

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

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MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2011 PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH

PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

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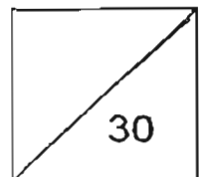
Answer all questions.

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

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Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.

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For each of the question from 1 to 5, 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. (5 marks)

1 _____ is not served at the restaurant.

- ~~(1)~~ Beef
- ~~(2)~~ Lamb
- ~~(3)~~ Chicken
- ~~(4)~~ Seafood

2 Customers can choose to have their potatoes _____ with their main meals.

- (1) grilled and fried
- (2) steamed and fried
- (3) mashed and grilled
- (4) baked and mashed

3 For customers who do not like fruits and vegetables, _____ will be a good choice for dessert.

- (1) Apple Pie
- (2) Yummy Tart
- (3) Banana Craze
- (4) Walnut Chocolate Delight

4 Customers who order their meals at 5 p.m. will enjoy a _____.

- (1) 10% discount
- (2) free dessert on the spot
- (3) free main course that day
- (4) complimentary dessert on the next visit

5 Customers must _____ to be eligible for a 10% discount.

- (1) order one main course and dessert
- (2) call the restaurant's hotline for a reservation
- (3) present the coupon and spend more than \$30
- (4) register as a member on the restaurant's website

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For each question from 6 to 12, 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.
(7 marks)

6 Sean's sister, as well as his parents, _____ to watch her perform in the school musical next Saturday.

- (1) go
- (2) goes
- (3) is going
- (4) are going

7 These are the leaders _____ we rely on as they have proven to be capable and honest.

- (1) who
- (2) which
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

8 Mei En practises her piano daily, _____ she?

- (1) has
- (2) does
- (3) hasn't
- (4) doesn't

9 Either Cindy or Kai Wen _____ the last one to leave the party yesterday.

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

10 Mr Tan's boss makes him _____ late into the night every Friday.

- (1) work
- (2) works
- (3) worked
- (4) working

11 Annie could not get _____ the shock of losing her pet dog.

- (1) by
- (2) off
- (3) over
- (4) through

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12 _____ being blind, Srithya works as hard as her peers.

- (1) Until
- (2) While
- (3) Though
- (4) Despite

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

We finally arrived at the exact spot where I had last seen her. We waited. The night wind blew gently (13) sending shivers down our spines.

"Somebody is watching us (14) I whispered.

"Who? Where?" Johnny quizzed.

I put my finger to my lips, signalling him to hush. I pointed to my back. Then his whole body jumped back when he stole a look at what was behind me. Johnny (15) eyes told it all. He too had seen the lady dressed in white.

- 13
- (1) [:] colon
 - (2) [.] comma
 - (3) [.] full stop
 - (4) [-] hyphen
-
- (1) [."] full stop and inverted commas
 - (2) [".] inverted commas and full stop
 - (3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 - (4) [",] inverted commas and comma
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- 15
- (1) [,] comma
 - (2) ['s] apostrophe s
 - (3) [s'] s apostrophe
 - (4) [-] hyphen

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For each question from 16 to 20, 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. (5 marks)

- 16 Mother bought that expensive dress on _____ and very much regretted her decision later.
- (1) impulse
 - (2) incentive
 - (3) inclination
 - (4) inspiration
- 17 There is a lipstick stain on the _____ of the porcelain cup.
- (1) rim
 - (2) brink
 - (3) fringe
 - (4) border
- 18 The ~~tourists followed~~ Gopal's _____ but ended up at the stadium instead of the museum.
- (1) dictations
 - (2) directions
 - (3) depictions
 - (4) descriptions
- 19 The old man was _____ from his flat as he could not pay the rent.
- (1) ousted
 - (2) evicted
 - (3) expelled
 - (4) banished
- 20 When the flood had _____, the villagers cleaned up the mess.
- (1) dipped
 - (2) lowered
 - (3) subsided
 - (4) descended

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For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Hamsters are cute but they are (21) delicate creatures. They need a balanced diet or they might end up really ill. The only way to (22) ascertain that they get food that is best for them would be to buy their feed from the pet stores. You can then (23) supplement their diet with the occasional treats like nuts and raisins.

You might sometimes see hamsters with bloated cheeks! Do you know that there are little pockets in their mouths in which they (24) stash away food? However, if they are not properly fed, food can get (25) stuck in these pockets and make them sick. So, do make sure to feed them correctly.

- 21 (1) flimsy
(2) fragile
(3) refined
(4) sensitive

- 22 (1) clarify
(2) discover
(3) establish
(4) guarantee

- 23 (1) supply
(2) provide
(3) improve
(4) increase

- 24 (1) pile
(2) store
(3) stack
(4) reserve

- 25 (1) stuffed
(2) choked
(3) trapped
(4) stranded

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Read the passage below and answer Questions 26 to 30.

At first sight, the car certainly seemed to be empty. As Keith Chapman looked harder, though, he saw a movement in the far corner, the turn of a dark head of tightly curled black hair, slumped down on a grey anorak*. Then, there was a total stillness – head down, mouth shut in a downward curve, eyes open but not looking – far cry from the bright-eyed face at the car window which Keith and his mother, Mrs Chapman, had each imagined. 5

The welfare officer walked over to the car, opened the driver's door and tipped the seat forward. She said, "Come on, Old Son, we're here. Out you get, one, two, three."

There was no response. Donovan stayed where he was, sitting back in the seat, his hands in his coat pockets. His feet just missed the floor and his brown legs hung unmoving in long grey socks. "Come on, Old Sunshine, come and meet Mrs Chapman. She has gotten everything ready for you," the welfare officer added. 10

Donovan neither moved nor answered. The welfare officer drummed her fingers on the bonnet for a few seconds. Then she stood up and looked over the top of the car at Mrs Chapman.

"Won't be a minute," she called out, smiling. "Just a slight reluctance." She bent back inside to Donovan. "Come along. You'll like it here. You will not be alone anymore. Mrs Chapman will take care of you for the time being. You can share the room with Keith, a boy your age to play with. It's not forever, is it? Come on, Sunshine. Out you come. You can't stay in the car all night." 15

She might have been talking to a corpse. There was not the slightest twitch, the slightest hint of movement to suggest that Donovan had heard. There were no sullen sighs, no tears, no sobs in the throat. He just sat in the car as still and as silent as a rabbit waiting for a fox to make a move. 20

"Come on, Donovan," the welfare officer tried again. "You're being very silly and you're keeping everyone waiting. What's Mrs Chapman going to think of you if you're awkward?" 25

She reached a long blazered arm into the car towards Donovan's shoulder, careful not to touch him. He did not pull away. He did not really move but the woman was aware of a strong invisible wall between them. She uncoiled from within the car again to find Mrs Chapman standing by her.

"Let me have a go," Mrs Chapman said. 30

"Well, you can have a try," said the welfare officer, "but you'll be lucky to shift him with words in this mood."

* a short coat with a hood that keeps out wind and rain

Adapted from *The Trouble with Donovan Croft* by Bernard Ashley

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For each question from 26 to 30, 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. (5 marks)

- 26 Mrs Chapman is Donovan's _____.
- (1) aunt
 - (2) employer
 - (3) grandmother
 - (4) foster mother
- 27 Donovan would enjoy staying with Mrs Chapman because he would have _____.
- (1) a playmate
 - (2) a room of his own
 - (3) many chances to be silly
 - (4) an adult to get everything ready for him
- 28 "The welfare officer drummed her fingers on the bonnet for a few seconds." (lines 12-13)
This sentence tells us that she was _____.
- (1) anxious
 - (2) frightened
 - (3) devising a plan
 - (4) getting impatient
- 29 Which of the following statements is **true**?
- (1) Donovan had passed out in the car.
 - (2) Donovan was everything Keith and his mother imagined him to be.
 - (3) Mrs Chapman tried to break the ice between Donovan, Keith and her.
 - (4) The welfare officer was doing nothing to persuade Donovan to meet Mrs Chapman.
- 30 Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "moody"?
- (1) unmoving (line 9)
 - (2) reluctance (line 15)
 - (3) sullen (line 21)
 - (4) awkward (line 25)

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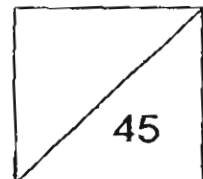
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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) about	(D) at	(G) from	(K) out	(N) what
(B) although	(E) because	(H) how	(L) then	(P) who
(C) and	(F) by	(J) into	(M) through	(Q) with

Ice cream is a frozen treat made mostly of cream, milk, sugar and flavourings. No one really knows (31) or when the first ice cream was made. Some believe that people mixed snow, milk and rice together in China (32) 3 000 years ago. 700 years ago, an Italian trader, Marco Polo, returned (33) China bringing recipes for flavoured ices. Chefs for European royalty experimented (34) new combinations of icy treats. Finally, cream was added to what we now call 'ice cream'.

300 years ago, the British brought ice cream recipes to America. Ice cream was made (35) shaking the icy mixture in a special pan for a long time. Only the wealthy were served ice cream (36) it was so difficult to get ice. 250 years ago, some Americans started harvesting ice from ponds and lakes (37) the winter. It was stored in icehouses and also shipped to the South so people could make ice cream all year round. Ice cream was served only (38) special events.

In 1841, Nancy Johnson from New Jersey invented the hand-cranked ice cream maker. Now, ice cream could be made a lot faster just by turning a crank. The ice cream

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maker became very popular as it took only one hour to churn the ice cream mixture

_____ creamy ice cream.
(39)

In 1904, at the St Louis World's Fair, an ice cream vendor ran _____ of
(40)
paper cups to scoop ice cream into. A waffle maker in the next booth offered him some of
his waffles. He rolled a waffle into a cone shape and put a scoop of ice cream in it. This
was the beginning of the ice cream cone!

Adapted from *Ice Cream The Full Scoop* by Gail Gibbons

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Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

I was asleep in the "E" Block of Raffles College at four o'clock in the early morning of

8 December 1941, when I was awakened by the dull thud of exploding bombs. The war with

(41)

Japan had begin. It was a complete surprise. The street lights had been on, and the air-raid

(42)

sirens did not sound until those Japanese planes drop their bombs, killng 60 people and

(43)

injure 130. But the raid was played down. Censors suppressed the news that the Keppel

Harbour docks, the naval base at Sembawang, and the Tengah and Seletar air bases had

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also been atakod.

(45)

The students at Raffles College were agog with ekctment. Those from upcountry

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immideatly prepared to leave by train for home. Nearly everyone blived Singapore would

be the main target, and it would therefore be prudent to return to the countryside of Malaya,

(48)

(49)

which offered more safety by Japanese bombers. The college authorily were as

(50)

konfewsed as the students. Nobody had been prepared for this. Two days later, we

heard that on the same morning, the Japanese had landed at Kota Bahru in Kelantan. Malaya

was not to be spared after all.

Adapted from "The Singapore Story" by Lee Kuan Yew

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Chester Ling might be a head taller than the kitchen counter but his arms can barely reach across it. However, the Primary 2 pupil from Nanyang Primary school, who is less _____ (51) 1.3 metres tall, will not let his _____ (52) or size get in the way of preparing and cooking his favourite dish of Spaghetti Bolognese from scratch. The eight-year-old stands at the _____ (53) on a stool as he dices onions, tomatoes and mushrooms with a dinner knife. When he is ready, he moves his stool over to the stove where he then proceeds to _____ (54) up a saucepan and oil and fry the onions and ground beef to make the sauce – all under the watchful _____ (55) of his mother, Mrs Michelle Ling.

While Chester was scooping the spaghetti out of the pot, he accidentally touched its side and _____ (56) himself. Some children might scream or cry but he merely let out a soft "ouch" and quickly ran his finger _____ (57) some running water. He hopped back on his stool and took the spaghetti out of the pot. He served the scrumptious lunch to his family who gave him the 'thumbs-up'.

Chester is one of the growing _____ (58) of children who have started cooking at a young _____ (59). More children have become _____ (60) in cooking if the increased take-up rate for children's cookery classes is anything to go by.

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Cooking schools which offer cooking classes for children such as *Creative Culinaire* in Eng Hoon Street in Tiong Bahru have seen an _____ in demand, especially in the last year. The People's Association which conducts culinary workshops under its *PA Kiddies* programme at community clubs islandwide, saw more than 5 000 children _____ in culinary courses last year.

(61)

(62)

Parents feel that cooking classes for children offer _____ than just basic culinary techniques. In addition, they believe that cooking also reinforces concepts taught in _____ like Mathematics and Science. Some parents like Ms.

(63)

(64)

Angeline Chin found that baking and cooking were useful for her _____ Rachel, to understand fractions and division. Rachel enjoyed herself tremendously when she learnt to cook two years ago.

(65)

Adapted from *Make Way for Junior Chefs*, 6 March 2011

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For each of the questions 66 to 70, 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 meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66 Ravi does not have a tutor. He is able to do well in English.

Although _____

67 Mrs Ho's eldest daughter was not selected for the dance competition. Her youngest daughter was also not selected for the dance competition.

Neither of _____

68 Emily said, "I am surfing the internet now."

Emily said _____

69 If a taxi does not arrive now, Mr James is going to be late for work.

_____ unless

70 The sports car has broken down. My father bought it with his bonus.

_____ which

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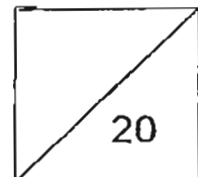
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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

My work as a journalist has taken me to slums on three continents. Mumbai's Garib Nagar is the worst slum I have seen, home to some of the poorest of the poor in India. This is not a place where you would expect to find one of the stars of *Slumdog Millionaire*, an Oscar-winning movie that has taken in more than \$380 million in ticket sales in just eight months. But this is where Azharuddin Ismail Sheikh or Azhar lives. He was the ten-year-old child actor who came to fame playing the lead actor's younger brother. 5

When *Slumdog Millionaire* got its Oscar nominations, director Danny Boyle announced that he had made arrangements for Azhar and his co-star, to go to an English-language school in a new neighbourhood. Boyle said he had also set up a trust fund for their education. Then right after the Academy Awards, London's top-selling newspaper, *The Sun*, announced that "the stars of *Slumdog Millionaire* are to get posh new flats from the Indian government." It sounds like a happy ending, but that is not the truth. 10

It is a sweltering April morning. To reach Azhar's home, I walk down a path littered with garbage, and past a stream polluted with sewage. A man unzips his pants and urinates in front of me. A woman is defecating a few feet away. 15

Soon, I am inside a 2-by-3-metre shack with no roof, unless you count the yellow plastic sheet with a huge hole hanging above. The room is bare except for a broken television, some cracked crockery, bundles of clothes in plastic bag, and three large tin pots. The pots are critical: They sometimes serve as toilets for the family of four who live here. 20

Azhar, dressed in a T-shirt, sits on a grimy mat spread over the mud floor, chatting about his wonderful trip to Los Angeles for the Oscars and the unpleasant conditions of his everyday life. 25

"What I liked about America," he tells me, "is that it is clean. But when I came back to India, I was crying. I won the Oscar, but my house was just the same."

He adds, "Lots of times there is no electricity. I get very sweaty at night. And then the water comes in from the roof and all my clothes get wet." His sleep is disturbed by rats gnawing his feet. And worst of all, there is constant worry that government bulldozers will yet again plough away their illegal shanty and meagre possessions during one of the periodic slum clearance in this city of 14 million people. 30

As we talk, he keeps flipping and catching a ball-sized trophy he got in Los Angeles for his performance. The glimmering bauble is cracked, like his dreams.

When I leave Azhar's house, I run into his father. He is wearing torn jeans, a white shirt and no shoes. A scrawny and obviously sick man, he sold scrap wood for a living until his tuberculosis worsened; he can no longer pull a cart or walk long distances. He now works as his son's unofficial agent. 35

"Will we ever get the money?" he asks. "And where is our new house?"

How could this be? How could the child become an acclaimed star of an international blockbuster without receiving a tangible reward? Why is he still struggling to survive in one of the world's worst slums? In trying to get credible answers, I soon find myself on a trail of greed, opportunism and misguided good intentions. 40

Adapted from *Slumdog Millionaire: The Reality*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 Where did Azhar live?

72 Give two pieces of evidence in paragraph one which best suggest *Slumdog Millionaire* was a successful movie.

73 What did director Danny Boyle promise to give the child actor to improve his life?

74 What were the two things the writer saw that describe the conditions of the slum?

75 How did the water come in from the roof and wet Azhar's clothes?

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76 From paragraphs four to seven, quote two words which tell us the type of house Azhar was living in. (Each word is found in a different sentence.)

77 Which sentence from lines 28 to 38 suggests that Azhar's wish for a better life has not come true?

78 Why did Azhar's father have to change job from selling scrap wood to becoming his son's agent?

79 Why did Azhar cry after he returned to India?

80 What were the "credible answers" (line 42) the writer was looking for?

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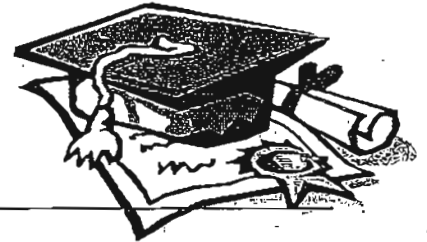


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41)begun 42)dropped 43)injuring 44)attacked 45)excitement

46)immediately 47)believed 48)from 49)authorities

50)confused 51)than 52)height 53)counter 54)heat

55)eye 56)burnt 57)under 58)number 59)age

60)interested 61)increase 62)participating 63)more

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74)He saw a path littered garbage and a stream polluted with sewage.

75)The water come in through the huge hole in the yellow plastic sheet hanging above.

76)The word are "Shack" and "Shorty".

77)The sentence is "The glimmering bauble is cracked, like his dream".

78)His tuberculosis had worsened.

79)He was upset with his living conditions despite winning an Oscar.

80)He wanted to find out why Azhar's life remained the same even through he had become famous.