METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)
Founded in 1887

MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2019
PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

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Class: Primary **4** _____

Date : 13 May 2019

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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 Optical Answer Sheet.

1 Kathy and I felt very proud of _____ for winning the singing competition yesterday.

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

2 Each of the girls _____ patiently for their turn to buy food during recess every day.

(1) wait
(2) waits
(3) waited
(4) have been waiting

3 The kind lady, _____ we met yesterday, was the owner of the famous pizza restaurant.

(1) where
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) whose

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4 Janet has not arrived yet,_____ we have to continue the hike without her.

(1) if

(2) so

(3) since

(4) unless

5 "Can you help me carry some of _____ files that I'm holding now to the staff room?" Sanjay asked Jim.

(1) this

(2) that

(3) these

(4) those

6 "Can you add _____ cubes of sugar for me in this tea please?" Mrs Loi asked the waiter.

(1) any

(2) a few

(3) a little

(4) much

7 Aunt Mary enjoys _____ at the boutique with her best friend.

(1) shop

(2) shops

(3) shopped

(4) shopping

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8 Once we heard the fire alarm _____, we made our way to the parade square.

(1) ring

(2) rings

(3) rang

(4) rung

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 The lion dance _____ welcomed the distinguished guests as they arrived for the opening of the restaurant.

(1) band

(2) troop

(3) squad

(4) troupe

10 The adventures in Tim's book were _____ described with such details that the reader could imagine being part of the experience.

(1) flexibly

(2) diligently

(3) meticulously

(4) responsively

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11 Sue comforted her sister and assured her that their dog would be able to _____ the surgery.

(1) pull up
(2) pull off
(3) pull away
(4) pull through

12 A string of defeats has failed to _____ the basketball team's spirits in vying for the national championship.

(1) bother
(2) burden
(3) darken
(4) dampen

13 The tourist was _____ at the Immigration Checkpoint when the police officer found a suspicious-looking object in her suitcase.

(1) retained
(2) detained
(3) contained
(4) maintained

14 Sally's forehead was badly _____ when she slipped and hit the pillar.

(1) beaten
(2) bruised
(3) pounded
(4) damaged

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Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (5 marks)
Read the advertisement carefully and answer questions 15 to 19.

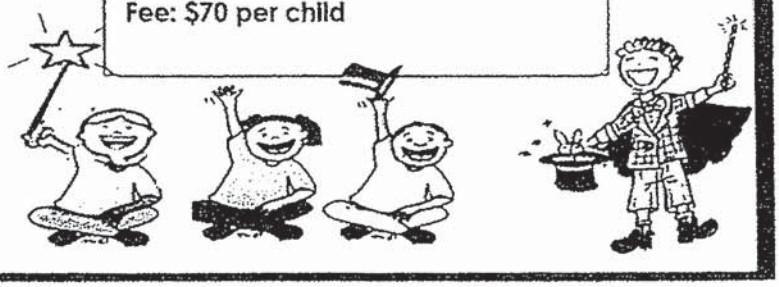
MAGIC FOR KIDS



Want to learn how to do some "cool" magic?

Sign up for our workshop!

Date: 1 June 2019
Place: Kidz Planet @ Sophia Mall
Time: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Fee: $70 per child





Age Categories	
6 – 12 years old	13 – 16 years old
You will learn how to:	
• make a spoon bend • make a ball vanish and appear again • make a coin disappear	• make playing cards float mysteriously in the air • pull a rabbit out of a hat • make a coin disappear and pluck it out from thin air

Early bird special: Sign up by 15 May 2019 to receive a gift*.
Enquiries: email kidzplanet@gmail.com or call Kidz Planet at 66774431
To sign up, visit: www.kidzplanet.sg.

*Free Magic Wand while stocks last.

You can also purchase the following bundle at $25:
a book of magic tricks and a magic kit





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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 This advertisement invites children to _____.

(1) buy a book of magic tricks
(2) be a member of 'kidzplanet'
(3) join a workshop to learn magic tricks
(4) put up a magic show in front of an audience

16 Which one of the following will all participants learn to do? They will learn how to _____.

(1) make an object disappear
(2) pull an animal out from a hat
(3) make an object float in the air
(4) make an object bend and straighten again

17 To receive a gift, you need to _____.

(1) register by 15 May 2019
(2) pay $70 by 1 June 2019
(3) purchase the bundle offer at $25
(4) be the first to arrive on 1 June 2019

18 Which one of the following statements is <u>not</u> true?

(1) The workshop starts in the afternoon.
(2) The fee excludes the magic kit and book of magic tricks.
(3) Participants have to sign up for the workshop at a website.
(4) Only participants aged 13-16 are qualified to receive the magic wand.

19 Isabelle wants to find out more about the workshop. She can _____.

(1) enquire at Sophia Mall
(2) call Sophia Mall at 66774431
(3) email kidzplanet@gmail.com
(4) visit the website at www.kidzplanet.sg

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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) at	(B) of	(C) on
(D) from	(E) off	(F) up

People use and discard plastic every day. It is believed that people get rid

_____ **(20)** 8.8 million tonnes of plastic daily. The plastic waste then ends

_____ **(21)** in the ocean every year.

How does plastic waste get into the ocean? Plastic that is left _____ **(22)**

the ground as litter often leads into drains and rivers and eventually into the ocean.

Plastic trash is different _____ **(23)** other types of waste because it does

not decompose. Therefore, it stays in the ocean forever.

Adapted from https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/

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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.

Siti and her sisters head to the park near their house every weekend. The girls usually **(24)** [go / goes] there to cycle. Alya, one of Siti's sisters, **(25)** [enjoy / enjoys] looking at the scenery when they are at the park. On a few occasions, both Alya and Siti **(26)** [has / have] spotted butterflies and some rare birds while cycling.

Maya, Siti's other sister, **(27)** [organise / organises] a cycling meet with their friends on the last Saturday of every month. The children love to cycle because they believe that it is good for their health and they can also socialise with their friends through this activity.

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Section F: Sentence Combining (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 You will need to buy a jacket if you do not have one.

_____

unless _____.

29 Mrs Lim told her pupils, "I want your homework to be handed in today.

Mrs Lim told her pupils _____

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Section G: Comprehension Cloze (6 marks)

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

Leopards are members of the cat family. They live in Africa and some parts of Asia. Like all cats, leopards are meat-eaters. They _____ (30) at night for their prey, which may include baboons, large birds, antelopes or even porcupines. They may hunt for fish too because unlike other cats, they are strong swimmers.

Leopards can run as _____ (31) as 58 kilometres per hour in short bursts. _____ (32), they do not run long distances, preferring to stalk their prey before pouncing on them. Leopards are _____ (33) as they can drag the large animals they have killed up trees to eat or store for later. They can also _____ (34) trees to rest or look out for prey.

Unfortunately, leopards are _____ (35) animals and there are very few of them left around the world. This is largely due to humans killing them for their fur. In some areas, farmers also kill them as they attack their livestock.

Adapted from *Leopards and Cheetahs* – R.I.C Publications

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Helen packed a small suitcase, said goodbye to her mother, and hurried out of the house to catch the bus to the train station. There was no one else waiting at the bus stop, so it looked as if a bus had just left. Helen looked at her watch anxiously: it was already two o'clock. Her train would leave at half-past two, and since it would take at least twenty minutes to reach the station, she did not have much time to spare, even if a bus came along at once.

Just then, a taxi came slowly down the road. Helen knew the fare to the station would be at least $8. It was more than she could afford, but she quickly made up her mind that it would be well worth the extra expense so that she could reach the train station in time. When she got into the taxi, she immediately told the driver she was in a rush. He said he would take a short cut.

Suddenly, as they were turning from a side street into the main road, the taxi ran into a car. There was a loud crash and Helen was thrown forward so suddenly that she hit her head on the front seat rather violently. Both drivers got out of their vehicles and started arguing with each other. Helen tried to stop them but neither of them took any notice of her.

Helen was quite sure she was going to miss her train although she was not far from the station. She was wondering what to do when a bus came into sight, going in the direction of the station. Helen got her suitcase out of the taxi and ran towards the bus. The bus had stopped to let some passengers off. The bus captain had seen her running for the bus and did not move off until she boarded. Helen managed to make it to the station in time after all. If she had waited for the taxi driver to stop arguing, she would have missed it for sure.

Adapted from *Helen Catches the Train*

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36 According to the first paragraph, Helen decided not to take a bus because _____. [1m]

(1) the bus was running late
(2) she had a suitcase to carry
(3) she had just missed the bus
(4) a taxi ride would be more affordable ( )

37 Which word has the same meaning as forcefully? Circle **(A)** or **(B)**. [1m]

There was a loud crash and Helen was thrown forward so <u>suddenly</u> **(A)** that she hit her head on the front seat rather <u>violently</u> **(B)**.

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

_____ Helen reached the station by bus.

_____ Helen told the taxi driver she was in a hurry.

_____ Helen tried to stop the argument between the drivers.

For questions **39** to **40**, read each statement and tick (✓) either "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Helen had to take the train by half-past two.	✓	
Q39	Helen paid the taxi driver before running off for the bus.		
Q40	The bus captain moved off immediately after the passengers alighted.		

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Section I: Comprehension (Open-Ended) (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions **41 to 47**.

George headed to the backyard where Becky, his sister, was riding her tricycle. With a deep sigh, he said, "I might as well **make the best of things**." He had grabbed a book earlier and decided to settle under a shady tree.

Earlier that morning, George had watched his mother leave. He sat down and stared glumly at the calendar. It was 3 April – Tomato Planting Day. George had looked forward to planting tomatoes with Aunt Joy. Instead of a fun-filled day ahead of him, he had to babysit Becky. Mother had remembered her dental appointment only that morning and there was no possibility to find a babysitter so quickly.

An hour later, George heard loud voices. Looking up from his book, he saw Tom seated on Becky's tricycle. George had never liked this troublesome intruder from next door who paid them regular visits. Becky stubbornly clung to the handle bars, trying to keep Tom from riding it. Tom was saying, "You're too small. Let me ride it!" At that point, George saw Becky raise her hand.

George ran towards them as he knew that there was going to be a fight. "What shall I do? How can I stop **this**?" thought George. Just then, the answer came. "Sorry Tom, Becky has to leave. We are going to be late. We have to help Aunt Joy plant her seeds. Come on, let's go." George grabbed Becky's hand, locked the tricycle in the garage and hurried her away before any more trouble could begin.

Aunt Joy beamed when she saw the children at her garden gate. She explained to them what had to be done. George raked the soil and made long grooves in the surface. Becky planted the seeds, then covered them carefully with soil. The job was completed in two hours.

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"How can I thank you two?" asked Aunt Joy, appreciatively. It would have 25
taken me at least five hours to plant the seeds all by myself!" She was especially impressed with the handiwork of her five-year-old niece. As a gesture of her gratitude, she rewarded them with cash and cookies. The day for George had turned out better than expected.

41 Pick a two-word phrase from the first paragraph which showed that George was not looking forward to babysit Becky. [1m]

Do not write in this space.

For questions **42** to **47**, write your answers in complete sentences.

42 How did George "make the best of things" (line 2)? [1m]

43 Why was George feeling glum after he looked at the calendar? [2m]

44 What does "**this**" in line 16 refer to? [1m]

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45 What do you think Becky would do to Tom if George did not stop them from arguing? How do you know? [2m]

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46 For question **46**, state whether each statement in the table is **True** or **False**. Give one reason why you think so. [2m]

	Sentence	True / False	Reason
(i)	It was the first time that George had encountered Tom's irritating behaviour.		
(ii)	Aunt Joy did not expect Becky to be able to help plant the tomato seeds well.		

47 Why was Aunt Joy very grateful for George's and Becky's help? [1m]

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3	2	3	2	3	2	4	1	4	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	
4	4	2	2	3	1	1	4	3	

BOOKLET B

Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23
B	F	C	D

Q24. go
Q25. enjoys
Q26. have
Q27. organises
Q28. You will need to buy a jacket unless you have one.
Q29. Mrs Lim told her pupils that she wanted their homework to be handed in that day.
Q30. hunt
Q31. fast
Q32. However
Q33. strong
Q34. climb
Q35. endang ered

BOOKLET C

Q36. 3
Q37. B
Q38. 3,1,2
Q39. false
Q40. false
Q41. deep sigh
Q42. He had grabbed a book earlier and decided to settle under a shady tree.
Q43. It was 3 April and was Tomato Planting Day, he looked forward to planting tomatoes with Aunt Joy but he needed to baby sit Becky.
Q44. It refers to the fight between Becky and Tom.

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Q45. Becky would hit Tom. Becky raised her hand an George knew that there was going to be a fight.

Q46.

(i)	False	George had never liked this troublesome intruder from next door who paid them regular visits.
(ii)	True	She was especially impressed with the handiwork of her five-year-old niece.

Q47. It would have taken her at least five hours to plant the seeds all by herself.

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