

**METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)**

Founded in 1887



**MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2016  
PRIMARY 3  
ENGLISH**

**PAPER 2  
(BOOKLET A)**

Total Time for Booklets A, B and C: 1 hour 15 minutes

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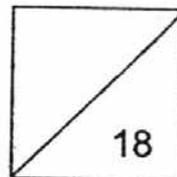
Answer all questions.

Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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**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 The boy \_\_\_\_\_ the old lady carry her groceries and holds her hand to cross the road.

- (1) help
- (2) helps
- (3) helped
- (4) helping

2 Brenda \_\_\_\_\_ a branded handbag that cost her an arm and a leg.

- (1) buy
- (2) buys
- (3) bought
- (4) was buying

3 The Antarctica is a \_\_\_\_\_ place where some people actually live.

- (1) cold
- (2) colder
- (3) coldest
- (4) most cold

4 In 'The Wolf's Story', the wolf wants everyone to know that he \_\_\_\_\_ not like to eat pig pies.

- (1) do
- (2) did
- (3) does
- (4) done

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- 5 James hid \_\_\_\_\_ the tree while playing hide-and-seek.
- (1) on
  - (2) under
  - (3) behind
  - (4) around
- 6 We have to eat our breakfast quickly as our flight \_\_\_\_\_ at 10 a.m.
- (1) left
  - (2) leave
  - (3) is leaving
  - (4) was leaving
- 7 Jia Lin is a hardworking girl. She \_\_\_\_\_ rather study for her test than to play all day.
- (1) could
  - (2) might
  - (3) would
  - (4) should
- 8 George was drenched \_\_\_\_\_ he did not heed his mother's advice to carry an umbrella when he went out.
- (1) as
  - (2) so
  - (3) but
  - (4) and

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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 "I knew it!" \_\_\_\_\_ Sharon when she unwrapped her present and realised it was the toy she always wanted.
- (1) quivered
  - (2) muttered
  - (3) grumbled
  - (4) exclaimed
- 10 Johan insisted that his mother buy him a new handphone after he lost his. However, she refused and would not \_\_\_\_\_ to his demand.
- (1) give in
  - (2) give up
  - (3) give out
  - (4) give away
- 11 The dog growled and gave a/an \_\_\_\_\_ snarl at the stranger whose hair stood on end and ran away.
- (1) peculiar
  - (2) menacing
  - (3) suspicious
  - (4) astounding
- 12 Huimei waits \_\_\_\_\_ for her ballet examination to start. She is a bundle of nerves!
- (1) hastily
  - (2) faithfully
  - (3) anxiously
  - (4) cautiously

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- 13 An \_\_\_\_\_ is being carried out to find clues that will lead to the bank robber's hideout.
- (1) exploration
  - (2) observation
  - (3) examination
  - (4) investigation
- 14 We listened excitedly as the news broadcaster \_\_\_\_\_ the results of the football match on air.
- (1) divulged
  - (2) announced
  - (3) commented
  - (4) pronounced

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**Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (4 marks)**

Study the following poster and answer questions 15 to 18.

**An annual event brought to you by Singapore Book Club to promote the love of reading:**

## CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL



**Date:** 2 - 5 March 2016  
**Time:** 10.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.  
**Venue:** Singapore Expo Hall 6



**Illustration Workshop**  
 Learn to draw your favourite storybook characters.

Join our illustrator, Mr Peter Ng, as he teaches you how to draw your favourite characters.

Details of the workshop:  
 Fee: \$15 per person  
 Time: 1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. daily  
 Venue: Star Room

Registration for the workshop will start from 12 noon outside the Star Room.

**\*Art materials will be provided**  
**\*Limited places on a first-come-first-served basis**

**Around The World in 7 Days**  
 Enjoy listening to a good story?

Travel around the world with our local storytellers as they take you on a journey to meet friendly and lovely creatures from China, Australia and New Zealand.

Time: 11.00 a.m., 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. daily

Venue: Crescent Room

**Book Exchange**

Trade your used books with other visitors of **ALL AGES.**

Books must be in good condition.

Time: 1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.  
 Venue: Sun Room

**Sponsors:**

Sunshine Bookstore  
 Literacy Friends  
 Bookworm Club



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- 15 The Children's Book Festival is organised by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Bookworm Club
  - (2) Literacy Friends
  - (3) Sunshine Bookstore
  - (4) Singapore Book Club
- 16 The main purpose of organising the Children's Book Festival is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) cultivate a love of reading
  - (2) feature the work of local authors
  - (3) promote book exchange among visitors
  - (4) introduce children to different types of creatures from around the world
- 17 To take part in the Illustration Workshop, you should \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) register at 1.00 p.m.
  - (2) report to the Crescent Room
  - (3) bring your own drawing materials.
  - (4) be punctual at 12 noon to ensure a place
- 18 Which of the following statements is false?
- (1) Story telling takes place twice a day in the Crescent Room.
  - (2) Only books in good condition can be traded in the Book Exchange.
  - (3) The Book Exchange and the Illustration Workshop take place at the same time.
  - (4) The Children's Book Festival is an event that both children and adults can participate.

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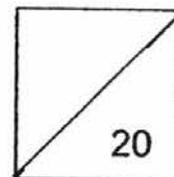
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**Section D: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)**

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

The oak tree is a sturdy tree. In fact, he always (19) [ thought / thinks ] that he was far stronger than the tall grass in the forest.

He said to himself, "Every time the wind (20) [ blow / blows ], I don't bend my head in a cowardly fashion but (21) [ stands / stand ] upright in a storm, unlike the grass which is really so weak."

That very night, a storm blew and the mighty oak tree was uprooted.

"We bend but we (22) [ don't / doesn't ] break easily. Thank goodness we are all right,"

commented the grass gratefully.

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**Section E: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)**

Read the passage carefully. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to F) in the blank. **USE THE WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A) by      (B) about      (C) since      (D) on      (E) from      (F) into

Honey is the wonderful product of honey bees. It has been used

\_\_\_\_\_ ancient times both as food and medicine. It is available throughout  
(23)  
the year.

The fascinating process of making honey begins when the bees feast

\_\_\_\_\_ flowers. The bees use their long, tube-like tongues to suck the nectar  
(24)

\_\_\_\_\_ the flowers. Then the nectar mixes with the bees' saliva, a process  
(25)

that turns it \_\_\_\_\_ honey. The honey bees store honey as food in wax  
(26)

honeycombs inside the beehive.

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**Section F: Editing (4 marks)**

There are spelling and grammatical errors in the underlined words. Write the correct word in the boxes provided.

I was at the MRT train station waiting for the train to arrive. I was hoping that it

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would be punktuel as I did not want to be late for my piano lesson. Soon, it arrived

(28)   
and I boarded the train but I did not manage to find a seat as it is crowded.

At the next station, an elderly woman boarded the train. She stood near a  
young man who was sitting near the door. When he saw her approaching, he closed

(29)   
his eyes and pretended to be asleep. I was annoyed in his inconsiderate act.

(30)   
Fourtunerdy, another young man stood up and gave up his seat to the  
elderly lady. The elderly lady thanked him for his kind act.

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**Section G: Comprehension Cloze (6 marks)**

Read the passage carefully. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to H) in the blank. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

- |                |                  |               |             |
|----------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|
| (A) frenzy     | (B) instructions | (C) favourite | (D) help    |
| (E) interested | (F) classified   | (G) make      | (H) popular |

Rainbow Loom was one of the "hottest" toys in 2014 and the winner of "Toy of the Year" award. It is \_\_\_\_\_ with children all over the world.  
(31)

Rainbow Loom is a plastic tool which children use to weave coloured bands into bracelets and necklaces. It is meant for eight to fourteen-year-olds.

However, younger children are \_\_\_\_\_ in it too.  
(32)

"I have loads of fun making my own bracelets of different shapes and rainbow colours," said Emma, a six-year-old girl.

"I like doing dragon-scale bracelets. They are my \_\_\_\_\_. I learned how to weave from the online videos," chorused her younger sister, Jemma.  
(33)

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Many video lessons and step-by-step \_\_\_\_\_ have been posted  
(34)  
online to teach children how to twist and weave coloured bands into bracelets and  
necklaces. The online patterns are usually \_\_\_\_\_ into Beginner,  
(35)  
Intermediate and Advanced levels. This is to \_\_\_\_\_ a child choose a design  
(36)  
which she can manage. Moreover, children are also encouraged to post and share  
their unique designs and patterns online.

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**Section H: Synthesis (2 marks)**

For each of the questions 37 and 38, 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).

- 37 Bobby was down with fever. Bobby went to watch a football match.

\_\_\_\_\_ **although**

\_\_\_\_\_

- 38 The wolf climbed down the chimney. The wolf wanted to make friends with the three little pigs.

\_\_\_\_\_ **because**

\_\_\_\_\_

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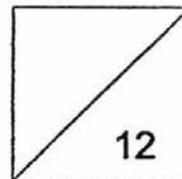
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**Section I: Comprehension: Selected Response (4 marks)**

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 39 to 42.

I sat down on a vacant and rotting bench with a frown formed on my forehead. I sighed as the images of the morning's defeat kept playing in my head. I had just lost in the tennis finals which I was expected to win. A tear rolled down my left cheek. I was upset not for my loss but for the fear of disappointing my mother.

As I was feeling sorry for myself, a young boy approached me. He stood right before me with his head tilted down and said with great excitement, "Look what I found!" I was not in the mood to play with him and I wished that he would go away. I looked at him angrily for disturbing me and before I could ask him to go away, he sat down beside me. I turned to look at him and realised that he was holding a dried-up flower in his hand.

In his hand was a sad-looking flower, a wilted flower. To my surprise, he brought the flower to his nose and said, "It smells good and it is beautiful." At that moment, I noticed for the very first time that the boy could not see. He was blind.

*Source: Adapted from the article "The Boy Who Changed Me".*

- 39 Which word has the same meaning as "empty"? Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

I sat down on a vacant and rotting bench with a frown formed on my forehead.  
(A) (B)

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Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the bracket provided.

40 The writer was upset because he \_\_\_\_\_ . (1m)

- (1) had lost the tennis match
- (2) was being disturbed by the boy
- (3) could not forget about the tennis match
- (4) felt that he had disappointed his mother

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For Q41 - 42, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. (2m)

	Statement	True	False
Example	The writer was feeling sorry for himself.	✓	
41	The writer invited the boy to play with him.		
42	The writer knew that the boy was blind before he sat down and joined him on the bench.		

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## Section J: Comprehension: Open-Ended (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 43 to 47.

Like many other parrots, Willie is a mimic. He says, "Give me food", "Come here" and "I want out". However, unlike most parrots, Willie has a truly remarkable story. When he spontaneously added a new word to his range, he saved a life.

Last November, Megan volunteered to babysit her friend's daughter, Hannah, in her house.

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Megan's 11-month-old parrot, Willie, was in his cage in a corner of the living room. Megan toasted pizza for Hannah and put it on the dining room table. As it was too hot to eat, the child went into the living room to watch television. She seemed contented, so Megan went to the bathroom.

Minutes later, Willie became hysterical in his cage. He was flapping his wings, screeching, "Mama, baby! Mama, baby!"

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Megan rushed into the room to see Hannah's face turning blue as she was choking on her food. Megan quickly wrapped her arms around Hannah's stomach and pushed it in. The food dislodged from Hannah's throat.

"He calls me Mama, so he was obviously trying to get my attention. What really amazes me is that he added the word 'baby' on his own," Megan recalled.

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Arriving home shortly after the incident, Megan's friend found her daughter playing happily. "I don't even want to think what would have happened without Willie," she said gratefully. Megan added that the moment she had taken charge, Willie stopped squawking. It was as if he knew things were under control.

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Now, Megan gives the bird a lot of attention. She leaves his cage open in the mornings to let him fly freely in the house.

Source: Adapted from Reader's Digest - Hero Pet of the Year

- 43 Which words from lines 1 to 5 have the same meaning as the following words? (2m)

A	(i)	impressive	
B	(ii)	offered	

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For Q44 – 47, write your answers in complete sentences.

- 44 Why was Hannah's face turning blue? (1m)

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- 45 Based on the story, state whether each statement below is True or False, then give one reason why you think so. (2m)

Sentence	True / False	Reason
i) Megan was aware that Willie knew the word 'baby'.		
ii) Megan went to the bathroom thinking that Hannah would be all right.		

- 46 How did Megan know that Willie was clearly trying to get her attention? (1m)

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- 47 Give two reasons why Willie stopped squawking. (2m)

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**Booklet A & B**

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6
2	3	1	3	3	3
Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12
3	1	4	1	2	3
Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18
4	2	4	1	4	1
Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24
thought	blows	stand	don't	C	D
Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
E	F	punctual	was	by	Fortunately
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36
H	E	C	B	F	D

Q37 Bobby went to watch a football match although he was down with fever.

Q38 The wolf climbed down the chimney because he wanted to make friends with the three little pigs.

**Booklet C**

Q39 (A)

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	Statement	True	False
Example	The writer was feeling sorry for himself.	✓	
Q41	The writer invited the boy to play with him.		✓
Q42	The writer knew that the boy was blind before he sat down and joined him on the bench.		✓

Q43

(i)	impressive	remarkable
(ii)	offered	volunteered

Q44 Hannah's face turned blue as she was choking on her food.

Q45

Sentence	True / False	Reason
i) Megan was aware that Willie knew the word 'baby'.	False	Megan was amazed that Willie added the word 'baby' on his own.
ii) Megan went to the bathroom thinking that Hannah would be all right.	True	Hannah seemed contented, so Megan thought Hannah would be all right.

Q46 Willie called out loud 'Mama' so it was obvious that Willie tried to get Megan's attention.

Q47 He knew that Megan had taken charge and things were under control.

End