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## CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL



**Primary 4**

**Semestral Assessment 1 – 2008**

**English Language**

**PAPER 1**

**5<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Duration of Paper: 50 min

Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.

Choose only one question

- (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.



void deck	football	ignored	inconsiderate	sign	market
heavy bags	unaware	injured	hit on the head	fell to the ground	

- (b) One day, while you were waiting at a bus stop, a man came up to you to ask if you had small change. While you were taking your coins out of your wallet, he grabbed it and ran off.

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.

- -shouted for help
- panicked
- man ran away
- onlookers called the police
- ?

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**PAPER 2**

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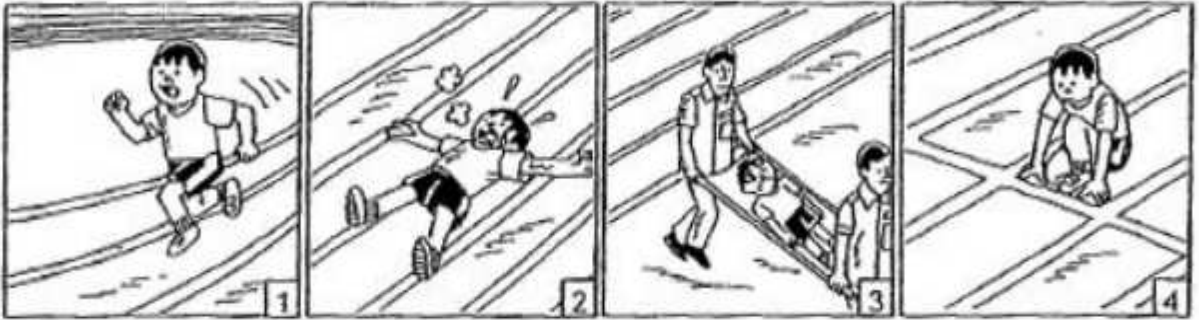
Duration of Paper: 1 h 30 min

Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.  
Follow all instructions carefully.

**Section A – Picture Matching (4 x 1 mark)**

Look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture that describes what has been read. Then choose the correct answer, (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

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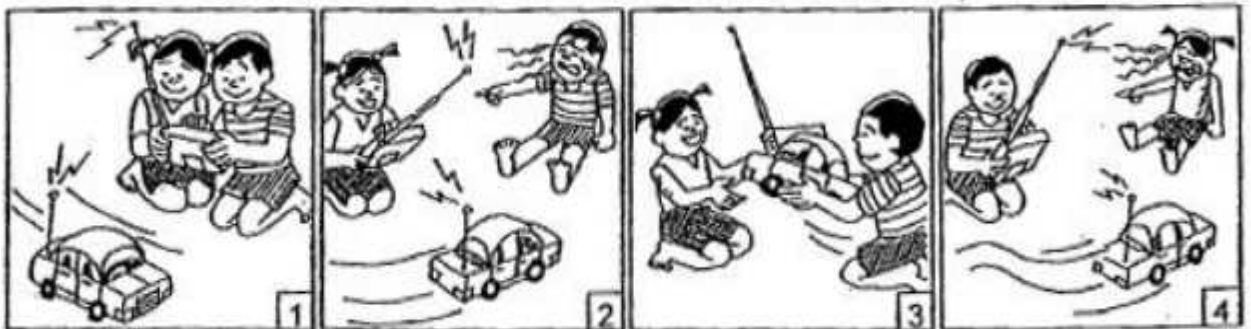
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(4)



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Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (7 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

5. My parents are relieved to know that the school is taking \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure that the unfortunate incident would not happen again.
- (1) acts                      (2) plans  
(3) moves                    (4) steps                      ( )
6. Looking down from where we stand, the view of the Great Ocean Road is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) magnifying              (2) magnificent  
(3) enchanted              (4) enthralled              ( )
7. The spectators cheered for Brandon who \_\_\_\_\_ past the other runners just before the finishing line to become the champion.
- (1) splattered              (2) splintered  
(3) sprinted                (4) sprinkled              ( )
8. Miss Yeong's artistic piece of work was a source of \_\_\_\_\_ to many people who were present at the gallery.
- (1) determination        (2) foundation  
(3) exploration            (4) inspiration              ( )
9. "Please ... help me," the wounded man \_\_\_\_\_ in a weak voice and fainted before he could reach the room.
- (1) wailed                    (2) yelled  
(3) screeched              (4) pleaded                  ( )
10. After seeing the doctor, my father handed the \_\_\_\_\_ to the pharmacist so that she could dispense medicine accordingly.
- (1) potion                    (2) depiction  
(3) prescription            (4) description              ( )
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ between a van and a car caused an hour-long traffic jam along Bukit Timah Road.
- (1) crash                    (2) clash  
(3) collision                (4) connection              ( )

Section C – Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

12. It was pouring \_\_\_\_\_ Keith insisted on going out.  
(1) so (2) but  
(3) thus (4) because ( )
13. Mrs Ching saw the woman \_\_\_\_\_ some money when she went into the room last night.  
(1) takes (2) took  
(3) take (4) taken ( )
14. The children quickened their pace and hurried into the house when they saw lightning flashed \_\_\_\_\_ the sky.  
(1) into (2) across  
(3) within (4) beyond ( )
15. Neither Aunt Tina nor Uncle Roy \_\_\_\_\_ orange juice. Both of them (prefer) hot drinks to cold drinks.  
(1) drink (2) drunk  
(3) drank (4) drinks ( )
16. Mr Tan, together with the children, \_\_\_\_\_ swimming every Sunday.  
(1) go (2) went  
(3) gone (4) goes ( )
17. Miss Ong told Mary to keep the secret to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) yourselves (2) herself  
(3) themselves (4) yourself ( )
18. The tickets to the concert were all sold out, so we could not get \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) any (2) none  
(3) some (4) many ( )
19. "Celeste sings \_\_\_\_\_ than Calista. We shall choose her to be the lead singer," the music teacher commented.  
(1) sweeter (2) sweetest  
(3) more sweetly (4) most sweetly ( )



**Section D – Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)**

Study the leaflet carefully and answer the questions that follow.



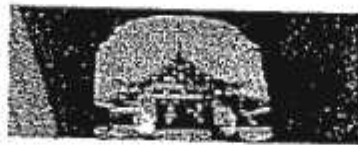
**EUREKA HOLIDAYS**



**5 D/ 4 N Chiangmai / Chiangrai / Golden Triangle**

**Day 1 Singapore/Chiangmai**

Assemble at Changi International Airport for your flight to Chiangmai. Upon arrival, you will meet the local representative and transfer to hotel. You are free to explore on your own for the rest of the day.



**Day 2 Chiangmai/Doi Suthep Temple/ Home Industries /Night Bazaar (B/L/D)**

After breakfast, we begin our visit to Doi Suthep Temple. This historical temple contains holy relics of the Buddha and is located 3500 feet above sea level. Take the 300 steps of winding staircase up to the mountain and you will have a panoramic view of Chiangmai City.

Next, stop at Home Industries to see the process of Thai silk and cotton being woven on hand looms, and the colourful paper and parasol maker of Borsang (umbrella) by the girls of Sankampheang. You will also get to see the making of lacquer ware, silverware and teakwood carving.



**Day 3 Chiangmai/Chiangrai/Golden Triangle/Mae Sai (B/L/D)**

After breakfast, we will travel to the northernmost province of Thailand, Chiangrai, which is situated on the Kok River basin about 400 metres above sea level. It is about 5500 miles from Bangkok. Mostly mountainous, it reaches the Mekong (Mae Khong) River to the north borders of both Myanmar and Laos.

After lunch, we will journey to Mae Sai City to shop for local handicrafts. Next, we will have a chance to visit the Golden Triangle, once famous for its opium fields.

**Day 4 Chiangmai/Elephant Camp/Orchid Farm (B/L/D)**

After breakfast, the day starts off with a city tour and a visit to the Elephant Camp. Thereafter, you will proceed on to the Orchid Farm where there are numerous species of orchids on display for your viewing and purchase.



**Day 5 Chiangmai/Singapore (B)**

After breakfast, you will be free until it is time to transfer to the airport for your flight back to Singapore.

Blk 101 People's Park Complex #02-25, Singapore 610001 Tel: 6223 2222 (Enquires) 62341111 (Ticketing)  
Fax: 6212 2211

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

20. You will get to visit the night bazaar in Chiangmai on Day \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) 1
  - (2) 2
  - (3) 3
  - (4) 4
- ( )
21. In total, the tour representative will arrange for \_\_\_\_\_ days of activities at Chiangmai and Chiangrai for you.
- (1) two
  - (2) three
  - (3) four
  - (4) five
- ( )
22. At Home Industries, you get to \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) learn how to make Borsang
  - (2) weave cotton on hand looms
  - (3) master the making of silverware
  - (4) discover how Thai silk is produced
- ( )
23. Chiangrai is \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) mainly made up of highlands
  - (2) situated at the southern part of Thailand
  - (3) well-known for the holy relics of Buddha
  - (4) famous for growing different varieties of orchids
- ( )
24. Which one of the following statements is true?
- (1) The Orchid Farm is located at Mae Sai City.
  - (2) This brochure features a 5 Day 4 Night tour to Chiangrai.
  - (3) You may call 62232222 if you want to book tickets for this tour.
  - (4) The visit to the Golden Triangle is one of the attractions on this tour.
- ( )

Section E – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Insects make up more than half of all living things in the world. If you look around, you will see many kinds of insects. Some are tiny, while others are bright and beautiful. There are also some which are harmful.

Insects belong to a group that has the largest number of species. There are more than a million species of insects in the world. Insects also belong to a group called Arthropod. Arthropod means having limbs with many joints that bend in many directions. However, not all arthropods are insects. Spiders and centipedes are arthropods but they are not insects. Spiders have eight legs while centipedes have many more. A distinctive characteristic of insects is that they should only have six legs and that they do not have bones or a skeleton.

Where do insects live? They live on land, in the air and even in water. Insects are found among flowers, grass, in trees and soil. There are also insects that can be found in a house. They hide in the cracks of walls, in cupboards and among the furniture.

Insects play an important role in the environment. They, like humans, have a variety of jobs. Some of these jobs are considered important. However, sometimes, insects can get in the way of our daily lives. When this happens, we call them pests. Some of them happen to live or feed on things we consider valuable. Termites, for instance, can be a serious threat when they eat the wood in our house. But, they are considered essential in the forest because they recycle dead trees, and this keeps the forest healthy. Some insects are considered 'super stars' in our minds like bees and lady bugs. Bees give us honey and pollinate our flowers while lady bugs eat pests.

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

25. Insects can be found \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) in all places
  - (2) only at home
  - (3) only in forests
  - (4) in some countries ( )
26. Spiders and centipedes are arthropods because they \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) have bones
  - (2) have skeletons
  - (3) do not have six legs
  - (4) do not have skeletons ( )
27. Which one of the following words has the same meaning as 'distinctive'?
- (1) important
  - (2) special
  - (3) common
  - (4) positive ( )
28. Some insects are considered pests because they \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) live in dark corners
  - (2) can be found on plants
  - (3) damage our possessions
  - (4) are important to our environment ( )
29. From the passage, we know that \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) bees ruin flowers
  - (2) lady bugs are useful to us
  - (3) termites are harmless insects
  - (4) centipedes are classified under insects ( )

Section F – Vocabulary Cloze (7 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word in the box and write its letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

~~(A)~~ beliefs    ~~(C)~~ efficient    (E) gain    ~~(G)~~ luxury    ~~(J)~~ money    ~~(L)~~ reasons  
~~(B)~~ demanding    ~~(D)~~ effective    ~~(F)~~ lose    ~~(H)~~ mass    ~~(K)~~ metabolism    ~~(M)~~ time

Breakfast is the first meal you eat every day. It is the most important meal of the day. However, with our (30) \_\_\_\_\_ work schedules, we hardly have the (31) \_\_\_\_\_ of a good morning meal. Breakfast tends to be rushed, if not, skipped.

There are two common (32) \_\_\_\_\_ as to why people skip breakfast. Either they feel they do not have enough time to eat breakfast, or they think skipping breakfast will help them (33) \_\_\_\_\_ weight. Neither reason is good.

Skipping breakfast is usually not an (34) \_\_\_\_\_ way to lose weight. People who skip breakfast have a slightly lower (35) \_\_\_\_\_ and they tend to snack more during the day. Several studies have found that skipping breakfast hinders the learning and problem-solving ability of children and teenagers. If not having enough (36) \_\_\_\_\_ is a reason for not eating breakfast, then wake up a few minutes earlier or have something ready to go. Food items like sandwiches, whole grain cereals and fresh fruits take very little time to prepare.

Adapted from *The Straits Times – Mind Your Body*, 19 March 2008 & <http://nutrition.about.com>



Section G – Comprehension Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

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

Singapore has been selected by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to be the host city for the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in 2010. The announcement was broadcast 'live' in front of an enthusiastic (37) \_\_\_\_\_ (gathered at the Padang on 21 February 2008. When the results were announced, there was much cheer and celebration (38) \_\_\_\_\_ the people present there)

It is undoubtedly a (historic moment (39) \_\_\_\_\_ the people of Singapore. By choosing Singapore, the IOC has declared that it is (40) \_\_\_\_\_ for small young cities like Singapore to host the Youth Olympic movement. As a young nation, it is indeed a great (41) \_\_\_\_\_ to be selected to host the world's first Youth Olympic Games. We have (42) \_\_\_\_\_ our first steps in becoming an Olympic city, and we look (43) \_\_\_\_\_ to working with the various organizations to deliver a great Youth Olympic Games in 2010. The event will be hosted in August 2010. The inaugural Youth Olympic Games is expected to see some 5,000 athletes aged fourteen to eighteen (44) \_\_\_\_\_ in twenty-six sports.

The committee has started work on the ground to make sure that come August 2010, the world will witness a spectacular sporting event!

Adapted from <http://www.singapore2010.sg>



Section H – Synthesis (5 x 1 mark)

For Q45 to Q49, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the one(s) given.

45. Shirley loves to sing. Sheena loves to sing.

Both \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

46. My little brother ate a chicken burger. He drank a glass of milk.

\_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_

47. Wendy wants to buy a note pad. She does not have enough money.

\_\_\_\_\_ but  
\_\_\_\_\_

48. Yong Ming had a terrible toothache. He went to a nearby dentist.

\_\_\_\_\_ because  
\_\_\_\_\_

49. Devi lent you a pencil. She is my best friend.

\_\_\_\_\_ who  
\_\_\_\_\_

Section I – Comprehension (5 x 2 mark)

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

Luke was in his garden reading a book when he suddenly heard a strange sound. He looked up and, to his astonishment, there stood before him a small creature in a shiny white cloak. It had a large head with a protruding forehead. It smiled at him.

"Who are you?" Luke asked.

"I'm from one of the planets in the universe and my name is Comet," a voice came through Luke's head.

"An alien!" exclaimed Luke, "you're an alien?"

"You're an alien to me too," responded the voice in his head.

"Your mouth doesn't move and yet I know what you're saying," said Luke.

The alien approached Luke and put his hands on each side of Luke's head. "Now, you too can convey your thoughts to me without speaking," it said. "Come, follow me," continued Comet.

Luke was hesitant. "Don't be afraid," said Comet, "I'm not an enemy. I just need help. Look, that's my spacecraft."

Luke looked goggle-eyed at the spacecraft. It looked just like a flying saucer. After his curiosity had overcome his fear, Luke followed the alien into the spacecraft. A wonderful sight greeted his eyes. The whole spacecraft was fitted with computers, shiny buttons and big screens.

"While cruising past your planet, one of my computers broke down and I had to land," said Comet, "From past experience, I know that there are intelligent beings on Earth. I'm a space adventurer. I know very little about computers. Can you help me fix it or do you know someone who can?"

"Well, I'll try," said Luke. He studied the computer and tried his best to help. At last, after an hour, he asked Comet to try it. How pleased Comet was to find the computer working again.

"Thank you, thank you. What can I do for you in return?" it asked.

"Could I ride in your spacecraft?" asked Luke.

And away they went, up, up, up into the space. Clusters of stars and revolving planets flashed past. Luke could see three more flying saucers. Then, a meteor with a long tail flew past.

All too soon the journey came to an end. Luke found himself near the tree again, his book on the ground. Looking up, he saw the flying saucer disappearing into the sky, and he waved with all his might.



Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences

50. In your own words, describe how Comet looked.

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51. What made Luke follow Comet into the spacecraft?

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52. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'communicate'?

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53. Why did Comet land on Earth?

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54. Which sentence tells us that Luke enjoyed his space visit?

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# ANSWER SHEET

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SCHOOL : CHIJ PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA 1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
2	2	2	1	4	2	3	4	4	3	1	2	3	2	4	4	2
Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
1	3	2	2	4	1	4	1	4	2	3	2	B	G	L	F	D

35)K

36)M

37)crowd

38)among

39)for

40)possible

41)honor

42)taken

43)forward

44)compete

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50)It had a big bead and a bulging forehead.

51)Curiosity made him follow comet into the spacecraft.

52)It is 'convey.'

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