

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

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MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2012 PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

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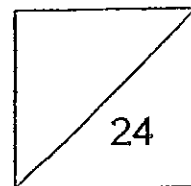
Answer all questions.

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

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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 It started to rain, _____ we decided not to go to the picnic.
- (1) so
 - (2) for
 - (3) although
 - (4) because
- 2 Last Saturday at the zoo, a tourist took a photograph of my parents' and _____.
- (1) I
 - (2) me
 - (3) you
 - (4) mine
- 3 These magazines are _____. You should ask her for permission before taking them.
- (1) hers
 - (2) ours
 - (3) mine
 - (4) yours
- 4 Tommy _____ in Australia for ten years. He is now studying in an international school there.
- (1) live
 - (2) is living
 - (3) has lived
 - (4) had lived

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5 In recent years, the popularity of Korean boy bands in Asia _____ on the rise.

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

6 Neither Mei En nor her friends _____ going to the concert this Sunday.

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

7 Kieren reads a lot of books, _____ he?

- (1) can
- (2) can't
- (3) does
- (4) doesn't

8 Aaron together with his cousins _____ surfing. During the school holidays, they travel to the beaches in Australia to surf.

- (1) enjoy
- (2) enjoys
- (3) enjoyed
- (4) are enjoying

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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 She sailed the seven seas and her _____ ended in Alaska.
- (1) flight
 - (2) outing
 - (3) voyage
 - (4) excursion
- 10 The vacant old building will be _____ soon to make way for a swimming complex.
- (1) dislodged-
 - (2) dismantled
 - (3) demolished
 - (4) disintegrated
- 11 The burglar crept _____ into the house and opened the drawers without anyone noticing him.
- (1) stealthily
 - (2) strangely
 - (3) relentlessly
 - (4) remorsefully
- 12 As Mrs Kumar is retiring, she will _____ her responsibility to the newly-appointed chief editor.
- (1) hand in
 - (2) hand out
 - (3) hand over
 - (4) hand back

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13 She waved goodbye to her sister with a _____ heart, wondering when she would see her again.

- (1) heavy
- (2) downcast
- (3) devastated
- (4) oppressive

14 The coach was speaking to the player who got _____ just when the match was about to start. Fortunately, he was able to calm him down.

- (1) cold feet
- (2) cold sweat
- (3) cold turkey
- (4) cold hearted

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Section C: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 15 to 19.

There is no mistaking what you are seeing when you spot a horse-like animal with black-and-white stripes: it is a zebra. Each zebra has its own unique pattern of these distinctive stripes just as humans have their own unique pattern of fingerprints. No two sets of stripes or fingerprints are exactly the same. Zebras may even use stripe patterns to help them recognise different individuals. 5

Scientists have several theories about why zebras have stripes. Camouflage leads the list. Stripes make a herd of zebras look confusing to a predator, especially when they are moving, and particularly at dawn and dusk.

It is hard to tell where one zebra ends and another begins. If a predator, such as a lion or leopard, cannot pick out an individual zebra to kill, it is less likely to succeed in bringing one down for a meal. If a zebra is picked out of a herd by a predator, its main defense, after running, is a few powerful kicks with its hind legs. 10

The main diet of zebras is grass. They also eat bark and leaves, as well as buds, fruit, and roots. They graze during the day, sticking together in herds. Within a herd, zebras tend to stay together in smaller family groups. Families are generally made up of a male, several females, and their young. As with horses, male zebras are called stallions, females are mares, and the young are called foals. 15
20

As a zebra grazes, it uses its sharper front teeth to bite the grass, and then uses its duller back teeth to crush and grind. A zebra's teeth keep growing for its entire life, because constant grazing and chewing wears them down.

Zebras groom one another. If you see two zebras standing close to each other and it looks like they are biting each other, do not worry. They are pulling loose hairs off each other as they groom. Grooming also feels good to a zebra — it is (like) having an itch scratched! 25

Adapted from Kids National Geographic

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For each question from 15 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.

- 15 The zebras may recognise one another by the stripe patterns because their stripes are _____.
- (1) black and white
 - (2) peculiar from one another
 - (3) look different at dawn and dusk
 - (4) of the same pattern as the other zebras in the herd
- 16 The line "It's hard to tell where one zebra ends and another begins." (line 10) suggests that it is difficult for the predators to _____.
- (1) tell how big the herd is
 - (2) pick out a zebra from the herd
 - (3) spot which zebra is the leader of the herd
 - (4) differentiate between a male and female zebra
- 17 A zebra's main way of protecting itself after being picked out by its predator is to _____.
- (1) travel in a herd
 - (2) camouflage itself
 - (3) kick with its hind legs
 - (4) hide among the tall grasses
- 18 The back teeth of the zebras are used for _____.
- (1) biting
 - (2) grazing
 - (3) grinding
 - (4) crunching

19 According to the passage, two zebras may stand close together to _____ each other.

- (1) clean
- (2) scratch
- (3) fight with
- (4) mate with

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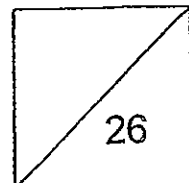
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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A) accomplished

(B) agreed

(C) braggart

(D) introvert

(E) silence

(F) stillness

At a party was a seasoned traveller. He was a _____
(20)

who would boast about his adventures in countries across the world. He spoke of many wonderful and heroic feats he had _____
(21)

"I have fought with a tiger, shot an elephant... it's amazing the things I've done," he boasted. He said that his best feat was when he leapt from one building to another, ten metres apart, in Samarqand. There was pin drop _____ in the audience when they heard this. "You did not!"
(22)

exclaimed someone later.

The host of the party challenged the traveller to leap across the houses in the neighbourhood which was barely five metres apart. The traveller _____
(23)

not done a good leap in years." Then he stopped and said that he needed to go to the toilet first. Needless to say, that was the last time anyone saw the traveller again.

Adapted from Folktales for Children

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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 F) in each blank. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A) along

(B) beside

(C) in

(D) next

(E) on

(F) to

A long queue of vehicles is waiting at the traffic lights. Pedestrians are crossing the road to go _____ the row of shops on the
(24)

other side. There is a grocery store, selling all kinds of food, like rice and snacks. _____ to it is a coffee shop. Some elderly men and
(25)

women are having tea at the tables. _____ the coffee shop, there is a
(26)

Post Office which is always busy.

The supermarket is the last shop in the row. _____
(27)

the aisles in the supermarket, the people are pushing shopping carts full of groceries. Beside the supermarket is a car park. I can see cars queuing to leave the car park.

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Section F: Synthesis (2 marks)

For each of the questions 28 to 29, rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

28 "Which team won the match last night?" Veronica asked Nancy.

Veronica asked Nancy _____

29 Rebecca's mother drove her to school.

_____ by her mother.

Section G: Cloze (6 marks)

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

Do you go shopping at the mall with no intention of buying anything?

Hours later, you realise that you come back home with an armful of goods that you were too powerless to _____ It turns out that you are not greedy but
(30)
clever marketing strategies are actually at work to tap on your urges.

The urge to buy the goods starts long _____ you hit the mall.
(31)
Advertisers use everything from television commercials to advertisements in newspapers and magazines to attract us to buy their goods. Once you arrive at the mall, you simply cannot wait to _____ your money.
(32)

The malls have confusing layouts to keep you occupied as long as _____, aromas that put you in a carefree holiday mood and clothes
(33)
that are simply begging to be touched and _____ on. The chances of
(34)
you leaving the mall without buying anything are low.

We shop to relieve _____ celebrate our achievements and to
(35)
compensate for life's disappointment. It is said that retail therapy actually makes us happier, at least in the very short term.

Hence, if you are not in the mood for retail therapy but cannot avoid going to a shopping centre, it might be best to leave your wallet at home because shops have ways of making you buy!

Adapted from *Human BUYology 101*

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Section H: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 36 to 40.

Pan was a half-white, half-Chinese girl. Pan's father was Chinese while her mother was French. Her mother had died, so Pan lived alone with her Chinese father. He owned a small shop in Montreal's Chinatown. All her life Pan lived in Chinatown. She never thought about being different until she met Mark Carson.

Mark Carson was a newspaper journalist. He was sent by his editor to write a story about life in Chinatown. He was a clever young man. He knew how to get people to tell him their secrets. In fact, he was a man who would sell his soul for a story.

First Mark went to Pan's father's shop. Pan was in the shop. She was helping her father. Mark went up to her and introduced himself to her. Although Pan always shied away from white people, she was drawn to Mark's friendliness.

When Mark first saw Pan, he wondered, "Is she Chinese, or white?" He was not sure of her ethnicity. Her facial features were unusual. His editor told him, "She is an unusually smart girl. She can tell you more stories about the Chinese than any other person in the city." For this reason, Mark became Pan's friend. He was also attracted to her.

Mark was Pan's first white friend. She took him everywhere in Chinatown. He was welcomed in clubs where only Chinese were allowed. Chinese groups invited him to their meetings. Everyone trusted him. Wherever he went with Pan, he was welcomed.

In the evenings, Pan took Mark up to her little apartment above her father's shop. They listened to a Chinese band playing music on the street below. Sometimes her father would come up to ask if they wanted anything. Pan was proud of her father. She said, "I am proud of my heritage and I am proud of my Asian background." Mark smiled and asked her if she would rather have a Caucasian or an Asian man for a husband and Pan did not have an answer. She was tongue-tied.

The next morning, Mark began to work on the special news article which he promised his editor. Two days later, the article appeared in the newspaper.

Pan's father threw the paper at his daughter's feet and left the room. Surprised at her father's action, Pan picked up the paper and read the words. "Betrayed!" she cried.

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~~Mark's article had every Chinese secret she told him. He made fun of Chinese customs and beliefs. She looked at the title of the article, "Its Wavering Image."~~

Adapted from *Its Wavering Image* by Edith Eaton

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

36 How did Pan and Mark meet?

37 Which sentence from lines 1 to 11 tells you that Mark was willing to do anything for a good piece of article?

38 Why did the editor tell Mark to look specifically for Pan?

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39 With reference to lines 29 to 30, how do we know that the father was upset after reading the article?

40 Why did Pan feel betrayed?

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ANSWER SHEET

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28) Veronica asked Nancy which team had won the match the previous night.

29) Rebecca was driven to school by her mother.

30) resist 31) before 32) spend

33) possible 34) tried 35) stress

36) Pan met Mark at her father's shop and he introduced himself to her.

37) The sentence is "In fact, he was a man who would sell his soul for a story".

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