

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Founded in 1887



CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 2013 PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

Total Time: 1 h 15 min

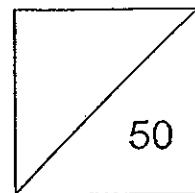
INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 4. _____

Date: 4 March 2013



This booklet consists of 17 printed pages including this page.

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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

- 1 "Mother _____ home soon from the market," Timothy said.
- (1) was coming
 - (2) were coming
 - (3) will be coming
 - (4) has been coming
- 2 Rachel, together with all her friends, _____; to watch a movie on a Friday night.
- (1) decide
 - (2) has decided
 - (3) have decided
 - (4) has been deciding
- 3 The doctor instructed his patient to _____ his medication twice a day.
- (1) take
 - (2) took
 - (3) takes
 - (4) be taking

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- 4 As part of the warming up exercise, the teacher made her pupils _____ across the basketball court.
- (1) skip
 - (2) skips
 - (3) skipped
 - (4) skipping
- 5 Nobody knew _____ idea it was to repaint all the benches in the hall.
- (1) who
 - (2) whom
 - (3) which
 - (4) whose
- 6 If you are born _____ the month of May or June, you are entitled to a gift in Haven Mall.
- (1) in
 - (2) at
 - (3) on
 - (4) before

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- 7 One of my classmates _____ chosen to represent Singapore in the International Chess Championships in Australia next month.
- (1) is being
 - (2) has been
 - (3) are being
 - (4) have been
- 8 Please do not put too _____ cubes of sugar in the pot of tea. I do not like my tea to be too sweet.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) much
 - (4) many

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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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9 The stick insect was resting _____ on the tree branch. You could hardly see it.

- (1) secretly
- (2) noticeably
- (3) prominently
- (4) inconspicuously

10 Mrs Wu was so _____ when she heard a voice behind her that she dropped the cup. She had thought she was alone in the room.

- (1) startled
- (2) puzzled
- (3) amazed
- (4) annoyed

11 The whole class was _____ when they won the prize for 'The Cleanest Class' competition.

- (1) jubilant
- (2) dejected
- (3) despondent
- (4) mesmerised

12 When the flood had _____, the villagers stepped out of their homes to look at the damage.

- (1) reclined
- (2) subsided
- (3) dwindled
- (4) diminished

13 As the service in that restaurant was not up to standard, we were very _____.

- (1) disrupted
- (2) dissatisfied
- (3) disagreeable
- (4) discouraged

14 The on-looking crowd was relieved that the fire had been _____ by the tireless firemen.

- (1) vanished
- (2) terminated
- (3) extinguished
- (4) distinguished

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Section C : Comprehension (10 marks)

Study this brochure carefully and answer the questions 15 to 19.

Science Hub

presents

The science behind a fun-filled holiday!

The March holidays are here again and we have lined up a host of exciting things for the family to see and do together. At the Science Hub, we are dedicated to make science learning fun and memorable for everyone!

Programmes:

Journey into our untamed world
(purchase your tickets at the entrance)

See a life-like volcano erupt and experience simulated gale-force winds and the tremors of an earthquake. Learn how a tsunami is created in our wild, wild world.



An irresistibly sweet invitation
(admission charges apply)

Discover the science behind the world's favourite candies. And if you're quick enough, there's a free lollipop for you. The first 200 children who visit the Candy Exhibition will enjoy this free treat*! *Free lollipops worth \$3.90 each, are only available on May 26 & 27.



Membership

For FREE admission to our attractions all year-round, take up a membership today!

Additional Membership Privileges

- 'Singapore Scientist' magazine (3 issues per year)
- Access to Science Hub Library of 12,000 science-related books and publications (onsite reference only during opening hours)
- complimentary school holiday workshops (see Events Calendar)

How to Apply

Note: All membership fees include a \$15 joining fee.

Download and complete the application form and mail it with a cheque made payable to Science Hub Board.

Membership Department
Science Hub
15 Science Hub Road
Singapore 609081
(Processing will take about 3 weeks)

For enquiries, please call our membership hotline at 6254 2179 or email members@science.edu.sg

Online Promotion - Limited Period only!

Join online now to save 10% on the joining fee!

Kindly have your details ready before you begin the transaction.

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For each question from 15 to 19, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

15 Which of the following is **true** of the activities at the *Science Hub*?

- (1) Visitors learn how to create a tsunami.
- (2) Free lollipops are given out for all programmes.
- (3) There are no admission charges to all activities.
- (4) You can watch the eruption of a man-made volcano.

16 Which of the following benefits do members of *Science Hub* enjoy?

They _____.

- (1) can attend school holiday workshops at discounted prices
- (2) are entitled to unlimited free admission into the *Science Hub*
- (3) receive free monthly issues of the 'Singapore Scientist' magazine
- (4) can borrow science-related books and publications from all libraries

17 According to the brochure, the best way to sign up as a member is to _____.

- (1) register online
- (2) email to *members@edu.sg*
- (3) call the membership hotline
- (4) mail the application form to *Science Hub Board*

18 Which word in the brochure has the same meaning as 'imitate'?

- (1) erupt
- (2) onsite
- (3) simulate
- (4) transaction

19 The main aim of the *Science Hub* is to _____.

- (1) host programmes for the March holidays
- (2) make the learning of science more enjoyable
- (3) provide free access to the Science Hub Library
- (4) encourage members to participate in workshops

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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 write its letter (A to H) in each blank. **USE EACH LETTER ONCE ONLY.**

(A) as	(B) after	(C) before	(D) between
(E) down	(F) in	(G) on	(H) up

We must always remember to reuse, reduce and recycle. We should think about what we really need first _____ buying anything. This will help to reduce wastage.
(20)

When we go shopping, we should bring our own bags. We should not use the bags provided by the shops _____ plastic take a long time to be broken down.
(21)

Students can do their part too. They should use foolscap paper _____ both sides. This will cut _____ the amount of paper used by half and help save money on stationery. There are recycling bins placed at estates, schools and certain buildings. Plastic bottles, paper and empty cans placed in these bins can be reused and recycled.
(22) (23)

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Section E: Grammar Cloze (2 marks)

Read the passage carefully. UNDERLINE the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Everyone knows that they have to report to school on time or face the consequences. However, some of my classmates [complain / complains] about
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being booked by the discipline master or prefects for arriving in school after the morning bell has rung. But if everyone else [has / have] made an effort to be on
(25)
time, so can they. As the adage goes, "time and tide wait for no man", once the time is gone, you can never get it back!

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Section F: Synthesis (2 marks)

For each of the questions 26 and 27, 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).

- 26 Darren packed his bag. Then he went to bed.

Before _____

27. Mother likes baking. Aunt Nelly likes baking too.

Both _____

Section G: Vocabulary Cloze (8 marks)

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

Narwhals belong to the toothed whale family. They live in the

_____ waters of the Arctic Circle. Male Narwhals can grow up to 5m
(28)

long and _____ 1600kg whereas females are usually smaller in size,
(29)

measuring 3.5m long and weighing 1000kg.

What makes narwhals unusual is that the males have a long tusk. It is an
ivory tooth that is 2 to 3m _____. That is why they are sometimes
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_____ as the unicorns of the sea.
(31)

In the mediaeval times, traders sold these tusks as unicorn horns. They
claimed the _____ had magical properties. As people _____
(32) (33)

that narwhals tusks could make poison harmless, kings and queens made cups out
of them. One narwhal horn cup that belonged to Queen Elizabeth I of England cost
ten thousand pounds – the same price as a castle then!

All the male narwhals have long tusks. Some _____ have tusks
(34)
too but most do not. The mystery is that nobody _____ what the
(35)

narwhals use their tusks for. What do you think the narwhal's tusk is for?

Adapted from *Unicorns of the Sea*

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Section H: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 36 to 40.

Michael blew into his gloved hands while he waited for his brother to return from the shed. The wait in the cold seemed like eternity. When Sam returned, he was carrying some strips of wood.

"It's freezing. Hurry up, Sam," Michael said, looking at the whirling snow around them.

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Michael held the lamp for Sam to work on the door. As Sam began hammering the strips of wood to the broken door, some noises echoed from the frozen fields across their farm. Sam dropped his hammer immediately. Michael held up the lamp in the direction of the coop.

"Did you hear that?" Sam asked Michael, who nodded vigorously.

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Another sound filled the air again. It was the loud and continuous clucking of the hens in the coop. They sounded frightened and agitated. Sam raced down the stony path in great fury. Michael was close by. Sam had lost three hens in the past fortnight and was not about to lose another. He saw a flash of brownish black as he approached the coop. Then he saw its black-ringed tail. The raccoon emerged from the tree beside the coop.

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"Go away!" Sam roared. It stood still and looked at the two boys for a while. The predator only ran into the woods when Michael ran towards it.

The hens in the coop were flapping and running up and down as Michael counted them. He was glad that none of the chickens was missing. Later, Sam checked on the wire fencing. He was relieved that the coop was still secure.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

36 Give two reasons why Michael felt the wait was "like eternity" (in line 2).

37 What was Sam going to do with the strips of wood?

38 Which three-word phrase tells you that Sam was very annoyed by the presence of the raccoon?

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39 How did Sam know that the raccoon was near the coop?

40 Why must the wire fencing be secured?

ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : CA1

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23
3	2	C	A	G	E

Q24) complain

Q25) has

Q26) Before Darren went to bed, he packed his bag.

Q27) Both Mother and Aunt Nelly like to bake.

Q28) cold

Q29) weigh

Q30) long

Q31) known

Q32) tusks

Q33) believed

Q34) females

Q35) knows

Q36) It was cold so the wait seemed long.

Q37) Sam was going to use the strips of wood to repair the door as the door was broken.

Q38) In great fury

Q39) There was continuous and loud clucking from the coop.

Q40) It is to keep the predator out and keep the chickens safe.

