METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Founded in 1887

MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2017
PRIMARY 6
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

BOOKLET A

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Class: Primary 6._____

Date: 4 May 2017

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For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1 Mandy was so exhausted after her netball training that she _____ on the floor and fell asleep.

(1) lie
(2) lay
(3) lied
(4) laid

2 Linda often skips breakfast, _____?

(1) has she
(2) does she
(3) hasn't she
(4) doesn't she

3 _____ you require any assistance, I will do my best to help.

(1) Will
(2) Shall
(3) Would
(4) Should

4 If Bala _____ attention during lessons, he would not have done so badly in his test.

(1) pays
(2) paid
(3) has paid
(4) had paid

5 Since the class has agreed on the class rules, everyone must adhere strictly _____ them.

(1) at
(2) by
(3) to
(4) with

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6 "The range of books at this bookstore _____ so wide that I spend many afternoons here," Sally told her friend.

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

7 Rajiv was embarrassed when he mistook the lady at the supermarket _____ his mother.

(1) as
(2) by
(3) to
(4) for

8 All but Nancy _____ a scolding by the discipline mistress this morning for being late for assembly.

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

9 _____ the continuous drizzle, the carnival at East Coast Park went on as planned.

(1) Since
(2) Due to
(3) Despite
(4) Owing to

10 Jason _____ when he heard that his grandmother had died in a road accident.

(1) broke up
(2) broke off
(3) broke out
(4) broke down

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For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11 After much persuasion from her classmates, Jane _____ and agreed to represent the class in the singing competition.

(1) relented
(2) retreated
(3) submitted
(4) slackened

12 Emily is _____ by working in the day and studying at night. I think she will collapse from exhaustion one day.

(1) leaving no stone unturned
(2) killing two birds with one stone
(3) burning the candle at both ends
(4) making hay when the sun shines

13 The crowd gave a resounding applause when Joseph Schooling, winner of the 100m butterfly event, _____the podium to receive his medal.

(1) scaled
(2) boarded
(3) mounted
(4) embarked

14 Residents started returning to their homes as floodwaters began to _____ a week after the massive flood.

(1) wane
(2) reduce
(3) subside
(4) deteriorate

15 The captured soldier refused to _____ the secret location of his camp to the enemies although he was tortured.

(1) admit
(2) divulge
(3) confess
(4) uncover

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For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

Max was home at last. The bus turned into the roadhouse car park and came to a halt. He climbed out of the bus with most of the other passengers. Suddenly, all the **(16)** weariness of the long journey lifted from him and he felt his body relax in the heat. He **(17)** looked across **(18)** the landscape and recognised the low ridge of hills rising in the distance.

Over the chattering of the tourists, Max could hear the chirping of the birds as they flew from the power lines into the trees near the road. A pair of fork-tailed kites glided **(19)** lazily above him. Memories flooded back.

The roadhouse had not changed much. On the outside, it looked the same. However, he could see through the door that it had been smartened up **(20)** inside with a fresh coat of paint. He was eager to walk through the town to see how much it had changed.

16 (1) standstill

(2) disruption

(3) conclusion

(4) termination

17 (1) agony

(2) fatigue

(3) stiffness

(4) discomfort

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18 (1) espied
(2) scanned
(3) examined
(4) scrutinised

19 (1) soared
(2) drifted
(3) skidded
(4) cascaded

20 (1) refined
(2) revised
(3) repaired
(4) refurbished

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Study this flyer carefully carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.



Artists @ Work

5th Anniversary Celebration!

- As a token of our appreciation, current students will receive a 10% discount on fees for the month of January.
- New students will receive a 10% discount on fees for the first 3 months upon registration!*
- New students who sign up for classes in the month of February will not need to pay the one-time registration fee!
- Join us on 28 January 2017 for our Open House. Free trial classes will be conducted on that day. Free face painting and balloon sculpting services will be available!

**Valid from 1 Feb 2017 to 30 June 2017*

CLASSES AVAILABLE

Little Blossom (For ages 4 to 7)	**Junior Picasso** (For ages 8 to 10)	**Budding Artist** (For ages 11 & 12)
• 3 pm on weekdays • 10 am on weekends	• 5 pm on weekdays • 2 pm on weekends	• 7 pm on weekdays • 4 pm and 6 pm on weekends





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About Artists @ Work

Artists @ Work is a premier fine arts studio that is dedicated to helping children build confidence, motor and social skills through painting, sketching and sculpture.

The studio's founder, Sharon Tate, is an accomplished artist, whose works have been widely exhibited. She was also a senior lecturer in one of Singapore's leading art schools for more than a decade before she started Artists @ Work. Sharon Tate brought her wealth of knowledge and experience with her, and Artists @ Work has achieved rapid success.

Ms Tate hand-picked a team of talented instructors from more than 12 countries. All instructors possess rich teaching experience and are further trained at our studio to impart their best knowledge to our students.

The hard work put in by Ms Tate and her staff has certainly paid off. Every year, Artists @ Work's students receive awards in national and international art competitions. Visit the studio's website at www.artists@work.com to view the winning entries!

For enquiries, please email to sharon@little-artists.com or call us at 6485 6485.

To register, please pay us a visit at 41, Canbury Street, Singapore 31004.

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For each question 21 to 28, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21 Based on the flyer, which of the following is true of Artists @ Work?

(1) Trial classes are conducted every week.
(2) More classes are conducted for those aged 11 and 12.
(3) Artists @ Work does not conduct classes in the morning.
(4) Artists @ Work offers classes to children below the age of 4.

22 Kathy has never attended classes at Artists @ Work. If she signs up for classes on 14 February 2017, she will _____.

(1) attend trial classes for 3 months
(2) not need to pay the one-time registration fee
(3) not need to pay any fees for the first 3 months
(4) receive a 10% discount on fees for the month of February only

23 Which of the following information is <u>not</u> needed if Mrs Tan wants to enrol her son in one of the classes?

(1) how old he is
(2) how well he draws
(3) whether he is already a student of Artists @ Work
(4) the preferred days and times for him to attend a class

24 In the section "About Artists @ Work", the word "experience" in the second paragraph refers to Sharon Tate's _____.

(1) years as an artist and lecturer
(2) rapid success as a businesswoman
(3) training that she has given to her instructors
(4) knowledge of setting up a successful business

25 Which words best describe the instructors at Artists @ Work?

(1) strict and dedicated
(2) successful and rich
(3) talented and sociable
(4) diverse and experienced

26 To enrol in any of the classes at Artists @ Work, one should _____.

(1) visit Artists @ Work studio
(2) log on to www.artists@work.com
(3) email to sharon@little-artists.com
(4) contact Ms Sharon Tate at 6485 6485

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27 Which of the following is not one of the objectives of Artists @ Work's programme?

(1) refining motor skills
(2) building confidence in children
(3) nurturing creativity and love of art
(4) winning prizes in national and international competitions

28 What is the main purpose of the flyer?

(1) to promote Artists @ Work's classes
(2) to celebrate the success of Artists @ Work's students
(3) to attract participants for Artists @ Work's Open House
(4) to give a detailed description of how Artists @ Work was founded

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) all	(D) are	(G) in	(K) of	(N) than
(B) another	(E) by	(H) on	(L) to	(P) then
(C) although	(F) for	(J) off	(M) the	(Q) were

The beverage Milo is produced by a company called Nestle. Milo Singapore is the world's largest producer of the malt extract and has been producing the powder for Singapore as well as many countries _____ (29) over the world since 1984!

To promote the brand, the company launched a back-to-school campaign in 2015 with the hashtag #MiloGoForit. It aimed to give a child the confidence and nutrition he needed to take _____ (30) the challenge of a new school term. Following the success of that campaign, the company launched _____ (31) campaign touching on a major milestone of a student's life the Primary School Leaving Examination. Featuring the hashtag #NeverGiveUp, the brand wanted to send the message that school is about more _____ (32) just grades, and remind parents that it is also important to help children be more resilient by instilling values of perseverance and confidence_____ (33) them.

The company saw sports as a way of inculcating these values. After a strenuous sports day, the Milo van is a treat for most Singaporean students. Many _____ (34) guilty of gulping down more than their fair share _____ (35) the cold, creamy malt cocoa.

Last October, Milo Singapore supported local singer Nathan Hartono during _____ (36) finals of an international singing competition, *Sing! China*, organised by a television channel. Milo vans were stationed at three locations _____ (37) distribute free drinks. Mr Hartono persevered and won the second prize _____ (38) he was not comfortable singing in Mandarin. Chow Phee Chat, Director of Marketing Communications and Corporate Affairs of Nestle Singapore said, "Milo Singapore has a part to play to communicate messages that are good for the public and bring out the importance of national pride."

Adapted from *Pioneer*, February 2017

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

Water supplies are drying up at an alarming rate in Singapore. Professor Biswas, a

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renouned scientist in water management, said that climate change is going to cause more dry spells and Singaporeans must be ready to face challenges in the future. He also mentioned

(40) [ ]

that authorities here are so effeeciant in managing water supply that Singapore residents are not aware of the effects of water shortage. He believes that residents here continue to take the

(41) [ ] (42) [ ]

free flowing of fresh, clean water for granted. If he has his way, he would increase the price of

(43) [ ] (44) [ ]

water here by 30 per cent immediately. "In my view, water price should have been increasing a

(45) [ ]

long time ago," he said. He pointed out that they have remained steknent for nearly 16 years. He

(46) [ ] (47) [ ]

also added, "Singaporeans use water wasteful for household chores, bathing and other higeinic purposes."

(48) [ ]

The price of clean water for households are currently about $1.50 per cubic metre.

(49) [ ]

Each Singapore resident uses about 150 litres of water per day. This is far more than the use in other cities with comparable standards of living. Mr Biswas advised that water can be saved by

(50) [ ]

substeluting a mop for floor cleaning, in place of high-pressure water jets often seen in housing estates. His advice comes at a time when there is an urgent need to save water in Singapore.

Adapted from *The Straits Times*, March 21, 2016

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Dogs outperform all other animals in their ability to deal with people. They have a powerful urge to learn as _____ (51) as they can about how people behave. Dogs are fascinated by human faces. They look not only for signs of approval or disapproval, but also pay _____ (52) to the direction their owner is looking in. Dr Florence, a zoologist, has found that many guide dogs follow _____ (53) blind owner's 'gaze' even _____ (54) it is unlikely to be a reliable cue.

To understand dogs better, experiments were _____ (55) to find out how dogs perceive time. Scientists found that most dogs are never late for a meal – they know exactly _____ (56) to go for their meal the same time every day. They also _____ (57) when to expect their owners home. They would wait patiently at the door for that arrival. When you witness this behaviour, you would assume dogs have a sophisticated understanding of time but that is not _____ (58). However, human beings have two important abilities to help us _____ (59) time. We are able to remember a sequence of events and we are _____ (60) to anticipate future needs or events. Therefore, experiments have proven that dogs may have these abilities – but to a lesser extent.

The dog's role in human society has changed over the _____ (61) 100 years. Working dogs now _____ (62) up only a small fraction of the population. Most dogs are kept for companionship. Science is now revealing unexpected benefits to the owner's health. Stroking and talking to a dog is not _____ (63) pleasurable but it is also found to reduce blood pressure. Just taking a dog for a walk can improve _____ (64) owner's well-being in no less than three ways; from the exercise itself, _____ (65) the interaction with other dog-walkers and simply from exposure to the outdoors. Understanding the science of dogs is teaching us more about them and how we can interact with them.

Adapted from *BBC Knowledge*, September 2015

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For each of the questions 66 to 70, 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 meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66 "Why was the tennis match postponed?" Ravi asked his coach.

Ravi asked _____

_____

67 The teacher asked the pupils if they understood the problem sum. The pupils nodded.

_____when

_____

68 The driver was reckless. He crashed into a lamp post.

As a result of his _____

_____

69 Mr Lim donated a large sum of money to the school. He was being generous.

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70 The pupils are cleaning the canteen at the moment.

The canteen _____

_____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

"Please follow me into the castle." The tour guide raised her bright red flag in the air and strode off. The tour group swiftly followed her. I rolled my eyes and began to shuffle after them until I felt Dad's hand on my shoulder.

"Wait, Jasmine. Mum's just..." Dad pointed towards the gift shop we had just passed.

I nodded wearily. "I'll wait here for you." I leant against the crumbling wall and closed my eyes, feeling the sun's warmth. It was fun to be wandering around a castle but the tour guide was snappy and had an irritating voice.

"Come on, young lady, move along please. Everyone's waiting for you." I opened my eyes to see the tour guide glaring at me.

"But I'm just..."

"You can't stay here on your own. Let's go," the tour guide said with a disapproving look.

She grasped my elbow and began to march me towards the tour group, who were looking at their watches and clicking their tongues. "It's all right, everyone, I found her."

I struggled from her grip. "I'm waiting..."

By then the tour guide had begun talking into her microphone. It boomed around the courtyard we had entered. She had positioned me right in front of her. I glanced back anxiously towards the gift shop. Mum and Dad were nowhere to be seen, so they had to still be inside. I waited till the tour guide turned her head to show the group the castle walls behind her, then I tiptoed back towards the gift shop.

However, I never got there. A sign to my right caught my eye. "Torture chamber", I read. Cool! The tour guide had not mentioned that. I paused and looked at my watch. The castle was about to close in ten minutes. Mum always took ages in shops – she would easily be in the gift shop for at least that long. If I went and asked if we could look in the torture chamber, she and Dad might say no.

I hesitated for just one more moment. "What if Mum and Dad cannot find me when they come out of the gift shop? I am sure it would take only a minute to have just a quick look."

I then headed towards the sign. The bored-looking guard who was standing at the entrance was focused on a group of tourists as I slipped past him and trudged down the dark stairs. It was silent and smelled musty. When I reached the bottom, only faint lights were glowing. It was a small room with all sorts of horrible-looking tools made of wood and iron in display cabinets. I read the descriptions on them and shivered. This was not a nice place to be on your own. I decided to head back into the sunlight to find Mum and Dad. But as I started towards the stairs, I heard voices above.

"All clear, Harry?"

"Yes. I just checked a few minutes ago. No one's down there."

"We'll close it now, then. Help me with the door, will you?"

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My heart began to pound and I raced up the stairs. "No!" I yelled.

But it was too late. The iron door clanged into place, plunging the stairs into total darkness.

Silence answered me. I banged on the door with my fists until they were sore. "Please let me out!"

I sank to the ground. I did not know how long it would take until someone found me but I knew I was not going to enjoy the wait.

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71 Where was the tour held? [1m]

_____

_____

72 Why do you think the tour guide raised her bright red flag in the air? [2m]

_____

_____

73 Why did Jasmine's father stop her from walking after the tour guide? [2m]

_____

_____

74 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

_____ Jasmine slipped past the guard.

_____ Jasmine was led back to the group by the tour guide.

_____ Jasmine saw the sign.

75 Which two words from lines 9 to 13 show that the guide was annoyed with Jasmine? The words are found in separate sentences. [2m]

[ ] and [ ]

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76 Why do you think the tour guide positioned Jasmine right in front of her (line 18)? [1m]

_____

_____

77 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
It (line 17)	
there (line 22)	
them (line 34)	

78 Based on the information from lines 22 to 46, fill in the blanks in the following table. [3m]

How Jasmine felt	What made Jasmine feel that way	What Jasmine did as a result
excited		**paused and looked at her watch**
	Her parents might not be able to find her and the castle was about to close.	**decided to take a quick look in the torture chamber.**
frightened	**The guard closed the iron door to the torture chamber, plunging the stairs into total darkness.**	

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79 What did Jasmine do immediately when she heard voices above the torture chamber? [2m]

Do not write in this space

_____

_____

80 Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

		True / False	Reason
(i)	*The tour guide patiently led Jasmine back to the tour group so that they could continue with the tour.*		
(ii)	*Jasmine managed to silp past the guard because he was not looking at her.*		
(iii)	*Jasmine enjoyed the tour in the torture chamber.*		

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SUBJECT : English

TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	4	4	4	3	1	4	4	3	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
1	3	2	3	2	1	2	2	1	4
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
2	2	2	1	4	1	4	1		

29)A

30)H

31)B

32)N

33)G

34)D

35)K

36)M

37)L

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38)C

39)renowned

40)efficient

41)flow

42)had

43)immediately

44)increased

45)stagnant

46)wastefully

47)hygienic

48)is

49)usage

50)substituting

51)much

52)attention

53)their

54)if

55)conducted

56)when

57)know

58)true

59)understand

60)able

61)last

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62)make

63)only

64)its

65)from

66)Ravi asked his coach why the tennis match had been postponed.

67)The pupils nodded when the teacher asked them if they understand the problem sum.

68)As the result of his recklessness,the driver crashed into a lamp post.

69)Mr Lim donated a large sum of money to the school out of his generosity.

70)The canteen is being cleaned by the pupils at the movement.

71)The tour was held at a castle.

72)The tour guide raised her bright red flag in the air so that the tourist could see where she was and follow her.

73)Jasmine's father stopped because her mother had gone to the gift shop and he wanted Jasmine to wait for them.

74)3 , 1 , 2

75)disapproving and glared

76)The tour guide did not want Jasmine to wander off again

77)It – The tour guide's voice heard through the microphone

There – The gift shop where her mother and father were at.

Them - The horrible-looking tools made out of iron and wood.

78)Seeing the sign that read "Torture chamber".

Hesitant

Banged on the door with her fist until they were sore.

79)Jasmine raced up the stairs and shouted for the guards not to close the torture chamber.

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80)i)False – The tour guide grasped Jasmine's elbow and marched back to the tour group

ii)True – The bored-looking guard was focused on a group of tourist as Jasmine slipped past him.

iii)False – She decided it was not a nice place to be her own and decided to head back into the sunlight to find her parents.

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