



**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2013  
PRIMARY THREE  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (      )

Class: Primary Three \_\_\_\_\_

17 May 2013

45 QUESTIONS

1 hour 15 minutes

Component	Marks
Sections A-C	/ 20
Sections D-H	/ 30
Paper 2 Total	/ 50

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.  
Follow all instructions carefully.  
Answer all the questions.**

This paper consists of 11 printed pages excluding the cover page.

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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 (OAS).

1. During my safari adventure in Africa, I saw a \_\_\_\_\_ of lions chasing after their prey.  
  - (1) herd
  - (2) flock
  - (3) team
  - (4) pride
  
2. At the end of the concert, the \_\_\_\_\_ gave the musicians a thunderous applause.  
  - (1) audience
  - (2) spectators
  - (3) delegation
  - (4) congregation
  
3. The patient was \_\_\_\_\_ from the hospital only after he had fully recovered.  
  - (1) retired
  - (2) expelled
  - (3) dismissed
  - (4) discharged
  
4. The police will return the bicycle to you when they \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
  - (1) renew
  - (2) record
  - (3) replace
  - (4) recover
  
5. With a proud look on her face, the queen \_\_\_\_\_ past her people during the parade in her new gown.  
  - (1) trotted
  - (2) strutted
  - (3) skipped
  - (4) hobbled

6. Ken stammered throughout the duration of his 'Show and Tell' because he was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) calm
  - (2) nervous
  - (3) shocked
  - (4) composed
7. Lisa sped up and ran as quick as the \_\_\_\_\_ in the last 100 metres of the race to break the Olympics world record.
- (1) rain
  - (2) wind
  - (3) storm
  - (4) thunder

**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 (OAS).

8. Cain \_\_\_\_\_ going to fail his exam if he continues to be lazy.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
9. The team members \_\_\_\_\_ the goalkeeper for losing the game last week.
- (1) blames
  - (2) blamed
  - (3) blaming
  - (4) is blaming
10. "There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ petrol in the car tank. You need to fill it up at the petrol station soon," my mother advised.
- (1) a few
  - (2) many
  - (3) much
  - (4) a little

11. I am going to see the doctor \_\_\_\_\_ I am not feeling well.
- (1) as
  - (2) so
  - (3) but
  - (4) then
12. We will share the pizza among \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) itself
  - (2) himself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves
13. John went to China \_\_\_\_\_ a week.
- (1) in
  - (2) of
  - (3) for
  - (4) from
14. The butterfly flew in \_\_\_\_\_ the open window that was opened and landed on my bed.
- (1) into
  - (2) over
  - (3) around
  - (4) through
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Ben and his sister like to eat roti prata.
- (1) All
  - (2) Both
  - (3) Each
  - (4) None

**SECTION C : COMPREHENSION MCQ (5 marks)**

Read the graphic stimulus carefully and answer questions 16 to 20 on the next page.

**Singapore Drama Centre**

presents a play entitled

**'The Importance of Being Earnest'**

Join us this June in a charity drive to raise money for the Singapore Cancer Society. For every ticket sold, \$5 will be donated. The money donated will be used to fund research, to improve public education and to help improve the quality of life for cancer patients.

**Date:** June 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 & 30

**Time:** 3 – 5 p.m.

**Venue:** Fort Canning Park

**Ticket prices:** \$25 per person



You may purchase the tickets from any Cistic counter. The sale of the tickets start on 1 April and ends on 31 May 2013.



*Proudly Brought to you by Singapore Drama Centre*

Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

16. The organiser of the event is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Cistic
- (2) Fort Canning Park
- (3) Singapore Drama Centre
- (4) Singapore Cancer Society

17. The purpose of organising the event is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) promote Fort Canning Park
- (2) promote drama at Fort Canning Park
- (3) raise funds for Singapore Cancer Society
- (4) raise awareness on Singapore Drama Centre

18. If John buys a ticket, he is donating \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) \$1
- (2) \$5
- (3) \$15
- (4) \$25

19. To enjoy the 15% discount, Kelly must buy \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) a ticket on 1 April 2013
- (2) 4 tickets using XYZ card
- (3) 4 tickets using ABC card
- (4) a ticket on 15 March 2013

20. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) You cannot buy tickets after 31 May 2013.
- (2) The play is held at the Singapore Drama Centre.
- (3) The play is staged every day in the month of June.
- (4) You can only buy tickets if you are ABC or XYZ cardholders.

**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.

abundant	available	feel	journey
prevent	stored	taste	turned

Everyone needs salt. It makes food (21) \_\_\_\_\_ better and replaces the minerals lost in our sweat. Water alone will not get us through a long (22) \_\_\_\_\_ in a hot, dry desert. We need salt for our muscles to function properly.

Salt was used to preserve food in the past. Food was rarely (23) \_\_\_\_\_ all year round. Thus, food had to be stored. There was no refrigerator so food (24) \_\_\_\_\_ bad easily. Salt could (25) \_\_\_\_\_ our food from turning bad. With proper storage, this was how ancient people survived through the harsh winters.

Adapted from: *Waiwa In Kids World Issue 13*

**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.

at	behind	in	on
over	through	to	with

Mammals are one of the classes of animals. How do we identify them? They have fur all (26) \_\_\_\_\_ their bodies. Another characteristic of the mammal is that it gives birth (27) \_\_\_\_\_ its young alive and feeds them (28) \_\_\_\_\_ its milk.

Most mammals are found on land such as an orang utan in a forest or a giraffe in a savannah. However, not all mammals live on land. The whale is a good example. It lives (29) \_\_\_\_\_ water. It is very large and measures about eight elephants in a row from head to toe. It does not have any gills like fish so how do they breathe in water? The whale breathes (30) \_\_\_\_\_ its blow hole at the surface of the water. Do you know any other mammals that are similar to the whale?

*Adapted from: <http://nmlc.org/2009/04/how-do-whales-breathe/>*



**SECTION F : EDITING (5 marks)**

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

"Attention, school. This is a very important announcement. A fire has

(31)

(32)

**brocken** out in Block B Level 2 **Sciince** Lab 2. Please listen carefully. Stop

what you are doing and evacuate the building now. Follow your teachers and

(33)

(34)

take the **usuel** route immediately to the exits in an **oderly** manner. All pupils

(35)

are to assemble at the school **feild**. Prefects and members of the First Aid

Club are to report to Mr. Ravi there. Thank you."

**SECTION G : COMPREHENSION CLOZE (5 marks)**

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

A poor woman once lived in a small village with her children. One Easter morning, she wanted to (36)\_\_\_\_\_ her children some sweets to celebrate the holiday. Sadly, she could not afford to buy any. She did not want to disappoint her children. Therefore, she took six chicken (37)\_\_\_\_\_ from her kitchen and painted all of them in different colours. She then put the brightly-coloured eggs in a basket and hid them in the garden. After that, she told her children to look for them.

They could not (38)\_\_\_\_\_ them in the house. They ran out and searched the garden. Her youngest child was searching in the bushes when he saw a (39)\_\_\_\_\_ hopping out. Then, he found the (40)\_\_\_\_\_ of eggs that his mother had hidden.

He shouted excitedly, "Look! An Easter bunny! It has brought us some eggs!"

*Adapted from: <http://homeandholidays.com/story-the-easter-hare-a-german-legend/>*

**SECTION H : COMPREHENSION OPEN-ENDED (10 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 41 to 45.

There was once a very proud horse that worked for a farmer. The farmer treated the horse well. The horse was free to trot around the farm when he was not working.

One day, the horse shouted at the cow, who was grazing in the same farm to go away. The cow asked him why he was so rude. The horse selfishly replied that he wanted the farm all to himself. The cow advised him to speak politely. The horse ignored her and trotted off to his favourite spot under a shady tree. **5**

A big black wasp nearby saw what the horse had done and wanted to teach him a lesson. She flew down. Then, she stung him on his back continuously. The horse jumped around in pain and begged her to stop. The wasp said that she would stop once he promised to be polite and kind towards the other animals. **10**

The horse agreed. He had learnt his lesson.

*Adapted from: Fables from Around the World (1) by Suzee Leong*

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

41. Who did the horse work for?

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42. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'feeding on grass'?

43. Why did the horse chase the cow away?

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44. How did the black wasp teach the horse a lesson?

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45. What lesson did the horse learn?

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**END OF PAPER**  
*Please check your answers.*

# ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013

SCHOOL : CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

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

Q18	Q19	Q20
2	2	1

Section D

Q21) taste

Q22) journey

Q23) available

Q24) turned

Q25) prevent

Section E

Q26) over

Q27) to

Q28) with

Q29) in

Q30) through

Section F

Q31) broken

Q32) Science

Q33) usual

Q34) orderly

Q35) field

Section G

Q36) give

Q37) eggs

Q38) find

Q39) rabbit

Q40) basket

Section H

Q41) The horse worked for the farmer

Q42) Grazing

Q43) The horse wanted the farm all to himself

Q44) The black wasp stung him on his back continuously

Q45) The horse learnt that he should be polite and kind towards the other animals