

Methodist Girls' School (Primary)
Primary 3 Mid-Year Examination 2006
English Language Paper

Name: _____ ()

Class: P 3 . _____

Date: 5 May 2006

Marks:	Vocabulary & Grammar:	/ 28
	Comprehension:	/ 20
	Total:	_____

Vocabulary (MCQ) (6 marks)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

1. Farmer Willie has a _____ of oxen to help him plough his fields.
(1) flock
(2) pride
(3) team
(4) school
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2. The stars in the sky are too far away for us to see clearly so we need to use a _____ to help us.
(1) telescope
(2) binoculars
(3) microscope
(4) magnifying glass
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3. Sally is dressed very _____ today as she is going for a job interview.
(1) badly
(2) smartly
(3) shabbily
(4) gracefully
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4. Mary bought a new pair of shoes but they were not comfortable. After walking for some time, she developed _____ on her feet.
(1) rashes
(2) blisters
(3) pimples
(4) blemishes
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5. You must read widely. An _____ person does not know much about what is happening around the world.
(1) ignorant
(2) innocent
(3) important
(4) interesting
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6. Hannah is a _____ person, unlike her twin brother who cannot be trusted to get things done at all.

(1) faithful
 (2) considerate
 (3) dependable
 (4) conscientious

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Grammar (MCQ) (6 marks)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

7. William made us laugh till our stomachs hurt when he tried to _____ his dog, Lucky, doing its tricks.

(1) imitate
 (2) imitates
 (3) imitated
 (4) imitating

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8. Both my siblings _____ down with dengue fever last weekend so we stayed in.

(1) come
 (2) came
 (3) comes
 (4) coming

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9. Michelle has a Science test tomorrow and she _____ hard for it now.

(1) study
 (2) studies
 (3) is studying
 (4) was studying

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10. Mary _____ a passer-by for directions to the train station when she realised she was lost.

(1) ask
 (2) asks
 (3) asked
 (4) asking

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11. This cup of coffee is so bitter. Did you add _____ sugar in it?

- (1) few
- (2) any
- (3) much
- (4) many

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12. You will _____ the vase if you are not careful.

- (1) break
- (2) broke
- (3) breaks
- (4) broken

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Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. USE EACH LETTER ONCE ONLY.

(A) am inviting (B) are inviting (C) invite (D) invited
(E) invites (F) is inviting (G) will invite

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Dear Anne,

It's my birthday next Saturday and I _____ (Q13) you to my birthday party. Next Monday, I _____ (Q14) all our classmates from Primary 3M as well. My mother wants me to _____ (Q15) Miss Chua too. I _____ (Q16) Miss Chua to my party last year and she came! Please ask your brother to come if he wants too. See you next Saturday!

Love,

Sarah

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Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. USE EACH LETTER ONCE ONLY.

(A) and	(B) because	(C) but	(D) or
(E) if	(F) so	(G) that	

Last week, we went on an excursion to the Science Centre. Our teacher, Mr David, wanted us to learn more about magnets _____ (Q17) he decided to take us there.

Just as we were about to leave for the Science Centre, we realised that Siti was not on the bus _____ (Q18) she had gone back to the classroom to get her bag. A few minutes later, Siti boarded the bus _____ (Q19) we left.

We were very excited when Mr David promised that he would buy all of us an ice-cream cone _____ (Q20) we behaved well. We behaved so well that Mr David bought us an ice-cream cone and a cheeseburger each from MacDonald's!

Vocabulary Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. USE EACH LETTER ONCE ONLY.

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| (A) creatures | (B) chuckled | (C) fish | (D) see |
| (E) look | (F) paws | (G) teeth | (H) sobbed |

Little Jan was filled with excitement as she gazed at the polar bears. She walked to the glass-panelled pool to have a closer _____ (Q21). The bears were massive and beautiful _____ (Q22). Jan _____ (Q23) when the bears jumped into the water and swam powerfully. One of the bears swam close to the glass and she could see its front _____ (Q24). They were huge compared to Jan's hands!

Vocabulary Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. USE EACH LETTER ONCE ONLY.

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| (A) belly | (B) dormant | (C) difficult | (D) easy |
| (E) extinct | (F) head | (G) large | (H) tiny |

Some biologists in America have been observing the right whale for many decades. This whale has been hunted till it is almost _____ (Q25) as they are considered the "right" whale to hunt. They are _____ (Q26) to collect as they float after they are killed. The right whale is easily recognised by the bumps on the top of its _____ (Q27). It has small eyes but _____ (Q28) lips. It has no dorsal fin as it uses flippers to move in the water.

Comprehension (MCQ) (10 marks)

Read the following personal recount.

My name is Bernard and I am a box turtle. I am an exceptional reptile because, as you probably know, turtles do not write stories. I have decided to become a writer so that people can know a little bit more about us.

I move rather slowly for my age. It has not always been that way though. Why, when I was a hatchling, I could speed across my owner's yard in no time. I admit that there were times when I got stuck on an occasional twig or garden hose, but I was certainly not a quitter. My little legs would just keep going until I overcame any obstacle. As I grew, I learned to slow down and enjoy all the interesting sights and sounds my environment provided. I discovered "bug holes", found the juiciest berries and could tell when my owner was coming to play with me!

When my owner approached, I would stretch out my long neck to reveal my beautiful colouring and proudly walked up to my owner and scratched at his feet. My owner was much taller than me and he usually sat down with me. While my owner was watching, I would make a point to walk around him, crawl under his legs or go for a swim in my pond. He found this behaviour endearing and would proceed to pick me up and tell me how funny I was. This ritual was frequently completed with a special turtle treat of melons or spinach.

Now that I am older, resting has become my favourite pastime. During the warm summer months, I love to dig a hole in the yard and crawl into it. It is quiet and cool in my special place. During the cold winter months, box turtles, like myself, love to hibernate by digging an even deeper hole and staying there until the warmth of the summer sun returns.

I am a very happy box turtle.

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Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

29. The word 'exceptional' in paragraph 1 has the same meaning as _____.

- (1) exciting
- (2) ordinary
- (3) outstanding
- (4) uninteresting

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30. 'My little legs would just keep going until I overcame any obstacle' in paragraph 2 tells us that Bernard is a _____ turtle.

- (1) small
- (2) strong
- (3) successful
- (4) determined

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31. When he was younger, Bernard would occasionally get stuck _____.

- (1) in his pond
- (2) in a bug hole
- (3) under his owner's leg
- (4) on a small thin branch

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32. Bernard's owner always rewarded him with _____.

- (1) a swim in the pond
- (2) melons and spinach
- (3) a friendly chat and some berries
- (4) melons and a scratch on his feet

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33. Bernard's favourite place during the summer months is the _____.

- (1) pond
- (2) garden
- (3) bug holes
- (4) hole he digs in the yard

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Read the following passage carefully.

Once upon a time, there lived an old woman who made the most delicious candies. People would come from all around just to buy her candies at the village market.

One day, while walking to the market to sell her candies, the old lady tripped over a stone and dropped her container on the ground. The container broke and her coconut candies spilled everywhere.

"Oh! Look at this trouble here," she said. "I can't believe what trouble I've got. Now I'll have to go back home!"

Monkey was sitting in a tree above. He saw and heard everything. As the old woman left, he grew curious about her trouble. He scurried down the tree and went to the trouble sprawled across the road.

He tasted one of the coconut candies and exclaimed, "This trouble is most delicious! I shall go buy some more for myself!"

Monkey marched right into town and went to the nearest merchant. "I'd like to buy some trouble," he said.

The merchant looked strangely at Monkey and asked, "Do you know what trouble is?"

"Yes, yes," Monkey said impatiently. "Give me all you have and be quick about it."

The shopkeeper shook his head with a little smile and soon brought out a large bag. Monkey paid for it and left.

As he dragged the bag back to the forest, he began to grow tired. "My, my, but this trouble is heavy and what strange sounds it makes."

He decided to open the bag and enjoy his treat. Licking his lips, he loosened the top of the bag. Suddenly, three fierce dogs burst from the bag, barking and flashing their sharp teeth.

Poor Monkey ran up the nearest tree and sat on a high branch, shaking with fear as the dogs below barked at him. To this day, Monkey stayed high up in the treetops, far away from trouble.

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Q34. What did the old lady do for a living?

Q35. Why did Monkey scurry down the tree?

Q36. Who did Monkey go to so that he could buy more trouble?

Q37. Where did Monkey go after paying for his bag of trouble?

Q38. In the last paragraph, 'Monkey stayed high up in the treetops, far away from trouble.' What does 'trouble' refer to?

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Please check your work carefully.

Answer Sheets
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6) 3	7) 1	8) 2	9) 3	10) 3
11) 2	12) 1	13) A	14) G	15) C
16) D	17) F	18) B	19) A	20) E
21) E	22) A	23) B	24) F	25) E
26) D	27) F	28) G	29) 3	30) 4
31) 4	32) 2	33) 4		

- Q34. The old lady sold candies for a living.
Q35. He was curious to find out what the trouble was.
Q36. Monkey went to the nearest merchant.
Q37. Monkey went back to the forest.
Q38. It refers to the "*three fierce dogs*."