

**METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)**

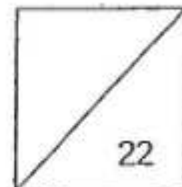
**PRIMARY 4 END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2008  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Booklet A

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**SECTION A: GRAMMAR (6 marks)**

Choose the correct answer to complete the blank and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet (or OAS) provided.

1. Last evening, my brother and I cooked dinner \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) myself
- (2) himself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

2. "Look at him! He \_\_\_\_\_ to the radio," said the prefect.

- (1) listens
- (2) listened
- (3) is listening
- (4) has listened

3. Both of them \_\_\_\_\_ present today.

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

4. When I got home yesterday, I found that water \_\_\_\_\_ out from the kitchen to the living room.

- (1) ran
- (2) are running
- (3) was running
- (4) were running

5. Look at \_\_\_\_\_ pretty birds at the top of the tree over there!

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

6. He is going to fail his test as he has missed too \_\_\_\_\_ lessons.

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

**SECTION B: VOCABULARY (6 marks)**

Choose the correct answer to complete the blank and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet (or OAS) provided.

7. We bought many \_\_\_\_\_ for our friends when we went to Japan during the holidays.

- (1) prizes
- (2) tokens
- (3) souvenirs
- (4) collections

8. When my sister heard a strange sound coming from the wardrobe, she was \_\_\_\_\_ and ran away screaming with fear.

- (1) curious
- (2) terrified
- (3) anxious
- (4) disappointed

9. We were overjoyed when we managed to \_\_\_\_\_ the top prize in the inter-school chess competition,

- (1) find
- (2) reach
- (3) achieve
- (4) succeed

10. Ali is not a friendly boy. He likes to keep people at \_\_\_\_\_ length, so he is very lonely at times.
- (1) leg's
  - (2) arm's
  - (3) elbow's
  - (4) shoulder's
11. The stain on your dress is not \_\_\_\_\_. I can hardly see it.
- (1) noticeable
  - (2) foreseeable
  - (3) fashionable
  - (4) impressionable
12. The author of this book has already written a \_\_\_\_\_ to it. His book fans are eagerly awaiting its launch.
- (1) serial
  - (2) sequel
  - (3) second
  - (4) sequence

**SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Sarah and Bernice groped about in the dark because they could not see ~~where they were going.~~ There was something sinister about this deserted and dilapidated house but they did not know what it was. They soon found their way down a long passage way. At the other end, there were thick and heavy velvet curtains draped over the windows. A ray of sunlight streaked through a tiny opening in the curtains. 5

Sarah strained her eyes and saw an outline of a chair near the wall. It resembled an antique rocking chair that she saw in her recent visit to the museum. A chill ran down her spine as she felt something strange happening to the chair: It seemed to be moving – to and fro, to and fro. 10

"Sarah, do you think it is an antique chair? We'll be rich!" Bernice whispered into Sarah's ear as she squeezed Sarah's arm excitedly.

Taking a deep breath, Sarah was about to answer Bernice when a sudden flash of light shone at Sarah. She shielded her eyes from the light, glancing at the wall just before she did. What she saw filled her with terror, for hovering above the chair, was the hazy form of an old lady in Victorian clothes. 15

"Err...Bernice, did...you see...that?" Sarah stammered as she pointed to the wall. "Could that woman be the mistress of the house that everybody was talking about? It was rumoured that she committed suicide after killing her husband in this house..." she rattled off. 20

The two girls looked at each other, screamed at the top of their voices and dashed towards the main door of the house. They bolted out of the house, not daring to look back. If they had, even for a moment, they would have noticed the two boys rolling on the floor with laughter. The looks on their sisters' faces were hilarious. 25

One of the boys had a projector which had earlier been aimed at the wall. Another was holding a rope tied to the leg of the rocking chair.

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet (or OAS) provided.

13. The two girls groped around the house because they \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) were trying to look for each other
  - (2) were looking for the antique chair
  - (3) could not see where they were going
  - (4) did not want to alert the owner of the house
14. Which of the following words in the passage has the same meaning as "old and in poor condition" (lines 1 – 10)?
- (1) sinister
  - (2) antique
  - (3) deserted
  - (4) dilapidated
15. Sarah felt something strange happening to the chair because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) it was moving
  - (2) it was an antique chair
  - (3) she could only see the outline of the chair
  - (4) she had seen a similar one in the museum
16. What did Sarah do just before she shielded her eyes from the flash of light (line 14)? She \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) looked at the wall
  - (2) took a deep breath
  - (3) spotted a rocking chair
  - (4) wanted to answer Bernice's question

17. The flash of light that almost blinded Sarah came from a/the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) sun
- (2) torch
- (3) projector
- (4) tiny opening in the curtains

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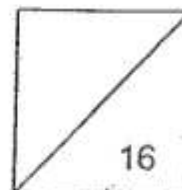
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**SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE (4 marks)**

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) we	(B) it	(C) him
(D) he	(E) them	(F) they

Chris, a dog owner, takes his two dogs out for a walk every evening. For \_\_\_\_\_ (18), this is something which he enjoys doing. After work, Chris would take \_\_\_\_\_ (19) out for long walks as \_\_\_\_\_ (20) do not like being kept in the house for too long.

Moreover, \_\_\_\_\_ (21) ensures that there is enough space for his dogs. "Large dogs will mean that they will need plenty of space," says Chris.

SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (2 marks)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) are	(B) have	(C) was
(D) is	(E) were	(F) has

Pandas are among the rarest of the world's living mammals. Scientists estimate that fewer than 2000 giant pandas live in the mountains of central China.

"Breeding giant pandas \_\_\_\_\_ (22) no easy feat," says Don Lindburg, leader of the giant panda research team at the San Diego Zoo.

Female giant pandas can only produce cubs once every two years. In the wild, an adult female may successfully raise five to eight cubs in her lifetime. To this date, Lindburg and other scientists \_\_\_\_\_ (23) still discovering ways to improve the odds for the precious young pandas' survival.

Born in China, Tian Tian \_\_\_\_\_ (24) the first panda to be taken to United States of America in 2006. Tian Tian, together with two other pandas, \_\_\_\_\_ (25) stayed at the National Zoo in Washington since 2007. In exchange, the zoo will contribute a million dollars each year to help protect wild places, plants and animals in China. Two million people have lined up to watch the furry celebrities since they went public last January. Conservationists hope that panda fans will also see the face of an animal that needs our help.

**SECTION F: SYNTHESIS (2 marks)**

Rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

26. Devi had a bad stomach cramp. She needed to see a doctor.

\_\_\_\_\_ as

\_\_\_\_\_

27. Kai Wen does not want to go for the movie. His brothers do not want to go for the movie.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION G: CLOZE PASSAGE (8 marks)**

Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blank with a suitable word.

"Hurry up, Mei Ying, or you'll miss the bus and be late for school!" Mother shouted. This was the third time in the week that Mei Ying woke up late. Mother \_\_\_\_\_ (28) her head in frustration as Mei Ying dashed out of the house.

When Mei Ying reached the bus stop, her bus had left. It was not until ten minutes \_\_\_\_\_ (29) that the next bus arrived. Mei Ying boarded the bus. She was delighted to see one \_\_\_\_\_ (30) seat near the door but before she knew it, the boy who was behind her had taken that only seat left. There was nothing that Mei Ying could do \_\_\_\_\_ (31) to resign herself to the fact that she was being punished for leaving home late. She suddenly noticed the signboard above the boy's seat, "Please give up this seat to the \_\_\_\_\_ (32) or disabled."

Mei Ying thought gleefully, "Well, the boy isn't going to be comfortable for long."

At the next stop, several people \_\_\_\_\_ (33) on the bus and a frail looking elderly lady followed behind. The lady stood next to the boy's seat. The boy turned his head and stared out of the window. The lady tried to \_\_\_\_\_ (34) herself on the bus as the bus jerked to a stop at the red light. Mei Ying knew that the boy was not going to give up his seat \_\_\_\_\_ (35). She told herself that she had to speak up to make people aware that they must be considerate to others.

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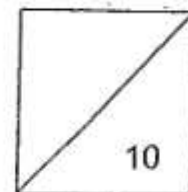
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**SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully.

I was in a canoe on the East Alligator River in Australia, looking for Aboriginal rock paintings. I had been out the previous day and it had been idyllic. This day, though, there was drizzle which progressed into torrential rain.

In the afternoon, I had a strong feeling of being watched and suddenly the canoe seemed very flimsy. I had a sense of danger and decided I wanted to get out of there.

I started paddling down the river and had not got very far when I saw what looked like a stick ahead of me. As I was swept towards it, I saw eyes in it and realised it was an alligator. From what I could see, I thought it was probably a small one, so at first I was not alarmed. I had seen small ones on previous days. It turned out I was wrong and it was probably about four to six metres long.

I was almost past it when there was this great blow on the side of the canoe. I started paddling furiously but it followed, bashing on the canoe. I started looking for a place to get out, but could not see one. I felt sheer terror. This was not something I had never thought about.

I saw a tree growing from the water near the bank and thought maybe I could leap into it. I stood up, got ready to jump and as I did, the alligator came up close. I jumped and it got me in mid-jump. I saw this blur, a flash of teeth and water as it grabbed me by the legs and took me down for a death roll.

There was incredible, searing pain. My head came up above the water and I coughed the water out of my lungs and started to howl in pain. Then it pushed me into the second death roll. We came up again and this time, I tried to throw myself at the mud bank.

I got up to the top of the bank and could not believe that I was still alive. I floundered on as I knew I was still in danger. I went on some time before I stopped to look at my injuries. They were terrible, particularly the leg wound with bits of tendons and tissues hanging out. I felt just a glimmer of hope that I might survive. 25

Adapted from *It Couldn't Happen To Me* by Michelle Harmer

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentence.

36. Where did the narrator go to look for Aboriginal rock paintings?

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37. Pick a word from the passage which suggests that it had been raining heavily.

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38. Why was the narrator was not alarmed (line 10) when he first caught sight of the alligator?

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39. "This was not something I had never thought about." (lines 14 -15) What does the word "This" refer to?

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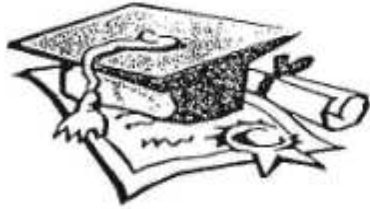


40. What evidence from the passage can you find to show that the narrator's leg was seriously injured?

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# ANSWER SHEET

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3	3	2	3	4	3	3	2	3	2	1	4	3	4	1	4	3

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25
C	E	F	D	D	A	C	F

26) Devi needed to see a doctor as she had a bad stomach cramp.

27) Neither Kai Wen nor his brothers want to go for the movie.

28) shook

29) later

30) empty

31) but

32) elderly

33) got

34) balance

35) easily

36) The narrator went to the East Alligator River in Australia to look for Aboriginal rock paintings.

37) The word is "torrential".

38) The narrator thought it was a small alligator as the narrator had seen small alligators on previous days.

39) The word "This" refers to the being attacked by alligators.

40) The passage says that the injuries were terrible particularly the leg wound with bits of tendons and tissues hanging out.