

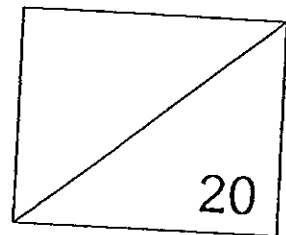
**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2013
PRIMARY FOUR
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
COMPOSITION**

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Four _____

9 May 2013

50 minutes

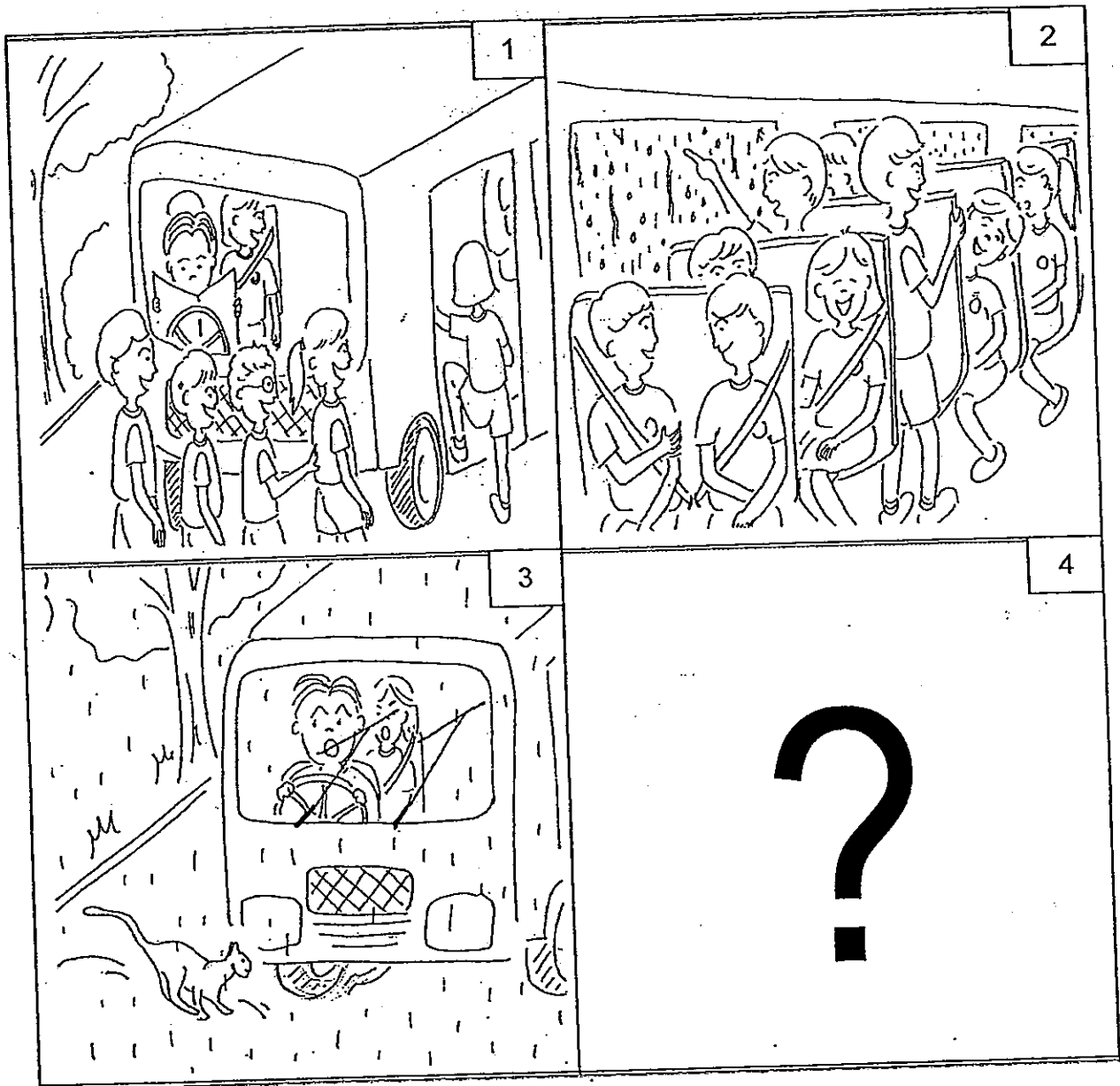


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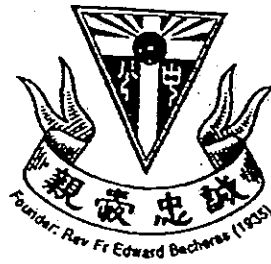
Last Friday, you and your classmates were involved in an accident when returning to school from a learning journey. Look at the pictures above. Write a personal recount of at least 120 words.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- When and where did the accident take place?
- Where were you at the time of the accident?
- What happened before the accident?
- What caused the accident?
- What happened to the bus and passengers?
- What happened after the accident?

Helping words:

- learning journey
- rained heavily
- children were misbehaving
- a cat ran in front of the bus
- screeched to a stop



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PAPER 2

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Four _____

17 May 2013

43 QUESTIONS

1 hour 15 minutes

Component	Marks
Sections A-D	/ 24
Sections E-I	/ 26
Paper 2 Total	/ 50

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Section A – Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. Sammy _____ at Bishan Swimming Complex yesterday morning before going to work.
 - (1) swim
 - (2) swam
 - (3) swims
 - (4) is swimming

2. Kayla was excited _____ nervous of dancing in front of the whole school.
 - (1) so
 - (2) yet
 - (3) unless
 - (4) because

3. My parents and Aunt Jenny _____ attending the concert tomorrow.
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

4. I find it relaxing to stroll _____ the seashore.
 - (1) in
 - (2) over
 - (3) along
 - (4) through

5. Is this book _____? Would you like to have it back now?
 - (1) ours
 - (2) mine
 - (3) theirs
 - (4) yours

6. Please carry _____ this Science experiment independently.
 - (1) in
 - (2) on
 - (3) off
 - (4) out

7. Jamie is _____ in the toilet or canteen.

- (1) both
- (2) each
- (3) either
- (4) neither

8. Mrs. Lim went to your birthday party yesterday, _____ she?

- (1) did
- (2) was
- (3) didn't
- (4) wasn't

Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

9. The mouse _____ into its hole when it spotted the house cat.

- (1) flitted
- (2) trotted
- (3) prowled
- (4) scampered

10. A suspicious-looking man was seen _____ at the void deck.

- (1) striding
- (2) ambling
- (3) loitering
- (4) sauntering

11. I could just _____ a figure in the darkness.

- (1) scan
- (2) discern
- (3) inspect
- (4) contemplate

12. The bride's wedding ring has her groom's name _____ on it.

- (1) carved
- (2) engraved
- (3) published
- (4) embroidered

13. Tom _____ the sandwiches like he had not eaten for days.

- (1) nibbled
- (2) pecked
- (3) digested
- (4) devoured

14. The _____ of directors meets in December for the annual general meeting.

- (1) staff
- (2) panel
- (3) board
- (4) bench

Section C – Visual Text Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Study the poster carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.



The Final One – Junior Idol 2013

If you have been dreaming of becoming a local superstar like Taufik Batisah, dream no more! You can be just like them. Simply take the first step and join the audition for The Final One – Junior Idol 2013 and sing your way to glory and stardom.



(A) Attractive Prizes

1. 1st Prize – \$20 000 cash + 1 year singing contract with Star Records
2. 2nd Prize – \$10 000 cash + 1 set of Movie Theatre System
3. 3rd Prize – \$5 000 cash + \$500 shopping voucher

(B) Eligibility Criteria

1.  Must be a Singapore Citizen or Permanent Resident
2. Age: 7 to 14

(C) Registration Details

1.  Fill in and submit the registration form at <http://www.eFINAL1.com.sg> with a registration fee of \$20
2. Register before 16 April 2013

(D) Audition Details

1.  Date: 15 June 2013 (Saturday) & 16 June 2013 (Sunday)
2. Time: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
3. Venue: Suntech City Hall 6

4. Only English songs are to be sung.



15. The main purpose of the poster is to promote _____.
- (1) an audition
 - (2) Taufik Batisah
 - (3) attractive prizes
 - (4) a singing competition
16. _____ will be eligible to take part in this competition.
- (1) Only Singapore Citizens
 - (2) A 14-year-old Singaporean
 - (3) A 15-year-old Permanent Resident
 - (4) Anyone between the ages 7 and 14
17. A participant can register for the competition on _____.
- (1) 15 April 2013
 - (2) 16 April 2013
 - (3) 15 June 2013
 - (4) 16 June 2013
18. To sign up for this competition, one must _____.
- (1) complete and submit the registration form online
 - (2) obtain and submit the registration form at Star Records
 - (3) obtain and submit the registration form at Suntech City Hall 6
 - (4) download the registration form online and submit it to Star Records
19. Which one of the following statements is true?
- (1) The audition will be held on a weekend.
 - (2) Participants are allowed to sing any song.
 - (3) Glory and stardom is guaranteed when you join the competition.
 - (4) The top winner of the competition will receive up to \$20 000 only.

Section D – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the article carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

What do you do with your orange peels and apple cores? Most people throw them into the trash can. Many gardeners put their food waste in a special container known as a compost bin. Food waste can be broken down by bacteria and other micro-organisms into natural materials called compost. This process takes several months. Once the compost is created, gardeners spread this mixture in their gardens to add nutrients to the soil which helps plants to grow well.

The process of compost creation requires oxygen. Thus, the compost bin needs to be turned regularly to ensure air reaches all parts of its content. Some people use a specially designed compost bin that rotates which saves time and energy. Heat speeds up the process. Thus, a compost bin should be in the sun for at least part of the day. However, it should be covered to keep some moisture in as water is also needed in this process.

Garden waste like grass clippings and dried leaves should be added to create a healthy balance in your compost. Do not add weeds unless you want to grow weeds in your garden as the seeds from some weeds may be present in the compost. However, it can be a welcome surprise if you find a tomato plant sprouting when you had not planted one. The tomato seed would have been hiding in the compost, waiting to begin a new life in your garden.

Adapted from <http://englishforeveryone.org>

20. People should create compost if they _____.

- (1) eat oranges and apples
- (2) do not have a trash can
- (3) want to get rid of their food waste
- (4) want to put their food waste to good use

21. Gardeners use compost to _____.

- (1) break down food waste
- (2) add nutrients to the soil
- (3) reduce the amount of trash on the planet
- (4) take care of bacteria and other micro-organisms

22. One may choose to use a rotating compost bin as it _____.

- (1) turns regularly
- (2) creates more compost
- (3) uses less energy and time
- (4) heats up the content of the bin

23. To speed up the process of compost creation, one should _____.

- (1) ensure there is enough water
- (2) add nutrients and garden waste
- (3) put the compost in the trash bin
- (4) keep the compost bin away from the sun

24. One should not put weeds in a compost bin because _____.

- (1) they are not garden waste
- (2) they do not create a healthy balance
- (3) new weeds might spring up in one's garden
- (4) only food waste can be turned into compost

Section E – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and WRITE its LETTER (A to F) in each blank. Use each word ONCE only.

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|--------|-----------|----------|
| (A) he | (B) her | (C) his |
| (D) it | (E) their | (F) them |

John Snow was born in 1813 in York, England. He was the eldest of nine children, born to William and Frances Snow. As the family was poor, (25) _____ house was located in North Street which was one of the poorest neighbourhoods in the city. When John Snow was fourteen, (26) _____ started working for a surgeon and went on to study medicine.

In 1855, a lot of people started dying in an area of London due to the illness cholera and John Snow went there to study about what was happening. (27) _____ study revealed that the people who had died were drinking the same water.

Before this study, no one knew how people had gotten the illness. This study was important because (28) _____ explained how the illness spread. It also helped to start the science of public health.

Adapted from [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Snow_\(physician\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Snow_(physician))

Section F – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the brackets and WRITE your answer in each blank.

The elephant is the largest land animal. Fifty million years ago, elephants could be found in every part of the world. It is such a pity that currently they (29) _____ (live / lives) only in Africa, south of the Sahara Desert and in Asia.

Elephants (30) _____ (has / have) very strong trunks. Trained elephants can lift huge tree trunks. The female elephant can lift its calf with its trunk even when the calf (31) _____ (is / are) quite big. Elephants use their trunk to rub an itchy eye or scratch their ear. The trunk also (32) _____ (act / acts) as a snorkel when an elephant swims submerged in deep water. Much of what the elephant experiences involves the trunk.

Adapted from <http://elephantlelehost.com>

Section G – Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word of your own.

I was inspired by adventurer Sarah Outen.

Despite enduring countless obstacles during her journey, she overcame them all. Although she (33) _____ to reach her desired target at the end of that journey, I strongly believe that this failure would make her more determined to complete yet another (34) _____. She cycled, rowed and kayaked more than 11,000 miles. She stopped when a storm hit her while she was rowing (35) _____ Japan to Canada. Hard work is crucial to success. Her determination to (36) _____ a task which seems almost impossible is a great example to everyone.

I wish her success in the next journey she will be embarking on.

Adapted from What's Up: Issue 97 – Letters

Section H – Sentence Synthesis and Transformation (2 x 2 marks)

For each of the items, rewrite the given sentence using the word/s provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the given one.

37. Linda left her office. The next moment, the phone rang.

_____ as soon as

38. Gary was injured. He stopped running.

_____ so

Section I – Comprehension Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Adrian had done extremely well in his examinations. As promised, his mother took him to a shopping centre to get whatever he wanted.

It was just before the Christmas season and the shopping centre was crowded. Adrian and his mother went from shop to shop, looking out for shops selling toys. Most of the shops, however, did not have a good selection of toys so Adrian was not very impressed. After wandering for about an hour, they came across a big toy shop which sold a good variety of toys. A red and white remote-controlled aeroplane caught Adrian's eyes. It was priced at eighty-five dollars. Adrian's mother was about to proceed to the cashier to pay for the toy when Adrian decided to check out another shop outside the shopping centre which was just down the road.

As they were walking, Adrian saw something that made him stop. He saw a shabbily-dressed girl standing beside her mother who was wheelchair-bound. They were begging at the side of the road. Adrian's heart sank when he saw the pitiful sight. Adrian turned to his mother and asked, "Mother, if I do not buy the toy, can I use the money in any way I like?"

"Certainly," replied his mother.

He took the money and gave it to the mother and child. This moving sight caused Adrian's mother to tear.

Adapted from <http://www.usingenglish.com>

39. What did Adrian's mother promise him if he did well in his examinations?

40. Why was Adrian not happy with most of the shops?

41. What does the word "It" in line 8 refer to?

42. Which 3-word phrase in the passage tells us that Adrian was upset when he saw the mother and child at the roadside?

43. Why did Adrian's mother cry at the end?

- END OF PAPER -

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013

SCHOOL : CATHOLIC HIGH

SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

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1	1	4	2	3	1	3	E	A	C	D

- Q29) live
Q30) have
Q31) is
Q32) acts
Q33) failed
Q34) journey
Q35) from
Q36) complete
Q37) The phone rang as soon as Linda left her office.
Q38) Gary was injured so he stopped running.
Q39) Adrian's mother promised to take Adrian to a shopping centre to buy whatever he wanted.
Q40) They did not have a good selection of toys that he wanted.
Q41) It refers to the red and white remote-controlled aeroplane.
Q42) Adrian's heart sank
Q43) She was touched by her son's graciousness/kindness.

