



**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2009
PRIMARY THREE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

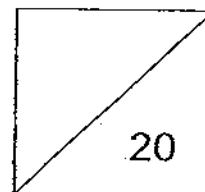
COMPOSITION

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Three _____

50 minutes

20 marks

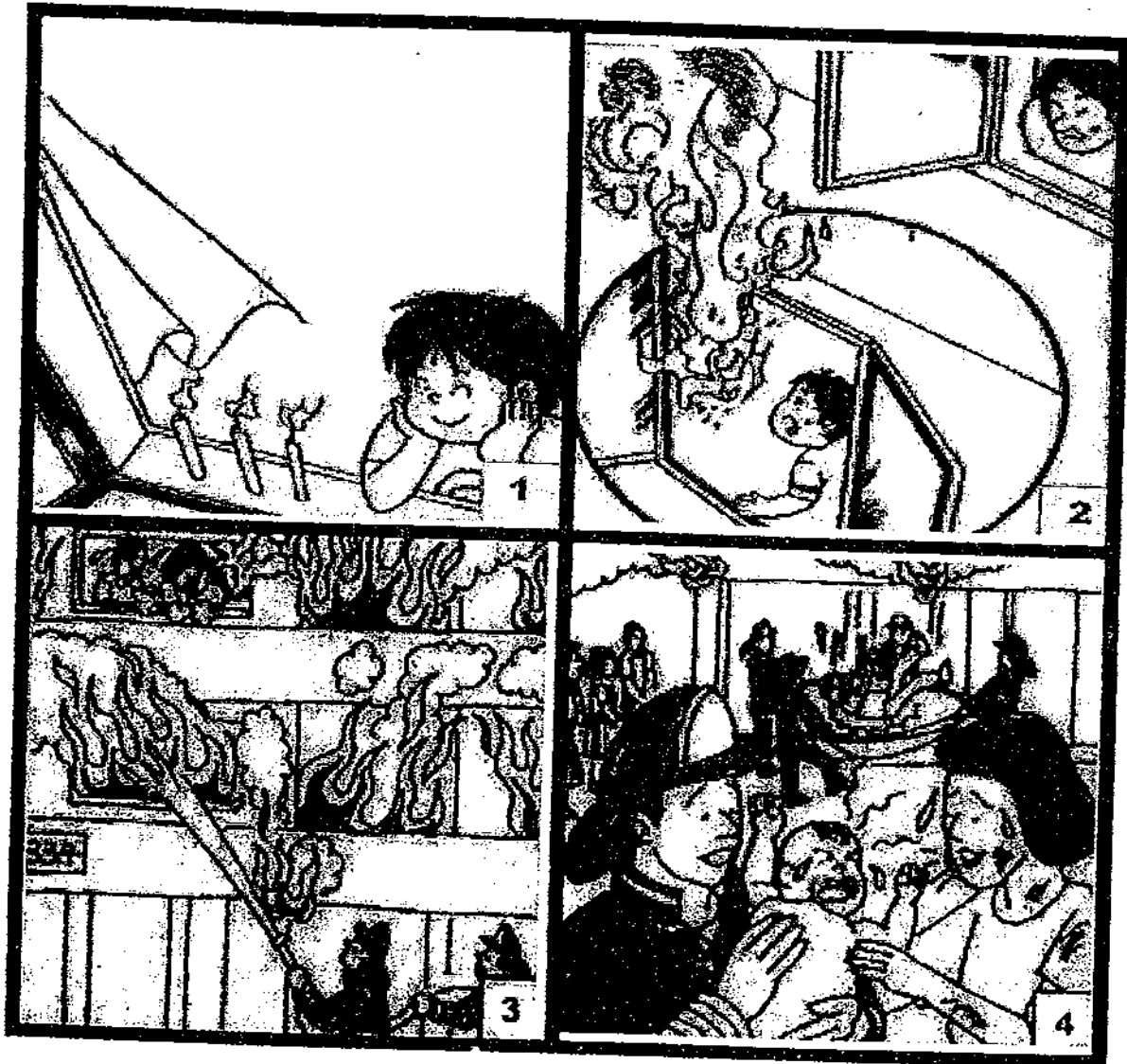


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Parent's Signature: _____

Look at the series of pictures carefully. Write a story about the pictures. Your story should have at least 80 words. You may use the words in the box to help you.



lit up	caught fire	panic	firemen
engulfed	jets of water	paramedics	relieved



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LISTENING COMPREHENSION

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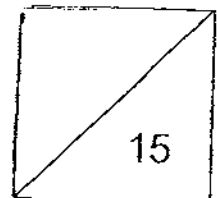
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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 3 printed pages excluding the cover page.

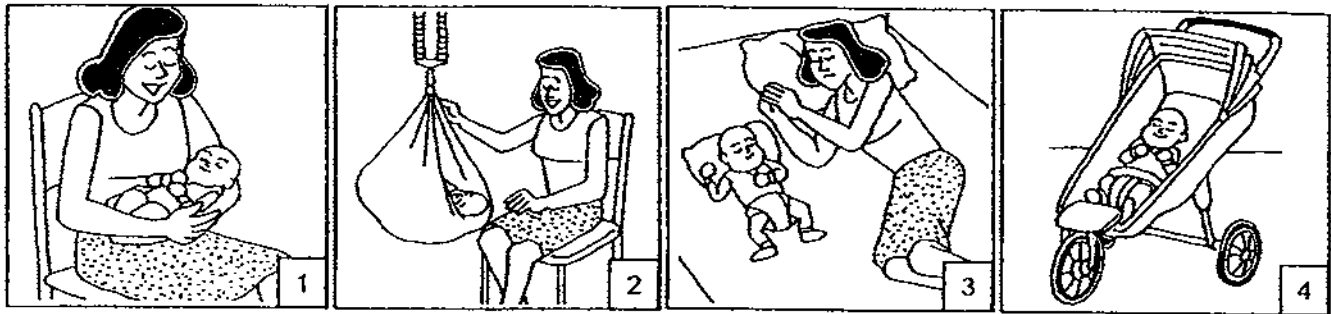


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Part 1 – Picture Matching (4 marks)

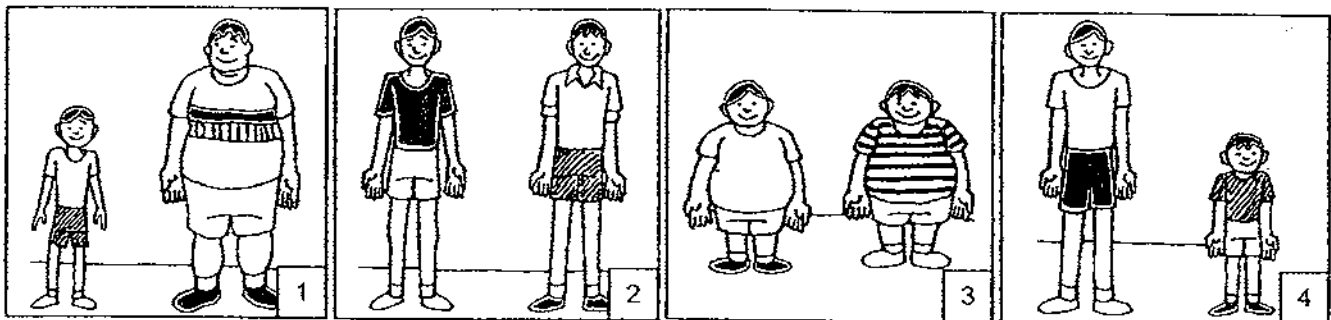
Listen carefully and choose the picture which matches the statement that is going to be read to you. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets.

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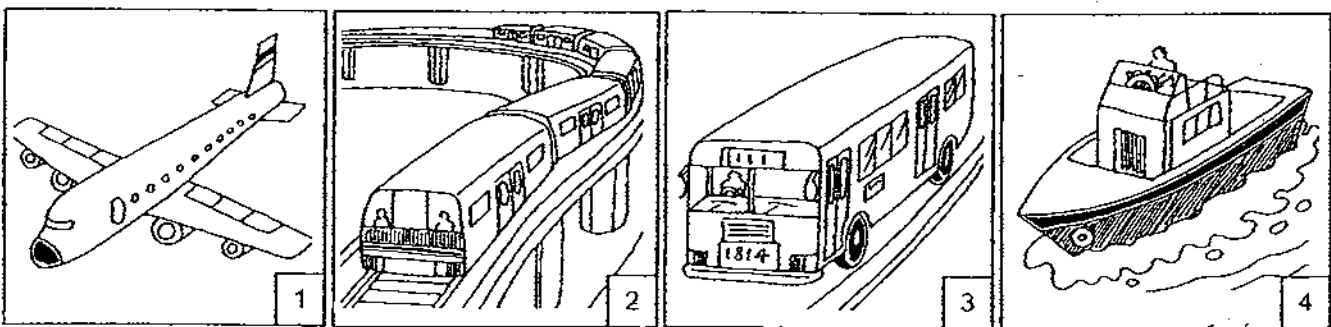
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2.



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3.



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4.



Part 2 – Note-taking (6 marks) & Dictation (5 marks)

Questions 5 to 10 is a note-taking test.

Question 11 is a dictation test.

Each blank from questions 5 to 10 should be filled with one word or phrase. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

5. Name of Contest	:	_____
6. Name of Organiser	:	_____
7. Date of Contest	:	_____
8. Where to get entry forms	:	_____
9. Closing Date	:	_____
10. Number of finalists	:	_____

Dictation

Your teacher has asked your classmate to share what he does every weekend. As he reads his draft article, you are to write down its content **in full** in the space provided for question 11.

11. **Every weekend, my family will spend quality time together.**



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PAPER 2

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Three _____

45 QUESTIONS
(50 MARKS)

13 May 2009

Component	Marks
Section A-C	/ 20
Section D-H	/ 30

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLET: 1 HOUR 15 MINUTES

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SECTION A : VOCABULARY MCQ (7 marks)

For each question, choose the most suitable answer to fill in the blank. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. As it was raining heavily, the soccer match was _____ to the following week.
 - (1) expelled
 - (2) cancelled
 - (3) prohibited
 - (4) postponed

2. The smoke from the fire _____ the fire alarm in the mall.
 - (1) ticked
 - (2) alarmed
 - (3) sounded
 - (4) triggered

3. After the school health check, Jacob was sent to the _____ to check his eyes.
 - (1) dentist
 - (2) optician
 - (3) surgeon
 - (4) pediatrician

4. Every morning the soldiers have to _____ at the parade square for their morning run.
 - (1) join
 - (2) dismiss
 - (3) resemble
 - (4) assemble

5. The horse _____ away when it heard the sound of the tractor.
 - (1) hopped
 - (2) strutted
 - (3) galloped
 - (4) lumbered

6. Peter bought Mary a _____ of flowers for her birthday last year.

- (1) bed
- (2) stick
- (3) clump
- (4) bouquet

7. Before going to court, Jason hired a _____ to defend him in the case.

- (1) judge
- (2) lawyer
- (3) witness
- (4) defendant

SECTION B : GRAMMAR MCQ (8 marks)

For each question, choose the most suitable answer to fill in the blank. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet.

8. John and his brother _____ television when there was a sudden blackout.

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

9. Please add just _____ sugar. I don't like my drinks to be too sweet.

- (1) much
- (2) many
- (3) a few
- (4) a little

10. Dina _____ the woman's offer of a reward for helping her find her missing cat.

- (1) turned up
- (2) turned off
- (3) turned down
- (4) turned around

11. Peter is _____ than his three brothers.
- (1) tall
 - (2) taller
 - (3) tallest
 - (4) as tall as
12. _____ of these bags belong to you?
- (1) Why
 - (2) Which
 - (3) Whom
 - (4) Whose
13. "Don't worry, Mum. We will take care of _____ during the camp,"
Sumei and her sister promised their mother.
- (1) herself
 - (2) himself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves
14. Everyone in this school _____ to school punctually every day.
- (1) come
 - (2) came
 - (3) comes
 - (4) coming
15. We have to walk _____ the river to get to the little cottage.
- (1) at
 - (2) into
 - (3) along
 - (4) through

SECTION C : COMPREHENSION MCQ (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 16 to 20 on the next page. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet.

**Movement for Speaking Good English
presents
Speak Good English Seminar 2009**

Do you have difficulty communicating in English?
Are you nervous or shy when you speak English?
Do you wish to speak English more confidently?

If your answer is **YES** to these questions, this seminar is for **YOU**.

Date: Saturday, 13 June 2009

Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Venue: Bishan Community Club,
Conference Room

Attire: Smart Casual

Registration Fees:

Adult: \$10

Child: \$5

Guest-of-Honour: Mr Philip Jeyaratnam

Special Offer

Buy two adult tickets and get
one child ticket free.

Time	Events
2.00 p.m.	Speech by Mr Jeyaratnam
2.15 p.m.	Public Speaking by Mrs Rita
2.45 p.m.	Play by Moving Visuals
3.15 p.m.	Tea Break
3.30 p.m.	Pronunciation and Fluency by Mrs Wong
4.00 p.m.	End of Programme

- Please register and make payment at the Bishan Community Club from 1 June to 12 June 2009.
- Payment mode: Cash/ Cheque

Organisers : Laura Winston English Centre
Ang Mo Kio Library
Bishan Community Club

16. The event will be held at _____
- (1) Moving Visuals
 - (2) Ang Mo Kio Library
 - (3) Bishan Community Club
 - (4) Laura Winston English Centre
17. _____ will be staging a performance during the event.
- (1) Mrs Rita
 - (2) Mrs Wong
 - (3) Mr Jeyaratnam
 - (4) Moving Visuals
18. If a child and his parents attend the event, they would pay a total of _____
- (1) \$10
 - (2) \$15
 - (3) \$20
 - (4) \$25
19. The last day that you can register for the event is a _____
- (1) Thursday
 - (2) Friday
 - (3) Saturday
 - (4) Sunday
20. Which one of the statements below is **false**?
- (1) The tea break ends at 3.30 p.m.
 - (2) You can make payment by cheque.
 - (3) The event will be held on a weekday.
 - (4) Laura Winston is one of the organisers.

SECTION D : VOCABULARY CLOZE (5 marks)

Choose the most suitable answer from the box below and fill in each blank.
Use each word **ONCE** only.

built	choose	dripping	gushing
small	take	towering	tried

There once was a king who offered a prize to the artist who would paint the best picture of peace. Many artists (21) _____, but there were only two pictures he liked and he had to (22) _____ between them. The first picture was of a calm lake. The lake was surrounded by (23) _____ mountains all around it. Overhead was a blue sky with fluffy, white clouds. All who saw this picture thought that it was a perfect picture of peace.

The other picture had majestic-looking mountains too. The sky seemed angry and it rained heavily. There was a waterfall with water (24) _____ down by the side of a mountain. This did not look peaceful. The king looked at the picture closely and saw a tiny bush growing in a crack in the rock behind the waterfall. In the bush, a mother bird had (25) _____ her nest. There, in the midst of the rush of angry water, sat the mother bird on her nest – in perfect peace.

SECTION E : GRAMMAR CLOZE (5 marks)

Choose the most suitable answer from the box below and fill in each blank. Use each word/phrase **ONCE** only.

can draw	draw	drawing	drawn
drew	has been drawing	has drawn	have been drawing

Last week, I went with my mother to the mall near our house. When I entered the mall, I heard an announcement about a (26) _____ competition that was about to take place at the foyer. I was very excited and pleaded with my mother to let me participate as I loved to (27) _____. I am able to draw well as I (28) _____ since I was four years old. I can even remember the first picture I (29) _____ in pre-school a few years ago. My teachers and parents even praised me for my effort. My brother is also interested in drawing and he (30) _____ as well as me.

SECTION F : EDITING (5 marks)

Correct the words in **bold** for spelling. Write the correct answer in the boxes provided.

(31)

Many pupils are preparing for our school musical. The **programme** will last for

(32)

three hours. The highlight of the show is the solo singing **performance** by Joel Tan.

(33)

(34)

The **ordience** will enjoy the acting too. The actors have been rehearsing their **scrips**

(35)

for three months now. They cannot wait to stand **on stage** and perform. Everyone is

looking forward to the musical.

SECTION G : COMPREHENSION CLOZE (5 marks)

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Once upon a time, there was a flock of doves that flew in search of food led by their king. One day, they had flown a (36) _____ distance and were very tired. The dove king encouraged them to fly a little further. One of the (37) _____ picked up speed and found some rice grains scattered near a banyan tree. So, all the doves landed and began to eat.

Suddenly, a net fell over them and they were all (38) _____. They saw a hunter approaching them and he was carrying a huge club. The doves desperately fluttered their (39) _____ to try and get out, but to no avail.

The dove king had an idea. He advised all the doves to fly up together carrying the (40) _____ with them. He said that there was strength in unity. Each dove picked up a portion of the net and together they flew off carrying the net with them. The hunter looked up in astonishment.

SECTION H : COMPREHENSION OPEN-ENDED (10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 41 to 45.

A visit to the Akshaya Patra Centre reveals the passion that goes into preparing meals for 8700 school children in the area. At 5 a.m., the cooks wake up and put on their uniforms. Over the next five hours, large amounts of rice and curry are prepared.

In a neat but dilapidated classroom in India, Krishna and Manju sit cross-legged with their friends. As the clock strikes twelve, there is a sparkle in Krishna's eyes. When the form teacher gives the signal, all 158 pupils joyfully rush out of their classrooms to collect their stainless steel plates. The rich aroma of curry wafts through the air.

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They sit along the corridors, chatting away as they wait to be served. The teachers and cooks bring out the rice and curry for the pupils. These pupils benefit from India's Mid-Day Meal Scheme as they are not well-fed at home. By serving meals in school, the government hopes more families would begin to send their children to school. In turn, more children are able to go to school.

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Adapted from: What's Up January 2009

Answer the following sentences in complete sentences.

41. How long do the cooks need to prepare the food?

42. In lines 6 and 7, what does the phrase "a sparkle in Krishna's eyes" tell us about how Krishna is feeling?

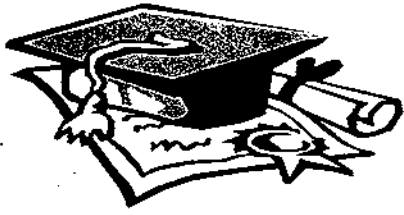
43. Where do the children eat their meals?

44. Who serves the food to the children?

45. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as the word "gain"?

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Please check your answers.



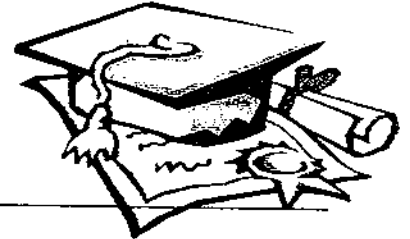


ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

SCHOOL : CATHOLIC HIGH PRIMARY
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1



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

Q18	Q19	Q20
3	2	3

- 21)tried 22)choose 23)towering 24)gushing 25)built
- 26)drawing 27)draw 28)have been drawing 29)drew 30)can draw
- 31)programme 32)performance 33)audience 34)script 35)stage
- 36)long 37)cover 38)caught 39)wings 40)net
- 41)The cooks need five hours to prepare the food.
- 42)Krishna is feeling happy.
- 43)They eat their meals along the corridors.
- 44)The teacher and cooks serves the food to the children.
- 45)The word is "benefit."