MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

2019 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

13 May 2019 (Monday)

28 marks

Total Time for Booklets A & B: 1 hour 50 minutes

NAME	: _____ ( )
CLASS	: PRIMARY 6 _____

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1. Rokiah has the habit of _____ her mother to wash the dishes after every meal.

(1) help
(2) helps
(3) helped
(4) helping

2. I called my sister to congratulate her _____ her recent success.

(1) in
(2) at
(3) on
(4) for

3. My mother gives my elder brother and _____ our weekly allowance every Monday morning.

(1) I
(2) my
(3) me
(4) mine

4. Mike has not put in _____ effort into completing the piece of art, so he is sure that it will not win the top prize.

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

5. _____ some differences in our opinions, Shanice and I do have many common views.

(1) Due to
(2) Although
(3) Whereas
(4) Other than

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6. "Mother said we could go skating together,_____?" Jovina asked her sister.

(1) did she
(2) didn't she
(3) could she
(4) couldn't she

7. The twins, unlike their sisters, _____ going to the library every weekend.

(1) enjoy
(2) enjoys
(3) enjoyed
(4) will enjoy

8. If I had known your problem, I _____ offered my help.

(1) had
(2) have
(3) shall have
(4) would have

9. I met many old friends at the party, some of _____ I had not seen for years.

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

10. Sitting under the coconut tree, Josiah felt something _____ on his head.

(1) fell
(2) fall
(3) fallen
(4) was falling

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For each question from 11 to 15, 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 (OAS).** (5 marks)

11. The criminal tried to _____ the police _____ his track by disguising himself as another person.

(1) throw ... up
(2) throw ... off
(3) throw ... out
(4) throw ... away

12. The manager decided to _____ the teams when he realised the workers were not working well together.

(1) disband
(2) disperse
(3) dismantle
(4) discharge

13. John's bullying ways _____ all his schoolmates and they informed the Discipline Master.

(1) enraptured
(2) enslaved
(3) enriched
(4) enraged

14. Unable to _____ his temper, the angry toddler threw a tantrum at the shopping mall.

(1) limit
(2) curb
(3) evade
(4) restrict

15. Chris _____ confidence as he spoke, impressing the panel of interviewers.

(1) exuded
(2) emitted
(3) engulfed
(4) embraced

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For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. **Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.** (5 marks)

My parents enrolled me for piano lessons when I was five. My confidence grew by the day and my piano teacher registered me for the Grade One piano examination.

The day of the examination arrived. I left home with mixed emotions. I was **(16)**immensely fearful about having to play the piano in front of an examiner. On the other hand, I was **(17)**hopeful as I would be playing two of my favourite songs.

What if I forget the notes? What if the examiner gives me **(18)**stern comments at the end? The various "what ifs" flashed through my mind repeatedly. To add to my nervousness, I entered the wrong examination room. **(19)**Flustered, I was almost in tears by the time I found the place. However, I **(20)**regained my composure and managed to do my best. It was indeed an unforgettable learning experience.

16. (1) densely
(2) extremely
(3) frequently
(4) continually

17. (1) convinced
(2) optimistic
(3) fortunate
(4) anxious

18. (1) harsh
(2) difficult
(3) dangerous
(4) threatening

19. (1) Baffled
(2) Agitated
(3) Distraught
(4) Distracted

20. (1) rejoined
(2) retrieved
(3) reclaimed
(4) recovered

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Read the flyer below carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.



Cyber Wellness Exhibition

These days it can be challenging to tell fact from fiction, especially for kids. Having one of the highest percentages of internet users in Asia, Singaporeans need to become more aware and be responsible when using the Internet. With this in mind, we have organised the Cyber Wellness exhibition once again.

Find out more! Join us at our Cyber Wellness Exhibition!

Date: 15 - 21 May 2019

Venue: National Library, Atrium

Time: 10am to 8pm daily

Free Admission!

Free goodie bags!
While stocks last!

Free Workshops

Take part in our 30-minute interactive workshops throughout the day!

We are confident you will enjoy yourself while learning about information literacy!

Places are offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

Fake News Alert! Learn how to identify fake news using the S.U.R.E strategy.	**Research Skills*** Not sure where to find information for your school projects? Get ideas here!	**Smart Shopper** Think you got the best deal for an online purchase? Think again! Find out how to clinch the best bargains!	**Calling Bluff!**** Don't fall prey to scammers! Find out more about common scams such as online shopping scams and lucky draw scams.
10.00 am	11.00 am	12.00 pm	1.00 pm
2.00 pm	3.00 pm	4.00 pm	5.00 pm
6.00 pm	6.30 pm	7.00 pm	8.00 pm

**Perfect for students!*
*** Senior citizens are strongly encouraged to attend.*

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What is Fake News and how do you spot it?

S.U.R.E.

Source · Understand · Research · Evaluate



Source	Understand	Research	Evaluate
Look at its origins. Make sure that the source of information is credible and reliable.	Know what you are reading. Look for facts rather than opinions.	Dig deeper. Go beyond the initial source. Check and compare with multiple sources.	Find the balance. Exercise fair judgment. Remember, there are two sides to a story.

On-The-Spot Contest

Identify fake news and stand a chance to win a limited edition S.U.R.E thumbdrive.

Criteria: Attend 2 out of 4 interactive workshops

Prizes: 100 thumbdrives to be given away per day



Meet and Greet

Do not forget to take a picture with our cyber wellness mascot, Mr Sharkie, at our photo booth situated at the entrance.





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21. What is the **main** purpose of the exhibition?

(1) To stop the spread of fake news
(2) To recommend the S.U.R.E strategy
(3) To promote the responsible use of the Internet
(4) To create awareness of online information literacy

22. The exhibition is targeted at _____.

(1) senior citizens
(2) the general public
(3) people who shop online
(4) students doing school projects

23. Aisha wants to attend the interactive workshops. She needs to arrive early as the workshops are _____.

(1) a limited edition
(2) perfect for students
(3) only thirty minutes long
(4) on a first-come-first-served basis

24. Mr Dass would only like to attend the "Fake News Alert" workshop at the exhibition. He would **not** be able to _____.

(1) find out more about S.U.R.E.
(2) learn about information literacy
(3) attend the workshop at no cost
(4) take part in the on-the-spot contest

25. What is the similarity between "Smart Shopper" and "Calling Bluff?

(1) They only cater to senior citizens.
(2) They benefit people who shop online.
(3) They prevent people from being scammed.
(4) They help online shoppers get the best bargains.

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26. Exclamation marks are used in the flyer to _____.

(1) generate excitement in the reader
(2) provide details about the activities
(3) emphasise the importance of the event
(4) inform people about the free workshops

27. According to S.U.R.E, when identifying fake news, one should _____.

(1) disregard the origins of the source
(2) pay attention to only one side of a story
(3) find out more by looking at different sources
(4) give more importance to opinions rather than facts

28. Which one of the statements is true?

(1) Every attendee of the workshop will receive a free goodie bag.
(2) This is the first time the Cyber Wellness Exhibition is being held.
(3) Infocomm Board Singapore is the sole organiser of the exhibition.
(4) Participants in the on-the-spot contest stand a chance to win a thumbdrive.

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MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

2019 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

13 May 2019 (Monday)

67 marks

Total Time for Booklets A & B: 1 hour 50 minutes

NAME : _____ ( )

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MARKS OBTAINED		
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BOOKLET B	: _____	/ 67
TOTAL	: _____	/ 95

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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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) and	(D) for	(G) have	(K) on	(N) through
(B) are	(E) from	(H) in	(L) out	(P) while
(C) as	(F) has	(J) is	(M) since	(Q) who

A few hundred youths are gathered in the open field, sitting cross-legged on the grass. Some are barely awake **(29)**_____ the others are chattering incessantly. They are waiting to attend a training session for Asian Games volunteers.

Indeed, there **(30)**_____ a different group of unsung heroes behind the organisers, sponsors and athletics in the limelight **(31)**_____ are helping to make this Asian Games a success. They are the youths from Heartware. These young volunteers have been recruited by the local charity group. They willingly give up their free time **(32)**_____ this good cause, forming firm friendships in the process.

Heartware is a youth organisation that seeks to instil positive values in young people **(33)**_____ volunteerism. It creates opportunities for them in areas of development, leadership **(34)**_____ entrepreneurship.

Youths selected **(35)**_____ volunteers for the Asian Games have undergone a series of training sessions to pick up skills that will aid them **(36)**_____ their Asian Games duties.

This promising batch of volunteers from Heartware **(37)**_____ certainly been working hard in order to carry **(38)**_____ their duties well. They will look back on a successful Asian Games with pride, having gained a rewarding experience and many lasting friendships.

Score:	/ 10

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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)

A faint glow of light could be seen from deep in the forest. Tom's

(39) [ ]

<u>cureocity</u> was piqued and he went towards the light. Upon reaching the small hut

(40) [ ]

in the forest <u>when</u> the light had come from, he crouched low to peer through

(41) [ ]

the window. He could not make <u>up</u> what he was seeing as his eyesight had

(42) [ ] (43) [ ]

<u>ditiriorated.</u> The place seemed <u>deelapitated</u> and the two men inside the house

(44) [ ] (45) [ ]

<u>was</u> deep in a conversation, <u>obleevias</u> to Tom's presence. Not wanting to be

(46) [ ]

spotted <u>after</u> the two men, Tom sneaked into the hut through the back door.

(47) [ ]

The hut was rather dark inside and he inched forward <u>ginjeerly</u> and hid behind some boxes. Tom could now see the two men hastily putting guns into their bags.

(48) [ ]

That sent shivers down Tom's spine. He regretted <u>had</u> sneaked in and wished he

(49) [ ]

was not in such a <u>pricareous</u> situation. The wailing of the sirens could be heard

(50) [ ]

and he heaved a sigh of <u>relieve</u> knowing help was on the way. He promised never to venture out on his own again in the future.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The elephant is Earth's largest land animal, although the Asian elephant is slightly smaller than its African cousin. Asian elephants can be **(51)**_____ by their smaller, rounded ears as compared to their African counterparts. Another **(52)**_____ between the two species is that all African elephants, **(53)**_____ females, have tusks whilst only some Asian male elephants have tusks. Elephants' ears radiate heat **(54)**_____ help keep these large animals cool, but sometimes that is not **(55)**_____. They also spray water all over themselves to lower their body temperature.

An elephant's trunk is actually a long nose with many functions, **(56)**_____ from smelling, breathing, drinking, to trumpeting. The trunk alone contains about 100,000 different muscles. Asian elephants have a finger-like feature on the end of their trunks that they can use to **(57)**_____ small items.

Elephants use their tusks to dig for roots and water, strip bark from trees, and even fight each other. Unfortunately, ivory has gotten them **(58)**_____ a lot of trouble. Since ivory is so **(59)**_____ after by some humans that, many elephants have been killed for their tusks. This trade is illegal today, but the sad truth is, it has not been **(60)**_____ eliminated.

(61)_____ do humans realise the important role elephants play in the eco-system. It is calculated that at least a third of the tree species in central Africa forests **(62)**_____ on elephants for the distribution of seeds. These seeds need to pass **(63)**_____ the digestive tracts of elephants before they can germinate.

To ensure that we do not pave the way **(64)**_____ the extinction of this gentle giant species, we need to focus on creating a future for elephants in a landscape dominated by humans. Time and money **(65)**_____ to be invested in anti-poaching operations and preventing further habitat loss. Together we can make a difference.

Score: / 15

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For each of the questions from 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 given one(s). (10 marks)

66. We cannot use the sports equipment. The teacher must give us permission.

_____ unless

_____ .

67. Although Sandra was reluctant, she attended her ballet class.

It was with _____

_____

68. Her results improved tremendously as she was diligent.

Due to _____

_____

69. The duck was wading in the river. A water snake attacked it.

Wading _____

_____

70. Ms Elnie said, "I drew this picture last year."

Ms Elnie said that _____

_____

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

It was a scorching day. The otherwise typical weekend was causing a stir in the household and not without a reason. Kang and his siblings were bouncing off the walls in anticipation.

It was just a week ago that they had laid their eyes on the adorable little black puppy at the animal shelter. They had attended the animal shelter's adoption drive after a persistent neighbour had spoken to their parents for almost an hour about adopting abandoned animals. Unable to bear **the lecture** any longer, their parents had signed up for the animal adoption drive. Kang recalled how they had to brave the weather to arrive at their destination that day. Due to the downpour, there were very few visitors at the venue. Eyeing the muddy ground and glancing at her sparkling new pair of shoes, Mother chose to wait in the car. Knowing her daughter very well, she was certain that Kang's strong-willed sister Ling would not fancy pets. However, Father and the three siblings trotted back to the car merely an hour later with a signed adoption slip in their hands. "Did you **really** adopt a puppy?" she had gasped in disbelief. Since then, Mother had accepted **the reality** and began making arrangements for the additional member in the family.

After waiting for almost a week, the **much-awaited moment** finally arrived. One-Eyed would be a new addition to the family! Kang felt that the name was suitable considering the puppy's physical disability. When One-Eyed arrived, everyone wanted to do something for her: feed her, teach her tricks and take long walks with her. Everybody was happy to have this active, playful, shaggy new addition to the family and got to spend lots of time with her. All except Kang.

Being the youngest in the family had its advantages, of course. However, **it** also came with a fair share of trouble. Kang was often told what he could not do and why by his older siblings. When he asked if he could help with the household chores, he would be told, "You will mess it up!" At other times, "You will not understand us!" is what he would hear if he wanted to join in a conversation. Every time Kang asked his older siblings if he could pat One-Eyed, they would tell him that he had germs on his hands and if he touched One-Eyed, the puppy would die. Kang believed them and was scared that something unthinkable might happen to the dog. When Mother heard this, she scolded Chang and Ling, "You'd better stop teasing your little brother!"

Little brother! That was exactly what they thought he was. Kang was angry. One day, he took one look at the dog and decided, "I'll show them what a little kid can do!" He took One-Eyed into the bathroom. "I'm going to give you a bath!" he declared. One-Eyed gazed at Kang with her one good eye; it was as if she knew that disaster was going to befall her. The eight-year-old looked at the sink. *Too small,* he thought. He finally decided on what he thought was a perfect place for a dog bath – the toilet bowl!

Kang took his sister's shampoo and poured it into the toilet bowl. Then he put the dog in. He began scrubbing all the dirt off the dog with Mother's towels. He was pleased with himself for the accomplishment so far. The finishing touch was to pull down the lever, which he did. However, the flushing sound of the toilet bowl made the dog yelp! She tried to escape, but the shampoo was too slippery. The water was going down and One-Eyed's legs were going down with it! Kang panicked. He tore into the living room and in between tears and wails, explained the horror that had happened. Father wasted no time in reaching the crisis zone. He lifted up a wet and frightened One-Eyed and dried her.

One-Eyed was fine, but she did stay away from Kang for a while. Even though the family never discussed the incident again, they knew what Kang was **trying to prove**. Flushing the dog down the toilet may not be the best way to make a point, but for an eight-year-old, it was his best shot!

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71. Pick out a four-word phrase from the first paragraph that tells that the siblings were very excited. [1m]

72. Why did Mother choose to stay in the car in line 10? [2m]

73. Why did Mother use the word 'really' in line 13? [1m]

74. What was the 'much-awaited moment' in line 16? [1m]

75. What do the following words in the passage refer to? [3m]

the lecture (*line 7*)	
the reality (*line 14*)	
it (*line 22*)	

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

	True/False	Reason
Kang's parents were looking forward to the animal adoption drive.		
Mother was very sure that father and the children would not adopt an animal at the adoption drive.		
The puppy had a physical disability.		

77. Based on lines 23-30, fill in the blanks below to show why Kang's older siblings thought he could not be of any help to them. [3m]

When Kang wanted to help with the household chores ⇨ he would _____

When Kang wanted to join in a conversation ⇨ he would _____

When Kang wanted to pat One-Eyed ⇨ he would _____

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78. Based on the information from lines 22-36, fill in the blanks in the following table. [3m]

Character	Feeling	Reason for the feeling	Action taken
Mother	Upset		She reprimanded Chang and Ling.
Kang		His siblings thought he was too small to do anything.	

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79. Which **two** words from the following words best describe how Kang felt in lines 37-44?
Put a tick ✔ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

satisfied ☐ agitated ☐

relieved ☐ terrified ☐

grateful ☐ embarrassed ☐

80. "Even though the family never discussed the incident again, they knew what Kang was **trying to prove.**" (line 46) According to the passage, what was Kang trying to prove? [1m]

_____

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ANSWER KEY

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BOOKLET A

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

BOOKLET B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
P	J	Q	D	N	A	C	H	F	L

Q39	Q40	Q41	Q42	Q43	Q44
curiosity	where	out	deteriorated	dilapidated	were
Q45	Q46	Q47	Q48	Q49	Q50
oblivious	by	gingerly	having	precarious	relief
Q51	Q52	Q53	Q54	Q55	Q56
identified	difference	including	to	sufficient	ranging
Q57	Q58	Q59	Q60	Q61	Q62
carry	into	sought	completely	Little	depend
Q63	Q64	Q65			
through	for	have			

Q66 **We cannot use the sports equipment unless the teacher gives us permission.**

Q67 **It was with reluctance that Sandra attended her ballet class.**

Q68 **Due to her diligence, her results improved tremendously.**

Q69 **Wading in the river, the duck was attacked by a water snake.**

Q70 **Ms Elnie said that she had drawn that picture the previous year.**

Q71 **bouncing off the walls.**

Q72 **Mother saw that the ground was maddy and she did not want to dirty her sparkling new shoes.**

Q73 **Mother was shocked that they actually adopted a dog.**

Q74 **One-eyed finally arriving.**

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Q75 the lecture (line 7) → Their neighbour speaking to them about adopting abandoned animals.

the reality (line 14) → Father and the three siblings adopted a puppy.

it (line 22) → Being the youngest in the family.

Q76 False → A persistent neighbor lectured Kang's parents to attend the adoption drive.

True → Mother was shocked when she realized that they were adopting a puppy.

True → She only had one good eye.

Q77 (i) mess it up

(ii) not understand the,

(iii) Kill One-Eyed

Q78

Character	Feeling	Reason for the feeling	Action taken
Mother	Upset	She heard Chang and Ling teasing Kang.	She reprimanded Chang and Ling.
Kang	Angry	His sibling thought he was too small to do anything.	He decided to give One-Eyed a bath.

Q79 satisfied & terrified.

Q80 Kang was trying to prove that he could still do chores like bathing One-Eyed by himself and was not too small to do anything.

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