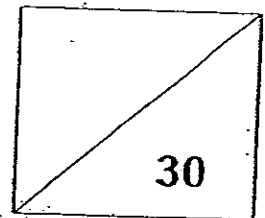


Methodist Girls' School (Primary)
Primary 5 End-of-Year Examination 2008

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Paper 2 (LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

1 hour 50 minutes



Name : _____ ()
Class : P 5. _____
Date : 3 October 2008

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages.

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

DINO FUN ACROSS ALL 3 PARKS @ 1 GREAT PRICE

Get hopping this school holidays and explore a trio of attractions at a bargain!

Get tickets and get a chance to participate in a string of exciting and engaging activities that will take you back to prehistoric times! Visitors can also take part in the Dino Trail contest, which will run across the three parks and participants can answer questions related to exhibits. Entry forms to this Dino contest will be incorporated into a Kids Adventure Book. Find out more about all the new exciting events at the parks.



NIGHT SAFARI

- **Stilt Walkers**
Mingle among the illuminated stilt walkers before you begin your journey into the mysterious Night Safari.
- **Cavemen Galore!**
Travel back to the stone ages for some head-thumping action, and even jump in for some fun when the cavemen start roving.
- **Back to BC!**
Discover the prehistoric past of Singapore's animals.



BIRD PARK

- A new thematic exhibit at Jurong BirdPark called 'Dinosaur Descendants' will showcase the Park's flightless birds collection and spectacular views of some of the dinosaurs' closest descendants – the ostrich, emu, cassowary and rhea.
- **A Flock of Giant Birds!**
Be greeted by these giant-sized bird puppets. Take a memorable photograph with them during the meet-and-greet sessions.
- **Caricaturist**
Get your caricature drawn amongst flightless birds.



SINGAPORE ZOO

- **Fun with the Flintstones**
Meet, greet and be entertained by the entire Flintstone family. Join Fred, Wilma, Pebbles and Dino, their pet dinosaur, for a rocking good time.
- **Close Encounters with Dinosaurs' Living Relatives Tour**
Come up close with some of the dinosaurs' cousins and learn fascinating facts about their relics.
- **Dino-themed Art & Craft Sessions**
Try your hand at making a dino clock or hook rack. Guides will be on site to teach you how.



Park Hopper Ticket (S\$20.00) and **Family Fun Package** (S\$20.00) (includes access to Singapore Zoo, Night Safari and Jurong BirdPark, Night Safari and Singapore Zoo) are available from date of purchase.



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 Park Hopper Ticket allows visitors to enter all the parks _____
- (1) for a year at a special value
 - (2) once at a special discounted rate
 - (3) at a special discount for one month
 - (4) any number of times at a special price
- 2 If you would like a humorous and exaggerated drawing of yourself, you would go to the _____
- (1) Bird Park
 - (2) Night Safari
 - (3) Singapore Zoo
 - (4) All of the above
- 3 To learn more about the skeletal structure of pre-historic animals, visitors can go for _____
- (1) Back to BC!
 - (2) Caveman Galore!
 - (3) Dinosaur Descendants exhibition
 - (4) Close Encounters with Dinosaurs' Living Relatives Tour
- 4 Which one of the following is false?
- (1) Visitors can take part in the Dino Trail at all the parks.
 - (2) Visitors can see close relatives of the dinosaurs only at the Singapore Zoo.
 - (3) Visitors can have meet-and-greet sessions at the Bird Park and Singapore Zoo.
 - (4) Visitors can watch a performance about how people lived in the past at the Night Safari.
- 5 _____ are a common activity at all three parks.
- (1) Exhibitions
 - (2) Performances
 - (3) Art and Craft activities
 - (4) Meet-and-Greet sessions

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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 I am excited because my relatives from Australia _____ to Singapore this Sunday to visit me.
- 1 came
 2 are coming
 3 will have come
 4 have been coming
- 7 "If I _____ a millionaire, I would travel around the world," said Leela.
- 1 is
 2 am
 3 was
 4 were
- 8 Rani apologised _____ the disruption that she had caused during the movie when her mobile phone rang.
- 1 at
 2 in
 3 for
 4 with
- 9 I think Johari _____ that play before.
- 1 saw
 2 will see
 3 has seen
 4 had seen
- 10 My goal is to become a doctor. _____, I will work especially hard in my science classes.
- 1 Since
 2 Though
 3 However
 4 Therefore

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11. The pupils, as well as their teacher, _____ to the computer room once a week for computer-based activities.
- (1) go
 (2) goes
 (3) going
 (4) had gone
12. Jim was busy watching television so he had to stay up _____ the wee small hours of the morning to finish his homework.
- (1) at
 (2) in
 (3) into
 (4) during

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)

It was October, and snow was falling lightly. Meg knew the ranch needed strong, steady horses to bring the sheep back from the pasture. Still, she couldn't take the enormity of her father's words.

"I know Bay, my favourite horse, is old," Meg told him (13) but he's my horse. Won't you let me keep him (14) I will feed him. He won't be a problem."

"We use horses for labour," her father said. "We don't keep them as pets."

Meg understood. She thought about Casey (15) a dog she had once loved. He became lost when chasing a wandering sheep and never came home.

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

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- 15
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| 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 Everyone watched fearfully as he accomplished his _____ feat of walking across the crocodile-infested river on a tight rope.
- | | |
|---|--------------|
| ① | eminent |
| ② | staggering |
| ③ | significant |
| ④ | overpowering |
- 17 The furious teacher _____ at the student who was reading a book while she was teaching.
- | | |
|---|---------|
| ① | glared |
| ② | gazed |
| ③ | glinted |
| ④ | gaped |
- 18 The taxi-driver _____ when he turned around and saw that the passenger whom he picked up had mysteriously disappeared from the moving vehicle.
- | | |
|---|------------|
| ① | dodged |
| ② | cowered |
| ③ | shrivelled |
| ④ | shuddered |
- 19 The witness gave a vivid _____ of the hair-raising accident.
- | | |
|---|--------------|
| ① | narration |
| ② | recitation |
| ③ | description |
| ④ | confirmation |

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- 20 As soon as he found out that his grandmother was in the hospital, he had to _____ He could not join us for our class reunion.

- ① back up
 ② back out
 ③ back away
 ④ back down

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)

One of the most well-known children's stories to come from Germany is *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*.

Hamelin is a town on the banks of the river Weser. A few centuries ago, it was infested (21) with rats which made their homes in every house. They ate the food in the larders and spoiled clothes, shoes, hats, books and pictures by biting them. Both the town council and the people were powerless against the rats. (22)

This went on for months. Suddenly one day, when the town councillors were discussing what could be done, a weird-looking man walked into the room. He wore clothes of various colours arranged haphazardly and in his hand was a pipe. (23)

The man promised to get rid of all the rats in the town for a hefty fee. The councillors (24) were so happy to hear what the piper had said that they immediately employed him to do the work and offered to pay him any amount. (25)

The piper took off immediately, went to one side of the town and started playing his pipe. Thousands of rats followed him to the Weser river where he halted at its bank. The rats walked right into the river and drowned.

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- 21 1 polluted
 2 invaded
 3 infected
 4 swarmed
- 22 1 feeble
 2 ineffective
 3 vulnerable
 4 defenceless
- 23 1 messily
 2 randomly
 3 aimlessly
 4 accidentally
- 24 1 bulky
 2 sturdy
 3 massive
 4 substantial
- 25 1 involved
 2 engaged
 3 promised
 4 occupied

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

On the third landing, I wrinkled my nose. Mr Wong, our landlord, was boiling another of his herbal cures. From behind his door, I could hear him coughing. He had had the cough as long as I have known him and all my life he had been going to herbalists to get medicines. Each of them smelled worse than the last.

Mama kept a can of pine scent, an invisible barrier by the doorway because of Mr Wong. I took a deep breath and covered the breathing holes of the box. Then I ran the last steps to our door. When I lifted my hand to get my key, the alligator started slithering inside the box, upset by it too. I almost dropped the box. 5

"Bobby?" The goody-goody birthday boy, my brother, still was not home yet. Kneeling, I undid the string and lifted the lid of the box. The alligator did not appear so big in the department store. It had not looked so frisky either. It just seemed to surge out of the box. I barely clapped the lid down in time. For a moment, I could feel it ~~scowling~~ ^{feel its snout} ~~snout showing at the cardboard~~. As I held the lid down, I began to think of all the questions I should have asked the department store clerk. I kept the alligator from escaping. When it finally subsided, I did not dare lift my hands. As I knelt there, another question came to me, "How do I wrap it?" 10 15

I might still have been sitting there if Mama and Bobby had not finally come home. "Oh that Mr Wong," Mama said. "Ugh. Don't breathe, Bobby."

Despite our impatience, we were not allowed to have dinner till Father was home. "We have to warn your father about Oscar," Mother urgently said when she heard Father come home, earlier than usual. She stopped when she heard him shout. "Too late," she sighed. 20

You could hear Father's yell across the bay. He came running to the kitchen doorway. "Holy moly, there's a dinosaur in the bathtub!"

"You didn't scare it, did you Father?" Anxiously, Bobby slipped around him and into the hall. "It's only a little baby. You could have scared the growth right out of it." 25

His pride hurt, Father called after us, "I'm all right, everyone. Don't worry about me."

Adapted from *Later Gator* by Laurence Yep

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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 The pine scent was an "invisible barrier" (line 5) against _____.

- (1) any odours
- (2) intruding burglars
- (3) the neighbour, Mr Wong
- (4) the alligator on the loose

27 The alligator seemed upset because _____.

- (1) of the smell of the herbs
- (2) it wanted to move around
- (3) the box was too small for it
- (4) it could not breathe in the box

28 The writer did not expect the alligator to be _____.

- (1) fierce
- (2) young
- (3) subdued
- (4) energetic

29 The writer wanted to wrap the box to _____.

- (1) surprise his father
- (2) present it to his brother
- (3) prevent the alligator from escaping
- (4) avoid the alligator from being so restless

30 Father's pride was hurt because _____.

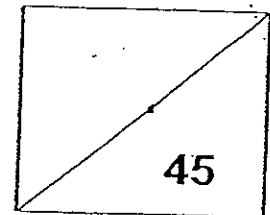
- (1) he screamed too loudly
- (2) Bobby made fun of him
- (3) he had frightened the alligator
- (4) he was not told about the alligator

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Methodist Girls' School (Primary)
Primary 5 End-of-Year Examination 2008

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Paper 2 (LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET B

1 hour 50 minutes



Name : _____ ()
Class : P 5. _____
Date : 3 October 2008

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 5 printed pages.

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) after	(D) at	(G) for	(K) on	(N) up
(B) and	(E) behind	(H) in	(L) out	(P) what
(C) around	(F) but	(J) into	(M) over	(Q) who

When we reached the beach, Silver turned to one of the sailors and ordered him to take the pirates' side. The man refused. Without warning, Silver plunged his dagger

(31) _____ the man's heart and killed him instantly. Turning around to look

(32) _____ the rest of the group, Silver warned us that whoever disobeyed him would share a similar fate.

We walked on, leaving the dead man (33) _____ on the beach. Feeling alarmed, I ran up the beach (34) _____ disappeared into the forest. Silver's men did not bother to give chase for they probably thought that a small frightened boy like me could do them no harm.

I stopped to catch my breath (35) _____ top of a stony hill. Suddenly, I saw a movement on the hillside. I could not see (36) _____ the creature was and thought that it would be better to face Silver and his men rather than an unknown enemy. I turned

(37) _____ and ran up the shore but the creature ran faster than me. The creature turned (38) _____ to be a man with thick unkempt hair. He was dressed in tattered clothes that had been mended many times (39) _____ Catching (40) _____ with me, the scary-looking man threw himself on the ground.

"Who are you?" I asked in a frightened voice.

(Adapted from *Treasure Island* by R.L. Stevenson)

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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)

In 1840, the first adhesive stamp was used in Great Britain as a way of showing that postage had been paid by the sender of the letter. There was no country name on it as it

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was not **nesessari** at all.

The idea of the postage stamp soon caught by other countries as well. Soon

(43)

people begin to collect these tiny pieces of paper from countries they would never have the

(44) (45)

oportuniti to visit. Today, stamp-collecting is enjoy by the young and old, the ordinary

and the famous. These collectors have many choices as hundreds of stamps are issued each year by different countries in the world.

Of the countless number of stamps issued, there are some that are priceless

because there are very few of them available. Other stamps are worth **kensiderabel**

(46)

amounts of money because they contain certain major errors, such as missing colours.

(47)

These are errors that occur during the printing process. Other errors are committed during

(48)

the designed process. For example in 1903, a stamp showing Columbus looking through a telescope was issued. In fact, telescopes had not yet been invented during Columbus' time.

Since these stamps are so valuable, it is not **serpraising** to find that a large number

(49)

of them have been forged. Some collectors bought these forged stamps because they

(50)

were **deseevd**. Others knew that they were forged but bought them nevertheless because they could not afford the original ones.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Born in the 1930s, Alferd Williams spent his childhood working in the cotton fields with his family. As the oldest of nine brothers and sisters, he took on the _____ (51) of supporting his family when his father became ill.

Alferd never got the chance to go to _____ (52). While working on the farm, his mother managed to teach him only a few letters. She also taught him how to count because he needed this skill when picking cotton. It had always been his mother's _____ (53) that he would learn to read. So she made him promise that one day he would make her dream come _____ (54).

After decades of not being able to read, Alferd decided it was finally time to make _____ (55) for the education that he had missed out on as a _____ (56). He took a chance and reached out to Alesia Hamilton, a teacher at Edison Elementary School.

Alferd had met Alesia while walking his grandchild to and _____ (57) her first grade room every day. One day after school, Alesia asked Alferd about a note that was sent home with the child. It was at that time that Alferd told her he was _____ (58) to read. Alesia suggested some community resources that could help him learn but he sweetly declined any help. He had attempted to learn to _____ (59) in the past, but people did not have the patience to teach him.

As time went by, Alferd approached Alesia again. He asked her if she was willing to teach him to read as he was finally ready to learn again. He wanted her to be his _____ (60).

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Initially, Alesia was not certain as she had never taught an _____ to
(61)

read. She had only taught children before. However, after some thought, Alesia
agreed to take in her new friend. Alferd then began his lessons with Alesia daily.

However, his pursuit _____ knowledge does not come easy.
(62)

_____ all of his life trials, Alferd continues pursuing his life long goal of learning
(63)

to read and fulfilling the _____ he made to his mother several decades ago.
(64)

He has earned the _____ of his much younger classmates and his teacher, who
(65)

is about half his age. At the age of 69, Alferd is proof that you are never too old to learn how
to read.

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 Jason did his homework. He then went to bed.

_____ before

67 Phoebe was careless. Everyone had to help her look for her missing mobile phone.

As a result of _____

68 Melissa applied to study in that university. It was rejected.

Melissa's _____

69 "Have you submitted the consent form?" Mrs Lim asked me.

Mrs Lim asked _____

70 The weather was bad. The camera crew still filmed the scene outdoors.

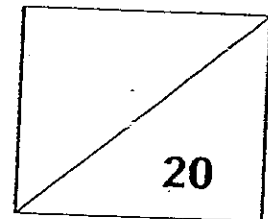
In spite of _____

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Paper 2 (LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET C

1 hour 50 minutes



Name : _____ ()
Class : P 5. _____
Date : 3 October 2008

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 3 printed pages.

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

I had no idea of what lay in store for me the first time I stepped into David Marain's Advanced Mathematics class. I was in a cold sweat. Maths terrified me. At precisely 8 a.m., a young man with glasses entered the room.

"My name's Mr Marain," he said brightly.

I had heard from the other students that Mr Marain was just shy of a PhD in Mathematics. It did not surprise me as he seemed to possess the wit and self-confidence of someone who, without trying, always excelled. As he joked with the other students, I sank deeper in despair. It was in this class just because passing Advanced Maths was a requirement in the National Advanced Placement test.

Mr Marain scribbled a problem on the blackboard and asked us to solve it. Carefully, I copied it into my notebook. But after a few steps, I was stumped. Suddenly, from the corner of my eye, I could see Mr Marain standing next to me. I tried to cover the mostly blank sheet of paper. This is it, I told myself. I was certain that once Mr Marain realised that I was not a maths whiz, he would encourage me to drop out.

Instead, he bent down and wrote another equation on the page. "Try this," he said gently. I did, and from there, I managed to solve the problem.

"Very good," he said, smiling from behind his glasses, as though I had arrived at the answer on my own.

I was baffled. This was, after all, an advanced class. Why was he taking the trouble to give so much attention to an average student like me? Later, I began to hear stories about how Mr Marain had quietly helped students deal with academic pressure. He intervened on behalf of students when a mark failed to meet a demanding parent's expectations. If someone could not afford a calculator, he would loan his. He never scoffed at a question, no matter how obvious or irrelevant it was. Most surprisingly, he seemed to make no distinction between the top students and those who barely scraped by. We were all praised and prodded in equal measure.

Nevertheless, it was clear that I was one of the slowest in class. On our first major exam, my fears of this subject were well-founded. I got a low passing mark. That afternoon, I went to see Mr Marain.

"I don't belong with the other students," I said in tears. I had hoped that he might find a way to minimise the importance of the mark.

Instead, he asked, "Why do you want out of this class?"

"I don't want to fail," I muttered.

"You won't fail," he promised. "I won't let you walk away as long as you're willing to do your very best. I know Maths is a struggle for you, but struggling against obstacles makes us stronger."

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For the first time in my life, I was being asked to probe the limits of my potential. He was demanding excellence from me.)

(Adapted from *The Real Test* by Suzanne Chazin)

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 Why did the writer still take the Maths class even though she was terrified of Maths?

72 What was the writer's first impression of Mr Marain's abilities?

73 Why was the writer's paper 'mostly blank' (line 14)?

74 What does 'it' (line 15) refer to?

75 Explain clearly why the writer was 'baffled' (line 22).

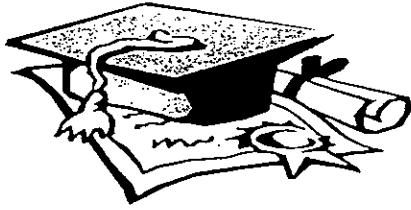
76 Besides intervening on behalf of students, describe clearly two ways in which Mr Marain showed his kindness to his students.

77 Give one piece of evidence to show that Mr Marain was a fair teacher.

78 Even though the writer passed her first major exam, why did she still want out of the class?

79 Which sentence tells you that Mr Marain was determined to help the writer?

80 Which word from lines 34 to 42 has the same meaning as the word 'hindrances'?



ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2008

SCHOOL : MGS HIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL
 SUBJECT : PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH

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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
K	P	C	L	M	N

- 41) necessary 42) on 43) began 44) opportunity
 45) enjoyed 46) considerable 47) occurred
 48) designing 49) surprising 50) deceived
 51) responsibility 52) school 53) wish 54) true
 55) up 56) child 57) from 58) unable
 59) read 60) teacher 61) adult 62) of
 63) Despite 64) promise 65) respect
 66) Jason did his homework before going to bed.
 67) As a result of Phoebe's carelessness, everyone had to help her look for missing mobile phone.

- 68) Melissa's application to study in that university was rejected.
- 69) Mrs Lim asked me if I had submitted that consent form.
- 70) In spite of the bad weather, the camera crew still filmed the scene outdoors.
- 71) Passing Advanced Maths was a requirement in the National Advanced Placement test.
- 72) The writer thought that Mr Marain seemed to possess the wit and self-confidence of someone who, without trying, always excelled.
- 73) After doing a few steps the writer was stumped and did not know how to solve the rest of the problem.
- 74) It refers to being encouraged drop-out of Mr Marain's class.
- 75) The writer was puzzled as to why Mr Marain took the trouble to give so much attention to an average student like her.
- 76) He did not scoff at still questions and he loaned his calculator to those without one.
- 77) Mr Marain praised and prodded all his students in equal measure.
- 78) She felt that if she had stayed on, she would also fail.
- 79) The sentence is "I won't let you walk away as long as you're willing to do your very best."
- 80) The word is "obstacles."