# METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

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## MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2013 PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH

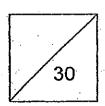
PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

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

## The SUPER Education Campus Pte Ltd

#### Educational One-day Camps for Children



#### Objectives

Educational Camps provide a way for students the necessary learning skills to improve their overall performance in school. There are a variety of camps available, including computer camps (also known as Edu-tech camps), science camps and leadership camps.

Our camps will help children enhance their communication skills, learning and general knowledge in a fun manner. Academic camps teach students how to be more critical readers. The primary purpose of academic camps is educational development.

#### Academic Camps

Our popular academic camps include:

#### Camp A: Computer Skills

Learn more about coding, design and other Internet Technology skills.

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Conducted in the museums and the Science Centre, it will increase understanding and appreciation of a variety of scientific concepts.

#### Camp C: Leadership Skills

Develop important skills and how to help others with these skills.

All trainers are endorsed by the Ministry of Education

#### Registration details:

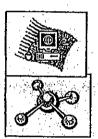
Limited places: Maximum of 40 pupils per class Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis Suitable for Primary 4 - 6 pupils

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Camp		Dates	Time	Fee
Α	pm	1/6, 8/6	12 pm - 3 pm	\$185*
В	am	1/6, 22/6	9 am -12 pm	\$185*
C	Full Day	8/6, 15/6	9 am - 3 pm	\$300

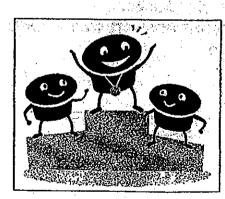
\* A special package price of \$300 is available for those who sign up for both camps A and B.

# For registration & further enquiries Log in to www.supercampus.com.sg or call SUPER Education Campus Pte Ltd at 6345-5436

Mode of payment: Credit card (for online applications only) Cheque / Cash







Adapted from http://www.camps.ca/education\_camps.php

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	Which	n of the following is <u>not</u> one of the objectives of the camps? It is to
· .	(1) (2) (3) (4)	develop more critical readers develop communication skills improve the pupils' Internet Technology skills increase the pupils' knowledge of our heritage from museum visits
2	Accor they_	ding to the brochure, pupils will qualify for the special package price of \$300 if
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	attend any one camp sign up for any two camps sign up for all three camps sign up for two specific camps
3	A train	ner needs approval from
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	Edu-Tech Science Centre The Ministry of Education Super Education Campus
4	Due to	her busy schedule, Mrs Tan decides to register her daughter for the one-day online. The best mode of payment is by
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	cash cheque instalment credit card
5	Sarah followi	enjoys designing and creating her own digital programmes. Which one of the ng camps is most suitable for her?
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	Science Camp Reading Camp Computer Camp Leadership Camp

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	Muc	h to our delight, she ins	isted	footing the bi	II.	
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7	Sara	th told the teacher that s	she	her project bef	ore she left the class.	
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8		Mrs Lee is o	ur table tenni	s coach, she is unab	le to serve a ball well.	
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	(2)	whom				
	(3)	which				
	(4)	whose				
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12	Neither the girls nor Mrs Ng	going to the party tonight.

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

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)

"I've never seen rain like this (13) Sylvia cried out her face alight and alive. "I'd like to walk in it!"

"And I want to smell it - up close!" Mary Tucker said excitedly (14) and we'll both walk in it

There were a couple of bags lying on a stool behind them, and she caught them up.

"Why not put this across your shoulders, Sylvia (15)" she suggested; and holding the ends of her own bag under her chin, she opened the door and stepped out into the rain.

Adapted from The Min-Min by Margaret Brownie

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15	(1)	[	•	] full stop
	(2)	[	,	] comma
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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	This	is not the master key. It is only a/an key.
	(1)	false
	(2)	imitation
	(3)	duplicate
	(4)	photocopied
17	We s	shall continue the tennis game when the rain
	(1)	declines
	(2)	subsides
	(3)	subdues
	(4)	diminishes
18	The t	wo girls decided to and be the best of friends again.
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	(2)	see eye to eye bury the hatchet
	(3)	be in the same boat
	(4)	be a dog with two tails
19	We d	ecided to change the venue of our picnic when we saw that a heavy downpour was
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	(1)	obvious '
	(2)	eminent
	(3)	imminent
	(4)	irrevocable
20	Nicole	her mother. They have similar features.
	(1)	takes on
	(2)	takes up
	(3)	takes out
	(4)	takes after

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)

The Eiffel Tower is one of the seven wonders of the world. Today, it would be difficult to (21) <u>visualise</u> the Paris skyline without its most distinctive (22) <u>landmark</u>. But few people appreciated Gustave Eiffel's architecture because they thought it was too (23) <u>radical</u> and twenty years later it was almost taken down. The Eiffel Tower was planned to be demolished in 1909. It was saved at the last moment to be used as a telecommunication tower.

Fortunately, the tower (24) <u>survived</u> and continues to delight visitors from around the world, particularly on special occasions when it is lit up in a (25) <u>spectacular</u> laser show. Eiffel's other world-famous creation, the Statue of Liberty, was given to the United States and stands in New York City.

Adapted from Banks of the Seine by National Geographic

21 view reflect imagine understand 22 sight guide feature. remains 23 (1)basic original extreme traditional 24 fived on forged forward withstood all odds made a comeback 25 special: impossible pretentious impressive

Located in the centre of Japan, Mount Fuji (whose name means 'without equal') is a sacred site. Japan's native religion, Shintoism, considers Fuji a holy place. Other people believe the mountain and its waters have the power to make a sick person well. For many, climbing Fuji is also a rite of passage. Some do it as part of a religious journey; for others, it is a test of strength. Whatever their reason, reaching the top in 5 order to stand on Mount Fuji's summit at sunrise is a must for many Japanese.

Fuji is more than a sacred site and tourist destination. It is also an active volcano around which four million people have settled. The last time Fuji exploded, it sent out a cloud of ash that covered the capital city and darkened the skies for weeks.

Today, new data have some volcanologists concerned that Fuji may soon erupt again. According to the National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention, there has been an increase in activity under Fuji recently, which may be caused by low-frequency earthquakes. This information helps the scientists predict when Fuji will come back to life again. In the meantime, locals living near Fuji hold special festivals each year to offer gifts to the goddess of the volcano so that she will not erupt and destroy the land and its people below.

Halfway across the globe from Fuji, Popocatepell -one of the world's tallest and most dangerous active volcanoes stands just 60 kilometres southeast of Mexico City. Although the volcano (whose name means 'smoking mountain') has erupted many times over the centuries, scientists believe its last great explosions occurred around 820 A.D. In recent years, however, El Popo, as the Mexicans call the mountain, has been threatening to explode once more; in December 2000, almost 26,000 people were evacuated when El Popo started to send out ash and smoke. As with all active volcanoes, the question is not if it will erupt again (an -eruption is inevitable); the question is when it will happen.

"Every volcano works in a different way," explains Carlos Valdes Gonzalez, a scientist who monitors El Popo. "What we're trying to learn here are the symptoms signaling that EL Popo will erupt." These include earthquakes, or any warning that the mountain's surface is changing or expanding. The hope is that scientists will be able to warn people in the surrounding areas so they have enough time to escape. A powerful eruption could displace over 20 million people — people whose lives would be saved if the warning is delivered early enough.

For many living near El Popo, especially the farmers, abandoning their land is unthinkable. As anyone who farms near a volcano knows, the world's richest soils are volcanic. They produce bananas and coffee in Central America, fine wines in California and enormous amounts of rice in Indonesia. For this reason, people will stay on their land, even if they face danger.

Today, many people who live near El Popo continue to see the mountain as their ancestors did. According to ancient beliefs, a volcano can be a god, a mountain and a human at the same time. To appease El Popo and to ensure rain and a good harvest, locals begin a cycle of ceremonies that start in March and end in August. Carrying food and gifts for the volcano, they hike up the mountain. Near the summit, they present their offerings, asking the volcano to protect and provide for them for one more season.

Adapted from Sacred Mountains by Heinte Gengage Learning

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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. 26 The main idea in the first paragraph is about (1) the visitors to Mount Fuji (2) why Mount Full is a sacred place (3) reasons people climb Mount Fuji (4) the healing properties of Mount Fuji In lines 24-25, it is more important to focus on when rather than if the volcano will erupt because the eruption can be prevented people cannot do anything about it people will have enough time to escape people will have time to save their crops The word 'inevitable' in line 24 has the same meaning as (1) fixed (2) instant (3) necessary (4) unavoidable 29 Which one of the following is not a symptom of an erupting volcano? (1) earthquakes (2) the mountain's surface expanding (3) sudden changing of weather patterns (4) ash and smoke seen coming from the mountain Why is it 'unthinkable' (line 34) for the farmers to abandon El Popo? (1) They do not want to abandon the fertile land. They are afraid of breaking the cycle of ceremonies.

(3) They rather appease the erupting volcano with offerings.(4) They do not think the erupting volcano would endanger them.

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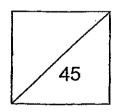
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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write the letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.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

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has made great efforts to improve both health and education. This has encouraged many people to move to Kathmandu from the mountains.

(38)

the high rate of illiteracy, which is currently around 79%

major problem in Nepal.

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problem is

(39)

Correct each word in <b>bold</b> for spelling and each <u>underlined</u> word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)
A volcano is usually a hill or mountain from which lava sometimes bursts out. This lava
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comes from deep down below the Earth's krahst.
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A volcanic <u>erupt</u> is terrifying. Lava, hot enough to melt steel, streams down from the
mountainside. Clouds of ash, steam and poisonous gases rise high into the sky. Huge pieces of
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great <u>lost</u> of lives. It is astimeited that in the last five hundred years,
volcanoes have killed over a quarter of a million people.
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Stromboli. This volcano smoking constantly by day, and glows red at night.
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The greatest eruption <u>record</u> happened on 26 August, 1883. Krakatoa, a small island
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in the Pacific ocean, exploded. A <b>kolum</b> of cloud rose twice as high as Mount Everest. Volcanic
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Some people say they have no memory at all. But of we all have a
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memory. Our memory tells uswe are. Our memory helps us to make use of
the present what we have learnt in the
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In fact we have different of memory For example, our visual memory (54)
helps us recall faces and places. Some people have such a strong visual memory, they can
exactly what they have seen, for example, pages of a, as
(55)
a complete picture. Our verbal memory helps us remember words and figures we may have
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heard but notin writing. For example, items of a shopping list, a chemical (57)
formula, dates or a recipe.
With our emotional memory, we recall situations or places where we experienced strong
perhaps of happiness or unhappiness We also have special memories for (58)
smell, touch and sound and for performing physical movements.  (59)
We have two ways of any of these memories. Our short-term memory (60)
stores item for up to thirty seconds – enough to remember a telephone
(61)
while we dial. Our long-term memory on the other may store items for a
lifetime. Older people in fact have a muchong-term memory than short-term

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)

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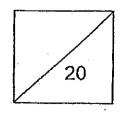
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Pa and Mr Scott had made a stout windlass, a device for winding in a rope. It stood over the well, and two buckets hung from it on the ends of a rope. When the windlass was turned, one bucket went down into the well and the other bucket came up. In the morning Mr Scott slid down the rope and dug. He filled the buckets with earth, almost as fast as Pa could haul them up and empty them. After dinner, Pa slid down the rope into the well, and Mr Scott hauled up the buckets.

Every morning, before Pa would let Mr Scott go down the rope, he set a candle in a bucket and lighted it and lowered it to the bottom. Once Laura peeped over the edge and she saw the candle brightly burning, far down in the dark hole in the ground.

Then Pa would say, 'Seems to be all right,' and he would pull up the bucket and blow out the candle.

That's all foolishness,' Mr Scott said. The well was all right yesterday.'

'You can't ever tell.' Pa replied. Better be safe than sorry.

One morning Mr Scott came white Pa was eating breakfast, they heard him shout, 'Hi Ingalls! It's sunup, Let's go! Pa drank his coffee and went out.

The windlass began to creak and Pa began to whistle. Laura and Mary were washing the dishes and Ma was making the big bed, when Pa's whistling stopped. They heard him say, 'Scott!' He shouted, 'Scott! Scott!' Then he called, 'Caroline! Come quick!'

Ma ran out of the house. Laura ran after her.

Scott's fainted or something down there. Pa said. 'I've got to go down after him.'

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'Did you send down the candle?' Ma asked.

'No. I thought he had. I asked him if he was all right, and he said he was.' Pa cut the empty bucket off the rope and tied the rope firmly to the windlass.

'Charles, you can't. You mustn't,' Ma said.

'I'll make it all right. I won't breathe till I get out. We can't let him die down there.'

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Ma said, fiercely, 'Laura, keep back!' So Laura kept back. She stood against the house and shivered.

'No, no, Charles! I can't let you,' Ma said. Get Patty from the stable. Ride to the town to get help."

30 'There isn't time. I've got to,' Pa said. He swung into the well. His head slid out of sight, down the rope.

Ma crouched and shaded her eyes, staring down into the well.

All over the prairie meadowlarks were rising, singing, flying straight up into the sky. A warm wind was blowing, but Laura felt cold.

Suddenly Ma jumped up and seized the handle of the windlass. She tugged at it with all her might. The rope strained and the windlass creaked. Pa's hand came up, holding on to the rope. His other hand reached above it and took hold of the rope. Then Pa's head came up. His arm held on to the windlass! Then somehow he got to the ground and sat there.

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Ma told Laura to run to fetch water. When she got back, Pa and Ma were both turning the windlass. The rope slowly wound itself up, and the bucket came up out of the well, and tied to the bucket and the rope was Mr Scott.

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Mr Scott had breathed a kind of gas that stays deep in the ground. It stays at the bottom of wells because it is heavier than the air. No one can breathe it very long and live. Pa had gone into that gas to tie Mr Scott to the rope so that he could be pulled up out of the gas.

Before Mr Scott went home, he said to Pa, 'You were right about that candle business. I thought it was all foolishness and would not bother with it, but I've found out my mistake.'

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(Adapted from The Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalis Wilder)

### ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

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Why did Laura	a's father stop whistling	(line 17)?	
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74	Why did Pa say 'I won't breathe till I get out' (line 25)?		
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75	In line 28, Ma told Charles, 'Get Patty from the stable.' What do you think Patty was?		
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76	What is the main reason why Laura felt cold even though the wind was warm (line 34)	).	-
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77	What does the word "it" in line 35 refer to?		
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78	Which word from lines 35 – 38 has the same meaning as 'tightened'?		
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79	How did Pa get out of the well?		
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80	Mr Scott said he had found out his mistake (line 4	e 46). What was it?				

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**EXAM PAPER 2013** 

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43)hurled

44)destruction

45)loss

46)estimated

47) exception

48)smokes

49)recorded

50)column

51)course

52)who

53)past

54)types

55)recall

56)book

57)seen

58)feelings

59)taste

60)staring

61)number

62)hand

63)better

64)forget

65)lose

- 66) Rafi lost to a new comer in a tennis match much to his disappointment.
- 67)Mr Yeo asked his wife if she knew where he had left his car keys.
- 68) Neither Divya nor her friends speak Malay.
- 69) She was too proud to apologise for her bad behaviour at the party.

- 70)Although Peter had tricked Lindsay many times before, she still believed him.
- 71)The word is "stout".
- 72)He wanted to check if there was oxygen to breathe in as candles need oxygen to burn and if the candle burned, there would be oxygen.
- 73)He realised that Mr Scott had not come out of the well and did not reply to the calling of his name. He feared Mr Scott may have fainted and was very anxious.
- 74)He did not want to breathe in the poisonous gas from deep in the ground which could be fatal.
- 75)I think Patty was a horse.
- 76) She was very tense worried and anxious that her father could die any moment her heart was pumping fast.
- 77) The word 'it' refers to the handle of the windlass.
- 78) The word is "strained".
- 79)He was holding on to the rope while his other hand reached above it and took hold of the rope and was pulled up by Ma tugging at the handle of the windlass.
- 80)He did not bring a candle into the well to test the air before he went down.