METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Founded in 1887

PRIMARY 4 END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2009
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
BOOKLET A

Total Time : 1 hour 45 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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SECTION A: GRAMMAR (6 marks)

Choose the correct answer to complete the blank and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet (or OAS) provided.

1. "Look over there! _____ is the boy who won the Campus Superstar contest last Saturday!" Julianah exclaimed.

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

2. After a hard day's work, Lily treated _____ to her favourite chocolate ice cream

   (1) itself
   (2) myself
   (3) herself
   (4) himself

3. Tomorrow _____ your Science examination. Please revise your work today.

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

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4. Please call back later as my mother _____ dinner in the kitchen now.

(1) cooks
(2) is cooking
(3) has cooked
(4) was cooking

5. Last Sunday, Sean _____ his little brother for a stroll when he saw a cat on a tree.

(1) took
(2) is taking
(3) am taking
(4) was taking

6. "How _____ money do you need for your movie outing with your friends?" my mother asked.

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

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SECTION B: VOCABULARY (6 marks)

Choose the correct answer to complete the blank and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet (or OAS) provided.

7. "Who has eaten my goldfish? The cat must be the _____," Daniel exclaimed angrily.

(1) culprit
(2) convict
(3) murderer
(4) delinquent

8. The principal saw the stranger loitering about and _____ him for questioning.

(1) affirmed
(2) advanced
(3) authorised
(4) approached

9. "Stop annoying me!" Gopal _____ and stormed out of the room.

(1) whined
(2) snarled
(3) lamented
(4) sniggered

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10. As the saying goes, _____ is strength. We should cooperate in order to achieve the top prize in the competition.

(1) unity
(2) fusion
(3) merger
(4) combination

11. Mother was angry with Meiling as her room was _____ with books and toys.

(1) choked
(2) clogged
(3) cluttered
(4) clumped

12. Do you know the name of the woman who had just purchased the cinema tickets? The _____'s face is very familiar.

(1) patron
(2) onlooker
(3) observer
(4) spectator

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SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

I cannot possibly describe to you what it felt like to be standing alone in the wee hours of the night. The sense of loneliness was overwhelming, the silence was as deep as death and the only sounds were the ones I made myself. I tried to keep absolutely still for as long as possible to see if I could hear anything at all. I held my breath and listened. I had a queer feeling that the whole world was listening with me, the trees and the bushes, the little animals hiding in the undergrowth and the birds roosting in the branches. All were listening.

I switched on the torch. A brilliant beam of light reached out ahead like a long wide arm. I could see where I was going now. The keepers would also see me but I did not care about them anymore. The only person I cared about was my father. I wanted him back. I kept the torch on and went deeper in the woods.

"Dad!" I shouted. "Dad! It's Danny! Are you there?"

I did not know which direction I was going. I just went on walking and calling out. Each time I called, I would stop and listen but no answer came.

After some time, my voice began to go all trembly. **I knew that if I was not careful, the sheer hopelessness of it all would get the better of me.** I knew I would simply give up and lie down under the trees.

"Are you there, Dad?" I shouted.

I stood still, listening. In the silence that followed, I heard or thought I did, the faint sound of a human voice. I froze and kept listening. Yes, there it was again.

I ran towards the sound. "Dad!" I shouted. "Where are you?" I stopped and listened.

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This time the answer came just loud enough for me to hear the words. "I'm here!" the voice called out. "Over here!"

I was so excited that my legs began to get all shaky. I simply dashed ahead. All at once, his voice was right in front of me. "Stop, Danny, stop!" he shouted.

I stopped dead. I shone the torch over the ground and I saw the pit. I went to the edge of it and shone the light downward. Lying there was my pitiful looking father.

The pit had been dug in the shape of a square, with each side about two metres long but it was the depth of it that terrified me. It was at least four metres deep. The sides had been cut straight down into the earth, presumably with a mechanical shovel and no man could have climbed out of it without help.

Adapted from *Danny the Champion of the World* by Roald Dahl

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet (or OAS) provided.

13. Danny tried to keep still for as long as possible to _____.

(1) listen to the sounds of the animals
(2) see if he could hear any other sound
(3) see if the whole world was listening with him
(4) make sure that the keepers could not find him

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14. Danny switched on the torch so that _____.

(1) he would not be lonely
(2) the keepers could see him
(3) his father could see the light
(4) he could see where he was going

15. "I knew that if I was not careful, the sheer hopelessness of it all would get the better of me." (lines 15-16) suggests that Danny was _____.

(1) careful not to fall into the pit
(2) terrified by the silence in the woods
(3) confident that he could find his father
(4) afraid that he might give up his search for his father

16. After Danny dashed ahead, his father shouted for him to stop because he was afraid that Danny might _____.

(1) fall into the pit
(2) be running too fast
(3) not hear him clearly
(4) have gone the wrong direction

17. No man could climb out of the pit without help as the pit was _____.

(1) in the shape of a square
(2) two metres long at each side
(3) at least four metres deep and steep
(4) cut straight down into the earth with a mechanical shovel

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SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE (4 marks)

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

(A)	her	(B)	she	(C)	them
(D)	they	(E)	us	(F)	we

Kate woke up with a start. Her Science textbook and Mathematics worksheet were missing. She searched anxiously and finally found _____ (18) under the bed. She ran outside to where _____ (19) sister was waiting.

_____ (20) have to hurry," Kate said, breathlessly.

The two girls ran as fast as _____ (21) could. Kate had just reached her classroom when she tripped over her shoelaces. Kate was miserable. She vowed never to oversleep again.

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SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (2 marks)

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

(A)	are	(B)	has	(C)	have
(D)	is	(E)	was	(F)	were

There are more than 360 kinds of sharks. We usually hear about sharks that have attacked or killed humans. Contrary to popular belief, only a few species like the great white, oceanic whitetip, tiger and bull sharks _____ (22) been involved in a significant number of fatal, unprovoked attacks on humans.

Sharks are fish but they do not have a skeleton like them. Instead, they have a softer frame made of cartilage like the tip of our nose. The teeth of sharks are embedded in the gums rather than directly fixed to the jaw. They are constantly replaced throughout the shark's life. The rate of tooth replacement varies from once every 8 to 10 days to several months. In most species, teeth are replaced one at a time but in the cookiecutter sharks, the entire row of teeth _____ (23) replaced at the same time.

Over 11 000 sharks are estimated to be killed each hour. In the past, sharks _____ (24) killed simply for the sport. Today, many other threats include habitat changes, damage and loss from coastal developments and pollution. The practice of shark finning which is the cutting of fin from a shark and then discarding the live animal _____ (25) attracted much public attention. Many organisations campaign to limit shark fishing to prevent the extinction of sharks.

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SECTION F: SYNTHESIS (2 marks)

Rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence.

26. You will not be strong and healthy if you do not exercise regularly.

Unless _____

_____

27. Minah said to me, "I went to Sentosa yesterday."

Minah told _____

_____

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SECTION G: CLOZE PASSAGE (8 marks)
Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blank with a suitable word.

There were three young men who were well-known in the village for the strange and incredible stories they told. Often, they were called _____ (28) to enliven gatherings with their impossible tales, which were heard by an incredulous audience.

One morning, when the three young men were walking past a guest house just outside their village, they saw a stranger who was finely _____(29). They gazed in amazement at how expensive his attire and ornaments were. Admiration soon turned into _____(30). After a few minutes of spying on him, they were _____ (31) on robbing him. Next, they approached the stranger in a friendly way and talked with him for some time. Then, one of them suggested that each of the men tell the story of the most remarkable adventure. If anyone doubted the _____ (32), he would have to become the slave of the speaker.

The stranger agreed to this condition without _____ (33). The three men _____ (34) glances of surprise as the stranger was such an easy target. Their plan was to speak of such strange adventures that at some point, the stranger would be caught _____(35) guard and exclaim that what he was hearing could not be true. The first man began telling his story excitedly while the stranger listened intently.

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SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)
Read the passage carefully.

Alex had never seen anything like it. At home, everything was brown. The bare earth, the grass thirsting for a drink and the ripening crops were all brown. As Alex looked around the fairground, his eyes were dazzled by the bright colours.

The oval in the centre was covered with a thick carpet of green grass. Alex enjoyed slipping lightly on it and feeling it spring back at the soles of his feet. Around the perimeter of the oval were more than twenty long benches to sit on, each one a different colour. Some were red, some were yellow, blue, green, white, orange and chocolate brown.

It was all of the different tents, caravans and stalls that stirred Alex's curiosity. In front of him at the moment was a long, white caravan with "Frank's Fast Food" printed in large red letters. Along the counter was some candy floss, pink and fluffy like cotton wool. Alex had tasted candy floss for the first time that morning and liked the way it melted in his mouth and left a sweet taste. He was wondering whether to buy a hotdog or a waffle for lunch when he heard a bellowing noise behind him.

"Three throws for fifty cents," the voice said. "Come on kid, try your luck here! Don't waste your money on that junk food." The man was very old. His face was wrinkled. It looked like Alex's fingers when he had been in the bath too long. He was holding three cloth balls and pointing to the cans stacked at the back of the stall. Three, then two, then one in a triangular shape. "Knock down all the cans and win a watch," the old man's booming voice beckoned Alex again.

It sounded easy. Alex handed over the money and the man shoved the balls in his hand. He took aim, threw and missed. He took aim again and missed. He gritted his teeth and threw again. He clipped the top of one can but only two fell with a clatter. Alex walked away feeling rather foolish and wondered what to do next.

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

36. Where was Alex?

_____

_____

37. Which five-word phrase from lines 2 to ~~14~~ 15 tells us that Alex was captivated by his surroundings?

_____

_____

38. What were the types of food sold at "Frank's Fast Food" caravan?

_____

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39. What does the word 'it' in line ~~21~~ 2 refer to?

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40. Why did Alex walk away feeling foolish?

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25
C	**A**	**F**	**D**	**C**	**D**	**F**	**B**

26)Unless you exercise regularly, you will not be strong and healthy.

27)Minah told me that she had gone to Sentosa the previous day.

28)upon 29)dressed 30)envy 31)planning 32)story 33)thinking

34)exchanged 35)off

36)Alex was at the fairground.

37)The phrase is "dazzled by the bright colours".

38)They were cotton candy, hot dogs and waffles.

39)'It' refers to knocking down all the cans and winning a watch.

40)It was because he thought he could easily win the watch but did not.

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