METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

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PRIMARY 3 END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2009
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
BOOKLET A

Total Time : 1 hour 45 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Grammar (MCQ) (6 marks)
Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

1. All the girls except Sally _____ made to stay back during recess yesterday.

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

2. Mother's coffee tasted salty because she had added _____ salt in it by mistake.

(1) much
(2) some
(3) many
(4) several ( )

3. Rachel complained _____ a headache and was taken to the sick bay.

(1) at
(2) of
(3) with
(4) about ( )

4. 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 ( )

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

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

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6. 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 (MCQ) (6 marks)
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7. The burglar and his _____ were finally caught when they tried to sell the valuables they had stolen.

(1) ally
(2) colleague
(3) companion
(4) accomplice

( )

8. Whenever we do our grocery shopping, my sister would volunteer to push the trolley along the _____ in the supermarket.

(1) aisle
(2) track
(3) route
(4) corridor

( )

9. Many _____ would queue to buy the chicken rice from Kai Restaurant as the restaurant specially imports its ingredients from Japan.

(1) clients
(2) patrons
(3) patients
(4) commuters

( )

10. Ming Seng _____ many interesting people from all over the world while she was touring Europe.

(1) confronted
(2) conquered
(3) enchanted
(4) encountered

( )

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11. It is very relaxing to watch the fish in the tank _____ in and out of the seaweeds.

(1) trot
(2) glide
(3) flutter
(4) weave ( )

12. My grandmother is a _____ person. She does not spend money on unnecessary things.

(1) frugal
(2) stingy
(3) difficult
(4) calculative ( )

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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) argument	(B) chat	(C) crafty	(D) direction
(E) distance	(F) harmless	(G) pack	(H) troop

A sly cat wanted to trick a bird into coming down from its perch.

"Brother Bird," the cat said. "Come down for a friendly _____ (Q13) with me!"

"No," said the bird, "I'm sure you'd eat me."

"Oh, I wouldn't," said the _____ (Q14) cat with a sly smile. "Haven't you heard? Everyone has agreed to live in harmony."

"Is that so?" said the bird, who was just as smart. Stretching its neck, the bird pretended to look at something in the _____ (Q15).

"What are you looking at?" asked the curious cat.

"Oh, just a _____ (Q16) of hungry wolves headed right this way.

On hearing this, the cat quickly turned around and headed off.

"Come back!" chirped the bird. "Why are you running away? I thought you said that everyone had agreed to live in peace."

"Well, perhaps those hungry wolves haven't heard of it yet," said the cat as he bounded away.

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Vocabulary Cloze (4 marks)
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(A) ability	(B) creativity	(C) draw	(D) impressive
(E) object	(F) paint	(G) remarkable	(H) thing

Many people love to engage in some form of art.

Some people love to simply use a pencil to draw. Some people love to _____ (Q17) the world they see in different colours while others love to use their hands to make or create objects. Some people are able to create or draw an _____ (Q18) within a short time while some struggle even with a simple sketch.

However, is _____ (Q19) a talent or can it be taught? Some people believe that with some training and time, everyone will be able to discover the innate talent in themselves and produce an _____ (Q20) piece of artwork. They believe that everyone can be an artist. Do you have what it takes to be one?

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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) dance	(B) danced	(C) have danced	(D) dances
(E) dancing	(F) is dancing	(G) will dance	

One of my favourite hobbies is dancing. I started learning dancing when I was three years old. I always _____(Q21) in a studio. My teacher, Madam Wong, teaches me the different movements. In these last three years, I _____ (Q22) in many of my school concerts.

Last night, I _____(Q23) in my school for the end-of-year celebrations. Everyone said that they enjoyed my performance very much. I am very proud of my talent.

Next year, I _____(Q24) in the primary one orientation concert. I have started practising for it already.

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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) although	(C) because	(D) however
(E) so	(F) since	(G) unlike	

Many tourists come to Singapore throughout the year.

Most of the time, they are taken to places like Chinatown, Little India _____ (Q25) Kampong Glam. The attractions in our country tend to be man-made _____ (Q26) our neighbour, Malaysia, who is famous for her long stretches of beaches and hill resorts. _____, (Q27) we do have nature reserves like Sungei Buloh Nature Park and Bukit Timah Forest Reserve. Tourists may visit such places _____ (Q28) that they can enjoy not only Singapore's cultural heritage but natural attractions as well.

That is why Singapore is one of the favourite tourist destinations.

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Listening Comprehension	**/ 16**
Booklet A	**/ 28**
Booklet B	**/ 20**
TOTAL	**/ 64**

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Comprehension (MCQ) (10 marks)

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

A great problem many countries in the world face is the lack of food. Starvation kills thousands of people each day. [redacted] does not have this problem. Instead, the people in Singapore have too much to eat. Most of the food centres are packed during peak hours. You are considered lucky if you can find a table at a restaurant. Most of the time, people have to stand in line or make reservations for a table.

Singaporeans love to eat and they are fussy about what they eat. They are willing to travel from one end of the island to the other just for the sake of food. They do not mind the long waiting time and distance. In Singapore, food is available **round the clock.**

Singaporeans have to watch what they eat as they are eating a lot of fried food and sweet desserts. Eating such rich food can result in health problems. Many people are suffering from diseases associated with obesity. In Singapore, heart disease is one of the top killers. People suffer from heart attacks and strokes due to their unhealthy diet and the lack of exercise.

According to doctors, we need to change our eating habits if we wish to live a longer and healthier life. We should ask for less salt and sugar whenever we order our food. We should also eat two servings of fruits and vegetables every day and cut down on animal fats as they clog up the arteries. We should cultivate the habit of including fish, vegetables, soya bean products and unpolished grain in our diet.

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

29. Singaporeans are blessed because they_____.

(1) can be fussy with their food
(2) are fussy about what they eat
(3) can travel within the island to find food
(4) do not mind the waiting time for good food ( )

30. Singaporeans have to eat _____.

(1) different types of food
(2) less variety of sweet desserts
(3) less fried food and sweet desserts
(4) more fried food and sweet desserts ( )

31. The word "**round the clock**" in paragraph 2 means _____.

(1) at night
(2) in the day
(3) all the time
(4) everywhere ( )

32. Which one of the following statements about stroke is **false**?

(1) It is the top killer.
(2) It can be caused by unhealthy diet.
(3) People who are obese tend to get it.
(4) It can be caused by lack of exercise. ( )

33. If Singaporeans wish to live a longer and healthier life, they should _____.

(1) eat less
(2) eat richer food
(3) eat a great variety of food
(4) look around to find good food ( )

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Comprehension (Open-ended) (10 marks)

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

A long time ago, in a small village in China, there was a friendly boy, Yu Gong. Yu Gong always did his very best to be helpful to his old mother. However, his old mother was always complaining to herself, "How I wish my son, [redacted]"

One day, Yu Gong's old mother wanted to have fish for dinner. She gave Yu Gong a fishing rod and asked him to go to the river. Yu Gong was excited and was hoping to catch a big fish to please his mother. He waited for long. Suddenly, he felt something heavy tugging at the end of the line. When he pulled the rod, instead of a fish, he caught an old shoe. Just as he wanted to throw the old shoe away, [redacted] was very surprised. Excitedly, he took the coin home to look for a safe hiding place for it.

"I must not let anyone know about my precious silver coin," he said. "Oh! Where can I possibly hide it?" Just then, he had an idea. He took a small shovel and started to dig a hole in his backyard. When he thought that the hole was big enough, he put the silver coin inside and carefully covered up the hole. After he had done that, he took a step back and looked at the ground. [redacted] Yet, Yu Gong was not happy. "What happens if [redacted] he asked himself.

He thought hard. He had another idea. "I know! I know!" he cried with excitement. He quickly took out a piece of paper. He wrote some words on it. Carefully, he pasted the paper over the hole. The word on the paper read, "This is NOT the hiding place of my silver coin."

Can you imagine anyone being as silly as Yu Gong?

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
E	B	D	A	C	B	G	A	G	D	E	3	3	3	1	3

34)She was unhappy that Yu Gong was always doing things wrongly.

35)Yu Gong was surprised because he saw a big silver coin in an old shoe.

36)The sentence is 'There was no trace that the ground was dug up.'

37)He was worried that someone might find his silver coin.

38)The note would give away the hiding place of the silver coin.

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