



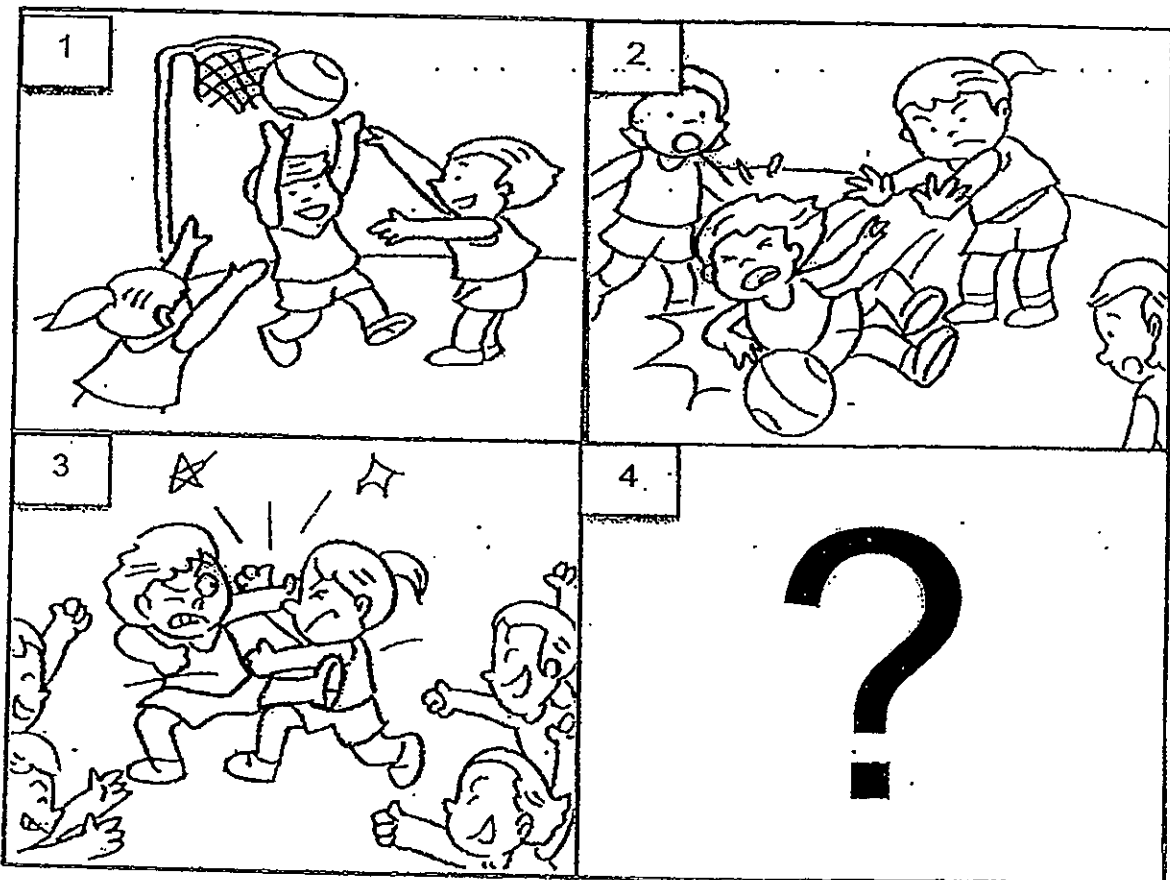
MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)
2012 END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
COMPOSITION
PRIMARY 4

22 October 2012 (Monday)

Time Allowed: 50 minutes

Read the questions carefully. Write a composition based on 1 of the questions.
Choose either a or b. Do not write both.

- (a) Write a story of at least 120 words based on the pictures below.
Give the story your own ending.
You may use the words in the box.
You are encouraged to include other relevant points to make your composition interesting.



netball court	whale of a time	opponent
sore loser	hard push	threw punches
yelped in pain	bystanders cheered on	sportsmanship

- (b) You and your brother were walking towards the void deck when you saw an elderly woman limping towards you.

Write a composition of at least 120 words based on the above situation. Give the story your own ending.

Make use of the following points in your composition. You may re-order the points. You are encouraged to include other relevant points to make your composition interesting.

- sensed something amiss
- caught your attention
- curious
- approached cautiously
- lent a helping hand
- ?



MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

2012 END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PART 1

30 October 2012 (Tuesday)

Listening Comprehension: 20 min

Language Use and Comprehension: 1 h 15 min

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CLASS	:	PRIMARY 4 _____

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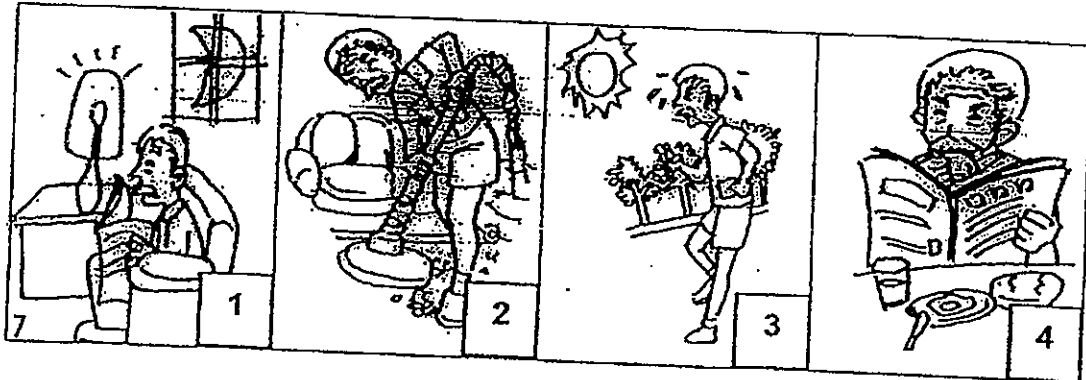
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ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

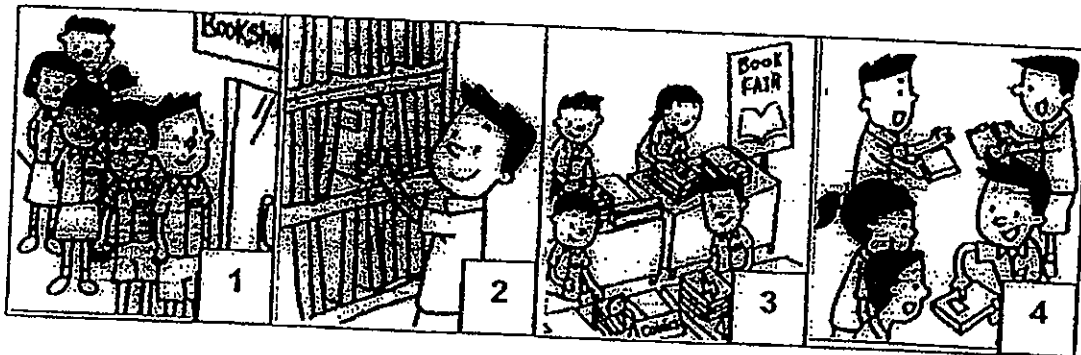
(4 x 1 mark)

Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture, or part of the picture, that matches the statement/s that she is going to read to you.
Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

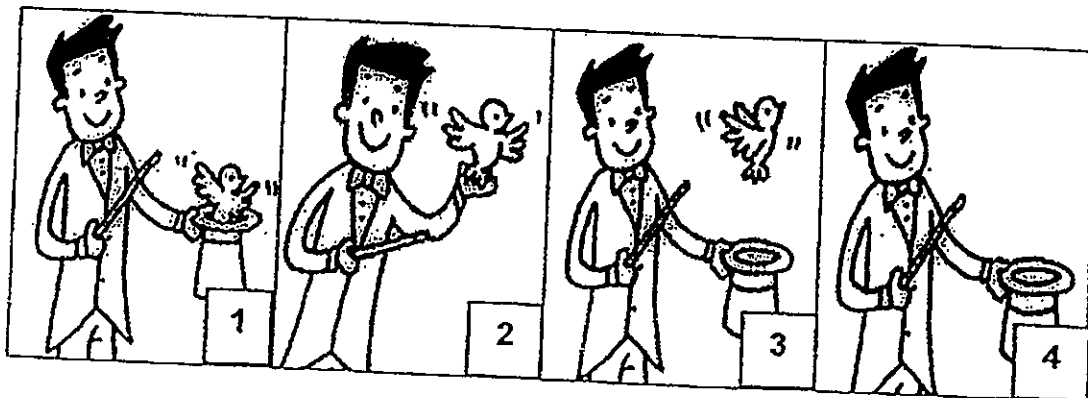
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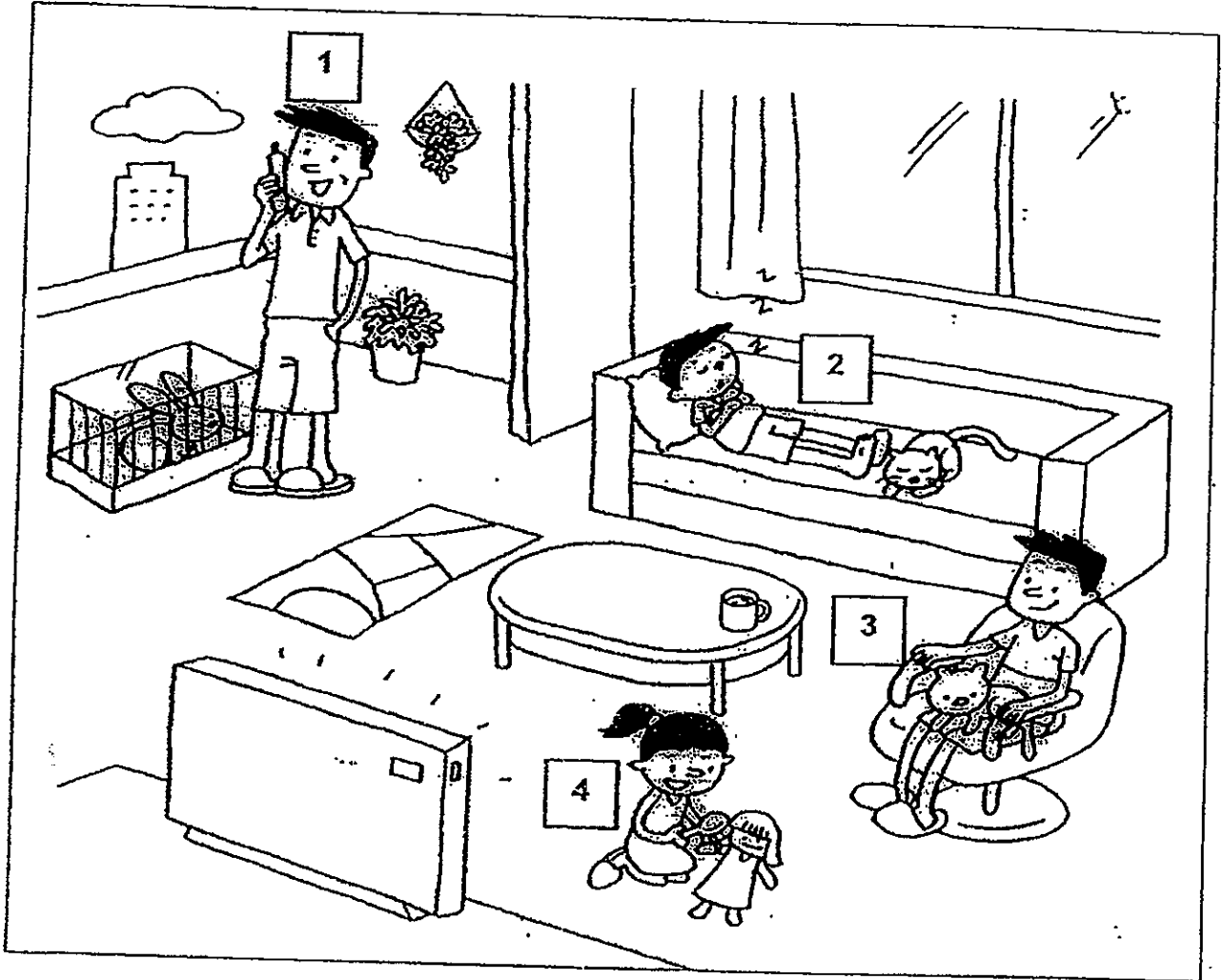


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matches the statement/s that she is going to read to you.
Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

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SECTION B : VOCABULARY (MCQ)

(6 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct word to complete the blank. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4).
Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

5. It did not take long for a _____ of onlookers to gather at the scene of the accident.
- (1) band
 - (2) party
 - (3) crowd
 - (4) troupe
6. Although Peter was caught red-handed, he refused to _____ his mistake.
- (1) admit
 - (2) agree
 - (3) appeal
 - (4) announce
7. As a student, it is your duty to _____ by the school rules.
- (1) obey
 - (2) abide
 - (3) adhere
 - (4) comply
8. After spending a week at the hospital, my grandmother was _____ yesterday.
- (1) excused
 - (2) released
 - (3) exempted
 - (4) discharged
9. As I had not seen Thomas in years, I was pleasantly surprised when I _____ him at the supermarket.
- (1) ran into
 - (2) ran over
 - (3) ran along
 - (4) ran through
10. The _____ earthquake destroyed nearly half the city.
- (1) effective
 - (2) impressive
 - (3) miraculous
 - (4) devastating

Choose the correct word to complete the blank. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4).
Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

11. The men _____ disappointed when they found out that their favourite soccer team had lost the match yesterday.

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

12. Tim _____ very happy when he won the first prize in the competition.

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

13. Do not disturb Meiling now. She _____ her homework.

- (1) did
- (2) does
- (3) is doing
- (4) has done

14. My cousins completed the puzzle all by _____.

- (1) herself
- (2) himself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

15. "_____ hamsters are adorable!" Betty exclaimed while pointing at the cage in front of us.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) These
- (4) Those

16. I do not have _____ knowledge about this subject.

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

17. Last night, I _____ my homework after helping my mother with the household chores.

- (1) complete
- (2) completed
- (3) has completed
- (4) was completing

18. As we _____ towards the classroom, we heard a loud scream.

- (1) walk
- (2) will walk
- (3) have walked
- (4) were walking

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SECTION D : COMPREHENSION MCQ

(5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions.

It was the second time a tsunami had hit the area in the last ten years. Sammy was a baby the last time a tsunami had occurred. Sammy's parents, fortunately, had managed to take cover at a shelter before it struck. Many people had lost their lives then, as they were unprepared for the disaster.

This time, everyone had already anticipated the tsunami. However, the prediction given by the authorities was inaccurate. Some planned to leave the country while most packed necessities as they intended to leave for higher grounds the next day, unaware that the killer waves were fast approaching.

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Sammy stared in horror at the huge waves that were rolling in. Stunned by what was happening, Sammy stood rooted to the spot for a while before reality hit him. He knew that he needed to act fast. He would have to get to the top of the mountains behind his house.

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Grabbing his mother's hands, they headed as fast as they could towards the nearby mountains. Throngs of people were scrambling up the slippery mountainside, not knowing where they were heading. Many lost their footing and were trampled upon as they slid to the bottom of the slope.

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Sammy pulled his mother along but her weight was soon too much for him to bear. Her fingers slipped from his grasp and Sammy lost his mother in the crowd of people below him. Sammy shouted at the top of his voice for his mother. He looked around desperately, hoping to see the familiar yellow hair band that his mother always wore. However, he was soon pushed forward by the people below. He had no choice but to move along. Hopefully, he would be able to see his mother at the top of the mountains.

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For now, he moved blindly ahead, following the people in front of him.

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

19. Sammy was able to survive the first tsunami because _____.

- (1) he was a baby
- (2) his parents took cover at a shelter
- (3) the authorities had already anticipated it
- (4) he was staying a distance from where the tsunami hit

20. From paragraphs 1 and 2, the word " _____ " best suggests that the second tsunami was expected.

- (1) unaware
- (2) fortunately
- (3) anticipated
- (4) unprepared

21. The people planned to escape the tsunami by _____.

- (1) hiding in a shelter
- (2) moving to higher land
- (3) packing their necessities
- (4) hiding behind their houses

22. Some people were unable to escape in time because _____.

- (1) the mountains were too far
- (2) they were too afraid to move
- (3) the prediction was inaccurate
- (4) they did not know where the mountains were

23. Sammy followed the people in front of him as he had _____.

- (1) lost his sight
- (2) no idea where he was going
- (3) to move along with the crowd to safety
- (4) told his mother to wait at the top of the mountain





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2012 END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PART 2

30 October 2012 (Tuesday)

Listening Comprehension: 20 min

Language Use and Comprehension: 1 h 15 min

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CLASS	:	PRIMARY 4 _____	

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<u>MARKS OBTAINED</u>	
PART 1	: _____ / 28
PART 2	: _____ / 36
TOTAL	: _____ / 64

SECTION E : VOCABULARY CLOZE

(8 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) almost	(B) Barely	(C) disappointed
(D) drizzle	(E) drop	(F) fall
(G) including	(H) luck	(J) pour
(K) resume	(L) start	(M) struck

All day, Jake had been waiting for school to be over. His older brother, Timothy, had agreed to let him play soccer with him and his friends in the evening for the very first time. Jake could (24)_____ contain his excitement. Unfortunately for him, (25)_____ was not on his side that day.

Half an hour after they had started the game, it began to (26)_____. Timothy suggested stopping the game but Jake whined, "It's not even a heavy rain! Let's just continue!"

Timothy realised how (27)_____ his brother would be if they stopped the game. However, the rain became heavier and the boys saw a flash of lightning in the sky. This time, everybody, (28)_____ Jake, agreed to stop the game. Even though he really wanted to (29)_____ the game, Jake knew that it was too dangerous as there was the risk of being (30)_____ by lightning. Moreover, the field was wet and they might easily slip and (31)_____.

Despite waiting for more than an hour, the rain still did not subside. Jake could not help but feel let down by the bad weather. However, he cheered up when Timothy promised him that they would play again the next evening.

Score: _____ / 8

SECTION F : GRAMMAR CLOZE

(8 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose from the words given in the box and fill in each blank with the correct word. Write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

PASSAGE 1

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| (A) he | (B) her | (C) it |
| (D) she | (E) them | (F) they |

Madam Lim, lost her life savings to two cheaters last week. Using scare tactics, (32)_____ managed to cheat poor Madam Lim.

Madam Lim was alone when two men approached her. In fluent Hokkien, one of them told her that (33)_____ was a Chinese physician. He then said that from the colour of her face, he could tell that she was severely ill. Madam Lim asked the man for a remedy.

He replied, "We have a magic stone that can cure all sorts of illnesses. This stone has saved the lives of many people. As you seem like a nice person, I can sell (34)_____ to you at a discount."

Madam Lim was not thinking straight as (35)_____ was in a state of panic. What she did not realise was that she was about to pay \$10 000 for a 'magic stone' that was nothing more than a useless ornament.

Score:	/ 4
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Read the passage carefully. Circle the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

PASSAGE 2

The telephone is a device that most people cannot live without. Did you know telephones of the past _____ (36) [is / are] not like the ones we use today?

Alexander Graham Bell invented the first telephone in 1876. While experimenting with telegraph instruments, he realised that it was possible to transmit the human voice over a wire using electricity. He then enlisted the help of his friend, Watson. Bell, together with Watson, _____ (37) [was / were] determined to make the invention work. Their perseverance _____ (38) [was / were] the key to their success.

Today, collecting antique telephones _____ (39) [has / have] become a hobby for some people. Although these phones cost a fortune, serious collectors are more than willing to spend their time and money on their beloved hobby.

Score: _____ / 4

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

"Can I see that ring, please?" Mary nodded her head. She smiled thinly as she took out the ring that the customer wanted from the glass display. She knew that it was her job as a sales assistant to be polite, but this man was really getting on her nerves.

The man walked into the jewellery shop as soon as they had opened for 5
the day. He explained to Mary that he was looking for a birthday present for
his wife. She cheerfully gave him some advice on which pieces of jewellery
would be most appropriate. He proceeded to look at the pieces of jewellery on
display in the glass cabinet and asked Mary to take out a few pieces. Mary did 10
so, placing them on a velvet tray. The man handled the pieces, enquired
about the prices, compared them and deliberated for what seemed like hours.

Mary tried not to look bored as the man hesitated yet again. Feeling
annoyed, she sighed quietly. There must be at least ten pieces of jewellery
lying on the velvet tray in front of him and yet the man seemed unable to make
a decision! 15

"How about that one?" he asked, pointing to a necklace in the wall
cabinet display behind Mary. She turned to take it out of the cabinet.

"Here, Sir..." Mary stopped short. The man had vanished! She was
so startled by his sudden disappearance that it was many moments before
she finally realised that some pieces of jewellery had disappeared from the 20
tray along with the man!

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

40. Where did Mary work?

41. What did Mary do with the pieces of jewellery she took out from the glass cabinet?

42. Which word in paragraph 2 suggests that the man was carefully considering the pieces of jewellery?

43. In line 13, why did Mary sigh quietly?

44. What was the man's real intention when he went to the shop?

Q45 to Q49 is a note-taking test.
Q50 is a dictation test.

Your classmate is not in school today as he is out for a competition. Hence, he is unable to attend the briefing for the upcoming NAPFA test. You need to take down the details of the test so that you can inform him about it.

Each blank in Q45 to Q49 should be filled with one word. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

Details of the NAPFA Test

Q45 Date of the test: _____ November 2012

Q46 Assemble at the school _____ on the day of the test.

Q47 Reporting time: _____

Q48 Date of the make-up test: _____ November 2012

Q49 Submit the consent form to your _____ teacher.

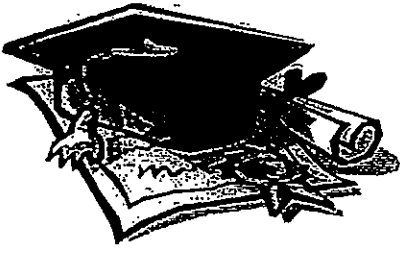
Score: 15

Your teacher will now read out your friend's recount of the NAPFA test. Take down the recount in full in the lines provided below.

Q50

Recount of the NAPFA Test

I was wrong to think that the NAPFA test would be a breeze. Thinking that it would be _____



ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2012

SCHOOL : MARIS STELLA
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
2	4	4	2	3	1	2	4	1	4	4	3	3	4	3	3	2
Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
4	2	3	2	3	3	B	H	D	L	G	K	M	F	F	A	C

35)D 36)are 37)was 38)was 39)have

40)She worked in a jewellery shop.

41)She put them on a velvet tray.

42)It is "deliberated".

43)She was annoyed that the man was unable to make a decision.

44)His real intention was to steal some jewellery.

45 to 50 note taking test

