# METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Founded in 1887

## MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2015
## PRIMARY 4
## ENGLISH

## PAPER 2
## (BOOKLET A)

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

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**Section A: Vocabulary (6 marks)**

For each question from 1 to 6, 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 "Since you are new to baking, let me _____," the baker told his apprentice.

(1) draw the line

(2) put my foot in it

(3) show you the ropes

(4) move with the times

2 The Prime Minister _____ a speech to the citizens at the National Day Rally.

(1) spoke

(2) lectured

(3) delivered

(4) verbalised

3 The toddler tripped over a stone and _____ his knees.

(1) grazed

(2) stabbed

(3) ruptured

(4) punctured

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4 Guests get to enjoy _____ like a fitness centre and spa services if they stay in a luxurious hotel.

(1) utilities

(2) amenities

(3) resources

(4) appliances

5 The child was_____ and wanted that particular toy despite being offered several others.

(1) hostile

(2) adamant

(3) merciless

(4) remorseless

6 We offered our sincere _____ to the families who lost their loved ones in the air crash.

(1) comforts

(2) concerns

(3) consolations

(4) condolences

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**Section B: Grammar (8 marks)**

For each question from **7 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.

**7** We saw the burglar _____ through the window.

(1) escape

(2) escapes

(3) escaped

(4) had escaped

**8** We _____ notes in our book as the teacher explains the grammar rules.

(1) take in

(2) take up

(3) take off

(4) take down

**9** Mother took my brother and _____ to the library yesterday.

(1) I

(2) me

(3) mine

(4) myself

**10** "I will always treasure the present which was _____ to me by my late grandmother," said Ke Xin fondly.

(1) gave

(2) gives

(3) given

(4) giving

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11 "_____ pair of oranges is for you," I stretched my hands towards my parents as I greeted them during Chinese New Year.

(1) This

(2) That

(3) These

(4) Those

12 The principal commended the pupils as _____ effort had been put in to decorate the staff room for Teacher's Day.

(1) few

(2) little

(3) many

(4) much

13 Racial Harmony Day _____ commemorated in schools across the nation every year.

(1) is

(2) are

(3) was

(4) were

14 The wet market is situated _____ the Community Club and the Neighbourhood Police Post.

(1) in

(2) at

(3) from

(4) between

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**Section C: Visual Text (5 marks)**

Read the brochure carefully and answer the questions that follow.




Enjoy a year of unlimited entry for **$28**! Sign up before 30 June 2015 and be a Feathered Friends member!

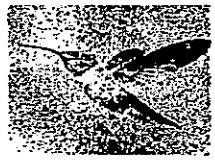
# Uncover colourful surprises and never-ending fun!

Exploring Asia's largest bird paradise has never been more affordable with the new Feathered Friends membership. Sign up now and keep the fun going with these highlights that will have your family coming back for more!



**Penguin Coast**

Get into the world of penguins as they torpedo underwater or waddle on land. It's easy to see why this is one attraction kids can't get enough of!



**Wings of Asia**

Be dazzled by a spectrum of colours at this open-concept aviary. It also features Asia's most endangered birds!

**Breeding**

Bring your brood to meet ours at the bird nursery! Get a glimpse of the entire growth process of the birds.

**All-Day Feeding Programmes**

Kids, get up close and personal with your favourite birds! Have them literally eating out of your hands!

| **High-Flying Bird Shows** | **Show times** |
|---|---|
| Let our star-studded cast of birds tickle your funny bones! Our 4 immensely popular daily shows are sure to entertain the entire family! | 9 a.m.<br>11 a.m.<br>1 p.m.<br>3 p.m. |

Relax among nature while the kids get friendly with our amazing birds. With exhibits and shows suitable for all ages, this world of living colours is perfect for priceless family memories. Sign up now!

Adapted from Jurong Bird Park brochure

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For each question from **15** to **19**, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

**15** Mrs Tan signed up for the Feathered Friends annual membership. This entitles her to _____.

(1) a lifetime of entries to Jurong Bird Park
(2) an unrestricted number of entries to some enclosures
(3) an unrestricted number of entries in the year to Jurong Bird Park
(4) an unrestricted number of entries to Jurong Bird Park for the whole family

**16** In the Wings of Asia, visitors can _____.

(1) be entertained by the bird shows
(2) walk freely with the birds in the aviary
(3) only see Asia's most endangered birds
(4) be dazzled by the common birds in Asia

**17** If Felix and his family arrived at noon, they have the option of watching _____bird shows.

(1) 1
(2) 2
(3) 3
(4) 4

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

(1) Visitors can view the life cycle of birds.
(2) Visitors can watch penguins torpedo under water.
(3) Visitors to Jurong Bird Park can relax among nature.
(4) Visitors can feed the birds only at certain times of the day.

**19** The **main** purpose of the brochure is to encourage visitors to _____.

(1) prevent extinction of endangered birds
(2) uncover surprises and enjoy never-ending fun
(3) keep the fun going with the highlights featured
(4) sign up for the new Feathered Friends Membership

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**Section D: 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 F) in each blank. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (A) as | (B) through | (C) or |
| (D) with | (E) for | (F) to |

Have you been a guest at someone's house before? People may be invited _____ **(25)** a friend's or relative's home for different reasons. Some may visit a friend's place for a meal, a gathering _____ **(26)** a party. Others may go _____ **(27)** a sleepover or a play date.

People go _____ (28) a lot of trouble to host guests. They often make an extra effort to tidy up their houses and prepare food for their guests. Thank your host for the invitation and bring a small gift to show your appreciation for being invited.

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**Section E: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)**

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

Eight out of ten homes in Singapore are connected to the Internet today. This **[ mean / means ]** (29) that most of us can make use of the information superhighway easily.

Many young people **[ use / uses ]** (30) the Web for everything, from sharing information with friends on social media to making new friends through online games. However, not everyone who goes online **[ is / are ]** (31) honest. Many bad people hide their identities online and in fact, **[ pretend / pretends ]** (32) to be other people entirely.

Trouble comes when these crooks try to get personal information such as addresses and phone numbers and use the information to cheat someone. After all, you never know who you are really dealing with on the Internet, so beware of the Web of Deceit!

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**Section F: Synthesis (2 marks)**

For each of the questions **39** and **40**, rewrite the given sentences using the words provided. Your answer must be in <u>one</u> sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

**39** Many animals will become extinct. We must stop destroying the rainforests.

Unless _____

_____

**40** "I am going to the library today," Joyce told her mother.

Joyce told her mother _____

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**Section G: Vocabulary Cloze (6 marks)**

Read the passage carefully. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Chicken pox is a rash illness caused by the Varicella-Zoster virus and it is a contagious disease. It can be _____ (33) from one person to another through direct contact with chicken pox patients.

The disease usually occurs during one's childhood _____ (34) adults can also have an attack with severe complications. Humans are the only carrier of this virus and the incubation period varies _____ (35) two to three weeks. The disease usually _____ (36) with mild fever and cold-like symptoms. Later, itchy rashes, blisters and spots will appear on the neck, face and other parts of the _____ (37). Scarring can occur after the outbreak _____ (38) care is not taken. These scars can stay on for years.

This disease occurs throughout the year and anyone can be at risk. To prevent the spread of this disease, we should keep the infected person from interacting with others.

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**Section H: Comprehension (Selected Response) (5 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The world comes together every four years to watch perhaps the greatest sporting event, the Fifa World Cup, or simply the World Cup, an international tournament which connects people from across the world, regardless of background. Federation Internationale de Football Association (Fifa), the sports' global governing body, was founded in 1904.

Prior to the World Cup, there were numerous other football competitions. The first international tournament, the British Home Championship, took place in 1884. As football grew in popularity in other parts of the world, Fifa was determined to stage an international tournament in its own right. In the 1908 Summer Olympics in London, football for amateurs became an official competition. This led to Fifa successfully staging its own international tournament outside the Olympics. With the President of Fifa, Jules Rimet, as the driving force, in 1930, Uruguay was chosen as the host country for the inaugural World Cup Tournament. Uruguay was celebrating its centenary of independence and went on to win the inaugural tournament. Since the inaugural tournament, nineteen World Cup tournaments have been held and won by eight different national teams.

One cannot speak of the tournament without the mention of the World Cup Trophy. The Jules Rimet Trophy which was what it was first known as, was stolen not once but twice. It was first stolen in 1966 during a public exhibition but was later recovered in South London. However, it was never recovered when thieves took off with this trophy in 1983.

Adapted from the article *'Ole! Ole! Ole!'*

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For **Q20** to **22**, read each statement and tick (✓) either "True" or "False".

~~Refer to lines 1 to 11 to help you.~~ The first example has been done for you. **[3m]**

| | Statement | True | False |
|---|---|---|---|
| Example | The World Cup is held every four years. | ✓ | |
| Q20 | The World Cup is the first international football tournament. | | |
| Q21 | The first World Cup Tournament was held in Uruguay. | | |
| Q22 | When the Jules Rimet Trophy was stolen the second time, it was never found. | | |

**23** Which two-word phrase from lines 10-15 has the same idea as "motivation"?

**[1m]**

**24** Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

According to the passage, besides the tournaments, the World Cup is also famous for its _____. **[1m]**

- ☐ trophy
- ☐ governing body
- ☐ eight national teams

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**Section I: Comprehension (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer questions **41** to **46.**

Martha waded through the river without bothering to keep her boots dry. The river ran cold but Martha did not notice the icy water leaking in through the worn soles, soaking her socks. She stepped up the river bank in one practised stride. Her stick dug into the mud for support. The old cloth bag bobbed against her shoulder. Martha used her stick to push back the leaves, first on one side, then on the other.

Just then, she paused, her eyes scanned the ground. She closed her right eye. She always closed it when she wanted to see something more clearly. The look in her left eye sharpened. There they were – wild onions. "A rabbit, a squirrel and onions," she muttered to herself. "It's going to be a special treat tonight." She always felt that her stews were better and richer, if there were at least two kinds of meat and lots of onions.

Martha bent and pulled the onions carefully from the soft ground. She brushed the roots over her skirt to remove the dirt before placing them into the cloth bag. Martha smiled as she thought of her supper. Her mouth watered and the lines around her eyes eased slightly.

There was a rumble of thunder in the distance and flashes of lightning lit up the clouds. Martha watched and frowned at the sight. "I'd better head back to the river before the current gets too strong," Martha sighed as she retraced her steps. Pulling her bag over her shoulder, she took a few deep breaths. The smell of wild onions was in the air. It overpowered the smell of rain.

Adapted from *The Blossoms Meet the Vulture Lady* by Betsy Byars

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For **Q41-42**, write your answers in complete sentences.

**41** Give **two** reasons why Martha brought a stick along with her on her journey.

1. _____

[1m]

2. _____

_____ [1m]

**42** Based on the story, state whether each statement below is **True** or **False**, then give one reason from the passage why you think so. [2m]

| | Sentence | True / False | Reason |
|---|---|---|---|
| i) | Martha's feet were wet as she crossed the river. | | |
| ii) | Martha closed her right eye because she could not see what she was looking at. | | |

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For **Q43**, write your answer in a complete sentence.

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**43** Explain clearly why Martha smiled and her mouth watered when she thought of her supper. [2m]

_____

_____

**44** Write **1**, **2** and **3** on the lines. Put the sentences in the right sequence, according to the flow in the story. [1m]

_____ Martha brushed the roots over her skirt.

_____ Martha's mouth watered as she thought of supper.

_____ Martha bent over, towards the soft ground.

For **Q45-46**, write your answers in complete sentences.

**45** Explain clearly why Martha frowned at the sight of the lightning. [2m]

_____

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**46** What does the word 'it' in **line 20** refer to? [1m]

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| Q 11 | Q 12 | Q 13 | Q 14 | Q 15 | Q16 | Q17 | Q18 | Q19 | |
| 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | |

Q20. FALSE

Q21. TRUE

Q22. TRUE

Q23. Driving Force

Q24. Trophy

Q25. F

Q26. C

Q27. E

Q28. B

Q29 means

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Q39 Unless we stop destroying the rainforests, many animals will become extinct.

Q40. Joyce told her mother that she was going to the library that day.

Q41. (1) The stick gives her more support.

Q41. (2) It helps to push back all the leaves blocking her path.

Q42. (i) TRUE – She was crossing the river, and ice cold water from the river soaked up her socks.

Q42. (ii) FALSE – Martha always closed her right eye when she wanted to see something more clearly, sharpening the look in the left eye, but not because she could not see what she was looking at.

Q43. She just saw a rabbit, a squirrel, onions and she felt that her stews would be better and richer if there were at least two kinds of meat and lots of onions. Thinking about it made her hungry and very happy.

Q44. 1 – Martha bent over, towards the soft ground.

Q44 2 – Martha brushed the roots over her skirt.

Q44. 3 – Martha's mouth watered as she thought of supper.

Q45. She was worried it was going to rain, which might make it more difficult for her to get home as the currents would be too strong.

Q46. The word refers to the smell of the wild onions.

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