

**METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)**

Founded in 1887



**MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2018  
PRIMARY 4**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2  
(BOOKLET A)**

Total Time for Booklets A, B and C: 1 h 15 min

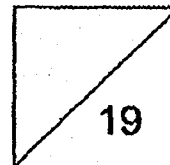
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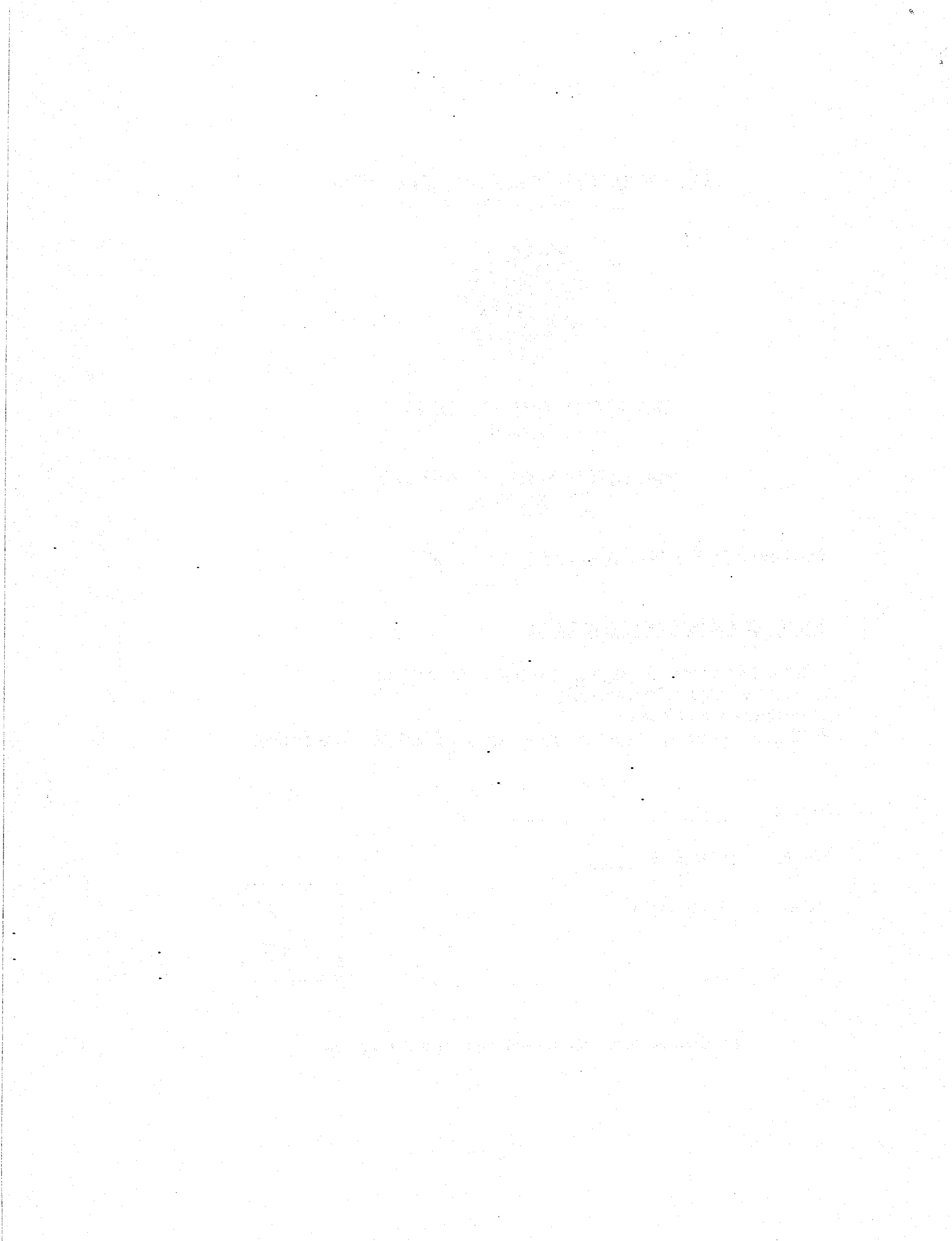
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Date : 3 May 2018



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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 "This bunch of bananas \_\_\_\_\_ ripe. You can eat it now," Mother said to Tom.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
- 2 Mrs Lee was very tired because she \_\_\_\_\_ the whole day before she came home in the night.
- (1) is working
  - (2) has worked
  - (3) has been working
  - (4) had been working
- 3 Shirley has a twelve year-old daughter \_\_\_\_\_ ambition is to be a dancer.
- (1) who
  - (2) which
  - (3) whom
  - (4) whose

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4 \_\_\_\_\_ you finish your homework, you will not be allowed to play with your friends.

- (1) If
- (2) When
- (3) Since
- (4) Unless

5 "We have more than seven items in our basket, so we have to pay for our purchases at \_\_\_\_\_ counter over there," Lisa told Wen Ling.

- (1) this
- (2) that
- (3) these
- (4) those

6 "There are only \_\_\_\_\_ coins left in my purse. I do not think it is enough to buy the pencil case," Janice lamented.

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

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7 John \_\_\_\_\_ joyfully when he was told that he had succeeded in his job application.

- (1) shouts
- (2) shouted
- (3) has shouted
- (4) had shouted

8 "How many of you can I depend \_\_\_\_\_ to complete the task tomorrow?" the commander asked his soldiers.

- (1) at
- (2) in
- (3) on
- (4) with

**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 Everyone rushed to the old man's aid when he \_\_\_\_\_ sideways after being pushed by the robber.
- (1) strolled
  - (2) stomped
  - (3) staggered
  - (4) swaggered
- 10 "The news is true! I got it straight from the \_\_\_\_\_," Mei Ling tried to convince her friends desperately.
- (1) bull's eye
  - (2) lion's share
  - (3) hornet's nest
  - (4) horse's mouth
- 11 Fortunately, Mr Muthu's house was not burgled. His neighbour was alert and had \_\_\_\_\_ the plan of the burglar.
- (1) foiled
  - (2) shattered
  - (3) concluded
  - (4) terminated

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12 "Are the \_\_\_\_\_ on the moon suitable for people to live in?" the journalist asked.

- (1) scenarios
- (2) situations
- (3) conditions
- (4) circumstances

13 My brother nagged my mother so much for a new bicycle that she eventually \_\_\_\_\_ to his demand.

- (1) gave in
- (2) gave up
- (3) gave out
- (4) gave away

14 The high-risk heart surgery can only be carried out by a \_\_\_\_\_ and experienced surgeon.

- (1) complex
- (2) competent
- (3) complacent
- (4) competitive

**Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (5 marks)**

Read the brochure carefully and answer questions 15 to 19.



**Healthy Lunches**

prepared using natural and organic ingredients.

# Palm Resort FARM CAMP

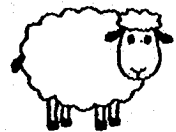
## Mid-year School Holiday Camp

Our goal is to celebrate nutritious food and instill lifelong healthy eating habits among kids. We use natural and organic ingredients. That's why you'll find that our dishes are made from scratch, using natural food with no preservatives and chemicals. Such food is also known as organic food. Campers will also learn how to cook a simple and healthy local dish that they can try out at home.

### Daily Programme

- 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM Check-in
- 9:15 AM – 9:30 AM Briefing
- 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM Farm Chores & Activities\*
- 10:15 AM – 12:00 PM Cooking Class 1
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch and Recreation
- 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM Cooking Class 2
- 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM Debrief

*\*Activities include: swimming, rock-climbing, archery and art & craft.*



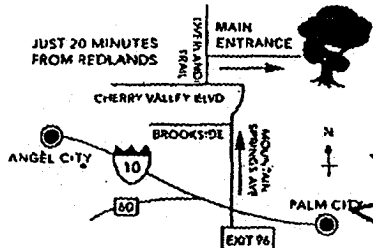
### Weekly School Holiday Day Camp Programme

(Monday-Friday, 9am to 5pm)

**28 May to 22 June, 2018**

- Week 1 – 28 May to 1 June
- Week 2 – 4 June to 8 June
- Week 3 – 11 June to 15 June
- Week 4 – \*18 June to 22 June

*Programme fee will be pro-rated (4 days) as 21 June is a public holiday.*



**Special discount!**  
\$150 for children of resort members

**Programme Fee**  
\$200 per child

*Programme fee includes: daily healthy lunch and snacks, camp T-shirt, all camp materials and activities*

**Healthy Lunches provided!**

For more information, contact:  
**Palm Resort**  
1010 Highland Springs Avenue Palm Vale  
Tel: 567 9034  
[www.palmresort.com/camp](http://www.palmresort.com/camp)

To register, call 567 903 or attend our Open House on Saturday, 1 May from 2-3 pm.





For each question from 15 to 19, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

15 The camp is meant for \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) adults interested in healthy eating
- (2) children during their school holidays
- (3) farmers interested in organic farming
- (4) anyone wanting to cook a healthy dish

16 According to the brochure, organic food \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) has no preservatives
- (2) has local ingredients
- (3) is made from scratch
- (4) is always cooked at home

17 If you join the camp in week 4 as a non-member, you will \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) pay \$150 only
- (2) pay \$200 only
- (3) pay less than \$200
- (4) pay more than \$200

18 The camp provides \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) healthy dinners
- (2) organic breakfasts
- (3) camping materials to stay overnight
- (4) lunches made from organic ingredients

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19 The main aim of Palm Resort Farm Camp is to help campers learn more about \_\_\_\_\_ through the weekly camp.

- (1) sports
- (2) farm activities
- (3) healthy eating habits
- (4) the secrets of home cooking

**End of Booklet A**

**(Go on to Booklet B)**

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2  
(BOOKLET B)

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

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A) us	(B) they	(C) we
(D) it	(E) our	(F) my

We all dream while we sleep. Dreams are stories and images

\_\_\_\_\_ minds create during sleep.  
(20)

Experts say \_\_\_\_\_ dream at least four to six times every night.  
(21)

Dreams can make \_\_\_\_\_ happy, sad or scared.  
(22)

\_\_\_\_\_ can also seem perfectly rational or confusing. Studies have  
(23)

shown that dreams are important to having a healthy mind.

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

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

Ron and Ryan are at a games arcade. Their parents [ has / have ]  
(24)

promised to let them play during the school holidays. They both [ enjoy / enjoys ]  
(25)

throwing balls into the hoops. Ryan also [ like / likes ] riding the bumper cars.  
(26)

One of their favourite things to do [ is / are ] to exchange their tickets for gifts at the  
(27)

redemption counter.

The boys always have fun at the arcade and look forward to the next visit.

**Section F: Sentence Combining (2 marks)**

For each of the questions 28 and 29, rewrite the given sentences 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 sentences.

- 28 Gerald goes to Apex Music School. Gerald takes piano lessons.

\_\_\_\_\_ where \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 29 Elizabeth said, "I am going to the library with Charles now."

Elizabeth said \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

One wintry night, a squirrel was homeless because all the trees in the forest had shed their leaves.

The squirrel \_\_\_\_\_ it difficult to bear the cold. It was in  
(30)  
search of a place that could shelter it from the \_\_\_\_\_. It ran into  
(31)  
a hut that belonged to a lonely old man.

The old man realised that the squirrel was shivering \_\_\_\_\_  
(32)  
cold. He extended his hand and gestured for it to climb onto his hand so he could  
keep it warm. The squirrel thought that the old man looked kind and carefully  
climbed onto the hand of the old man \_\_\_\_\_ caressed it with his  
(33)  
other hand.

The squirrel felt warm and comfortable and it soon fell asleep.  
\_\_\_\_\_ a few hours, it woke up. The old man gave the squirrel a hot  
(34)  
bowl of tomato soup.

The old man's kindness did not stop there. He invited the squirrel to  
\_\_\_\_\_ with him in the hut. The squirrel agreed to it by waving its tail  
(35)  
and nodding its head in joy. They both found friendship and lived together for a  
long time in the same hut.

*Adapted from <https://www.bedtime.com/a-squirell>*

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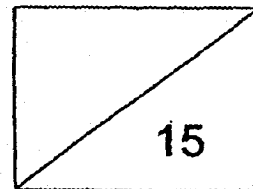
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Date: 3 May 2018



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**Section H: Comprehension (Selected Response) (5 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Princess Alice of England was born deaf in 1885. She learned to lip-read at a young age and could speak several languages. She later married Prince Andrew and moved to Greece. They had four children and she communicated with them in sign language. Despite being disabled, Princess Alice was not discouraged. Instead, she served God by helping people because she believed that it was God's purpose for her to do good works. 5

Over the years, Greece had suffered much through several wars which brought hardship to her people and to the royal family. Still, Princess Alice did many charitable works and helped the poor. Unfortunately, her husband left her and she had a nervous breakdown. Immediately, she was sent to a mental hospital against her will. She did not even get a chance to say goodbye to her children. Her youngest son, nine-year-old Philip, was shocked when he returned from a picnic and found his mother gone. 10

After she was discharged from the mental hospital, she worked with the Red Cross which was an organisation that provided food and shelter for orphaned children. 15

Princess Alice died in 1969 with no possessions as she had so generously given everything she had to the poor. To this day, she is remembered as a kind woman who lived out her faith through her good works. 19

*The Righteous among Nations: Princess Alice of Battenburg  
(Adapted and rewritten)*

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36 According to the first paragraph, Princess Alice loved helping people because

\_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

- (1) they were poor
- (2) she was a princess
- (3) it was her mission in life
- (4) she was afraid God would punish her ( )

37 Which word has the same meaning as disheartened? Circle (A) or (B). [1m]

Despite being disabled, Princess Alice was not discouraged.  
 (A) (B)

38 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story for Princess Alice. [1m]

- \_\_\_\_\_ She helped at the Red Cross.
- \_\_\_\_\_ She married Prince Andrew.
- \_\_\_\_\_ She was sent to a mental hospital.

For Q39 to 40, read each statement and tick (✓) either "True" or "False" The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Princess Alice was born deaf.	✓	
Q39	Prince Philip was at a picnic when his mother was taken to the mental hospital.		
Q40	Princess Alice was a selfish lady.		

**Section I: Comprehension (Open-Ended) (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 41 to 48.

David was a bright and well-behaved boy. His parents wanted to give him the best that life could offer. They worked very hard to provide for him, often returning home late at night while his grandmother looked after him.

When David was four years old, his grandmother suddenly passed away. With no one else left to look after David, his mother stopped working to take care of him. His mother cooked for him, cleaned up after him and took him to his enrichment classes. She doted on him so much that she even bought him an iPad so he could enjoy playing digital games. Soon, David's mother realised that she was able to complete her household chores without interruptions from David because the iPad kept him so occupied. 5 10

By the time he was six years old, David was spending more than seven hours a day on his iPad. He became so engrossed in digital games that he lost interest in all the other activities while refusing to do his homework. Consequently, he did badly in school.

David's parents knew that they had to do something to help him. They decided to take away his iPad. David reacted badly to the confiscation. He was easily irritated and his parents could not calm him down. He also became moody and could not pay attention in school. Over time, his behaviour started to deteriorate. Things became so bad that his parents took him to see Doctor Nicholas who was well-known for treating addiction among children. He explained to David's parents that too much screen time would damage a young child's developing brain and it is irreversible. 15 20

David's brain had been so badly affected that he had become a "digital addict". His parents were devastated. David had to be enrolled in Doctor Nicholas' counselling programme for six months to help him manage his addiction. 25

*Screen time syndrome: Brain images explain why kids are moody, impulsive and can't pay attention (Adapted and rewritten)*

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41 Why did David's parents have to work very hard? [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_

42 Pick out a two-word phrase from the second paragraph that tells us that David was very much loved by his mother. [1m]

43 How did getting David the iPad help his mother in the beginning? [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

44 Based on lines 11-14, give two pieces of evidence to show that David was addicted to the digital games on his iPad. Give your answers in complete sentences. [2m]

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

45 Which two words from lines 15 to 22 describe David's reactions after his parents took away his iPad? [2m]

46 What does "it" in line 22 refer to?

[1m]

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For questions 47 and 48, state whether each statement in the table is True or False. Give one reason why you think so. [2m].

	Sentence	True / False	Reason
47	David's mother stopped working to take care of him in order to control his addiction.		
48	David's parents sought help for his addiction.		



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# ANSWER KEY

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## Booklet A

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	4	4	4	2	3	2	3	3	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	
1	3	1	2	2	1	3	4	3	

## Booklet B

Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27
E	C	A	B	have	enjoy	likes	is

Q28 Gerald goes to Apex Music School where he takes piano lessons.

Q29 Elizabeth said she was going to the library with Charles then.

Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35
found	cold	with	who	After	stay

## Booklet C

Q36 (3)

Q37 (B)

Q38 3 She helped at the Red Cross.

1 She married Prince Andrew.

2 She was sent to a mental hospital.

Q39 True

Q40 False

Q41 His parents wanted to give him the best that life could offer and worked hard to provide for him.

Q42

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Q43 David's mother realised that she was able to complete her household chores without interruptions from David as the iPad kept him occupied.

Q44 (i) David was spending more than seven hours a day.

(ii) He became so engrossed in digital games on his iPad that he lost interest in other activities while refusing to do his homework.

Q45

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Q46 It refers to the damage done to a young child's developing brain.

Q47

	Sentence	True / False	Reason
Q47	David's mother stopped working to take care of him in order to control his addiction.	False	There was no one to look after him after his grandmother passed away.
Q48	David's parents sought help for his addiction.	True	Things became so bad that his parents took him to see Doctor Nicholas who was well-known for treating addiction among children.

End