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MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

2016 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PART 1

9 May 2016 (Monday)

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

NAME	: _____ ( )
CLASS	: PRIMARY **4** _____

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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. I _____ surprised when I saw a big present on my bed.

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

2. Last week, a driver lost control of his car and it _____ into the Singapore River.

   (1) plunge
   (2) plunged
   (3) plunges
   (4) plunging

3. "Listen, Mrs Tan_____ you a question now," Ahmad told Ravi.

   (1) asks
   (2) asked
   (3) asking
   (4) is asking

4. We made _____ some tea while we were waiting for our guests to arrive.

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

5. "_____ building over there will be demolished," the contractor told us.

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

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6. The villagers were fortunate as the fire had only destroyed _____ of their personal belongings.

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

7. Tim _____ when he was awakened by the barking of his neighbour's dog.

(1) sleep
(2) sleeps
(3) is sleeping
(4) was sleeping

8. We do not have _____ money left so we better be thrifty.

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

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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. Before my mother started baking the cake, she looked at the _____ for the steps.

(1) menu
(2) recipe
(3) receipt
(4) ingredients

10. The teacher _____ John for having done a good deed.

(1) blamed
(2) consoled
(3) commended
(4) reprimanded

11. Mdm Soh will be _____ from the hospital if she makes a recovery.

(1) expelled
(2) removed
(3) evacuated
(4) discharged

12. The police are appealing for _____ after the fatal accident as they want to investigate the cause of it.

(1) victims
(2) witnesses
(3) audiences
(4) spectators

13. Mr Tan _____ immediately after completing the marathon due to exhaustion.

(1) passed in
(2) passed out
(3) passed through
(4) passed forward

14. Every morning, the _____ of buffalos follow their leader to the stream for a drink.

(1) litter
(2) herd
(3) pride
(4) brood

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

Read the advertisement carefully and then answer questions 15 to 19.

Sunday Fun @ Star City Mall

6 May 2016 – 6 July 2016 (only on Sundays)

Sports and Games Carnival

Bounce to your heart's content on a giant trampoline!



Only for children below 9 years old.

Bowl, strike and win prizes!



Play as a family to win attractive prizes.



Let your shuttlecock fly to infinity!

Special training sessions for children conducted by experienced coaches

Garden Darts is always more enjoyable than Competitive Darts, so relax and shoot away at our Fountain Garden!



Not suitable for children.

Dribble and shoot your way to glory!



Form a team of 11 to play a game with local sports stars!

Participate in more than two activities and redeem a voucher.

Sunday Treats

Free dining for children at these selected restaurants at Star City Mall.
You are sure to find something that whets your appetite!

PIZZA PARTY



The DINER cafe

Chicken Hut

THE BURGER FACTORY

HIGHLAND CAFE

Catch sports screening at The Burger Factory and Highland Cafe!



Enjoy free parking with a minimum of $20 spent on Sundays! *
* Valid only for Star City Mall members

Sponsors:



National Sports Council



National Recreation Club

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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. Mrs Ong wants to attend the Sports and Games Carnival with her husband and two children. At the carnival, they can _____ together as a family.

(1) play a game with local sports stars
(2) bounce on a giant trampoline
(3) bowl, strike and win prizes
(4) shoot darts at the garden

16. Which one of the following games is not included in the Sports and Games Carnival?

(1) Competitive darts
(2) Badminton
(3) Bowling
(4) Soccer

17. Mr Ronald would like to dine and watch some sports. He should go to _____

(1) Highland Cafe and Chicken Hut
(2) Pizza Party and The Burger Factory
(3) Highland Cafe and The Burger Factory
(4) The Burger Factory and The Diner Cafe

18. The main **aim** of this poster is to _____.

(1) promote the restaurants at Star City Mall
(2) provide details about the Sports and Games Carnival
(3) encourage people to stay fit by playing sports and games
(4) inform people about the special events held at Star City Mall

19. Which one of the following statements is true?

(1) All customers can enjoy free parking with a minimum of $20 spent on Sundays.
(2) Children can dine for free at any restaurant at Star City Mall.
(3) Participants who take part in two games can redeem a voucher.
(4) *Sunday Fun @ Star City Mall* is sponsored by National Sports Council and National Recreation Club.

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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) he	(B) her	(C) him
(D) his	(E) me	(F) us

Rocky is our pet dog. He was given to us when he was a puppy. We love **(20)** _____ immensely as he has grown to be part of the family.

Once, we thought we were going to lose Rocky when he was seriously ill. All of us were devastated. My sister cried **(21)** _____ eyes out. Fortunately, Rocky recovered and before long, he was **(22)** _____ usual cheerful self again.

When I feel lonely or sad, Rocky's presence always gives **(23)** _____ comfort. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful pet.

Score: **/ 4**

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PASSAGE 2

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

Many school children are becoming obese. Parents should know that eating a balanced meal _____ **(24)** [has / have] many advantages. These benefits _____ **(25)** [is / are] often unknown to many. Obesity is worrying as it indicates a trend that many school children are overeating.

Therefore, some schools in the northern part of Singapore _____ **(26)** [has / have] decided to jointly organise a carnival which _____ **(27)** [highlight / highlights] the importance of eating healthily. Ultimately, students must learn that they are responsible for their well-being.

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) attention	(B) bored	(C) cheerfully	(D) enchanted
(E) frustrated	(F) gathering	(G) gracefully	(H) surrounding

School had ended. Peter was walking back home, whistling **(28)** _____ when he saw a small crowd **(29)** _____ at the entrance of a park. He was curious, so he stopped for a while to find out what was happening.

Peter found that the centre of **(30)** _____ was a snake charmer. As the snake charmer blew into his pipe, a snake rose **(31)** _____ out of the rattan basket. It gently swayed from side to side to the sound of the snake charmer's captivating music. **(32)** _____ by the performance of the snake, Peter stood rooted to the spot, his eyes wide open.

At the end of the performance, the thunderous applause jolted him back. He then made his way home.

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. Billy does not play football. His friends do not play football too.

Neither _____ nor

_____.

34. It was raining. We did not go to the park.

_____ as

_____

35. Jane goes to the market every morning. Her cousins go to the market every morning too.

_____ and

_____

Score: / 3

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SECTION G: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Prince Joe sat comfortably under a big shady tree as he watched some muscular men trying to ride a horse unsuccessfully for the past few hours. The wild horse had been throwing off dozens of men. Even King George was unsuccessful. "Let's quit before it kills one of us!" he bellowed with fury.

With his mind made up, Prince Joe got up. "Let me try, Father. I think I can ride it," the ten-year-old pleaded.

Thinking it was a joke, everyone turned and laughed at him. Prince Joe ignored them and looked confidently into his father's eyes. King George eventually gave in. "If you can ride it, the horse is yours," he declared.

Prince Joe took a deep breath and approached the horse with soft steps. He ~~stoked~~ stroked its back gently. The animal that was once untamed soon stood still. Then, Prince Joe led it away from the men. After some distance, he leapt onto its back and they galloped off.

King George and the rest were at a loss for words as they watched them trot across the field. After some time, Prince Joe pulled its reins and the horse jolted to a stop. Seeing this, everyone applauded loudly.

Curious, King George asked Prince Joe how he had managed to ride the horse. Prince Joe explained, "The horse was afraid of its shadow. I calmed it down and turned its face towards the sun. That way, the horse could not see it."

Impressed, King George beamed with pride while everyone else was still in bewilderment.

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For Q36 - 37, decide who does the following activities. Tick ✓ your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Activities described in paragraphs 1 and 2		Prince Joe	King George
Example	rested under a tree	✓	
36.	struggled to get up onto the horse		
37.	determined to ride the horse		

38. Which word from lines 6 – 10 has the same meaning as 'begged'? [1m]

39. From lines 11 to 14, state two things Prince Joe did to the horse just before riding it. [2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

40. State whether each sentence below is **True** or **False**. [2m]

Sentence	True / False
i) Everyone was supportive of Prince Joe when he offered to ride the horse.	
ii) Prince Joe was cautious before approaching the horse.	

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41. What does the word 'it' in line 21 refer to? [1m]

_____

_____

42. Based on the passage, put the events in the right sequence, according to the flow in the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. [1m]

_____ Prince Joe pulled the horse's reins.

_____ The horse trotted across the field.

_____ Prince Joe turned the horse's face towards the sun.

43. Which word has the same meaning as "disbelief"?

Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

King George beamed with pride (A) while everyone else was still in bewilderment (B).

Score: / 10

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EXAM PAPER 2016

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	2	4	3	2	3	4	3	2	3
Q11	**Q12**	**Q13**	**Q14**	**Q15**	**Q16**	**Q17**	**Q18**	**Q19**	
4	2	2	2	3	1	3	4	4	

Q20 C

Q21 B

Q22 D

Q23 E

PART 2

Q24 has

Q25 are

Q26 have

Q27 highlights

Q28 C

Q29 F

Q30 A

Q31 G

Q32 D

Q33 Neither Billy nor his friends play football.

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Q34 We did not go to the park as it was raining.

Q35 Jane and her cousins go to the market every morning.

Q36 King George

Q37 Prince Joe

Q38 pleaded

Q39

(i) He stroked its back gently
(ii) Led it away from the men

Q40

(i) False
(ii) True

Q41 It refers to the horse's shadow.

Q42 1, 2, 3

Q43 (B)

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