



MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

2012 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PART 1

10 May 2012 (Thursday)

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Listening Comprehension: 20 min  
Language Use and Comprehension: 1 h 15 min

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CLASS	:	PRIMARY 4 _____

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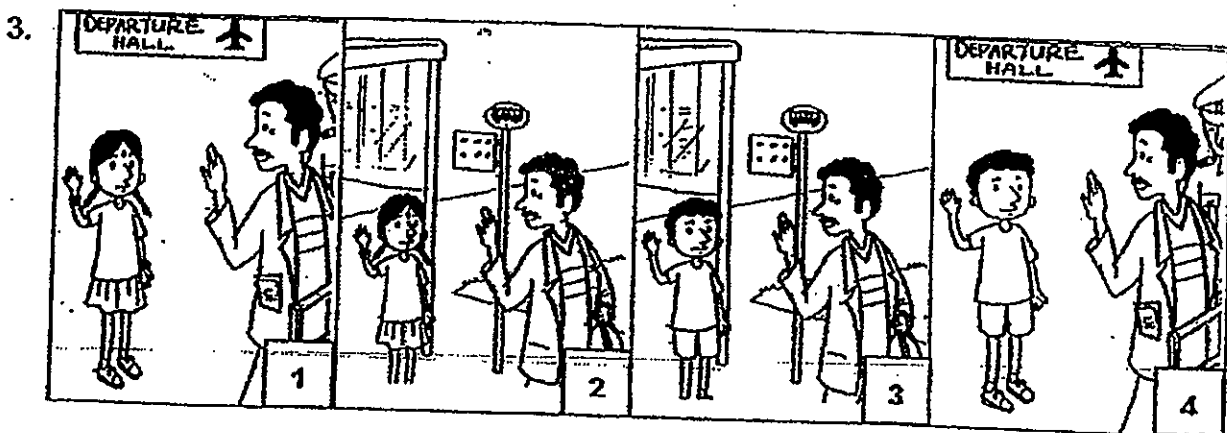
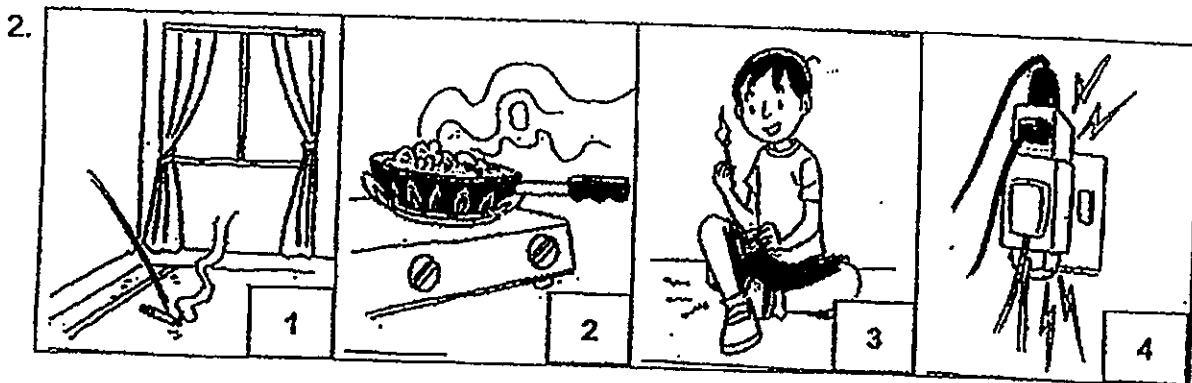
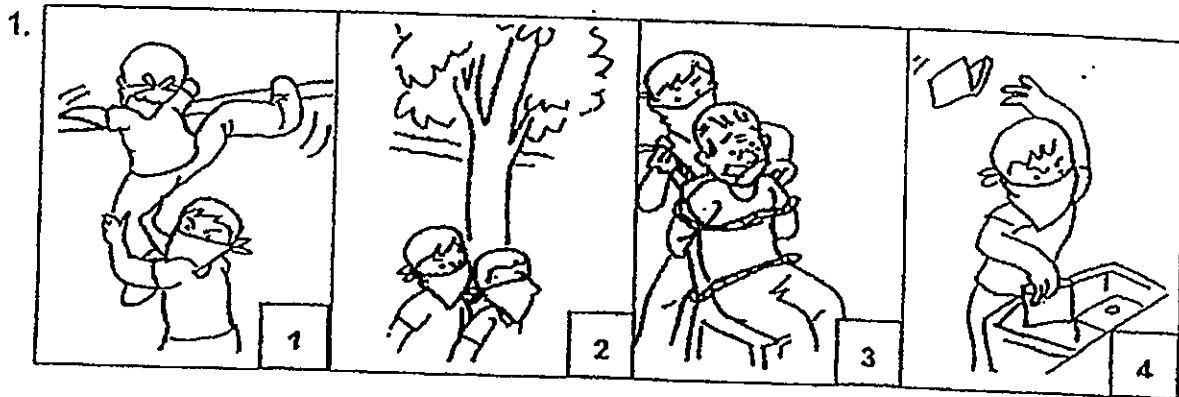
**FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.**

**ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.**

**SECTION A: PICTURE-MATCHING**

(4 x 1 mark)

Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture, or part of the picture, that matches the statement/s that your teacher is going to read to you. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.





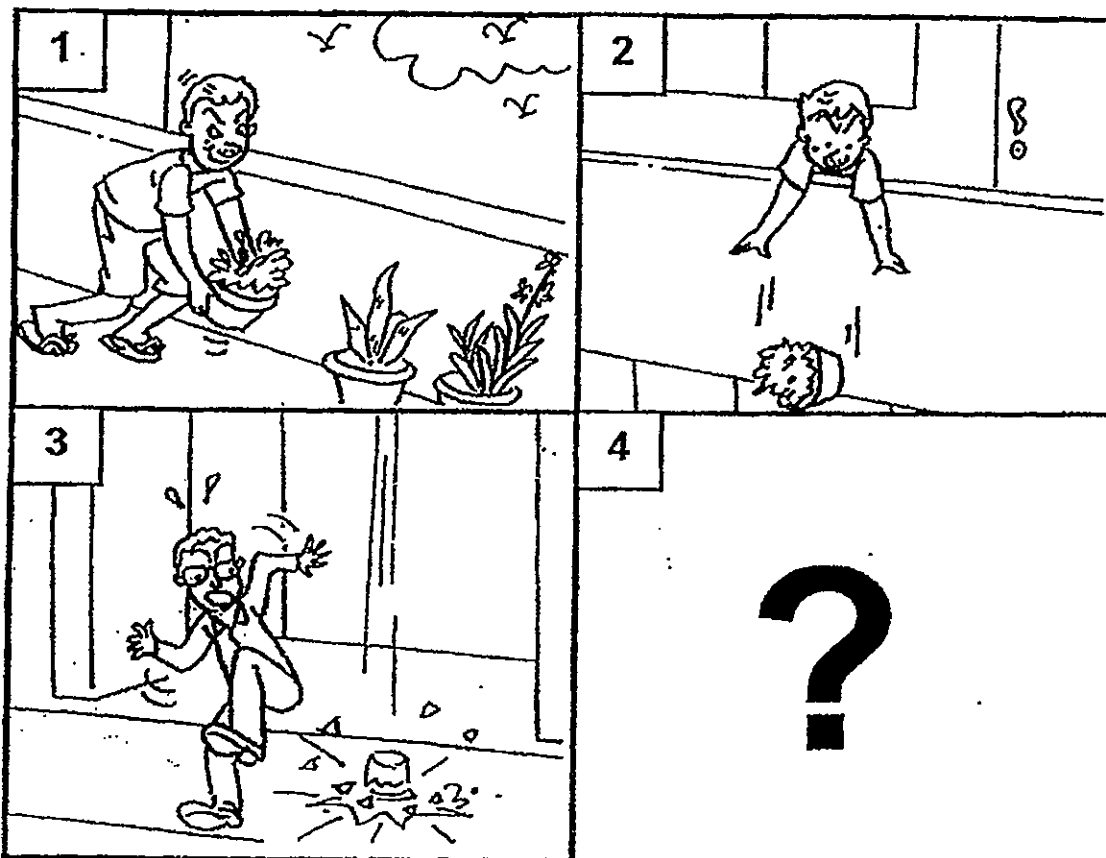
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COMPOSITION  
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3 May 2012 (Thursday)

Time Allowed: 50 minutes

Read the questions carefully. Write a composition based on 1 of the questions.  
Choose either a or b. Do not write both.

- (a) Write a story of at least 120 words based on the pictures below.  
Give the story your own ending.  
You may use the words in the box.  
You are encouraged to include other relevant points to make your  
composition interesting.



corridor	potted plants	horror-stricken
chuckled	stealthily	mischief
consequences	missed by an inch	took to his heels

- (b) One evening, you were returning home from school when you saw a group of children playing soccer at a field beside a road. Suddenly, you heard a loud cry.

Write a composition of at least 120 words based on the above situation. Give the story your own ending.

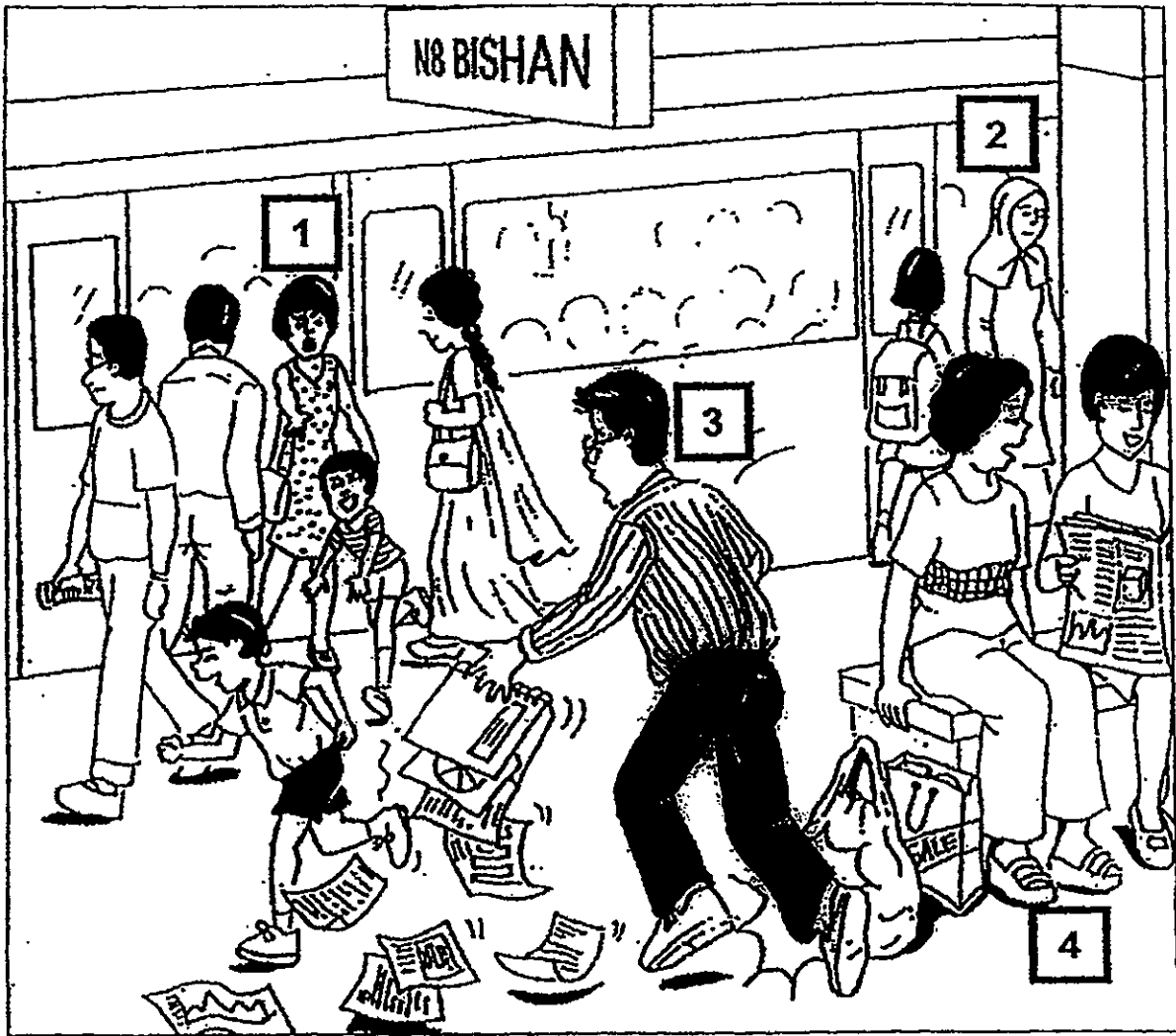
Make use of the following points in your composition. You may re-order the points. You are encouraged to include other relevant points to make your composition interesting.

- ❖ reckless
- ❖ screeching of brakes
- ❖ lying in a pool of blood
- ❖ wave of panic
- ❖ paramedics attended to the injured
- ❖ ?

End of Paper

Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture, or part of the picture, that matches the statement/s that your teacher is going to read to you. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

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**SECTION B: VOCABULARY (MCQ)**

(6 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct word to complete the blank. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

5. The Sailing Club will \_\_\_\_\_ a membership card to new members.
- (1) sign
  - (2) issue
  - (3) stamp
  - (4) produce
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ author's works have been published all over the world.
- (1) notorious
  - (2) unknown
  - (3) unfamiliar
  - (4) renowned
7. Aunt Sue keeps a large \_\_\_\_\_ of stamps from different countries.
- (1) diary
  - (2) project
  - (3) calendar
  - (4) collection
8. Our Science teacher \_\_\_\_\_ to us how the experiment should be done before we did it on our own.
- (1) illustrated
  - (2) performed
  - (3) interpreted
  - (4) demonstrated
9. Annie had her dress \_\_\_\_\_ so that she will be comfortable on her birthday.
- (1) altered
  - (2) renewed
  - (3) modified
  - (4) transformed
10. The owner of the \_\_\_\_\_, where we got our seedlings from, shared with us tips on taking care of young plants.
- (1) aviary
  - (2) nursery
  - (3) laboratory
  - (4) observatory

SECTION C: GRAMMAR (MCQ)

(6 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct word to complete the blank. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

11. It is \_\_\_\_\_ honour for us to attend \_\_\_\_\_ President's charity event.
- (1) a ... a
  - (2) a ... the
  - (3) an ... the
  - (4) the ... the
12. "My painting is better than \_\_\_\_\_!" Sam exclaimed pointing at <sup>the boy's</sup> ~~Raju's~~ painting.
- (1) his
  - (2) ours
  - (3) hers
  - (4) ~~yours~~  
theirs
13. I cannot put \_\_\_\_\_ with your behaviour anymore. I will inform your parents immediately.
- (1) on
  - (2) up
  - (3) off
  - (4) out
14. Bryan, as well as his classmates, \_\_\_\_\_ helping Madam Siti now.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
15. Have you \_\_\_\_\_ of a solution for this Mathematics problem?
- (1) think
  - (2) thinks
  - (3) thought
  - (4) thinking
16. \_\_\_\_\_ of the boys has the book.
- (1) ~~All~~
  - (2) Both
  - (3) Some
  - (4) Neither

SECTION D: COMPREHENSION MCQ

(5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions.

One day, Elephant was very thirsty and looked desperately for water. When he came by a shimmering lake, he charged wildly through the grass field towards the water. He was in such a hurry that he unknowingly trampled on the Rabbit's burrow and crushed the grass that she and her family fed on.

Rabbit was worried. She knew the elephant would return to the lake, and ~~the~~ as a result her home and food would be destroyed completely. She thought very hard and finally had an idea. 5

A full moon was peeking above the trees as Rabbit went in search of Elephant. She hopped in front of him and began shouting loudly. He did not pay any attention to her because of her tiny voice. When Rabbit was almost hoarse from shouting, Elephant looked down and trumpeted at Rabbit, "Who are you?" 10

"I am the messenger of the powerful Moon God and he has a message for you," said Rabbit. "When you went down to the lake today, you trampled the home and food of the Moon God's most loyal messenger. This has angered the Moon God and he commands you never to return." 15

"I don't believe in any Moon God," scoffed Elephant.

"Follow me to the lake and you will see the Moon God for yourself," commanded Rabbit.

"Where are we going?" enquired Elephant, as he ambled behind Rabbit.

At the lake, Rabbit pointed at the reflection of the full moon in the still water. 20

"This is the Moon God," she said. "Pay your respects by dipping your trunk into the lake."

Elephant thought nothing of it and stretched out his trunk. He touched the surface of the lake. Instantly, the water rippled, making the moon's reflection burst into hundreds of shimmering pieces. Elephant pulled back his trunk in fright. 25

At once, Elephant turned around and headed back, careful this time not to step on any grass or burrows along the way.



For each question, 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.

17. Elephant charged through the grass field because he \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) became wild
  - (2) was very thirsty
  - (3) could not find any water
  - (4) wanted to trample on Rabbit's burrow
18. The word " \_\_\_\_\_ " suggested that Elephant was doubtful about the Moon God.
- (1) scoffed
  - (2) enquired
  - (3) trumpeted
  - (4) commanded
19. In lines 7 - 8, Elephant could not hear Rabbit because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Rabbit was too small
  - (2) Rabbit's voice was too soft
  - (3) Elephant was hard of hearing
  - (4) Elephant was not paying attention
20. In line 25, Elephant was afraid because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) he had seen the reflection of the full moon
  - (2) his trunk had touched the surface of the lake
  - (3) the moon's reflection had burst into many shimmering pieces
  - (4) Rabbit had introduced herself as the Moon God's messenger
21. The most suitable title for the passage is " \_\_\_\_\_ ".
- (1) The Worried Rabbit
  - (2) The Foolish Elephant
  - (3) The Angry Moon God
  - (4) The Shimmering Lake



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PART 2

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**ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.**

<u>MARKS OBTAINED</u>	
PART 1	: _____ / 26
PART 2	: _____ / 38
TOTAL	: _____ / 64

Parents' Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION E: VOCABULARY CLOZE**

(8 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

**USE A WORD ONCE ONLY**

(A) adapt	(B) age	(C) available
(D) defend	(E) eat	(F) enables
(G) escape	(H) feed	(J) like
(K) similar	(L) survive	(M) Year

Scorpions are arachnids and have eight legs like spiders. They can grab an insect with their pincers and whip the poisonous tip of their tails to sting their prey. They use their poison not only to kill their prey, but also to (22)\_\_\_\_\_ themselves from predators.

Scorpions, in appearance, look (23)\_\_\_\_\_ to small lobsters. They are believed to be the first animals to have moved from water to land and have been around since the (24) \_\_\_\_\_ of dinosaurs!

Scorpions typically (25)\_\_\_\_\_ on insects but when food is scarce they can slow down their metabolism rate. This technique (26)\_\_\_\_\_ them to use little oxygen and live on only one insect per year. Because of this, scorpions are able to (27)\_\_\_\_\_ to different types of environments.

However, there is one thing scorpions cannot live without and that is soil. They are burrowing animals, so in areas where loose soil is not (28)\_\_\_\_\_, scorpions may not be able to (29)\_\_\_\_\_. This is why one will never encounter a scorpion in the Antarctica!

**SECTION F: GRAMMAR CLOZE**

**(10 X 1 mark)**

Read the following passage carefully. Choose from the words given in the box and fill in each blank with the correct word. Write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

**USE A WORD ONCE ONLY**

**PASSAGE 1**

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| (A) he | (B) his | (C) him   |
| (D) it | (E) its | (F) their |

David was playing in the garden when he spotted a butterfly struggling to emerge from the cocoon. After watching it struggle for several minutes, he decided to give it a hand. He ran back to (30)\_\_\_\_\_ house and brought out a pair of scissors.

He gave the cocoon a snip and the butterfly was able to emerge easily. However, the butterfly's body was swollen and (31)\_\_\_\_\_ wings were shrivelled. It could not take flight and died. David was disappointed and felt his kindness had caused the butterfly's death. His father consoled (32)\_\_\_\_\_ and David soon realised his mistake. He picked up the dead butterfly and placed (33)\_\_\_\_\_ in a corner of his garden.

**Score: 14**

## PASSAGE 2

Read the following passage carefully. Circle the correct word from the words given in the brackets and write it in the blanks provided.

Step into a Japanese restaurant and you will find bright green wasabi served alongside the food that you have just ordered. However, not many (34)\_\_\_\_\_ (know / knows) about the cultivation and production of this beloved horseradish.

The cultivation of wasabi is so difficult that the types of wasabi paste sold at supermarkets or restaurants hardly (35)\_\_\_\_\_ (contain / contains) any real wasabi. The best quality of wasabi (36)\_\_\_\_\_ (is/are) grown along streams found in cold mountains.

In supermarkets, wasabi is widely available as a paste or in powder form. Wasabi powder (37)\_\_\_\_\_ (has / have) to be mixed with water to become a paste. It is interesting that the strong, hot flavour of wasabi disappears within a few seconds and leaves no burning aftertaste in one's mouth.

Score: 14

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**SECTION G: COMPREHENSION OPEN-ENDED**

(5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

It was a starry night in August. Nothing stirred on a beach in Costa Rica. The only sounds that could be heard were the crashing waves and the rustling of leaves. Suddenly, a spot in the sand began to shake and sink. A damp, musty smell drifted across the beach.

Deep in the warm sand, about a hundred eggs started to wiggle. A young turtle's journey was about to begin. The temperature of the sand would determine its gender. Most of the hatchlings in the cooler sand would be male while those in the warmer sand would be female. Once the turtles had hatched from their eggs, they flapped their flippers and dug their way out of the sand. 10

Their journey to the water was a race for survival. The moonlight that reflected off the water helped to guide the hatchlings towards the ocean. Luckily, there were no bright lights shining from a nearby street as such lights could make them go the wrong way. Moreover, Ghost Crabs could grab the hatchlings with their pinching claws. The little survivors swam non-stop under the waves to reach the ocean. 15

As dawn broke, rays of light pierced through the clouds. The only evidence of the night's activity was the crawl tracks left on the sandy beach.

*(Adapted from National Geographic: Extreme Explorer, April 2012)*

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

38. From the passage, where did the turtles hatch from their eggs?

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39. From lines 5 to 10, what was the gender of most of the turtles that hatched?

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40. Which three-word phrase in the passage suggests that the hatchlings' journey was not an easy one?

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41. What does 'them' in line 14 refer to?

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42. What were the two possible problems that the hatchlings faced when they moved towards the ocean?

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**SECTION H: NOTE-TAKING AND DICTATION**

(12 x 1 mark)

Q43 to Q48 is a note-taking test.

You are a reporter for the Sunshine Newspaper. You are interviewing an eye-witness to a road accident. In order to gather facts for your article, you must take down the relevant details from the witness' recount.

Each blank in Q43 to Q48 should be filled with one word.

A Road Accident

Q43 The accident happened on \_\_\_\_\_ August.

Q44 The time of the accident was \_\_\_\_\_

Q45 The witness was waiting for a taxi along \_\_\_\_\_ Road.

Q46 The colour of the speeding vehicle was \_\_\_\_\_

Q47 The driver knocked down a man on a \_\_\_\_\_

Q48 The ambulance arrived in \_\_\_\_\_ minutes.

Score: 16

**Q49 is a dictation test.**

**Your sister will be helping out at your aunt's house for some time. Listen carefully and write down a message that your sister wants you to pass to Mother.**

A message

I rushed to Aunt Lucy's house because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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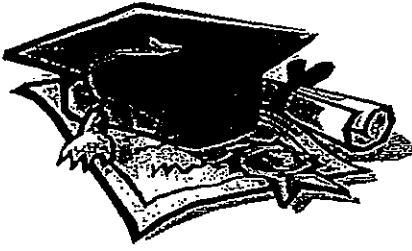
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**Score:        / 6**



# ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2012

SCHOOL : MARIS STELLA  
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
1	2	3	2	D	K	B	H	F	A	C	L	B	E	C	D

34)know    35)contain    36)is    37)has

38)They hatched from their eggs on a beach in Costa Rica.

39)They were females.

40)It is "race for survival".

41)It refers to the hatchlings.

42)The bright lights could make them go the wrong way and Ghost Crabs could grab them with their pinching claws.

43 to 48 note taking test

