that follow.

Polar bears are the world's largest land predators. Wild polar bears can be found in Alaska, Canada, Russia, Denmark, Norway and the Arctic. Each of these places either banned hunting or established rules on the number of polar bears that can be hunted within their own boundaries. These rules help keep polar bear populations stable. Today, 25,000 to 40,000 polar bears roam the Arctic.

Around the age of four or five, female polar bears can start having babies. They usually only have two cubs and they have these babies in a cave they have dug in a large snow drift. They stay in the cave over winter and come out in spring with the babies. The cubs are much smaller than human babies when they are born. They are the size of a rat and weigh a little more than 400 grams. They can grow to the size of a full-grown man within a year if they are supplied with plenty of food.

Despite what we think, the fur of a polar bear is not white. Each hair is a clear **hollow** tube. Polar bears look white because each hollow hair reflects light. On sunny days, it traps the sun's heat and keeps the bear warm at 36 degrees Celsius when they are resting. The fur of a polar bear is also oily and waterproof. The hairs do not mat, allowing the polar bears to easily shake free of water and any ice that may form after swimming.

Many people believe that the polar bear is at risk of becoming extinct because of global warming. When the ice disappears, there is no place for polar bears to rest after they are done swimming and searching for food. Research has shown that by the year 2050, the population of polar bears will decrease by two-thirds.

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

29. The places in which polar bears can be found established some rules so that _____
- (1) hunting polar bears is banned
 - (2) polar bears are able to roam in a stable way
 - (3) 25,000 to 40,000 polar bears roam the Arctic
 - (4) a limited number of polar bears can be hunted
- ()
30. The female polar bear _____
- (1) gives birth after spring
 - (2) weighs a little more than 400 grams
 - (3) delivers her cubs in a cave dug in a large snow drift
 - (4) starts having babies at the age of four or five months
- ()
31. The word "hollow" in paragraph 3 means "_____".
- (1) icy
 - (2) blank
 - (3) unfilled
 - (4) colourless
- ()
32. Which one of the following statements about the fur of a polar bear is **false**?
- (1) It is oily.
 - (2) It reflects light.
 - (3) It does not get wet.
 - (4) It keeps the bear cool on sunny days.
- ()
33. Many people believe that the polar bear will _____
- (1) not rest after swimming
 - (2) die due to global warming
 - (3) be extinct by the year 2050
 - (4) search for food when the ice disappears
- ()

Comprehension (Open-ended) (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

One night, Rabbit sat near a lake to enjoy some fresh air. It was a beautiful night and the full moon lit up the cloudless sky. Rabbit gazed at the moon's round reflection in the lake and thought how beautiful it looked. Little did he realise that Fox was hiding behind a boulder, observing his every move. Fox licked his lips and pounced on Rabbit.

Rabbit was shocked! He quickly leapt over some rocks and ran around some bushes to escape, but he finally came to a wall of rock. He knew he had nowhere else to run. He thought hard and came up with a plan.

"Caught you! I have not eaten for days and I am famished!" Fox said, flashing his pointy, white teeth.

"But I am such a small rabbit. You don't want to eat me. I have a better idea. Just before you came by, I saw a huge wheel of cheese resting on the bottom of the lake. That will surely keep you full for days," Rabbit replied, his eyes twinkling.

Fox's mouth watered as he thought of devouring the huge wheel of cheese. "Show it to me!" he said.

Rabbit took Fox closer to the lake and pointed at something round and yellow in the water. Fox was delighted to see it. Without thinking, he held his breath and dived in. He swam all the way down to the bottom of the lake, but he could not find the cheese. He quickly swam back up. To his surprise, Rabbit was nowhere to be found.

Fox lifted his head up to howl in frustration when he suddenly saw the full moon. He looked again at the lake and saw the moon's round reflection. At that moment, he was furious as he knew he had been tricked. He stomped his feet and went home, hungry.

As for Rabbit, he was safe in his cosy burrow.

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

34. What did Rabbit see when he looked in the lake?

35. Why was Fox feeling so hungry?

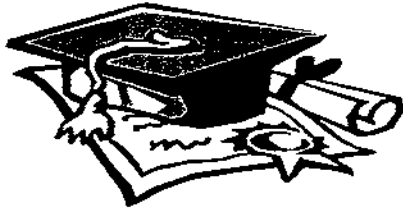
36. How did Rabbit trick Fox into jumping into the lake?

37. When did Fox realise he had been tricked?

38. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "eating greedily"?

End of Paper

Please check your work carefully.

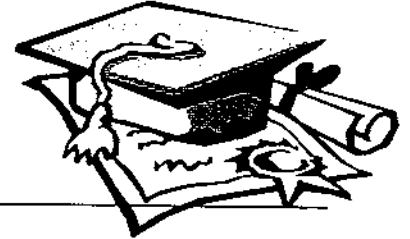


ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

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TERM : SA1



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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
B	C	E	G	C	B	A	D	G	A	C	4	3	3	4	2

34)He saw the reflection of the full moon.

35)It was because Fox had not eaten for many days.

36)Ho told Fox that there was a huge wheel of cheese at the bottom of the lake.

37)He knew he had been tricked when he lifted his head to howl and saw the full moon.

38)The word is "devouring."