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MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

2015 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PART 1

8 May 2015 (Friday)

Total time for Parts 1 & 2: 1 h 15 min

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SECTION A: GRAMMAR **(8 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.**

1. "Look! This pair of trousers _____ too loose for you," Joshua remarked.

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

2. All the team members, except Leonard, _____ to the stadium. They will be taking a bus there this afternoon.

   (1) is going
   (2) are going
   (3) has gone
   (4) have gone

3. Jane _____ submit her application form today or she will be disqualified from the competition.

   (1) will
   (2) can
   (3) may
   (4) must

4. Most animals gather a lot of food for _____ just before winter arrives.

   (1) itself
   (2) ourselves
   (3) yourselves
   (4) themselves

5. Several people _____ at the mall when a fight broke out.

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

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6. Please add _____ more salt to the soup as it does not have much taste.

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

7. Johnson _____ a report on this topic earlier this week.

(1) present
(2) presents
(3) presented
(4) will present

8. The lifeguard jumped into the sea and swam _____ the currents to rescue the drowning boy.

(1) by
(2) over
(3) across
(4) against

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SECTION B: VOCABULARY (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.**

9. The waiter at the restaurant handed the couple a _____ so that they could place an order for their dinner.

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

10. Many people had to be _____ from the hospital when a fire broke out.

(1) migrated
(2) evacuated
(3) discharged
(4) transferred

11. The soldiers fought _____ and defeated their enemy.

(1) clumsily
(2) dejectedly
(3) hopelessly
(4) relentlessly

12. The hunter could not see the tiger which was _____ in the forest.

(1) tricked
(2) deceived
(3) disguised
(4) camouflaged

13. The teacher could not _____ with the student's terrible behaviour and sent him to the discipline mistress.

(1) put in
(2) put up
(3) put on
(4) put off

14. The ballet dancer performed beautifully. She was as _____ as a swan.

(1) swift
(2) agile
(3) sleek
(4) graceful

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SECTION C: VISUAL TEXT COMPREHENSION (5 x 2 marks)

Read the advertisement carefully and then answer questions 15 to 20.

SG50

Mark Your Calendar Now

CHINGAY PARADE

Date : 27 and 28 February

Venue : F1 Pit Building

- Millions will be watching the annual Chingay street procession as Singapore celebrates her jubilee year.
- A magnificent float decorated with one million flowers made from recycled materials will be a spectacle, not to be missed.
- If you are interested, you can get your tickets for only $28.50 from SISTIC outlets.

SEA GAMES

Date : 5-16 June

Venue : Singapore Sports Hub

28th SEA GAMES

- Singapore is proud to be hosting the 28th South-east Asia Games
- Prior to the SEA Games, there will be fun-filled family activities to commemorate Singapore's birthday.
- For more information, visit the website www.2015seagames.com
- Spot your favourite local celebrities on different floats throughout the event.

YOUTH DAY

Date : 5 July

Venue : Singapore Indoor Stadium

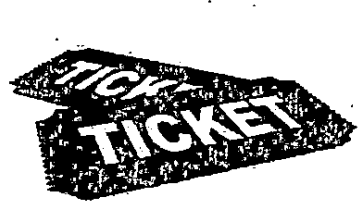
- Are you interested in sports? Do you like the arts?
- If you are a youth, join us at our carnival as we honour our nation's achievements in sports and arts.

National Day Parade (NDP)

Date : 9 August

Venue : Padang

- Celebrate this momentous day with songs from the past to the present, as we light up the skies with 20 minutes of dazzling fireworks.
- An event definitely not to be missed, so hurry now and apply for your tickets online!
- ** limited tickets available



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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. According to the brochure, the Youth Day celebrations will be held at the_____.

(1) Padang
(2) F1 Pit Building
(3) Singapore Sports Hub
(4) Singapore Indoor Stadium

16. The highlight of the Chingay Parade is the _____.

(1) spotting of celebrities
(2) twenty minutes of dazzling fireworks
(3) millions of people watching the street procession
(4) massive display of flowers made from recycled materials

17. Marcus, a Singaporean youth who is studying overseas, plans to visit Singapore from 1 July to 15 August.
According to the advertisement, which two events will he be able to participate in?

(1) Youth Day and Chingay Parade
(2) SEA Games and Chingay Parade
(3) National Day Parade and Youth Day
(4) National Day Parade and SEA Games

18. Which one of the following statements is **not** true?

(1) Ticket prices for the Chingay Parade start from $28.50.
(2) The Youth Day celebrations will honour Singapore's achievements in arts and sports.
(3) More information about the SEA GAMES can be found on the website, www.2015seagames.com.
(4) Obtaining the NDP tickets is subjected to availability.

19. The **main** aim of the advertisement is to _____.

(1) mark your calendar with different events
(2) inform the public about the SG50 celebrations
(3) promote the National Day Parade celebrations
(4) provide information about the tickets for the various events

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MARKS OBTAINED

PART 1 : _____ / 24

PART 2 : _____ / 26

TOTAL : _____ / 50

PARENT'S SIGNATURE : _____

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SECTION D: 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 ONLY ONCE

PASSAGE 1

A	B mine	C them
D	E your	F you

Jack turned to Terry. "I found a soccer ball. Is this by any chance **(20)**_____ ball?" he asked.

Terry shook his head. "No, it is not **(21)**_____ I believe it belongs to **(22)**_____ " said Terry pointing a finger in the direction of the twins, Jason and Jim.

"Are **(23)**_____ searching for this soccer ball?" Jack asked the twins as he handed the soccer ball over. Upon seeing their lost soccer ball, Jason and Jim jumped for joy and thanked both Jack and Terry.

Score: **/ 4**

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PASSAGE 2

Read each passage carefully. **Circle** the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

I have two brothers. Both of them _____ **(24)** [has / have] different hobbies. My elder brother, Jonathan, has a passion for collecting stamps from all over the world. To him, collecting stamps _____ **(25)** [is / are] a meaningful hobby because stamps can tell many stories about different places. [spend / spends]

However, my younger brother, Melvin, _____ **(26)** [spend / spends] most of his time playing computer games. It is his dream to become a professional gamer one day.

I am very proud of both of my brothers and _____ **(27)** [hope / hopes] that they will be able to bring their passions to greater heights in future.

Score:	**/ 4**

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SECTION E: VOCABULARY CLOZE (5 x 1 mark)

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 ONLY ONCE

A careful	B disappointment	C explained	D gloomy
E negligent	F packing	G searching	H scorching

The sky was overcast and the **(28)**_____ weather had caused my coach to end the soccer training earlier. The bright rays of the sun disappeared and droplets of rain soon began to fall. I hurried off the field after grabbing my backpack.

It was only at the bus stop that I realised that something was amiss. My wallet was not in my pocket and I could not find it even after **(29)**_____. through my entire backpack. I was flustered as it contained my identification card and money for that entire week. Tracing back the events of the day, I concluded that I must have left my wallet at the field where I had been training. Immediately, I rushed back to the field hoping that my wallet would still be there.

I searched high and low but to my **(30)**_____, there was no sign of my wallet. Just as I was about to give up I saw my friend, John, running towards me. Handing me my wallet, he **(31)**_____ that he had found it on the field and wanted to return it to me. I heaved a sigh of relief and thanked him profusely, while chiding myself for being **(32)**_____ I would not want to lose such an important belonging again.

Score: / 5

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SECTION F: SENTENCE MANIPULATION (3 x 1 mark)

For each of the items from 33 to 35, 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 given one(s).

33. Nick left his worksheet in school. He left his pencil case there as well.

_____ and

_____

34. She wanted to go for a swim. However, it was raining heavily.

_____ but

_____

35. Alice does not enjoy eating durians. Her best friend also does not enjoy eating durians.

Neither _____

_____

Score : /3

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SECTION G: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Paul yawned as he stepped out onto the pavement. He dragged his feet to school while holding his umbrella above his head. It was raining heavily. On the roads, cars were travelling slowly. Drivers were all aware that the roads were slippery.

A middle-aged lady was walking in front of Paul. She was tip-toeing cautiously and slowly around a puddle on the road. Suddenly, she yelled. Startled, Paul reached out to grab her. Before he could succeed, she fell onto the road, right into the path of an oncoming car!

"Watch out!" Paul yelled at the lady.

Bang! The car had hit the lady.

Paul tossed his umbrella aside and ran forward. Dazed, the lady lay on the road. Luckily, the car had not been travelling fast. She was bleeding from some cuts, scratches and had sustained a broken arm. A crowd soon gathered around her.

"I'm so sorry!" the guilt-stricken young driver said frantically.

"Are you alright?" the driver asked. The lady nodded and sat up by herself. Paul quickly called for an ambulance.

Minutes later, the police officers and the ambulance arrived at the scene. Several other passers-by told the police officers what had happened. Paul turned to the lady.

"I'm sorry! I have to go now, take care!" he said.

The lady smiled and thanked him profusely. Paul hurried off. He was glad that the lady was alright.

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36. Which **three-word phrase** from lines 1 to 4, tells us that Paul was unwilling to go to school? [1m]

37. These are Paul's actions in the story. Put them in the right sequence, according to the flow in the story. Write **1**, **2** and **3** on the lines. [1m]

_____ Paul yelled at the lady.

_____ Paul tossed his umbrella aside.

_____ Paul reached out to grab the lady.

38. Which word has the same meaning as **'carefully'**? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

She was tip-toeing cautiously **(A)** and slowly **(B)** around a puddle on the road.

39. State whether each sentence below is **True** or **False**. Give a reason to support your answer. [2m]

Sentence	True/False	Reason
i) Paul helped the lady to sit up after the accident.		
ii) The police officers learnt what had happened when they arrived at the scene.		

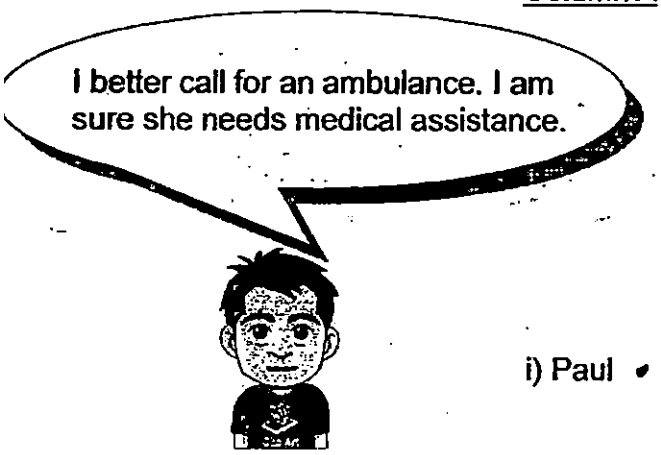
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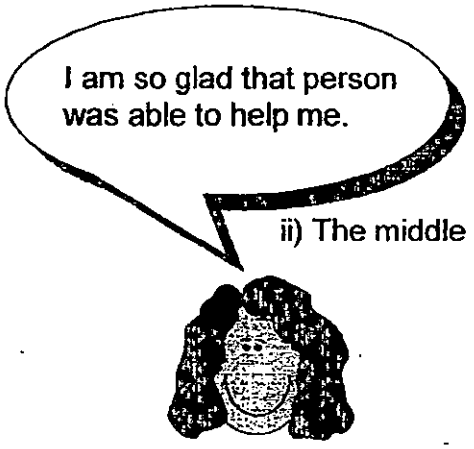
40. Give **2 reasons** to explain why the young driver had been driving slowly that day. [2m]

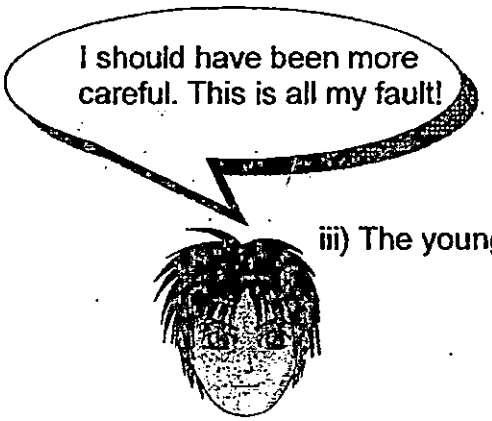
1. _____

2. _____

41. Read what each person said. Then **match** Column A with Column B correctly. [3m]







Column A	Column B
i) Paul	feeling grateful
ii) The middle aged lady	feeling guilty
iii) The young driver	being responsible

Score:	/ 10

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Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q9	Q 10
1	**2**	**4**	**4**	**4**	**4**	**3**	**4**	**1**	**2**
Q 11	Q 12	Q 13	Q 14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	**4**	**2**	**4**	**4**	**4**	**3**	**1**	**2**	**E**
Q 21	Q 22	Q 23	Q 24	Q 25	Q 26	Q 27	Q 28	Q 29	Q 30
B	**C**	**F**	**has**	**is**	**spends**	**hope**	**D**	**G**	**B**
Q 31	Q 32								
C	**E**								

Q33. Nick left his worksheet and pencil case in school.

Q34. She wanted to go for a swim but it was raining heavily.

Q35. Neither Alice nor her best friend enjoys eating durians.

Q36 dragged his feet

Q37. 1 – Paul reached out to grab the lady
Q37. 2 – Paul yelled at the lady.
Q37. 3 – Paul tossed his umbrella aside.

Q38. A. Q39 (i) FALSE Q39 (ii) TRUE

Q40. 1 – The roads were slippery
Q40. 2 – It was raining heavily.

Q41. (i) Paul – being responsible
Q41. (ii) The middle aged lady – feeling grateful
Q41. (iii) The young driver – feeling guilty

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