

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)
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PRIMARY 5 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2009
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
BOOKLET A

Total Time : 1 hour 50 minutes

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This booklet consists of 9 printed pages.

Study the advertisement below and answer the questions that follow it.

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Singapore Exchange (SGX) is launching *The Bull Charge* again this year. This iconic charity fun run in the Central Business District (CBD) will be held at the Padang.

Over the past four years, SGX has raised more than S\$10 million for needy children, families and youths from selected charities through its charity fun run. A record number of 19 charities has been selected for this year. For the first time, some of the funds raised will go directly towards helping an overseas charity as part of SGX's efforts to give back to the societies that it operates in.

In addition to the 3.2km fun races, Management Team Relay and Doggie Road Race, last year's novelty race "Gateway Challenge", is back by popular demand. After the fun race, teams will also get to compete in a series of challenges with an Asian twist.

Venue	Assembly area : The Padang Event will start and finish at The Padang. There will also be a mini-carnival for participants, supporters and beneficiaries.
Dress code	Compulsory : Suitable running shoes Costumes with Asian flavour

Organised by:



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For each 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 The **main** organiser of the event is _____.
- (1) Central Singapore
 - (2) The Business Times
 - (3) Singapore Exchange
 - (4) Singapore Sports Council
- 2 According to the advertisement, what is new for this year's event?
- (1) Participants can run with their pet dogs.
 - (2) Participants can run in costumes with an Asian flavour.
 - (3) Teams will compete in a series of challenges after the fun race.
 - (4) Part of the funds raised will go to a charitable organisation abroad.
- 3 To take part in the race, participants will have to _____.
- (1) register online
 - (2) call the hotline
 - (3) contact Ms Tiffany
 - (4) donate to a charity
- 4 Which one of the following statements is **true**?
- (1) Everyone is welcomed at the mini-carnival.
 - (2) SGX has raised S\$10 million over the past four years.
 - (3) Participants have to work in the Central Business District.
 - (4) Participants have to select one of 19 charities to donate funds to.
- 5 The Bull Charge is **iconic**. The word "iconic" has the same meaning as _____.
- (1) typical
 - (2) famous
 - (3) unusual
 - (4) symbolic

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 The scientist _____ on his new invention in his laboratory when the phone suddenly rang.
- (1) worked
 - (2) will be working
 - (3) has been working
 - (4) had been working
- 7 Neither Susan nor I _____ for the party as we need to study for our tests next week.
- (1) is going
 - (2) am going
 - (3) are going
 - (4) were going
- 8 Rizal _____ his homework before he went out to meet his friends at the arcade.
- (1) finishes
 - (2) is finishing
 - (3) had finished
 - (4) was finishing
- 9 Devi was so embarrassed _____ her friend's compliment that she blushed.
- (1) of
 - (2) in
 - (3) with
 - (4) upon
- 10 You will not be able to open the lock _____ you know the combination.
- (1) if
 - (2) after
 - (3) unless
 - (4) because

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- 11 The number of victims of the earthquake _____ increased by ten fold in the past hour.
- (1) has
 - (2) had
 - (3) have
 - (4) having
- 12 "Has anyone here ever _____ in the open sea before?" Mrs Lee asked the students.
- (1) swim
 - (2) swum
 - (3) swam
 - (4) swims

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)

Rahel froze. She was desperately sorry for what she had said. She didn't know where those words had come from.

"Rahel (13) Ammu said, "do you realise what you have just done?"

Frightened eyes and a fountain looked back at Ammu.

"It's all right. Don't be scared," Ammu said. "Just answer me. Do you know what happens when you hurt people (14) When you hurt people (15) they begin to love you less. That's what careless words do."

- 13
- (1) [,] comma
 - (2) [.] full stop
 - (3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 - (4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
- 14
- (1) [.] full stop
 - (2) [?] question mark
 - (3) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
 - (4) [? "] question mark and inverted commas

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- 15 (1) [-] dash
(2) [:] colon
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [,] comma

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 The patient's health is likely to _____ in the next few days.
- (1) decline
(2) deplete
(3) degrade
(4) deteriorate
- 17 His previous criminal record led to him being _____ from entering the country.
- (1) barred
(2) obstructed
(3) barricaded
(4) disqualified
- 18 Anne went over the problem sum _____, determined to get the answer.
- (1) strictly
(2) faithfully
(3) accurately
(4) meticulously
- 19 I am concerned about Li Min. She seems very _____ and does not seem to want to socialise with her classmates.
- (1) isolated
(2) deserted
(3) withdrawn
(4) abandoned

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20 I am impressed that you have _____ so much English in such a short period of time.

- (1) picked at
- (2) picked on
- (3) picked up
- (4) picked out

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)

Pompeii was a large city and port about 150 kilometres south of Rome. Ten kilometres to the north of Pompeii towered the beautiful and peaceful Mount Vesuvius.

23 August was a holiday. At noon, happy crowds filled the streets. Markets and restaurants were full. Suddenly, there was an immense explosion. Flames leapt from Mount Vesuvius. The peaceful green mountain had become a terrifying volcano. A huge cloud of ash, small stones, rocks and poisonous gas rose high into the sky. Day became night. People were panic-stricken. Few could escape. The eruption continued for days. The whole town was buried to a depth of 17 metres.

It was not until the eighteenth century that archaeologists began to dig down and come upon what was left of this once great city. Because the destruction was so sudden, the ruins of Pompeii give us a glimpse of what daily life was like in a Roman city two thousand years ago. We can examine everyday objects like shoes, sandals and jewellery in museums. We can now see houses and streets, public bath houses and amphitheatres just as they were.

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- 21 (1) epic
(2) eternal
(3) enormous
(4) elephantine
- 22 (1) toxic
(2) spiteful
(3) malignant
(4) venomous
- 23 (1) verify
(2) prove
(3) discover
(4) determine
- 24 (1) mishap
(2) elimination
(3) devastation
(4) extermination
- 25 (1) a look at
(2) a plan of
(3) an insight into
(4) an explanation of

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

1 July 1964, I lay in bed, waiting for the bees to show up, thinking of what Rosaleen had said when I told her about their nightly visitations.

"Bees swarm before death," she'd said.

Rosaleen had worked for us since my mother died. My daddy - whom I called T. Ray because 'Daddy' never fitted him - had pulled her out of the peach orchard, where she had worked as one of his pickers. She had a big round face and a body that sloped out from her neck like a pup tent, and she was so black that night seemed to seep from her skin. She lived alone in a little house tucked back in the woods, not far from us, and came every day to cook, clean, and be my stand-in mother. Rosaleen never had a child herself, so for the last ten years I had been her pet guinea pig. 5

Bees swarm before death. She was full of crazy ideas that I ignored, but, I lay there thinking about this one, wondering if the bees had come with my death in mind: **Honestly, I was not that disturbed by the idea.** Every one of those bees could have descended on me like a flock of angels and stung me till I died, and it would not have been the worst thing to happen. People who think dying is the worst thing do not know a thing about life. 10 15

My mother died when I was four years old. It was a fact of life, but if I brought it up, people would suddenly **get interested in their hangnails and cuticles, or else distant places in the sky**, and seemed not to hear me. Once in a while, though, some caring soul would say, "Just put it out of your head, Lily. It was an accident. You didn't mean to do it." 20

That night I lay in bed and thought about going to be with my mother in paradise. I would meet her saying, "Mother, forgive. Please forgive," and she would kiss my skin till it grew chapped and tell me I was not to blame. She would tell me this for the first ten thousand years. 25

Adapted from *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd

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26 Rosaleen treated the writer like _____.

- (1) a pet
- (2) a patient
- (3) a daughter
- (4) her mistress

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~~(4) her mistress~~

- 27 According to the passage, which one of the following statements is **true**?
- (1) The writer had never met her mother.
 - (2) Rosaleen was the writer's step-mother.
 - (3) The bees swarmed around the writer every night.
 - (4) The writer thought that Rosaleen's idea about the bees was crazy.
- 28 "Honestly, I ^{was not} ~~wasn't~~ that disturbed by the idea." (line 13) What idea was the writer referring to? It was _____.
- (1) that of joining her mother
 - (2) the writer allowing the bees to sting her
 - (3) that bees swarmed to signal impending death
 - (4) the writer wanting the bees to swarm around her
- 29 According to the writer why would people suddenly "get interested in their hangnails and cuticles, or else distant places in the sky" (lines 18-19) when she spoke about her mother? They _____.
- (1) were angry with the writer
 - (2) were too busy to talk to her
 - (3) were too distracted that they did not hear her
 - (4) did not feel comfortable talking about the issue
- 30 The writer wanted to be with her mother in paradise because she _____.
- (1) was disturbed by the bees
 - (2) wanted to ask for her mother's forgiveness
 - (3) could get her mother's death out of her head
 - (4) could not get along with her "stand-in" mother

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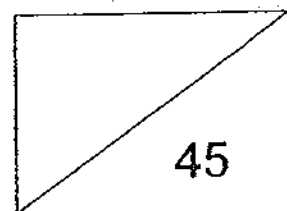
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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write the letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.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

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) among	(D) but	(G) from	(K) over	(N) under
(B) and	(E) by	(H) off	(L) to	(P) when
(C) at	(F) for	(J) on	(M) up	(Q) with

Mention *Hannah Montana*, and many a star-struck youngster would squeal

_____ delight. The TV series debuted in 2006 and has attained a cult status
(31)

_____ youngsters, who are drawn to the lead star and the adventures she gets into
(32)
as she tries to lead a double life as Hannah Montana the performer _____ Miley
Stewart the "regular" teen. (33)

The actress who plays Hannah/Miley is 15-year-old Miley Cyrus, born Destiny Hope Cyrus in Tennessee, United States. Her name Miley was derived _____ her
(34)
nickname her classmates gave her in school – "Smiley" – because she smiled a lot. Miley's affinity with acting was evident as early as age nine, when she would go audition

_____ roles. She got the role of Hannah Montana _____ she was 13,
(35) (36)
after having been turned away previously _____ 11 because she was deemed "too
(37)
small". Her dogged persistence to audition again finally paid _____
(38)

The show immediately spawned a soundtrack the year it debuted, with Miley singing eight of the twelve tracks on it. It sold _____ four million copies worldwide. The
(39)
songs also topped music charts.

Musical achievements aside, Miley was also ranked 17th on the 2007 Forbes List of The 20 Top-Earning Young Superstars. She may be earning millions of dollars _____
(40)
her allowance is reportedly US\$300 (S\$415) a month. At home, she also has to do chores, go to church weekly and gets grounded if she does something wrong.

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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)

As humans prepare to turn in for the night, nocturnal animals stir from their snooze and
 (41)
 begin their nightly **rutin** for hunting, foraging, grazing and interacting. About 90% of tropical
 (42)
 animals are active only at dusk or night. Many animals chose ~~to be~~ on the night shift because
 (43)
 it is cooler and safer for them ~~to feed~~ in the open on ~~the~~ protective blanket of darkness. The
 (44)
 darkness **kamoffludges** predators on the prowl. Hidden among shadows, predators can pounce
 on their victims without being noticed.

(45)
 To adapt to life at night, nocturnal animals have extremely **akewt** senses. Many have
 enormous eyes and huge ears to see and hear well. A keen sense of smell is equally
 important to locate food or potential mates. A keen senşé of touch is especially useful in the
 (46)
 dark. The long-fingered raccoon depends on their sense of touch to probe for food.

(47)
 Ever since humans moving into the raccoon's habitat, the naturally shy animals have
 (48)
 exploited the **seetuasion** ~~to~~ their advantage. Human dwellings provide the highly adaptable
 raccoons with easy pickings and a cosy shelter. Using dexterous fingers, raccoons are able to
 open doors and let themselves into houses at night. Once inside, they make their way to
 (49)
 cupboards and refrigerators for a good meal. They remove garbage bin lids at ~~great~~ ease and
 rifle through the contents, picking up discarded food. No wonder they are called
 (50)
 the 'masked **bendits** of the night'. Some even earn the reputation of 'house pests'.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Deserts occur in two wide belts on the globe and over parts of all continents except Europe. Desert skies are cloudless and this means _____ is scarce. Most deserts (51) have less than 25 cm of rain a year – the Namib Desert has virtually no rain, only fog and mist. The _____ skies have another effect on the desert. During the _____ (52) (53) the land is not shaded from the sun. Thus, deserts are the hottest places on _____ (54) with temperatures often soaring above 50 degree Celsius. The temperatures of surface sand can reach as high _____ 90 degree Celsius. That is quite close to the boiling point (55) of water at 100 degree Celsius. At night, without a blanket of clouds, heat escapes quickly and temperatures can _____ below 0 degree Celsius. Such drastic (56) changes in temperature _____ a great problem for desert animals. (57)

Some snakes minimise body contact with the hot desert sand by moving in a side-winding _____ that enables it to move effectively on shifting sand. They (58) move sideways with only two sections of the body touching the ground at _____ (59) one time.

Moving about in the desert is not _____ as one has to tolerate the hot (60) ground while trying to keep a foothold on the sandy surface that keeps slipping downwards. Some animals have developed special feet to _____ with the problem. The broad (61) feet of the camel have fatty pad and elastic tissue to help spread the weight of the animal and _____ it from sinking into the sand. (62)

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Many desert animals simply avoid the _____ by hiding beneath rocks or
(63)

trees or in burrows. Many stay in the shelter throughout the day and come out to hunt only after sunset. Making burrows in the _____ is more difficult than in soil because the sand
(64)

collapses behind the burrowing animals. Some desert lizards do not dig but wriggle into the sand. Their legs are very much reduced in size to _____ them to wriggle efficiently.
(65)

A few lizard species that spend nearly all their time below the surface have lost their legs altogether.

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 Mr Lim asked John, "Where did you go last night?"

Mr Lim _____

67 It was too noisy in the school hall for us to hear what the speaker was saying.

It was so _____

68 You cannot go to the party if you do not complete your homework.

Unless _____

69 Although Mr Wee is generous to others, he does not spend much on himself.

In spite of his _____

70 Both sisters do not know that they have been chosen for the storytelling competition.

Neither of _____

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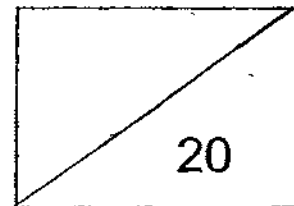
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This booklet consists of 3 printed pages.

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Raised voices, running feet and violent thudding on his locked cabin door jerked Captain Sasongko Samudy from his sleep. His clock showed 4 a.m. With a shiver, Sasongko realised someone was trying to force his door open. The cabin door soon gave way and three men burst in. Masked and clad in black, each clutched a metre-long *parang*, a sword-like weapon, ready to strike. One man slammed it into Sasongko's face, knocking him to the floor. As blood gushed from his head, the captain felt the intruders bind his hands and feet. 5

"Tell your crew to come to the bridge," the leader snapped in Indonesian. "If your entire crew doesn't surrender, we'll kill all of you!"

The Indonesian skipper had sailed this route a hundred times and never encountered trouble. That June day in 2005 was the third of a seven-day voyage from Singapore to Yangon and Myanmar and Sasongko's fully laden, 7000-tonne oil tanker *Nepline Delima*, with its crew of 18, should have been cruising serenely through the Straits of Malacca but his luck had run out. 10

Pirates roamed these waters, hijacking ships and selling off the cargo. The insistent buzz of the intercom on his cabin wall woke Mohamed Hamid, the officer in charge of the crew. 15

"There's a speedboat next to us!" a seaman told him. "It might be pirates!" Hamid called the bridge; nobody answered. Had pirates seized it? The 28-year-old Malaysian pulled on his orange overalls and edged into the corridor to investigate. As he mounted the stairs to the upper deck, he heard the captain's voice over the loudspeaker. 20

"Wake up! Wake up!" Sasongko pleaded. "There are pirates on our ship. All crew go to the bridge!" Then Hamid heard the captain cry out in pain.

Going from cabin to cabin, he roused six men and led them to the control room.

"We have no weapons," he said. "Whatever the pirates want, give it to them!" He told the sailors to go to the bridge. As the first sailor crossed the gangway and stepped into the bridge, a masked man grabbed him around the chest and thrust a *parang* to his throat. Panicked, the other hands fled. Hamid froze. The pirate was big and powerful. He could see only the man's eyes, and they were flat and merciless. *The sailor is as good as dead*, Hamid thought. He ran for his life. 25 30

Leaping down from deck to deck, Hamid darted into the tanker's bowels, hunting for shipmates. Several times he glimpsed pirates and was able to elude them in the maze of companionways* and corridors that he knew so well. But he could not find a single crewman. Bewildered, he hid under the bed in a deserted cabin for a breather. No sooner had he settled than the door opened. He realised that while he had been hunting for his shipmates, the pirates were hunting him. Lying stock-still, he watched a beam of light traverse the cabin as a pirate scanned the room. For an instant, the torchlight pierced his hiding place and grazed his knees. Then the door slammed and he was in darkness again. 35

*A companionway is a staircase or ladder that leads from one deck to another on a ship.

Relaxing, Hamid figured that if he could dodge the pirates, maybe others had too. He slid from under the bed and resumed searching. Quickly crossing the stern deck, he spotted a pirate just metres away. Hamid was sure he had been spotted. He raced across the deck and dropped onto the platform metres below. Hamid glanced at his watch: 5 a.m. This frantic game of cat and mouse had lasted an hour. He had to hide, but it was easier said than done: the 80-metre-long deck was lit up like a football stadium.

40

Adapted from Reader's Digest, May 2007

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 What does 'it' in line 5 refer to?

72 Explain clearly what the masked men did to the captain.

73 Explain clearly why the captain said 'his luck had run out' (line 14).

74 Which word from line 15 to 20 has the same meaning as 'captured by force'?

75 Why did Hamid advise his men to give the pirates whatever they wanted?

76 In line 28, "Panicked, the other **hands** fled." What does the word '**hands**' refer to?

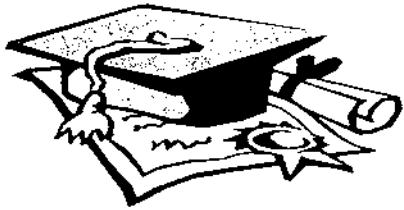
77 Why were the pirates not able to catch Hamid?

78 Why was Hamid bewildered (line 34)?

79 Which sentence from line 31 to 38 tells us that Hamid was almost caught?

80 Why was it difficult for Hamid to hide on the deck?

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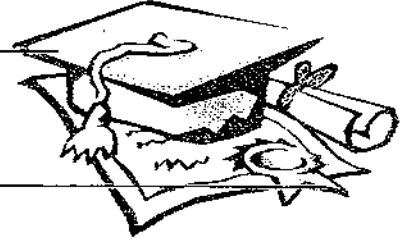


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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
4	3	3	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	2	Q	A	B	E

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
F	P	C	H	K	D

- 41)routine 42)choose 43)under 44)camouflages
45)acute 46)its 47)moved 48)situation 49)with
50)bandits 51)rain 52)cloudless 53)day 54)earth
55)as 56)drop 57)pose 58)motion 59)any
60)easy 61)deal 62)prevent 63)heat 64)sand

65)enable

66)Mr Lim asked John where he had gone the night before.

67)It was so noisy in the school hall that we could not hear what the speaker was saying.

68)Unless you complete your homework,you cannot go to the party.

69) In spite of his generosity to others, Mr Wee does not spend much on himself.

70) Neither of the sisters knows that they have been chosen for the storytelling competition.

71) It refers to the parang.

72) The masked men slammed a parang into the captain's face, knocking him down and bound his hand and feet.

73) The captain had sailed on that route a hundred times and had never encountered any trouble but this time, his ship got hijacked when it should have been cruising serenely through the straits of Malacca.

74) The word is "seized."

75) Hamid's men did not have weapons to fight with the pirates as he knew that they would lose to them.

76) It refers to the other sailors standing behind the first sailor who had a parang thrust into his throat by the pirate.

77) He was able to elude the pirates as he knew the ship well.

78) Hamid was hunting for shipmates to warn them about the pirates but could not find a single crewman.

79) The sentence is "For an instance, the torchlight pierced his hiding place and grazed his knees".

80) The eighty-metre-long deck was lit up like a football stadium.

