CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2014
PRIMARY THREE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary Three _____

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45 QUESTIONS

1 hour 15 minutes

Component	Marks
Sections A-B	/ 14
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Sections H-I	/ 16
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INSTRUCTIONS:

Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all the questions.

This paper consists of 11 printed pages excluding the cover page.

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Section A – Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. The teacher asked Darren to complete the homework _____.

   (1) myself
   (2) himself
   (3) ourselves
   (4) themselves

2. During the December holidays last year, Kevin and Peter _____ chosen to attend the leadership camp.

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

3. "Watch out! The cyclists _____ at top speed," John cried out to his brother as they were crossing the road.

   (1) go
   (2) went
   (3) is going
   (4) are going

4. Mr Chua has been teaching in this school _____ six years.

   (1) by
   (2) for
   (3) with
   (4) since

5. While everyone _____ in the canteen, Sean went to the library to read books.

   (1) ate
   (2) is eating
   (3) was eating
   (4) were eating

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6. "_____ boys over there are making a lot of noise. I am going over to warn them not to do so!" Tim exclaimed.

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

7. This bowl of soup is really salty. You have put too _____ salt in it.

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

8. It was raining heavily so I took shelter _____ the bridge.

(1) by
(2) on
(3) under
(4) before

Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

9. The _____ has reported that there will be lightning and heavy rainfall over the next two days.

(1) director
(2) geologist
(3) astronomer
(4) meteorologist

10. That poor kitten was run _____ by a truck as it was trying to cross the road.

(1) into
(2) over
(3) onto
(4) away

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11. Ali agreed to _____ against the thief in court. He had seen the thief stealing the mobile phone.

(1) testify
(2) witness
(3) comment
(4) recognise

12. My family goes cycling once every two weeks. We enjoy our _____ outing very much.

(1) yearly
(2) weekly
(3) monthly
(4) fortnightly

13. The mouse _____ away when it saw the cat.

(1) hopped
(2) waddled
(3) slithered
(4) scampered

14. Max felt very _____ after his team had lost the football match.

(1) harmed
(2) delighted
(3) persistent
(4) depressed

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Section C – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)
Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the box below and fill in each blank. Write its letter (A to F) in the blank. Use each word **ONCE** only.

(A) it	(B) he	(C) our
(D) she	(E) their	(F) they

Dear Diary,

Yesterday, Susan and I made some cupcakes. First, I added the butter, flour and sugar while (15) _____ stirred the mixture. Next, I beat some eggs into the mixture and then added in some milk to (16) _____.

We spooned the mixture into paper cases and popped (17) _____ cupcakes into the oven. After fifteen minutes, (18) _____ were golden brown and ready to be eaten. We then added some icing on top of the cupcakes.

Section D – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)
Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Jumat is in the school football team. He (19) [enjoy / enjoys] playing football during his afternoon training sessions. His parents (20) [has / have] promised to buy him new soccer boots at the end of the year. Every day he trains very hard. All his teammates (21) [like / likes] him very much. Even the coach (22) [think / thinks] well of Jumat. He may choose Jumat to be the team captain next year.

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Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (3 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the box below and fill in each blank. Use each word **ONCE** only.

anxiously	happily	knocked
leaned	occupied	used

Raju rushed into the train as he was late for school for the third time that week. He looked around (23)_____ for a seat. Every seat was (24) _____. Some passengers were staring at their mobile phones while others seemed to be fast asleep.

Raju (25) _____ against a pole on the train. He closed his eyes and prayed that he would reach school in time.

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Section F – Editing (5 x 1 mark)

Correct the words in **bold** for spelling. Write the correct answer in the boxes provided.

A fire broke out in Bukit Brown yesterday. Firefighters received an

(26) [ ]

emegency call at 11 a.m. Immediately, two fire-engines rushed to the

(27) [ ] (28) [ ]

locasion. The fire was soon put out. **Fortunatly** there were no injuries

reported.

(29) [ ]

A spokesman explained, "Singapore is experiencing dry **weathor**. The

(30) [ ]

public is **adviced** not to light any fires in open areas. They should also report

any fires immediately."

Adapted from Straits Times article Tuesday 11 March 2014

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Section G – Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word of your own.

Wei Ren had been to the pool with his friends on many occasions but he had never entered the pool. He would either read a book (31) _____ watch his friends swim in the pool. He was (32) _____ of the water and would shiver each time he went near the pool.

One day, while his friends were swimming at the other end of the pool, he heard a little boy shouting for help in the pool near him. Without thinking, he quickly jumped (33) _____ the pool and swam towards the boy. His friends also quickly rushed over to (34) _____ the boy. Soon, everyone was out of the water. From then on, Wei Ren was not afraid of the water anymore.

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Section H – Comprehension – Selected Response and Open-ended (8 marks)
Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Along the coast of Terengganu, there is a long stretch of sandy beach. From June to August every year, giant Leatherback Turtles come ashore to lay eggs. A female Leatherback Turtle can grow up to a length of 2 metres and weigh between 400 and 500 kilogrammes.

They appear late at night and dig holes on the beach with their hind flippers. After laying their eggs in the holes, they fill up the holes with sand. Feeling exhausted, they return to the sea to feed and regain their energy.

On the beach, the hot sun keeps the eggs warm until they hatch. Once hatched, the baby turtles quickly rush out to sea to escape from predators such as birds and crabs.

In the past, villagers would dig up the eggs after the mother turtles had left. Then, the eggs would either be sold at the seaside or at the market. Since 1962, the government has built high fences to prevent people from taking the eggs from the beach. This is done to make sure that the Leatherback turtles will not die off.

Adapted from WWF-Malaysia

35. In which months does the Leatherback Turtle lay eggs?

_____ [1 mark]

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36. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

According to the first paragraph, female Leatherback Turtles can weigh up to _____. [1 mark]

	2 m
	400 kg
	500 kg

37. Which word in the sentence below has the same meaning as **'come out'**? Circle either (A) or (B). [1 mark]

They appear late at night and dig holes on the beach with their hind flippers.
(A) (B)

For Questions 38 to 40, read each statement and **tick** "True" or "False". Refer to paragraphs 2 to 3 to help you. An example has been done for you. [3 marks]

	Statement	True	False
Example	There is a long stretch of beach along the coast of Terengganu.	✓	
38.	Female Leatherback Turtles lay their eggs at night.		
39.	Female Leatherback Turtles return to the sea immediately after laying their eggs as they are tired.		
40.	The baby turtles move slowly to avoid being spotted by predators.		

41. Where would the villagers sell the turtle eggs?

(i)_____ [1 mark]

(ii)_____ [1 mark]

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Section I – Comprehension – Open-ended (4 x 2 marks)
Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It was a sunny Monday morning. Tom was waiting for the school bus with his elder brother, Alex. While waiting, Tom was bouncing his new basketball on the pavement although Alex had warned him not to. He thought that his brother was jealous of his ball which he could not wait to show off to his friends in school.

Suddenly, the basketball hit his leg and rolled onto the road. Without looking out for traffic, Tom dashed after it. He did not notice a car moving towards him. The car screeched to a stop, just inches away from him. Tom was so shocked that he fell to the ground. He was too stunned to move. The car driver glared at him and honked angrily.

Alex quickly ran to Tom and helped him up. Then, **they** walked to the bus-stop. Tom had turned pale and started crying. His brother consoled him before retrieving the ball which was still lying on the road.

Just then, the school bus arrived and they boarded it. Tom realised that he had done something very dangerous. He vowed to be careful in future. They were shaken by the incident and sat silently throughout the journey.

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Write your answers in complete sentences.

42. What did Alex tell Tom not to do?

43. Why did Tom bring his basketball to school?

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44. Which sentence from the passage tells you that the car almost hit Tom?

45. What does "they" in line 10 refer to?

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	4	4	2	3	4	4	3	4	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14						
1	4	4	4						

Q15) D
Q16) A
Q17) C
Q18) F
Q19) enjoys
Q20) have
Q21) like
Q22) thinks
Q23) anxiously
Q24) occupied
Q25) leaned
Q26) emergency
Q27) location
Q28) fortunately
Q29) weather
Q30) advised
Q31) or
Q32) afraid
Q33) into
Q34) help
Q35) From June to August
Q36) 500 kg
Q37) A
Q38) True
Q39) False
Q40) False
Q41) (i) at the seaside (ii) at the market
Q42) Alex told Tom not to bounce his basketball on the pavement.
Q43) He wanted to show off the basketball to his friends in school.
Q44) The car screeched to a stop, just inches away from him.
Q45) It refers to Tom and Alex.

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