CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION (2024)
PRIMARY THREE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary 3 _____

21 October 2024

45 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-I	/36	
Paper 3 – LC		14
Paper 4 – Oral		16
TOTAL		100

INSTRUCTIONS:

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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. Julia _____ all over the house for her missing book last night.

   (1) search
   (2) searches
   (3) searched
   (4) searching

2. The pupils _____ when the teacher walked into the classroom.

   (1) read
   (2) reads
   (3) are reading
   (4) were reading

3. I have not made up my mind on whether I want to wear sneakers _____ sandals to the birthday party later.

   (1) or
   (2) so
   (3) but
   (4) and

4. "See _____ birds perched on the tree over there?" the guide pointed out.

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

5. This pizza is so large that even ten people _____ share it.

   (1) will
   (2) can
   (3) shall
   (4) might

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6. "I'm sorry for taking your pencil by mistake. I thought it was _____," Jane said to Sally.

(1) hers
(2) ours
(3) mine
(4) theirs

7. "Mr Tan will be returning our compositions tomorrow, _____?" Rafi asked.

(1) is he
(2) will he
(3) isn't he
(4) won't he

8. We had to go to a different dress shop because my mother could not find _____ that was suitable for her.

(1) none
(2) nothing
(3) anything
(4) everything

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. Mei Ling was _____ to solve the challenging problem sum question because she wanted to score full marks for her Mathematics test.

(1) hesitant
(2) reluctant
(3) dedicated
(4) determined

10. The _____ of actors reappeared on stage at the end of the performance and bowed to the audience.

(1) cast
(2) gang
(3) army
(4) board

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11. My father could lift the heavy box because he is _____.

(1) as brave as a lion
(2) as strong as an ox
(3) as light as a feather
(4) as cool as a cucumber

12. A lot of supporters _____ at the stadium to support their favourite team.

(1) turned in
(2) turned up
(3) turned over
(4) turned away

13. Jared helped the elderly lady carry her bags of groceries. She thanked him for his _____.

(1) loyalty
(2) honesty
(3) fairness
(4) kindness

14. The teacher was unable to read the pupil's untidy handwriting as it was _____.

(1) illegal
(2) illegible
(3) invisible
(4) incomplete

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Section C – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)
Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the box below and fill in each blank. Write its letter (A to F) in the blank. Use each word **ONCE** only.

(A) he	(B) his	(C) our
(D) she	(E) us	(F) we

Last Sunday, my family and I had a picnic at East Coast Park. Since (15)_____ arrived early, we managed to find a nice spot under a big tree. My sister and I quickly took out a frisbee to play. My mother reminded (16)_____ to stay in the shade so that we would not get sunburned. My father was taking a nap when the frisbee landed on (17)_____ face. (18)_____ yelped in pain and scolded us. We apologised to him and continued playing.

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

What happens if we run out of clean water to drink? Clean drinking water is important because it (19) [keep / keeps] us alive. Irresponsible human activities (20) [is / are] the cause of water pollution. Contaminated water is unsafe for drinking. Diseases (21) [spread / spreads] when people drink contaminated water. If we (22) [do / does] not stop water pollution, we will not have enough clean water to drink in the future. We must do our best to keep our water bodies clean.

Adapted from https://www.theworldcounts.com/stories/what-is-pollution-for-kids

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Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (3 x 1 mark)
Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the box below and fill in each blank. Use each word **ONCE** only.

endangered	escape	nocturnal
predators	prey	survive

Bats are the only mammals that can truly fly. They have wings made of thin skin stretched between their long fingers. Most bats are (23) _____ animals which usually hunt at night. Some species of bats can live for more than thirty years. How do bats manage to live such long and healthy lives? Being able to fly means they can (24)_____ from predators more easily. Bats also live in flocks, making it harder for their (25)_____ to attack them. Another reason for their longer life span is bats have been known to share food so that helps to keep them from starving.

Adapted from "How Old Is A Whale" by Lily Murray

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Section F – Editing (5 x 1 mark)
Correct the words in **bold** for spelling. Write the correct answer in the boxes provided.

When I was a child, my parents would take me to my grandfather's village home in Malaysia. I would stay there every weekend and for a short

(26) [ ]

piriod during Chinese New Year. The bumpy car ride there often made me

(27) [ ]

dizzy from motion **sikness** but I would feel better when I saw the beach. Upon

(28) [ ]

reaching, we would be greeted with the **saight** of coconut trees and the sound

(29) [ ]

of waves. I enjoyed the feeling of the sea **brieze** on my face and watching the

(30) [ ]

soldier crabs **skavenging** on the shore at low tide. These fond memories will stay with me forever.

Adapted from https://biblioasia.nlb.gov.sg/places-and-buildings/2023/11/childhood-memories-kampong-wak-hassan

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Section G – Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word of your own.

On 14 June 2024, a damaged ship caused an oil spill in southern Singapore. Within a day, thick black (31)_____ could be seen in the waters of the beaches in Sentosa.

Due to the oil spill, all beach activities were stopped and the public was advised to stay (32)_____ from the affected areas. A cleanup of the beaches started immediately. Volunteers used shovels to (33)_____ bags with sand that had been stained by the thick black oil.

The oil spill also affected marine animals such as seabirds (34)_____ fish. The effects of the oil spill would be felt for months to come.

Adapted from https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/environment/clean-up-operation-underway-in-sentosa-after-oil-washes-up-coast-of-tanjong-beach

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Section H – Comprehension – Selected Response and Open-ended (8 marks)
Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A long time ago, there was a boy named Meng who lived with his mother in a village. One day, his mother made rice cakes and a pie. She instructed him to take some of the food to his aunt who lived in the town. "These rice cakes and pie are very delicate. You must not shake this box. Carry **it** carefully," Mother advised Meng. He took the box and set off.

As Meng was walking, he said to himself, "I must not shake this important box." When he was walking down the path next to the rice field, a frog jumped onto the path. "Oops!" Meng shouted as he leapt backwards. He sighed in relief when he realised that he had not shaken the box.

Next, Meng reached a small stream. He jumped over it as he did not want to get his shoes wet. "Good, good, I did not shake it!"

At last, Meng arrived at his aunt's house in the town. He handed the box to her. His curious aunt wondered, "What is inside this box? What can it be?" She was so impatient that she quickly grabbed the box, put her ear to it and listened. There was no sound and she became more curious... She shook it all up!

Adapted from "How to Fool a Cat" by Hiroko Fujita and Fran Stallings

35. Who did Meng live with? [1 mark]

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36. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The word "it" in line 4 refers to _____. [1 mark]

	the pie
	the box
	the town

37. Which word in the sentence below has the same meaning as "became aware"? Circle either (A) or (B). [1 mark]

He sighed in relief when he realised that he had not shaken the box. **(A)** **(B)**

For questions 38 and 39, read each statement and **tick** "True" or "False". Refer to paragraphs 2 and 3 to help you. An example has been done for you. [2 marks]

	Statement	**True**	**False**
Example	Meng thought the box was important.	✓	
38.	Meng was shocked when the frog jumped in front of him.		
39.	Meng got his shoes wet while crossing the stream.		

40. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order of what Meng did in the story. [1 mark]

_____ Meng reached the town.

_____ Meng crossed the stream.

_____ Meng walked past the rice field.

41. From the last paragraph, what two qualities did Meng's aunt have that made her shake the box?

i. _____ [1 mark]

ii. _____ [1 mark]

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Section I – Comprehension – Open-ended (4 x 2 marks)
Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Tammy hated Sundays. Everybody else hated Mondays the most but Tammy thought Sundays were harder to get through. Sunday was supposed to be a fun and relaxing day but Tammy could not relax at the thought of having to go to school the next day.

That Sunday was harder than usual. Tammy had to pack her bag for a school excursion that she did not want to go for the next day. Her class would be hiking at the nature park. Dad had been trying to convince her that she would love it when she got **there**.

Tammy wondered if Dad even cared for her safety. She was afraid of falling. She was also anxious about getting lost. Dad nodded solemnly. "Of course we care, but we think that hiking will do you more good than harm. It's always good to have new experiences," Dad replied.

Tammy was unconvinced. She had always been afraid of the outdoors. Being surrounded by tall trees made her feel uneasy. A ferocious creature could be hiding in the shadows, waiting to pounce on her. Tammy imagined being chased by a hungry wolf. She squeezed her eyes shut and shuddered. Dad put his comforting arm around Tammy's shoulders and sat closer to her.

"How about you bring Titi, your favourite stuffed tiger, along for the excursion? You could hug it when you feel scared," Dad suggested. Tammy opened her eyes widely. "You're right, Dad!" she exclaimed as she grabbed Titi from her bed.

Adapted from "Do You Know Me?" by Libby Scott & Rebecca Westcott

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Write your answers in complete sentences.

42. Why did Tammy think Sunday was the most difficult day of the week?

43. What does the word "**there**" in line 8 refer to?

44. Based on paragraph 3, what were the two things, Tammy was worried would happen to her on the school trip?

45. According to Dad, what could Tammy do to make her feel less uneasy during the excursion?

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END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION (2024)

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LISTENING COMPREHENSION

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Class: Primary 3 _____

7 October 2024

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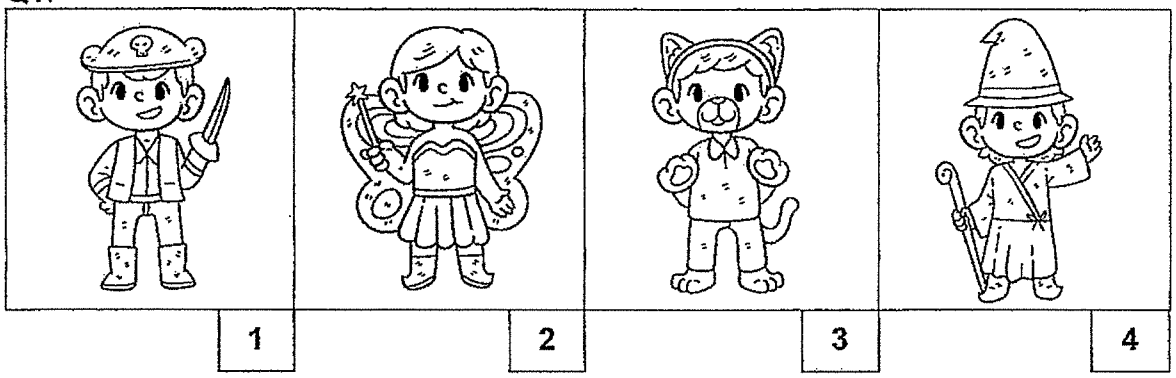
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Picture-Matching (6 x 1 mark)

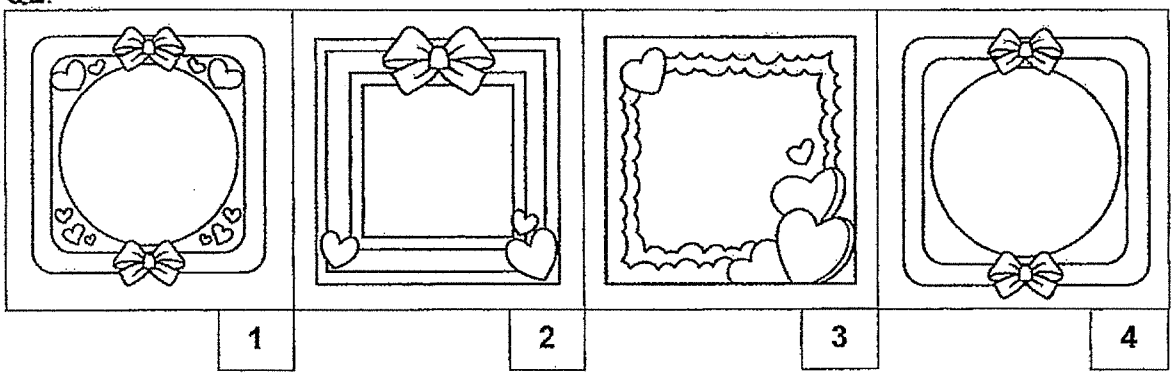
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Q1.



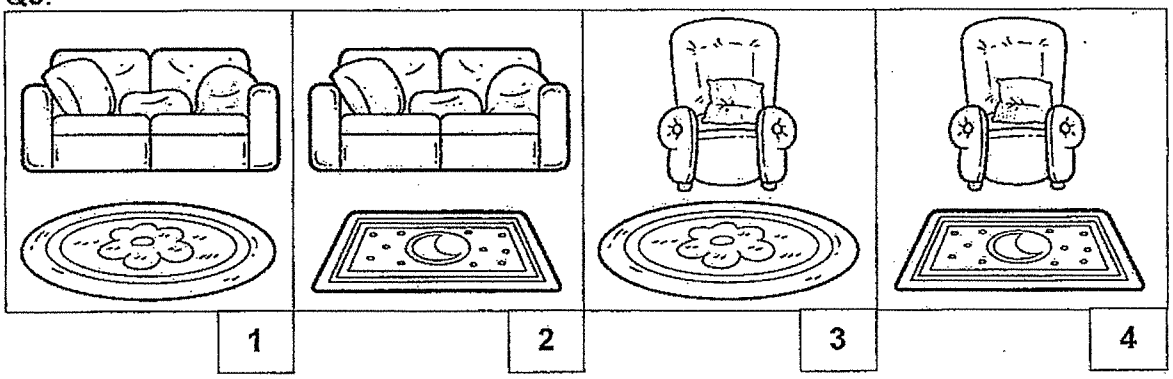
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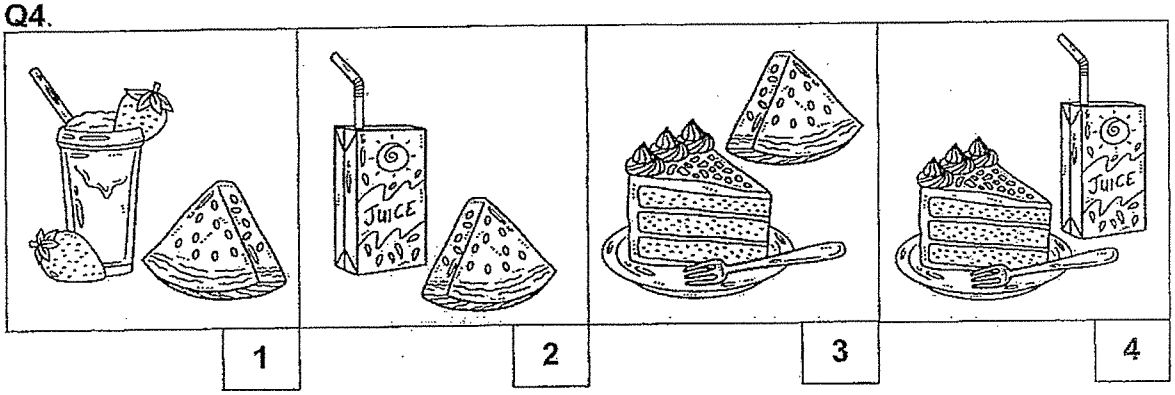
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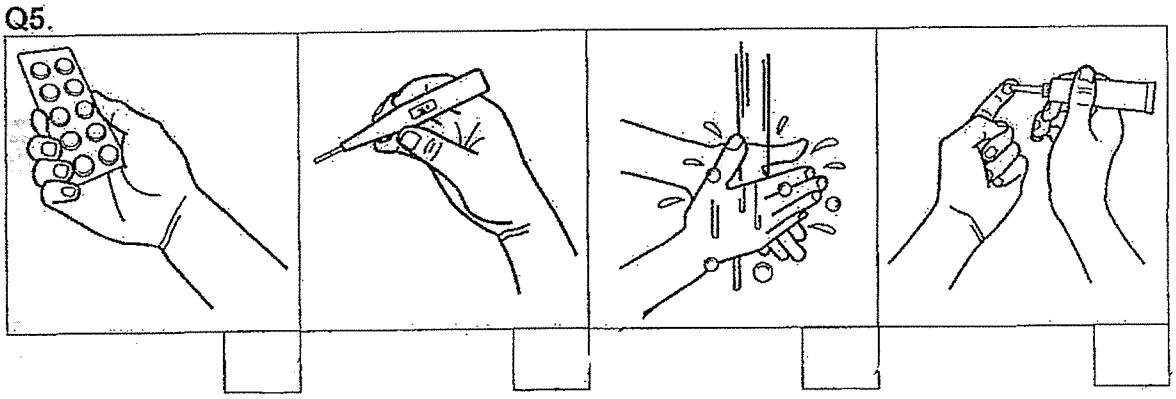
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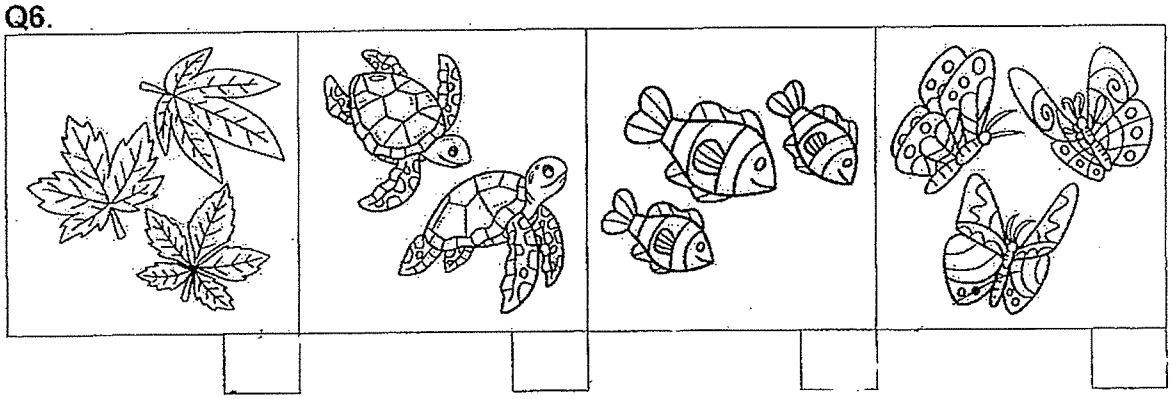
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Q5.



Look at the set of pictures. I am going to read a short text twice. Listen carefully. Then, arrange the pictures in the order that best describes what I have read. Write the numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the correct boxes.

Q6.



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Note-Taking (5 x 1 mark)

Listen carefully to the following telephone message. I am going to read it twice. Then, fill in each blank for Q7 to Q11 with **ONE** word.

Your friend, Tina, is talking about what she and her father did during the weekend. Take down notes of what she is saying to retell it to your parents.

Tina's Account of Events

(Q7) Tina and her father went to the _____ centre.

(Q8) They went to a shop selling watches, _____ and books.

(Q9) Tina's father thought of buying her a _____ watch.

(Q10) The shop assistant showed Tina a _____ doll.

(Q11) In the end, Tina chose a _____ as her birthday gift.

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Text Comprehension (3 x 1 mark)

Listen carefully to the following text. I am going to read it twice. Then, choose the most suitable answer for each question. Write the number 1, 2 or 3 in the brackets provided.

Q12. Why did Annie's grandfather's family sleep early?

(1) They did not have much to do.
(2) They did not need to use the toilet.
(3) They did not want to waste electricity.

( )

Q13. Who would pick the vegetables for making the soup?

(1) Annie's mother
(2) Annie's grandfather
(3) Annie's grandfather's father

( )

Q14. What did Annie's grandfather think was funny?

(1) Annie being afraid of the dark.
(2) Annie living with all kinds of insects.
(3) Annie trying to fall asleep before dark.

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Q1	3	Q2	4	Q3	1	Q4	4	Q5	2
Q6	3	Q7	4	Q8	3	Q9	4	Q10	1
Q11	2	Q12	2	Q13	4	Q14	2		

Q15	F
Q16	E
Q17	B
Q18	A
Q19	keeps
Q20	are
Q21	spread
Q22	Do
Q23	nocturnal
Q24	escape
Q25	predators
Q26	period
Q27	sickness
Q28	sight
Q29	breeze
Q30	scavenging
Q31	substance o:)
Q32	away
Q33	fill
Q34	and
Q35	He lived with his mother
Q36	The box
Q37	realised
Q38	true
Q39	false
Q40	3,2,1
Q41	(i) she was very impatient

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	(ii) she was very curious
Q42	Tammy thought Sunday was the most difficult day of the week because she could not relax at the thought of going to school the next day.
Q43	It refers to the nature park
Q44	She was worried about falling and about getting lost
Q45	She could bring Titi , her favourite stuffed tiger , along for the excursion and could hug it when she felt scared.

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