MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

PRIMARY 4 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PART 1

10 May 2021 (Monday)

Total time for Parts 1 & 2 : 1 h 15 min

NAME	: _____ ( )
CLASS	: PRIMARY **4** _____

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2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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SECTION A: GRAMMAR

(10 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct word to complete the blank. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). **Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

1. "Look! This pair of spectacles _____ broken. You cannot wear it anymore," James remarked.

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

2. You cannot play football with your friends_____ you finish your work.

   (1) if
   (2) since
   (3) unless
   (4) because

3. Since Jerry dislikes doing physical activity, he prefers reading _____ jogging.

   (1) to
   (2) for
   (3) than
   (4) from

4. Mum instructed my sister and _____ on what to buy from the supermarket.

   (1) I
   (2) us
   (3) me
   (4) her

5. _____ rose bushes at the end of the street have bloomed.

   (1) This
   (2) That
   (3) These
   (4) Those

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6. Please add _____ sugar to the coffee as it is too bitter for me.

(1) some
(2) a few
(3) many
(4) several

7. You knew about the plans for the surprise birthday party, _____ you?

(1) do
(2) don't
(3) didn't
(4) doesn't

8. Grandma was watching television when the telephone _____.

(1) rang
(2) rung
(3) rings
(4) was ringing

9. Ben and Jill borrowed my pens because they forgot to bring _____.

(1) ours
(2) their
(3) them
(4) theirs

10. Each of these oranges _____ rotten. Mother is going to throw them away later.

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

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SECTION B: VOCABULARY (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct word to complete the blank. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). **Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

11. Mixing bowls, spatulas and measuring cups are some of the _____ needed to bake a cake.

(1) recipe
(2) cutlery
(3) equipment
(4) ingredients

12. Tim's younger brother had _____ up his worksheet and used it as a ball to play with their dog.

(1) scuffled
(2) scorched
(3) scrunched
(4) scampered

13. If you are down with a fever, you are _____ from entering the shopping mall.

(1) limited
(2) admitted
(3) prohibited
(4) obstructed

14. As Mary had made the same mistake repeatedly, Miss Lin is _____ about her learning.

(1) careful
(2) cheerful
(3) cautious
(4) concerned

15. My sister and I helped Grandpa to a seat when he fainted. Thankfully, he _____ after being unconscious for a few minutes.

(1) came in
(2) came to
(3) came up
(4) came down

16. The villagers _____ beautiful baskets as souvenirs for tourists to buy whenever they visit.

(1) knit
(2) build
(3) stamp
(4) weave

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SECTION C: VISUAL TEXT COMPREHENSION **(5 x 2 marks)**

Read the advertisement carefully and then answer questions 17 to 21.

MOTHERHOOD CARE CLUB *Proudly Presents*

MOTHER'S DAY FIESTA

Back by popular demand

Join us as a family in celebrating our mothers on this special day.

Date: 29 May 2021 (Saturday)
Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Venue: Daisy Community Club
Admission Fee: $2 (Tickets can be bought at the entrance.)

200m Mother-Child Dash

Ready to win as a mother-child duo? Come in your sports attire thirty minutes before the event and our staff, Mr Jimmy Poh, will be there to brief you.

Venue: Indoor Sports Hall
Time: 3 p.m.
Child must be 12 years and below.

- First 25 pairs to register will receive a limited edition towel!
- Top three mother-child pairs will win vouchers sponsored by Crown Sporting House.

Sing Away

Feel the love as you watch our performers unleash their talent!

Venue: Auditorium
Time: 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Interested to perform for your loved ones? Come ready with your song choice and dazzle the audience with your singing.

To register for a performance slot, drop an email to Mr Ritz Wee at ritzwee@daisycc.com.sg.

Bake with Chef Peter de Souza

Calling those with a sweet-tooth! Learn how to make cakes and pastries with your mum from the world-renowned celebrity Chef Peter de Souza.

Venue: Cooking Studios 1 & 2
Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Participants must be above 16 years old.

Craft Stall

Looking for a unique gift for your loved ones? Purchase handicraft goods such as pottery and paper roses. Items are handmade with love by children from Sunshine Children's Home!

Venue: Atrium (All day)
All money collected will be donated to the Home.

For more information, visit our website: www.daisycc.com.sg.

Event Sponsors:

Women's Association | FamilyUnited | Crown Sporting House

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For each question from 17 to 21, 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.

17. According to the advertisement, who is the organiser of the 'Mother's Day Fiesta' event?

(1) FamilyUnited
(2) Women's Association
(3) Crown Sporting House
(4) Motherhood Care Club

18. Kevin wants to attend the event with his mother after 3 p.m. He can _____.

(1) bake a cake
(2) make a vase
(3) watch a song performance
(4) take part in the Mother-Child Dash

19. Admission tickets can be bought _____.

(1) at Daisy Community Club
(2) through the organiser's website
(3) through the staff, Mr Jimmy Poh
(4) by sending an email to Mr Ritz Wee

20. Which one of the following statements is **true**?

(1) Limited edition towels are sponsored by Crown Sporting House.
(2) The 'Mother's Day Fiesta' event is being organised for the first time.
(3) 12-year-old Jamie can attend Bake with Chef Peter de Souza at noon.
(4) Funds from the craft stall will be donated to Sunshine Children's Home.

21. The **main** aim of the advertisement is to _____.

(1) encourage the public to bake with their mothers
(2) persuade people to visit Daisy Community Club
(3) promote the various activities at Mother's Day Fiesta.
(4) invite the public to show their appreciation to their mothers

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PART 2

10 May 2021 (Monday)

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CLASS	: PRIMARY **4** _____

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MARKS OBTAINED		
PART 1	: _____	/ **26**
PART 2	: _____	/ **24**
TOTAL	: _____	/ **50**

PARENT'S SIGNATURE : _____

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SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE **(8 x 1 mark)**

Read the following passage carefully. Choose from the words given in the box and fill in each blank with the correct word. Write its **letter** (A to F) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONLY ONCE

PASSAGE 1

(A) to	(B) as	(C) in
(D) on	(E) of	(F) through

On February 5, 2020, the authorities quarantined a cruise ship at the Yokohama dock. Instead of serving dishes at buffets, staff had to put **(22)** _____ surgical masks and deliver about 11,000 boxed meals and snacks a day to the passengers.

The situation got worse for both the crew and passengers when they entered a second week **(23)** _____ quarantine due to the coronavirus disease.

"I can't believe that I could have died from being on this cruise," said Joy Courter, a 75-year-old American novelist, who had to stay **(24)** _____ a cabin with her husband.

To ease anxiety and boredom aboard, entertainment has been made available **(25)** _____ passengers in the comfort of their cabins. They can watch recorded shows and performances on their TVs.

Score: / 4

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PASSAGE 2

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

Why should you be respectful? Being respectful _____ **(26)** [is / are] an important social skill because it shows others that you care enough about them.

People are not perfect. We sometimes _____ **(27)** [forget / forgets] to be respectful, or we may get upset with someone and respond unkindly. The Golden Rule _____ **(28)** [tell / tells] us to treat others as we would want to be treated.

Respect, together with kindness and tolerance, _____ **(29)** [make / makes] the people around you feel good about themselves too. Let us be a positive role model today!

Score: / 4

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SECTION E: VOCABULARY CLOZE **(5 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its **letter** (A to H) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONLY ONCE

(A) fetch	(B) lending	(C) camaraderie	~~(D) borrowing~~
(E) explore	~~(F) curious~~	(G) pick	(H) excitement

Visiting Kampong Lorong Buangkok provides one a glimpse into how rural living in Singapore is like. As the very last kampong on mainland Singapore, it is a place that has intrigued many **(30)**_____ visitors over time.

A strong **(31)**_____ among the Malay and Chinese families living there has existed since the olden days. Treating each other with sincerity cultivates a culture of trust. Neighbours **(32)**_____ items from one another was a common sight back then.

Last December holidays, my family and I joined a guided tour to **(33)** _____ Kampong Lorong Buangkok. Our tour guide came to **(34)**_____ us up in his mini bus.

As the bus drove past some attap houses, I was impressed that there are still families in Singapore who live in wooden-walled and zinc-roofed houses surrounded by nature.

Score: / 5

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SECTION F: SENTENCE MANIPULATION **(3 x 1 mark)**

For each of the items from 35 to 37, 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).

35. Andy reads comics. Andy started reading comics when he was four years old.

_____ since

_____

36. You may find Alice in the classroom. You may find Alice in the canteen.

_____ either

_____

37. Tim was shocked to witness the accident on his way home. So was Tim's mother.

_____ and

_____

Score: / 3

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SECTION G: COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Tom was sitting cross-legged in the living room. He was having online lessons with his English teacher, Mrs Han. Sprawled on his belly, Jerry, his little brother, was doing his homework on the floor.

Mrs Han's voice boomed through Tom's laptop as she explained the water cycle to the class. Sometimes, Tom used his mother's smartphone to access his online lessons. Whenever she was at work, home-based learning for the two siblings was challenging. They had to share the only laptop they owned. Tom was often frustrated by that.

Meanwhile, Jerry inched as quietly as a mouse to Tom's side as he was feeling bored. Springing a surprise, he flashed a cheeky face while waving enthusiastically at the laptop's built-in camera. He clicked the unmute button on the laptop and wailed loudly, "My turn to use it now!"

"Go away!" Tom exclaimed, his face as red as a beetroot.

Hearing the commotion, Tom's classmates started laughing.

"You have an adorable brother, Tom. He didn't mean to embarrass you. Anyway, it's time to end the lesson," Mrs Han comforted him.

Tom longed to have his own laptop so that he could focus on his online lessons. However, he had since learnt to make do with what he has. Tom thought to himself, "As an older brother, I should not be angry with Jerry. I should be gracious and share the laptop with him."

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For Q38 - 39, tick ✓ whether the statement describes Tom or Jerry.
The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Do not write in this space.

Activities Involved		Tom	Jerry
Example	Waving at the laptop screen		✓
38.	Lying on the floor to do his work		
39.	Having online lessons with Mrs Han		

40. Why was Tom unable to use his mother's smartphone that day? [1m]

41. What does the word 'it' in line 12 refer to? [1m]

42. Which word from lines 4 – 12 has the same meaning as 'moved slowly'? [1m]

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43. For Q43, read each sentence and tick ✓ **True** or **False**. [2m]

Do not write in this space.

Sentence	True	False
i) Tom was annoyed by Jerry's actions.		
(ii) Mrs Han ended the lesson because Tom's classmates teased him.		

44. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.
From the incident in this passage, Tom has learnt to be _____. [1m]

- ☐ comforting
- ☐ hardworking
- ☐ understanding

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ANSWER KEY

YEAR : 2021
LEVEL : Primary 4
SCHOOL : Maris Stella High School
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : Mid-Year Examination

BOOKLET A (PAPER 2)

Q1	1	Q2	3	Q3	1	Q4	3	Q5	4
Q6	1	Q7	3	Q8	1	Q9	4	Q10	1
Q11	3	Q12	3	Q13	3	Q14	4	Q15	2
Q16	4	Q17	4	Q18	3	Q19	1	Q20	4
Q21	3								

BOOKLET B (PAPER 2)

Q22	D	Q23	E	Q24	C	Q25	A
Q26	is	Q27	forget	Q28	tells	Q29	makes

Q30	F	Q31	C	Q32	D	Q33	E	Q34	G

Q35	Andy has been reading comics since he was four years old.
Q36	You may find Alice in either the classroom or in the canteen.
Q37	Tim and his mother were shocked to witness the accident on their way home.
Q38	Jerry
Q39	Tom
Q40	Tom's mother was at work.
Q41	It refers to the laptop with the built-in camera.
Q42	inched
Q43	(i) True (ii) False
Q44	understanding

END

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