METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)
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END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2023
PRIMARY 3

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

Total Time for Booklets A, B and C: 1 h 15 min

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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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1 I met Tammy and Joe yesterday. I went for lunch with _____.

(1) us
(2) we
(3) they
(4) them

2 The passers-by _____ shocked by a loud sound as the car crashed into the tree.

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

3 Mother _____ when the doorbell rang.

(1) cooks
(2) cooked
(3) is cooking
(4) was cooking

4 Daniel decided to go for his friend's birthday party _____ he was busy preparing for his examinations.

(1) if
(2) as
(3) since
(4) although

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5 My English teacher told me to _____ my completed homework in the tray and she would collect it in the afternoon.

(1) place
(2) placed
(3) places
(4) placing

6 My sister requested for _____ juice as she was still slightly thirsty after finishing a cup.

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

7 My family will be in time for our flight to Bali if we _____ home on time.

(1) left
(2) leave
(3) leaves
(4) is leaving

8 "Our children always try their best, _____ they?" Mother asked Father.

(1) isn't
(2) don't
(3) aren't
(4) doesn't

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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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9 The exploration team set off on their journey by a _____ of ships.

(1) fleet
(2) suite
(3) group
(4) collection

10 Mrs Lim _____ colour papers for us to fold into paper cranes.

(1) gave in
(2) gave off
(3) gave out
(4) gave away

11 The students looked up to their Peer Support Leader as they felt that she was _____. She always had a solution to their problems.

(1) as busy as a bee
(2) as wise as an owl
(3) as strong as an ox
(4) as proud as a peacock

12 The _____ boy tricked his classmates into believing that he did not have enough money to buy food that day.

(1) rowdy
(2) cunning
(3) suspicious
(4) disrespectful

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13 One of the ways that the hare can survive in the wild is to _____ with its surroundings.

(1) join
(2) hunt
(3) appear
(4) camouflage

14 The boy crossed the road _____ and nearly met with an accident.

(1) roughly
(2) carefully
(3) recklessly
(4) accidentally

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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.

Children go to school to learn the things they need to know when they grow up. However, only about half of the children in the world go to school. In poorer countries, many children **(15)** [do / does] not have time to go to school. They must work to help their family **(16)** [survive / survives] . They do not learn to read or write but are taught other skills they need, such as farming and sewing.

Schools around the world can work in very different ways. Some schools do not have walls, chairs or even books. Nonetheless, all schools **(17)** [teach / teaches] basic skills such as reading and writing. Playing sports **(18)** [is / are] a skill children can learn at school too. Some schools are open to adults in the evening for them to continue learning too!

Adapted from "Going to school"

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Section E: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and fill in the blanks. **WRITE THE LETTER ONLY. USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A) at	(B) before	(C) after
(D) by	(E) in	(F) while

A bird which was in a cage hanging _____ (19) a window used to sing at night-time. A bat which heard her came up and asked why she only sang at night. She explained that she was captured _____ (20) she was singing in the daytime. Hence, this had taught her a lesson never to sing in the day.

"It's no use taking precautions now," said the bat. "You should have been careful _____ (21) you were caught."

Looking _____ (22) the cage she was trapped in, the bird realised that it was indeed a lesson learnt too late. Nonetheless, the bird thought a lesson learnt too late is better than not learning at all!

Adapted from Aesop's Fables 'A Lesson Learnt Too Late'

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Section F: Editing (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. The words that are underlined have either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. Put the correct punctuation mark in the circle.

If you were elected to be the President of America, what would your life be like? Firstly, your new home is the White House in Washington, D.C. The White House has bowling alleys, a swimming pool and a movie theatre. If you want a pizza, the Secret Service agents will pick it up for you. You will have your very own plane, Air Force One, and it will fly you **aniwear** you want to go. (23)

Being the President is a lot of work too. In the Oval Office, you will meet with the members of your Cabinet and listen to their advice. You will also meet with foreign leaders and listen to **they're** needs. (24) Before you make your final **deesition**, (25) you will listen to the voices of the people. In a democracy, everyone's opinion **count**. (26)

Hence, it is not an easy job to be the President.

Adapted from 'If You Were President'

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Section G: Sentence Combining (2 marks)

For each of the questions 27 and 28, rewrite the given sentence(s) 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 sentence(s).

27 My grandmother sends me to school. Then, she goes to the market.

Before _____

_____

28 Amy does not enjoy swimming. Her sister also does not enjoy it.

Neither _____ **nor**

_____

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Section H: Comprehension Cloze (6 marks)

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Rainforests are lush, warm and wet habitats. Trees in the rainforest grow very tall because they have to compete (29) _____ other plants for sunlight. Kapok trees, which are **(30)** _____ in tropical rainforests around the world, can grow to 200 feet. The taller trees spread their branches and leaves, creating a canopy over the forest, blocking the light **(31)** _____ the trees below. However, when one of the big trees dies and falls, the opening lets in more sunlight so that a smaller tree will grow and take **(32)** _____ place.

Most rainforests are situated along or near the Equator, where it tends to be hot. **(33)** _____ , some rainforests grow in temperate regions where it is cooler. Hoh Rainforest in North America is an **(34)** _____ of a temperate rainforest. Like tropical rainforests, temperate rainforests get lots of rain.

Trees and other plants release water into the atmosphere and the water falls back to Earth as rain. The trees in the rainforest can release a lot of water. In some rainforests, it rains more **(35)** _____ 100 000 litres of water every day! This helps to stabilise the world climate by making rain and absorbing carbon dioxide, thereby reducing global warming.

Adapted from 'Rainforest' by National Geographic Kids

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Section I: Comprehension 1 (8 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions **35 to 42**.

While scrolling through online articles on my mobile phone, I occasionally glanced at the television screen to see if my queue number had been flashed. Each time the screen showed other queue numbers instead of mine, I groaned inwardly and went back to navigate the internet mindlessly. The hospital waiting area reeked of sickness. Any longer there, and I would be sicker than I already was.

"Do not assume. Assumption is the mother of all mistakes," a voice chided someone behind me. The voice sounded familiar. There was only one person I knew who constantly repeated that phrase - my Primary Three Science teacher.

I eagerly whipped around to see if it was him. Indeed, it was! He had aged but I could recognise him almost immediately.

"Hello, Mr James! How have you been?" I greeted him joyfully. Confusion clouded his face as he could not recognise me. It had been fifteen years and I was no longer a child! I introduced myself and told him which class I was from. As we spoke, his eyes sparkled as he recollected the fond memories of teaching my class.

Before long, I saw my number blink on the television screen. "Thank you, Mary, for taking me down memory lane. It was a pleasure meeting you!" Mr James chimed as we parted ways.

Adapted from A Boy I Once Knew: What A Teacher Learnt From Her Student by Elizabeth Stone

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35 Mary was at the _____ when she met Mr James. [1m]

(1) mobile phone shop
(2) memory lane
(3) hospital
(4) school ( )

36 Which word has the same meaning as "without purpose"?
Circle either **(A)** or **(B)**. [1m]

I groaned **inwardly** (A) at the delay and went back to navigate the internet **mindlessly** (B).

37 Put the following events in the right sequence, according to the sequence of events. Write **1** , **2** and **3** in the lines. [1 m]

_____ Mary was sick and went to see the doctor.

_____ Mary heard a familiar voice.

_____ Mary was in Mr James' Science class.

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For questions 38 to 40, read each statement and tick (✓) indicating whether the statement is **true** or **false**. [3m]

An example has been done for you.

	Statement	True	False
Example	Mary was looking at her mobile phone while waiting.	✓	
38	Mary hated the smell in the waiting area.		
39	Mr James believed that mistakes were caused by making assumptions.		
40	Meeting Mr James made Mary's wait at the waiting area dreadful.		

For questions 41 to 42, match the characters and how they look below :

	Characters		How they looked
E.g.	Mr James	o ——— o	old
41.	Mr James	o	o **different** from fifteen years ago
42.	Mary	o	o **similar** to fifteen years ago

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Section J: Comprehension 2 (8 marks)

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

Jack and Sam were classmates who enjoyed playing pranks on everyone. One day, during recess, Sam suggested with **a glint in his eye**, "Jack, help me put this water balloon cushion on Miss Doover's chair!" "Why don't you do it?" Jack asked. Sam promptly replied, "**This** is what we call teamwork!" The boys laughed and returned to class.

After recess, Miss Doover, standing in front of the class, started her lesson with a read-aloud of 'My Teacher Is An Alien'. She stopped abruptly and chided, "Jack and Sam, I know this story is hilarious but can you please laugh softly?" In fact, the boys were whispering and laughing about their devious plan.

Just then, the principal, Mr Ho, entered and announced that the field trip to the farm was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. As he turned to leave, he heard the two boys sniggering. Mr Ho demanded to know what they found funny and a startled Jack had to hand over his unflattering drawing of the principal – big-bellied with arms akimbo. "This behaviour is unacceptable. I'm confiscating the drawing!" Mr Ho reprimanded as he stomped out.

Miss Doover sank into her chair with her head in her hands. Splat! The water balloon cushion burst and Miss Doover could feel water on her seat. The class gasped - nobody said a word.

Miss Doover immediately turned to Jack and Sam and exclaimed, "Jack and Sam! I suppose you two put a water balloon on my chair. What do you have to say for yourself?" Jack retorted, "Sam persuaded me to do that and it's actually teamwork!" That did not work – Miss Doover told Jack off for **misusing the word** and sent them to the principal's office instead.

Adapted from "Persuading Miss Doover" by Robin Pulver

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Answer the following questions.

43. Why did Sam had a glint in his eye (line 2)? [1m]

_____

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44. What does 'This' in line 4 refer to? [1m]

_____

_____

45. State whether each statement is **True** or **False**.
Give a reason for your answer. [2m]

	Statement	True / False	Reason
i.	Jack and Sam were focused during Miss Doover's lesson.		
ii.	Miss Doover felt encouraged after Mr Ho's visit.		

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46. Which word from paragraph 3 has the same meaning as "unexpected"? [1m]

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

_____ The principal came in to announce the bad news.

_____ The school planned for the class to go on a field trip.

_____ Jack and Sam placed the water balloon cushion on the teacher's seat.

48. Do you agree with Miss Doover that Jack had misused the word "teamwork" (line 25)? Why or why not? [2m]

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4	4	4	4	1	4	2	2	1	3

Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14
2	2	4	3

Q15	Do
Q16	Survive
Q17	Teach
Q18	Is
Q19	D
Q20	F
Q21	B
Q22	A
Q23	Anywhere
Q24	Their
Q25	Decision
Q26	Counts
Q27	Before my grandmother goes to the market, she sends me to school.
Q28	Neither Amy nor her sister enjoys swimming.
Q29	With
Q30	Found
Q31	From
Q32	Its
Q33	However
Q34	Example
Q35	Than

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Q35	3
Q36	B
Q37	2, 3, 1
Q38	True
Q39	True
Q40	False
Q41	Mr James → similar to fifteen years ago
Q42	Mary → different from fifteen years ago
Q43	He was excited to share the trick with Jack.
Q44	It means Sam asking Jack to put the water balloon on Miss Doover's chair.
Q45i	False. Jack and Sam were whispering and laughing about their previous plan excitedly instead of listening to the story Miss Doover was reading.
Q45ii	False. Miss Doover sank into her chair with her head in her hands.
Q46	Unforeseen
Q47	3, 1, 2
Q48	Yes, I agree with Miss Doover because teamwork is when two people work together to help one another and Sam persuaded Jack to do the work while Sam did not do anything.

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