CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION (2022)
PRIMARY FOUR
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary 4 _____

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43 Questions

1 hour 15 minutes

Component	Marks Awarded	Max Marks
Paper 1 – Writing		20
Paper 2 – Sections A-B	14	50
Paper 2 – Sections C-H	36	
Paper 3 – LC		14
Paper 4 – Oral		16
TOTAL		100

INSTRUCTIONS:

Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all the questions.

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Section A – Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. The pupils _____ eating their food in the canteen during recess this morning.

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

2. Don shows _____ interest in his studies. He spends most of his time playing video games.

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

3. The orang utan is an ape that is _____ danger of becoming extinct.

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

4. Siti does not read as often as she _____. We must encourage her to make reading a habit.

   (1) will
   (2) might
   (3) would
   (4) should

5. Larry wanted to go to the zoo _____ he wanted to see the koalas.

   (1) as
   (2) or
   (3) but
   (4) yet

6. "Please pass _____ book to Paul," said Mrs Lee as she handed it to the class monitor.

   (1) this
   (2) that
   (3) these
   (4) those

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7. Jason _____ the drums at the concert tomorrow evening. His friends will be there to watch his performance.

(1) play
(2) played
(3) is playing
(4) are playing

8. Randy and his friends were asked to behave _____ by Mr Tan.

(1) himself
(2) ourselves
(3) yourselves
(4) themselves

Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)
Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

9. Mrs Loh was disappointed with the bad service she had received at the restaurant so she decided to lodge a _____ to the manager.

(1) note
(2) report
(3) remark
(4) complaint

10. Sulin towers over her siblings. She is _____.

(1) as busy as a bee
(2) as tall as a giraffe
(3) as cool as a cucumber
(4) as proud as a peacock

11. My father's old wallet is very _____. It still looks as good as new even though he had bought it ten years ago.

(1) strong
(2) elastic
(3) steady
(4) durable

12. After being questioned for hours by the police, the man finally _____ to stealing the item from the supermarket.

(1) denied
(2) argued
(3) insisted
(4) admitted

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13. Every year, my school _____ inter-class games for the pupils and everyone participates actively in them.

(1) creates
(2) performs
(3) organises
(4) implements

14. The _____ of air pollution are alarming. They are known to create several respiratory and heart conditions like asthma.

(1) effects
(2) products
(3) reactions
(4) damages

Section C – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

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) behind	(B) in	(C) into
(D) out	(E) through	(F) up

It was the last day of the examinations. Everyone (15) _____ Primary 4 Hope had been eagerly waiting for this day for a long time. Susan told her friends excitedly, "Let's go (16) _____ to celebrate after the examination." They all agreed and started discussing what to do after school that day. Standing just (17) _____ Susan, Mrs Tan, their teacher, overheard their conversation and reminded them that they still had one last paper to focus on. She told them not to be distracted. Susan and her friends nodded their heads and started looking (18) _____ their notes again. Shortly after, the bell rang. Everyone proceeded into the examination hall.

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Section D – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)
Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

A sunflower is a flowering plant. It produces flowers that (19) [has / have] a similar appearance to the sun. The record for the tallest sunflower that grew over nine metres (20) [was / were] set over six years ago in Germany. Sunflowers are popular for their beauty and the seeds they (21) [produce / produces]. Bees (22) [support / supports] the reproduction of sunflowers through pollination. Sunflower seeds have also become an important and valuable crop which can be eaten or turned into oil.

Adapted from: https://www.factsjustforkids.com/plant-facts/flower-facts-for-kids/sunflower-facts/

Section E – Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)
Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word of your own.

A dog is a mammal. Like most mammals, dogs are warm-blooded and use their lungs for breathing. Female dogs produce milk when they (23) _____ birth to puppies. Dogs play an important role in the lives of human beings. They are kept (24) _____ household pets or are trained to be working dogs. A working dog assists in solving crimes and acts as a pair of (25) _____ for the visually handicapped. For many pet lovers, dogs are a (26) _____ of the family, always ready to bring the family members together through games. Therefore, dogs are known as man's best friends.

Adapted from: https://www.activewild.com/facts-about-dogs-for-kids/

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Section F – Sentence Synthesis and Transformation (2 x 2 marks)

For each of the items, 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).

27. Jamil rushed to the cinema. The movie had already started.

_____ but

_____.

28. "I do not want to read the book," said Paul.

Paul said that _____

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Section G – Comprehension – Selected Response and Open-ended (10 marks)
Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Ali arrived at his grandparents' house early for dinner. He saw his grandfather's eyes glued to the television while his grandmother was busy preparing food in the kitchen.

Soon, Ali's grandfather started getting the dinner table ready. He asked Ali to help him place the forks and spoons on the table for dinner. His grandmother walked out of the kitchen carrying a plate of piping hot, crispy chicken wings. It was Ali's favourite food. She asked Ali to help her carry out the peanut soup which had been boiling on the stove for two hours. His grandmother had also made a perfectly steamed whole fish, Grandfather's favourite dish.

Grandmother was about to sit down to enjoy her meal when she suddenly exclaimed, "Where are my spectacles? I cannot enjoy the food if I am unable to see clearly!"

Pausing to think for a moment, she continued, "I must have misplaced it while boiling the soup. I took it off when the steam made my spectacles fog up," said Ali's grandmother. She was feeling miserable.

Ali decided to help search for the spectacles. After thirty minutes of searching in vain, his grandparents told him to take a break and have his dinner. Exhausted and famished, Ali plonked himself down on the chair. Suddenly, an idea struck him. "Let's open the drawers around the kitchen stove. The spectacles might just be in there," said Ali.

Everyone went into the kitchen and opened up the drawers around the kitchen stove. Then Ali saw it. He jumped up in excitement and put his hand into one of the compartments in the drawer. When he took his hand out, everyone gasped!

Ali proudly handed the spectacles to his grandmother. As Ali headed home, his grandmother gently patted him on his head and chirped, "Thank you, Ali."

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29. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.
Why did Ali go to his grandparents' house? [1m]

- [ ] to have dinner
- [ ] to prepare dinner
- [ ] to look for his grandmother's spectacles

30. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.
Ali helped his grandfather to _____. [1m]

- [ ] prepare the food
- [ ] set the table for dinner
- [ ] carry the food out from the kitchen

31. What was Ali's favourite food? [1m]

32. Which word tells you that Ali was hungry?
Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Exhausted and famished, Ali plonked himself down on the chair.
(A) **(B)**

33. What does the word **"it"** in **line 23** refer to? [1m]

_____

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34. Why did Ali feel proud in the end? [1m]

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For questions 35-37, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraphs 1 and 2 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	**Ali saw his grandfather watching television.**	✓	
35.	Ali lived with his grandparents.		
36.	Ali's grandfather was engrossed in watching television.		
37.	Grandmother decided to make some peanut soup just before dinner was served.		

38. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show the order in which the events occurred. [1m]

_____ Ali had an idea when he sat on the chair.

_____ Ali decided to search for the spectacles.

_____ Ali's grandparents asked him to take a break.

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Section H – Comprehension – Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)
Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The moment that everyone had been waiting for was finally here -- the finals of the National Football School Tournament! Hordes of supporters from both schools came smartly dressed in their school uniforms. They carried their school flags with pride. Supporters of Sunshine Primary School knew that they could create history. They had witnessed their team winning against the defending champion during the semi-final match. The team had also been training hard every afternoon. Never had their school won a football tournament. The time was set for an exciting match.

Melody Primary School was first to kick off. The referee blew his whistle. Muthu managed to get possession of the ball and saw an opportunity. He quickly passed the ball to Kelvin. Kelvin dribbled the ball past two opponents. He lined himself up for a shot. "Goal!" The supporters of Sunshine Primary jumped to their feet. Sunshine Primary School was now in the lead. The referee blew the whistle for half-time.

As the second half of the match began, there were shouts of encouragement. The singing of school songs could also be heard from both schools. The players felt motivated by this show of support from their schools. It was indeed a very exciting match.

When the final whistle was blown, supporters from Sunshine Primary School shouted, "We did it! We did it!" It was finally over. The Principal of Sunshine Primary School was so proud of the team. He said, "This is the first time our school has won the championship. I declare that tomorrow will be a school holiday!" Everyone cheered upon hearing this news.

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Write your answers in complete sentences.

39. What does the word "They" in line 3 refer to?

_____

_____

40. Why did the supporters of Sunshine Primary School feel that their team could create history?

_____

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41. How did the supporters from both schools encourage the players on the field?

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_____

42. Which 3-word phrase in paragraph 2 tells you that Sunshine Primary was winning?

43. How did the Principal of Sunshine Primary School feel at the end? Why?

_____

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	2	1	4	1	1	3	4	4	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18		
4	4	3	1	B	D	A	E		

Q19) have

Q20) was

Q21) produce

Q22) support

Q23) give

Q24) as

Q25) eyes

Q26) part

Q27) Jamil rushed to the cinema but the movie had already started.

Q28) Paul said that he did not want to read the book.

Q29) to have dinner

Q30) set the table for dinner

Q31) piping hot, crispy chicken wings

Q32) B-famished

Q33) It refers to Ali's grandmother's spectacles.

Q34) He had found grandmother's spectacles.

Q35) False

Q36) True

Q37) False

Q38) 3, 1 , 2

Q39) It refers to the supporters from both school.

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Q40) They had seen their team win against the defending champion in the semi-finals and the team had been training hard every afternoon.

Q41) They sang their school songs during the break motivating both schools from their show of support and shouted words of encouragement.

Q42) in the lead

Q43) They felt happy. They had just won Sunshine Primary School a championship and made tomorrow a school holiday.

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