

Catholic High School
English Trial Paper (3)

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Section A: Vocabulary MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. **DO NOT FILL IN THE BLANKS.**

1. I could not hear my sister talking. The _____ wind was whipping all around us.

- (1) foggy
- (2) stormy
- (3) howling
- (4) thunderous ()

2. The gardener uses a _____ to ~~gather dried leaves.~~ **move the pots of plants.**

- (1) pulley
- (2) spade
- (3) wrench
- (4) wheelbarrow ()

3. During our winter holiday in England, I wore a _____ to keep my neck warm.

- (1) coat
- (2) glove
- (3) scarf
- (4) mitten ()

4. The injured man _____ softly, "Please.. help me..."

- (1) insisted
- (2) moaned
- (3) bellowed
- (4) complained ()

5. The unfriendly giant looked down at the _____ dwarf and laughed.

- (1) tiny
- (2) huge
- (3) gigantic
- (4) enormous

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Section B: Grammar MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. **DO NOT FILL IN THE BLANKS.**

6. Ryan _____ the cake mixture and baked it in the oven.

- (1) stir
- (2) stirs
- (3) stirred
- (4) stirring

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7. Look! The maid _____ the floor. Please be careful.

- (1) mop
- (2) mops
- (3) is mopping
- (4) was mopping

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8. "Come and help me _____ this basket. It's heavy," said James.

- (1) at
- (2) to
- (3) on
- (4) with

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9. The pupils _____ in the field when they heard a loud explosion.

- (1) play
- (2) plays
- (3) played
- (4) were playing

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10. Raj does his work _____ than his brother.

- (1) careful
- (2) carefully
- (3) more carefully
- (4) most carefully

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Section C: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Passage 1

Read the passage below carefully. Fill in the blank with the most suitable form of the verb from the box. Use each word **ONCE** only.

are	plays	play
played	Are playing	were playing

John lives very near the playground. He (11) _____ with his neighbours there every day. The children (12) _____ for about an hour each day. Sometimes, his classmates, who live in the next street, join him there too. A few days ago, while they (13) _____, they found a watch near the slide. They took the watch and passed it to the community centre. Then, they went back to the playground and (14) _____ happily together.

Passage 2

Read the passage below carefully. Fill in the blank with the most suitable word from the box. Use each word **ONCE** only.

along	in	from
into	across	at

A dog once stole a piece of meat from a butcher's shop. Then, it climbed up a bridge which was (15) _____ a river. Looking down into the river, it saw its own reflection (16) _____ the water. It thought it was another dog with a piece of meat. It opened its mouth to bark (17) _____ the other dog. In doing so, it dropped its own piece of meat (18) _____ the water. It thus lost all!

Section D: Combining Sentences (2 x 2 marks)

Rewrite these sentences using the connectors provided. Your answer must be in one sentence.

19. Would you like to read? Would you like to play computer games?

_____ or
_____ ?

20. Abel topped the class in the examination. He shouted for joy.

_____ when _____

Section E: Word Order (2 x 2 marks)

Rearrange the words to form a sentence or question.

21. and I the Sunshine Bakery may go Soon Lee next to Wednesday

22. a mischievous boy on others play tricks Kumar is likes who to

Section F: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word of your own. The first letter of each word has been given.

Aunt Bessie loved her niece, Geraldine very much. She (23)

b _____ a pink blanket for her when she was a baby. Even when

she (24) g _____ older, Geraldine still loved to use the blanket.

When there (25) w _____ holes in them, Mother covered them with

patches. Geraldine is very (26) g _____ to her aunt for the blanket.

Section G: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The river sparkled in the glistening sun. Marissa was there, as usual, to fetch water for her parents. The family was poor and sometimes did not have any food on the table. An old lady came towards her. "Take these magic seeds and plant them. They will always bear you fruit," she said.

When Marissa returned home, she examined the seeds. "They look just like rambutans," she chuckled, looking at the red and hairy seeds. Later that evening, she got her spade and made her way to the garden. After she had dug up the soil, she carefully placed the seeds in the soil. For the next two weeks, Marissa was careful to water the soil too.

One morning, an amazing sight greeted her. There were gigantic red tomatoes, purple brinjals and green cucumbers on the plants. Marissa cried out excitedly, "Yeah! We don't have to worry about food for a while!"

27. Where did Marissa meet the old lady? (2m)

28. Write 1, 2 or 3 in the blanks below to show the order in which things happened. [1m]

The plant had different fruits growing on it.

The old lady gave Marissa some magic seeds.

Marissa fetched water.

For Q29 and 30, tick (✓) the correct statement that describes Marissa or the old lady. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	Marissa	old lady
Example	At times, she could not afford to eat food.	✓	✓
29.	She planted the seeds in the soil.		
30.	She gave away her magic seeds.		

For each question, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

31. Marissa thought that the seeds looked like _____. [1m]

- (1) rambutans
- (2) tomatoes
- (3) brinjals
- (4) cucumbers

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32. What did Marissa do for her plant? [1m]

- (1) She watered it.
- (2) She added fertilizer to the soil..
- (3) She talked gently to it
- (4) She put the pot out in the sun.

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33. Which word in paragraph ² has the same meaning as 'put'? [1m]

Answer the following question in a complete sentence.

34. Do you think Marissa's family went without their meals after the plants grew? Give a reason to support your answer. (2m)
