METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)
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MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2019
PRIMARY 3

ENGLISH LANGUAGE 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 My sisters and I usually take the MRT train on Saturdays to visit _____ grandmother.

(1) my
(2) our
(3) her
(4) their

2 Every morning, Sumei _____ a glass of warm honey drink before going for her jog.

(1) drink
(2) drank
(3) drunk
(4) drinks

3 Jason bought a hamster last weekend and he _____ it 'Cookie'.

(1) name
(2) names
(3) named
(4) was naming

4 My bedroom has been painted _____ not in the colour that I asked for.

(1) so
(2) for
(3) but
(4) and

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5 The thief jumped _____ the drain to escape from the police.

(1) along
(2) across
(3) around
(4) against

6 Miss Chua asked the class, "_____ anyone like to take part in the storytelling competition?"

(1) Might
(2) Could
(3) Would
(4) Should

7 "This pair of jeans _____ too long. Please alter it for me," Jane commented.

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

8 Ryan tried to _____ his sister up but she was too tired and did not hear him.

(1) woke
(2) wake
(3) wakes
(4) woken

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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 Before taking any photographs, Father read the _____ to find out how to operate the new camera.

(1) atlas
(2) manual
(3) calendar
(4) directory

10 Upon hearing the loud bang, the squirrel _____ away and disappeared behind the tree.

(1) ambled
(2) scurried
(3) fluttered
(4) waddled

11 The presentation was _____ until next week as the boss had to attend an urgent meeting in Japan.

(1) put on
(2) put off
(3) put out
(4) put away

12 "Stop being so _____ and just pick one yoghurt flavour. You have already changed your mind five times!" Judy exclaimed.

(1) fickle
(2) sensitive
(3) unreliable
(4) inconsistent

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13 When we saw Mr Andrews wearing the purple costume, red hat and green wig, we could not _____ our laughter.

(1) subdue
(2) constrict
(3) suppress
(4) compress

14 Ravi realised something was _____ when he saw two suspicious-looking men loitering along the corridor.

(1) amiss
(2) astray
(3) informal
(4) incorrect

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Section C: 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) because	(B) but	(C) from
(D) of	(E) than	(F) then

Plastic pollution is a big problem affecting our environment today. Our excessive use _____ (15) plastic causes a lot of harm to humans and animals around the world.

Not only do the plastic items pile up at rubbish dumps, _____ (16) they also end up in the ocean where they hurt marine animals. Some animals get tangled up in the waste while others die after swallowing plastic which is mistaken for food.

Plastic takes thousands of years to disappear _____ (17) the earth. We need to use less plastic and recycle it rather _____ (18) simply throwing it in the trash. Every little effort from each person will make our planet a better place to live in.

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Section D: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

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

Jasmine is so excited today as she has been looking forward to the annual school carnival. Everyone in the class **(19)** [arrives / arrive] punctually for the carnival. One of their form teachers **(20)** [is / are] giving out balloons at the school entrance. The school is decorated with colourful banners and streamers.

Although it is still early, a group of children **(21)** [is / are] already queueing up at the popular cotton candy stall. Excitedly, Jasmine and her classmates join the snaking queue too.

Next, Jasmine decides to **(22)** [has / have] a try at the ball toss game. She hopes to play all the games in the carnival before the day ends.

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Section E: Editing (4 marks)

There are spelling and grammatical errors in the underlined words. Write the correct word in the boxes provided.

Pulau Ubin is an island off Eastern Singapore. Do you want to know what Singapore was like in the 1960s? A day trip to Pulau Ubin will take you back to olden

(23) [ ]

Singapore with the simpler **plezures** of life. The people there live in kampongs or villages and they do not require a driving licence or helmet to ride their motorcycles around.

(24) [ ]

Your **advencher** begins on a bumboat ride leaving from Changi Village. When

(25) [ ]

you **arrived**, you will be greeted by swaying coconut trees, shady rubber

(26) [ ]

plantations and quiet beaches. You can **exploring** the place by renting mountain bikes or by walking. Before you head back to mainland Singapore, do also remember to tuck into some scrumptious kampong cuisine.

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Section F: Vocabulary Cloze (6 marks)

Read the passage carefully. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. **Write its letter (A to H) in the blank. USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A) attention	(B) bellowed	(C) concentration	(D) mistake
(E) panicked	(F) petrified	(G) pretended	(H) thrilling

When I look back on my childhood, I always think of my cousins, Mia and Mike. I have many fond memories of playing with them. The "pillow" incident is one of them.

One day at a home furnishing store, Mike decided it would be _____ **(27)** if we buried him under the big pillows. Mia and I were laughing and enjoying ourselves when we spotted the salesgirl coming our way. Feeling _____ **(28)**, our faces turned pale. We quickly ran to the next store without Mike.

"Boo!" Mike _____ **(29)**, wanting to scare us. The salesgirl screamed and it attracted the _____ **(30)** of everyone in the store. Mike realised his _____ **(31)** and started running away too. He ran into the next store and _____ **(32)** to be shopping. However, the salesgirl caught us and told us to return the pillows to her store. We apologised to her and did as we were told.

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Section G: Sentence Combining (2 marks)

For each of the questions **33** and **34**, 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.

33 Roger took an afternoon nap. Roger was very tired.

_____ **because**

_____.

34 It was time to go home. The students continued to stay in the classroom.

_____ **although**

_____.

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Section H: Comprehension (Selected Response) (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

My sister, Emily, snores. Sometimes, she sounds like she is blowing her nose. Last night was the loudest night ever. I tried sleeping with my earmuffs on but they were very uncomfortable.

I thought about how to solve my problem all day. During dinner, I asked Mother, "May I move into the guest room? Emily snores so loudly that I can't sleep!"

"I would love to have my own room too. Jessica is messy," Emily complained.

After dinner, I raced upstairs to our room to pack. Emily followed. She shook her head as she picked up my pyjamas from the floor and handed it to me. Then, I made my way to the guest room excitedly.

At nine o'clock, Mother tucked me into bed. Just then, I heard a strange noise. Before Mother left, she explained that it was only the whirring of the ceiling fan. I wondered why I had never heard it before. My new room was almost pitch black. Staring at the wardrobe door, I wondered what scary monsters hid in there. I tossed and turned in bed. There were still many hours until morning. I thought about Emily and how she would always comfort me when I had a bad dream. We would also whisper secrets late at night. I started to miss being in the same room as Emily.

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Suddenly, the door opened. Looking up, I broke into a smile as I saw Emily standing in the doorway with my teddy bear. I eagerly asked Emily to climb into bed with me. I learnt that night that I love Emily – even when she snores. 20

Adapted from My Sister Snores

35 Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

Emily found Jessica's pyjamas _____. [1m]

	on the floor
	in the doorway
	in the wardrobe

Do not write in this space

For **Q36 – 38**, read each statement and tick (✓) either "True" or "False". An example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	The writer's sister snores.	✓	
36	Jessica moved into the guest room because her mother asked her to.		
37	A strange noise woke Jessica up from her sleep.		
38	The guest room was very dark.		

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39 Which three-word phrase from paragraph 5 has the same meaning as "moved about restlessly"? [1m]

40 Put the following statements in the right sequence, according to the flow in the story. Write **1, 2 and 3** on the lines provided. [1m]

_____ Mother tucked Jessica into bed.

_____ Jessica constantly thought of the solution to her problem.

_____ Jessica looked hard at the wardrobe door.

For **Q41 and 42**, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets. [2m]

41 Jessica needed earmuffs because _____.

(1) Emily was snoring
(2) the ceiling fan was noisy
(3) Emily was whispering secrets to her
(4) Mother was explaining about the strange noise ( )

42 When Jessica had a bad dream, Emily would usually _____.

(1) alert Mother
(2) give her a teddy bear
(3) climb into bed with her
(4) comfort her to make her feel better ( )

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Section I: Comprehension (Open-Ended) (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions **43 to 47.**

One day, on my way back from school, I saw an old man sitting on a stool next to several pairs of second-hand shoes. He seemed to have been sitting there for a long while. He appeared tired as he watched the passers-by walk past him. Nobody seemed interested to buy those shoes.

Then, a little girl walked towards the old man. She asked him, "May I help to polish your shoes to earn some money?" That old man sympathised with the shabbily-dressed girl. He smiled and gave her a shoe to polish.

Curious, the old man asked, "Why do you need the money?"

"I'm doing this so I can earn enough to buy a new school uniform for my brother," the girl explained. When the old man heard her heartwarming explanation, tears brimmed in his eyes.

The old man said, "Oh, little girl. Stop doing this and come with me. I'll buy your brother a uniform."

I followed them as they walked to the market. When they reached the store, the old man did what he had promised earlier. The girl was delighted and exclaimed, "Thank you so much for doing this. You're so kind." Then

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she skipped off and left the market, leaving the old man smiling at her. I was touched by what I had seen.

Just when the old man started to walk away from the market, I ran after him and whispered in his ear, "I saw what you have done. You're my hero!" As I walked away, I glanced back and I could see him beaming, this time at me.

I was blown away by what I had just witnessed. Someone who had so little for himself, was able to show such incredible generosity to another person. It then dawned on me that I had a lot to be thankful for. I hope that some day I can show my appreciation of what I have by following the example of that old man. He had so little, yet he was willing to share it with others.

Adapted from *Stories of Kindness from Around the World*

For **Q43 and Q44**, write your answers in complete sentences.

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43 Why did the girl ask for shoes to polish from the old man? [2m]

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

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	Sentence	True / False	Reason
i.	**The old man sold many pairs of shoes that day.**		
ii.	**After the old man heard why the little girl was polishing shoes, he was touched.**		

45 Which two-word phrase from lines 23 to 28 tells you that the writer was impressed by what he had seen at the market? [1m]

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For **Q46 & 47**, write your answers in complete sentences.

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46 Give a reason why the old man smiled after the little girl left the market. [1m]

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47 Explain clearly why the writer was impressed by the old man's act of generosity. [2m]

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Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18		
2	1	3	1	D	B	C	E		

Q19)	arrives	Q23)	pleasures	Q27)	H
Q20)	is	Q24)	adventures	Q28)	F
Q21)	is	Q25)	arrive	Q29)	B
Q22)	have	Q26)	explore	Q30)	A

Q31)	D
Q32)	G
Q33)	Roger took an afternoon nap because he was very tired.
Q34)	The students continued to stay in the classroom although it was time to go home.
Q35)	on the floor
Q36)	False
Q37)	[illegible]e
Q38)	True
Q39)	Tossed and turned
Q40)	2 , 1 , 3
Q41)	1
Q42)	4
Q43)	She wanted to earn enough money from the old man to buy a new school uniform for her brother.
Q44)	i)False / Nobody was interested to buy the shoes from the old man.

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	ii)True / Teans brimmed in his eyes.
Q45)	blown away
Q46)	The old man was pleased that he had helped the girl.
Q47)	The old man had little with him, but he still shared it with someone who had nothing

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