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METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

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MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2016
PRIMARY 4
ENGLISH

PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

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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 "Aishah, _____ you want some oranges?" asked Mrs Meena.

(1) do

(2) did

(3) does

(4) had done

2 Mrs Tan pointed at her watch and exclaimed, "I received _____ for my anniversary gift last year!"

(1) this

(2) that

(3) these

(4) those

3 Jonathan said he could do the problem sums _____ and refused to get any help.

(1) himself

(2) oneself

(3) ourselves

(4) themselves

4 Lisa asked, "Have you _____ the table for dinner yet?"

(1) lie

(2) lay

(3) laid

(4) lain

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5 My grandfather _____ in that company for thirty years before he retired last year.

(1) has worked

(2) has been working

(3) had been working

(4) have been working

6 By the time the boys arrived for lunch, there was not _____ food left at the buffet table.

(1) few

(2) little

(3) many

(4) much

7 Every evening, Muthu, together with his family, _____ to the park for a walk.

(1) go

(2) goes

(3) went

(4) have gone

8 The baby civet cat was perched _____ the branch of a palm tree.

(1) in

(2) on

(3) over

(4) between

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Section B: Vocabulary (6 marks)

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 No one doubts that the employee stole the money because he is a man of _____.

(1) bravery

(2) humility

(3) integrity

(4) sincerity

10 The audience was awed into silence by the ballerina's _____ performance last night.

(1) boring

(2) dreadful

(3) stunning

(4) melodious

11 He was _____ King at the age of two after the sudden death of his father.

(1) declared

(2) rendered

(3) professed

(4) mentioned

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12 "You have studied very hard for your examinations. Now it's time for you to _____." Mother said.

(1) turn a blind eye

(2) break your back

(3) let your hair down

(4) stick your neck out

13 The prefects have just thought of an idea that will _____ changes to the school's cleanliness programme.

(1) bring in

(2) bring out

(3) bring about

(4) bring around

14 At the end of every test, Li Min will check her work _____ to ensure that her answers are accurate.

(1) warily

(2) precisely

(3) convincingly

(4) meticulously

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Section C: Visual Text (5 marks)

Read the advertisement and answer the questions.

SMILEY DENTAL

GOING TO THE DENTIST
CAN BE FUN!
WE PUT A ☺ ON YOUR FACE!

Open 24 hours!

Our Mission is to get you seen by one of our qualified dentists as quickly as possible to relieve you from pain.

OPENING SPECIAL:

We're opening a new branch!

Choose one of the following packages.

Only the first 100 customers will be treated to these packages at these special prices! They will also be entitled to a gift set of dental care products worth $30!

Package A - $80	Package B - $150*	Package C - $200*
✓ examination ✓ scaling ✓ polishing	✓ An application of fluoride varnish ✓ Package A	✓ A teeth-whitening treatment ✓ Package B

*Package B and C is not applicable for children aged 12 and below.
All children must be accompanied by an adult for their visits.

What are you waiting for?
Book an appointment with a dentist in 3 easy steps!

Step 1: Fill in the online form with your name and particulars. →

Step 2: Choose your preferred dentist. →

Step 3: Choose your preferred date and time of appointment.

Bring along this flyer to your appointment and receive a $10 discount!

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Singapore 45678
Tel: 6334 8888

Branch:
68 Little Road
Singapore 90115

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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 The **main** purpose of this advertisement is to _____.

(1) promote the company and its new branch
(2) relieve patients of their tooth problems and pain
(3) show that going to a dentist can be a fun experience
(4) help patients find a qualified dentist as quickly as possible

16 Which of the following services will a child, aged 12 and below, be able to receive?

(A) Polishing
(B) Fluoride Varnish
(C) A thorough examination
(D) Teeth-whitening treatment

(1) A and B only
(2) A and C only
(3) A, B and C only
(4) All of the above

17 I will enjoy _____ only if I am one of the first 100 customers.

(1) a $10 discount
(2) a special rate for a package
(3) unlimited gift sets of oral care products
(4) a discount of $30 for dental care products

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18 According to the brochure, what is the preferred way to make an appointment?

(1) Going online
(2) Calling their head office
(3) Personally visiting their offices
(4) Booking an appointment within 24 hours

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

(1) There are three ways to make an appointment.
(2) You will get to see the dentist whose name you choose in the form.
(3) There is no other way to book an appointment except by going online.
(4) Children will only be seen by the dentist if they have an accompanying adult.

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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) on	(B) of	(C) for
(D) into	(E) over	(F) beside

It was late at night. John peered _____ (20) the darkness of the rain forest. He was too excited to sleep as he was _____ (21) a holiday in South America with his father.

John reached _____ (22) his boots that were under the bed. Then he saw a furry brown spider climbing the wall _____ (23) his father's bed. His father was sound asleep. He tiptoed over to the door, not wanting to disturb the spider or wake his father.

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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.

A friendship is a type of relationship between people who care about each other. A friend can be the first person you call when you hear good news or the one who remembers that you [prefers / prefer] your sandwiches without pickles. **(24)**

It is not easy to maintain a friendship. Human beings [clashes / clash] **(25)** very easily, making it difficult for some people to maintain numerous friendships. It demands time and effort and it often [requires / require] that people put someone **(26)** other than themselves first. Other qualities necessary for a good friendship [includes / include] **(27)** honesty, trustworthiness, loyalty and acceptance. It can be difficult to meet people who would make the perfect friend. Perhaps you could start being one today!

Adapted from "What is friendship?" by Molly Edmonds

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Section F: Synthesis (2 marks)

For each of the questions **28** and **29**, rewrite the given sentences using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

28 The weather is still humid and warm. It rained heavily just now.

Although _____

_____

29 "I have soccer practice today," Samuel informed his father.

Samuel informed his father that _____

_____

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Section G: Vocabulary Cloze (6 marks)

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

I would definitely know the importance of belting up when in a moving vehicle. As a doctor, I have attended to _____ (30) in hospital wards and witnessed hundreds of victims whose lives could have been saved only if they had been _____ (31) a seat belt at the time of the accident. As a result, I wear a seat belt whether I am a driver or a passenger.

Last year, I was _____ (32) through a remote area in a van with my medical team. On the way, my driver suddenly made a sharp turn and lost _____ (33) of our vehicle. _____ (34) I knew it, our van collided head on with a bus coming from the opposite direction. I suffered severe injuries. My left _____ (35) was so badly crushed that it had to be amputated below the knee.

Thankfully, I did not lose my life because I had belted up. I hope that my story would encourage others to seriously consider wearing their seat belts.

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A dark cloud passed across the sky. Instinctively, Mr Lee's hand felt for his wallet. Yes, it was still there. If only he had a stick! However, he had nothing with which he might protect himself. He began to feel uneasy.

At last, two headlights were drawing near. Mr Lee held up his hand and the taxi stopped. He sat beside the driver, glad to be on his way home. The driver said nothing to him as the car sped along.

The silence between Mr Lee and the driver was unnerving. Mr Lee glanced at the driver and again his hand went to his wallet. He had heard of passengers being attacked and robbed. Shaking his head, Mr Lee quickly dismissed the thought.

During the seemingly endless journey, Mr Lee kept his eyes intently on the driver. Now they were reaching a spot where there were tall, dark trees around. The car slowed down and the driver glanced at him furtively. Then, the driver took something out which looked like an iron tool.

"Stop!" Mr Lee heard himself screaming and his heart beat so fast. The car did not stop. Faster and faster it went. Now they were nearing his destination. "Put me down here!" Mr Lee cried out. Still with his eyes on the driver, he quickly alighted from the car as it came to a standstill. He fumbled in his wallet for his fare, but the taxi was no longer there.

"No night passengers for me again!" exclaimed the driver. He hurriedly drove off, his hand still grabbing the heavy iron rod with which he meant to defend himself if that queer passenger attacked him.

Adapted from *Journey by Night* by Undine Ginseppi

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36 Which word from lines 7-14 has the same meaning as "closely"?

[1m]

37 According to the passage, Mr Lee asked the driver to stop the taxi because he

_____ [1m]

(1) was eager to go home
(2) was nearing his destination
(3) thought the driver was going to attack him
(4) did not like the silence between the driver and him ( )

38 Put in order the list of events which indicated the driver was also nervous about Mr Lee. Write **1, 2 and 3** on the lines provided. [1m]

_____ He took out an iron rod.

_____ He kept stealing glances at Mr Lee.

_____ He drove to the destination faster.

For **Q39** to **40** read each statement and tick (✓) either "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Mr Lee was on his way home.	✓	
Q39	The driver was about to take out a stick to attack Mr Lee.		
Q40	Mr Lee paid his taxi fare to the driver.		

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Section I: Comprehension (10 marks)

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

During the school holidays, Alicia helped her grandparents move to their new home. Alicia carried the box to the attic and placed it next to all the other boxes in the tall stack. She realised how much her grandparents had accumulated over the years. Her grandparents had insisted on bringing all their belongings to their new house. She sighed in amazement.

This unfamiliar place was much smaller than her old home but the attic was interesting. It was a full room with a low ceiling, just below the roof. She saw a trunk at the corner and a book resting on the floor in front of it. Alicia picked up the book with a blank cover. She was curious to find out what the book was about so she flipped through the handwritten pages.

"A diary!" Alicia exclaimed as she sat down and started to read, ignoring the dusty floor and musty smell of the attic. The girl in the diary was amazing. She was a dancer. Unlike her, Alicia was not the most graceful person. As such, even though Alicia had always wanted to take dance classes, she never did. She worried she would embarrass herself. Alicia was engrossed with the diary for a long time, until her grandmother came into the attic room.

"What do you have there?" Grandma Maggie asked.

Alicia held up the diary. "I found this diary on top of the trunk. I think it belonged to the girl who used to live here."

Grandma Maggie shook her head. "No, sweetie. That's my old diary, from when I was about your age."

Alicia's eyes widened. "You're the girl in the diary? But she was a dancer."

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Grandma Maggie twirled gracefully across the attic. "Yes, I was. Looks like I still remember a few things too."

Alicia smiled. "I wish I knew how to dance." 25

Grandma Maggie looked around the attic. "I think there will be enough room for a dance studio up here after we go through all these boxes. You could help me sort through all this stuff, and then I'll teach you how to dance."

Alicia thought that it was a great idea as she opened the box closest to her.

Adapted from *Diary of a Dancer* by Kelly Hashway

For **Q41-44**, write your answers in complete sentences.

Do not write in this space

41 How did Alicia help her grandparents? [1m]

_____

_____

42 Give two reasons why Alicia sighed in amazement. [2m]

_____

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43 What does the phrase "This unfamiliar place" in line 6 refer to?

_____

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44 Based on the story, state whether each statement below is **True** or **False**, then give one reason from the passage why you think so. [3m]

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	Sentence	True / False	Reason
(i)	As soon as Alicia picked up the book, she knew it was a diary.		
(ii)	The girl who wrote the diary used to live in the new house.		
(iii)	Alicia was surprised that the girl in the diary was her grandmother.		

45 Which word in the third paragraph has the same meaning as "completely focused"? [1m]

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For **Q46**, write your answers in complete sentences.

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46 Explain clearly why Alicia did not take up dance classes. [2m]

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1	1	1	3	3	4	2	2	3
Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18
3	1	3	3	4	1	2	2	1
Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27
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Q28 Although it rained heavily just now, the weather is still humid and warm.

Q29 Samuel informed his father that he had soccer practice that day.

Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35
patients	wearing	passing	control	Before	leg

Booklet C

Q36 intently

Q37 3

Q38 2 He took out an iron rod.
1 He kept stealing glances at Mr Lee.
3 He drove to the destination faster.

	Statement	True	False
Example	Mr Lee was on his way home.	✓	
Q39	The driver was about to take out a stick to attack Mr Lee.		✓
Q40	Mr Lee paid his taxi fare to the driver.		✓

Q41 Alicia helped her grandparents move to their new home.

Q42 Alicia realized how much her grandparents accumulated over the years and how they had insisted on bringing all their belongings to the new house.

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Q43 It refers to the new home.

Q44

	Sentence	True / False	Reason
(i)	As soon as Alicia picked up the book, she knew it was a diary.	False	Alicia flipped through the handwritten pages before she knew it was a diary.
(ii)	The girl who wrote the diary used to live in the new house.	False	The girl in the diary was Alicia's grandmother.
(iii)	Alicia was surprised that the girl in the diary was her grandmother.	True	Alicia's eyes widened when her grandmother told her that the diary was written by her.

Q45 Engrossed

Q46 Alicia was worried she would embarrass herself as she was not the most graceful person.

End

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