METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

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END-YEAR EXAMINATION 2012
PRIMARY 3
ENGLISH

PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1hour 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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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 The passers-by did not _____ to help the little boy who was lost in the shopping mall.

(1) offer
(2) offers
(3) offered
(4) offering

2 The train moved _____ the tunnel at top speed and came to a halt soon after.

(1) at
(2) on
(3) under
(4) through

3 Mother instructed John to take the dog out for a walk by _____.

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

4 Billy did not want to be late for school _____ he ran as fast as his legs could carry him.

(1) so
(2) yet
(3) because
(4) however

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5 I was doing my homework when I _____ my baby brother crying.

(1) hear
(2) heard
(3) was hearing
(4) have been hearing

6 The equipment _____ too heavy for Charles to shift to the back of the room. He will need some help.

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

7 The scouts asked their teacher _____ a suitable place to pitch the tent would be.

(1) who
(2) when
(3) where
(4) whose

8 You hardly take public transport, _____? You drive wherever you go.

(1) do you
(2) will you
(3) don't you
(4) won't you

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Section B: Vocabulary (6marks)
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 The doctor has decided to _____ Sarah as she had fully recovered from surgery.

(1) dismiss
(2) dispatch
(3) dispense
(4) discharge

10 Daniel developed _____ on his feet as he wore a pair of shoes that was too small for him.

(1) burns
(2) ulcers
(3) blisters
(4) tumours

11 John needed toothpaste and soap so he bought these _____ from the supermarket

(1) errands
(2) toiletries
(3) groceries
(4) belongings

12 Maggie started _____ the pages of a magazine as she sat quietly and waited at the clinic.

(1) tossing
(2) flipping
(3) dipping
(4) switching

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13 The gardener _____ Mrs Wee's overgrown hedge with a pair of shears.

(1) nipped
(2) clipped
(3) mowed
(4) flattened

14 The waitress showed us the _____ which gave us a list of the flavours available at the ice-cream parlour.

(1) menu
(2) cuisine
(3) glossary
(4) catalogue

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Section C: Comprehension (10 marks)
Read the passage below and answer questions 15 to 19.

We walked along Mandai Road and soon turned into a small path that led to some farms and our destination. We were heading to a small pond which had a lot of fish. Heavy rain the previous day had made the path very muddy. There were potholes everywhere.

We did not mind walking through the mud. It was fun. Then we heard honking behind us. An old van sped past, not bothered about the bumpy ride in and out of the potholes. It splattered mud on David's chest and Ramli's face. Mark and I laughed while Ramli scowled in anger.

As we turned a bend five minutes later, we were delighted to see the van stuck in a big pothole. The driver was revving the van but it was useless! We stood and laughed. Then we felt sorry for the driver and asked him if he needed help.

We stood in the mud and tried to push the van forward while the driver stepped on the accelerator. Mud splashed all over us. The driver laughed. Then, we searched for planks and logs among the tall weeds beside the road. We put them in front and behind the four wheels. We pushed the van again. This time, with a great effort, the van leapt out of the pothole.

The driver then invited us to his farm. He said that he had a fish pond and would allow us to keep the fish that we caught that morning. We were delighted. We even had a bath and lunch at his house.

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For each question from 15 to 19, 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 children were heading towards _____.

(1) a farm
(2) Mandai Road
(3) the main road
(4) a fishing pond

16 The van driver was honking _____.

(1) to warn pedestrians of a vehicle nearby
(2) to signal that there was a pothole ahead
(3) because the children were blocking his way
(4) as the driver was irritated by the bumpy ride

17 The author and his friends finally used _____ to help the van out of the pothole.

(1) their strength
(2) the accelerator
(3) the four wheels
(4) planks and logs

18 The van could not get out of the pothole by itself as _____.

(1) the driver was not revving the engine hard enough
(2) it was damaged when it had entered the big pothole
(3) it was too heavy because it was carrying a lot of goods
(4) the mud was too slippery and the tyres did not have any grip on the ground

19 The boys had a bath before they began fishing in the man's pond because _____.

(1) there was too much mud on them
(2) when they fish, they needed to be clean
(3) they were tired and needed to freshen up
(4) the man did not like them to be dirty in his farm

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (4 marks)

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

(A) guide	(C) keeper	(E) show
(B) introduce	(D) recollected	(F) used

A four-month exhibition on traditional games was held at the National Museum. The intention was to _____ (20) to adults and children games like *congkak*, five stones, *gasing* and hop-scotch and to try them out.

The museum _____ (21), Miss Ang, said that before attending the exhibition, most of the young visitors had not heard of such games at all.

Mr Lee, a 30-year-old father of two, said that the exhibition taught his children about the games he _____ (22) to play when he was a child. He liked to play *capteh* when he was young.

As the adults _____ (23) their childhood days, the children learnt about the kinds of toys that their parents played with. The time at the museum was an eye-opener for the children.

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Section E: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.
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(A) tell	(B) tells	(C) told
(D) telling	(E) has been telling	(F) was telling

Jeff loves stories. His mother _____ (24) him many bedtime stories when he was young. Since then, he has developed a love for reading. Jeff has read a variety of stories and would _____ (25) these stories to his own children. In particular, he likes _____ (26) them detective stories. He _____ (27) them stories since they were young.

Jeff is a great story-teller.

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Section F: Synthesis (2 marks)

28 The picnic is cancelled. It is raining heavily.

_____ so

_____

29 Elvis studied very hard. He managed to top the class.

_____

before _____

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Section G: Comprehension Cloze (6 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Have you ever tried bird's nest soup? Bird's nest soup is a delicacy in Chinese cuisine.

The bird's nest delicacy is actually made from the saliva of a little bird called a swift. It makes its nest _____ (30) up in caves in Thailand and Malaysia.

Villagers living near these caves _____ (31) the nests every February and May. It is _____ (32) to gather these nests as the nests are built very high up the slippery and dark walls of the caves. These villagers risk _____ (33) themselves if they fall.

Bird's nest soup is a favourite with many people and it is because of its popularity that it is _____ (34) at a high price. It is a belief that bird's nest soup is very good for _____ (35) and recovery from illnesses is hastened. With its medicinal background dating four hundred years, it will remain a popular delicacy for young and old.

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Section H: Comprehension (Open-ended) (10 marks)

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

My grandmother has an adorable cat called Mittens. Having a deep affection for her only companion, she spoiled Mittes with cake and biscuits. This relationship between them was not a one-sided affair as the crucial day came for Mittens to do Grandmother a good turn.

Grandmother suffered from a chronic disease. She relied on medicine to lessen the risk of a heart attack.

One day, Grandmother had a sudden attack rendering her too weak to reach for her pills on shelf above her bed. Mittens leapt up and knocked the pills down to her life-long friend. The medication diminished the pain, but Grandmother still could not get up and call for help.

Mittens ran outside and sprinted to the house of Grandmother's doctor. The cat started mewing pitifully outside Doctor Mani's door. The surprised doctor recognised Mittens. He sprang into action. He telephoned her aged companion but to no avail. He then hurried to the old woman's house where he found his patient lying on the bed, clutching her chest. Doctor Mani called for an ambulance immediately.

Mittens showed her love for Grandmother when she came to her rescue and indirectly saved her life. Mittens' quick and intelligent actions showed gratitude, a repayment of kindness with kindness.

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

36 How did Grandmother show her affection for Mittens?

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37 Which word in the passage tells us that Grandmother had been suffering from her illness for a long time?

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38 Give two reasons why Grandmother was unable to help herself during her heart attack.

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39 Explain clearly how Mittens got Doctor Mani's help.

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40 Why did Doctor Mani hurry to Grandmother's house?

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ANSWER SHEET

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Section A Grammar							
1. (1)	2. (4)	3. (3)	4. (1)	5. (2)	6. (1)	7. (3)	8. (1)

Section B Vocabulary					
9. (4)	10. (3)	11. (2)	12. (2)	13. (2)	14. (1)

Section C: Comprehension				
15. (4)	16. (3)	17. (4)	18. (4)	19. (1)

Section D Vocabulary Cloze			
20. B	21. A	22. F	23. D

Section E: Grammar Cloze			
24. C	25. A	26. D	27. E

Section F: Synthesis	
28	It is raining heavily so the picnic is cancelled.
29	Elvis studied very hard before he managed to top the class.

Section G: Comprehension Cloze			
30. high	31. collect	32. hard	33. injuring
34. sold	35. recovery		

Comprehension	
36	Q: How did Grandmother show her affection for Mittens?
	A: Grandmother showed her affection for Mittens by spoiling her with cake and biscuits.
37	Q: Which word in the passage tells us that Grandmother had been suffering from her illness for a long time?
	A: The word is 'chronic'.
38	Q: Give two reasons why Grandmother was unable to help herself during her heart attack.

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	A: She was too weak to reach for her pills above her bed and could not call for help.
39	Q: Explain clearly how Mittens got Doctor Mani's help.
	A: Mittens ran outside and sprinted to Doctor Mani's house, mewing pitifully outside his door. Doctor Mani recognized Mittens and thus sprang into action.
40	Q: Why did Doctor Mani hurry to Grandmother's house?
	A: He sensed that something was wrong.

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