



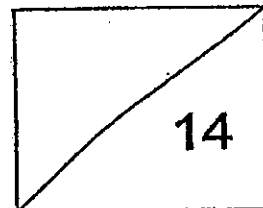
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2013
PRIMARY FOUR
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Four _____

21 October 2013



INSTRUCTIONS:

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Answer all questions.

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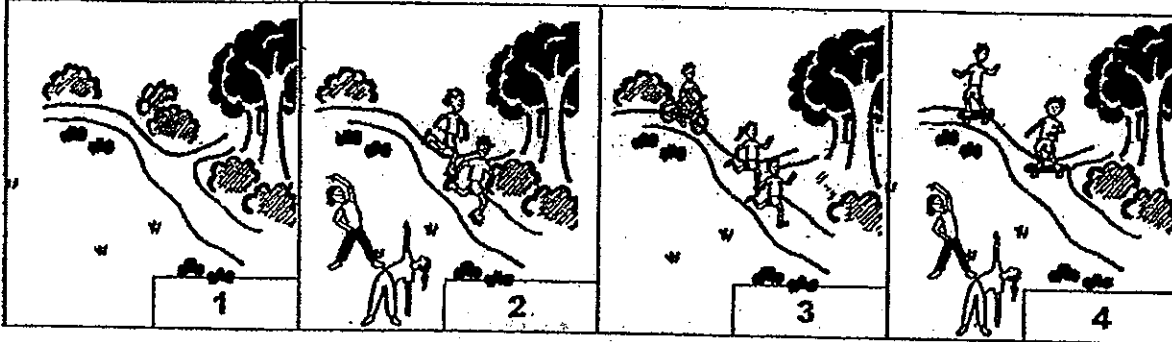
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Part 1 – Picture Matching and Sequencing (4 x 1 mark)

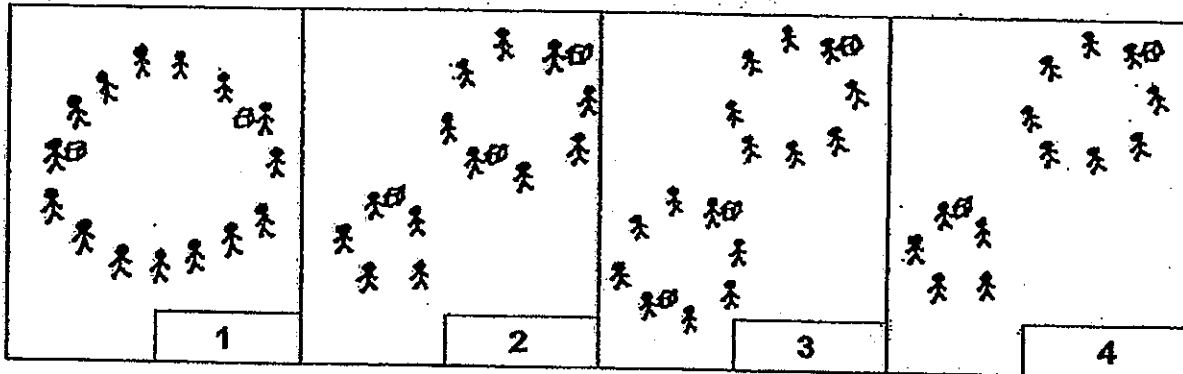
Listen carefully and choose the picture which best matches the statements that are going to be read to you. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets.

Q1.



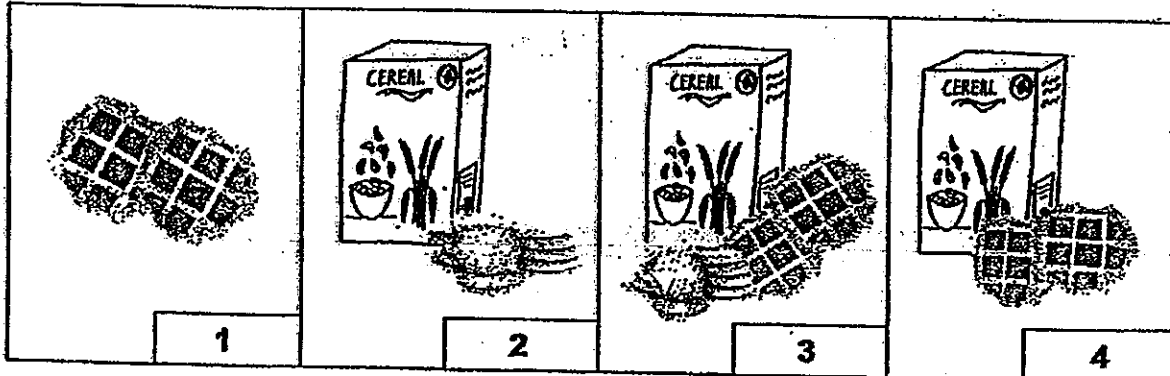
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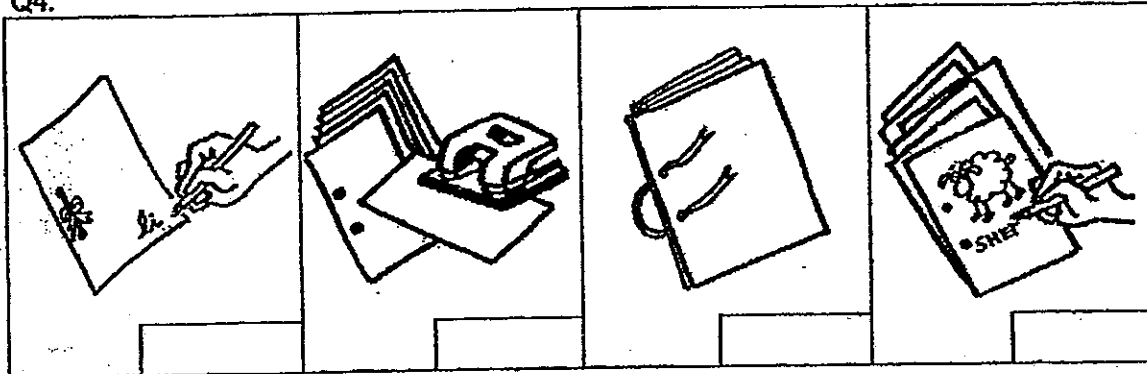
Q3.



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Look at the set of pictures. A set of instructions is going to be read twice. Listen carefully. Then arrange the pictures in the order that best describes what have been read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the correct boxes.

Q4.



Part 2 – Note-taking (6 x 1 Mark)

Listen carefully to the following account which is going to be read twice. Then, fill in each blank with ONE word.

A ten-year-old girl, Elsie, has transferred to a new school. Take down notes of the account to retell it to a friend.

- Q5. In the beginning, Elsie felt _____.
- Q6. She had just shifted into a new _____.
- Q7. In her new school, she liked the _____ school building.
- Q8. She planned to read in the _____ during recess.
- Q9. Her classmates looked very _____.
- Q10. In the end, Elsie felt _____.

Part 3 – Text Comprehension (4 x 1 Mark)

Listen carefully to the following texts which are going to be read twice. Then, choose the most suitable answer for each question. Write the number 1, 2 or 3 in the brackets provided.

Text 1

Q11. Who were excluded from house practices?

- (1) Teachers
 - (2) Primary Five pupils
 - (3) Primary Three pupils
- ()

Q12. Which month do you think the Sports Day could have been held in?

- (1) January
 - (2) April
 - (3) December
- ()

Text 2

Q13. How long has Harriet lived in the zoo in Australia?

- (1) about seventy years
 - (2) almost two hundred years
 - (3) more than one hundred years
- ()

Q14. Why did the zoo build a cave for Harriet?

- (1) It would help her to stay cool.
 - (2) It was a birthday present for her.
 - (3) It was where she could hide from visitors.
- ()



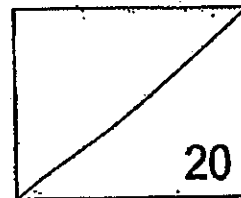
**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
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COMPOSITION**

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50 minutes



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Write a composition of at least 120 words about the day you took part in a competition.

The pictures, not arranged in sequence, are provided to help you think about this topic. Your composition should be based on one, two or all of these pictures.

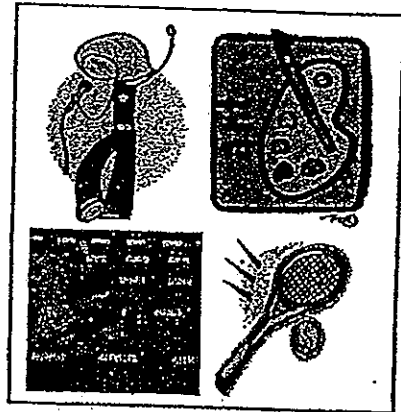
Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What did you do to prepare for the competition?
- How did you feel on the day of the competition?
- What happened while you were at the competition?
- What happened in the end?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.

Helping words:

- practised / trained hard/ represented the school or class
- excited/ nervous/ butterflies in my stomach
- put in my best effort
- cheered/ other competitors
- results/ disappointed/ proud/ won a trophy or prize





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PAPER 2

Name: _____ ()

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21 October 2013

41 QUESTIONS

1 hour 15 minutes

Component	Marks
Sections A-B	/ 14
Sections C-F	/ 16
Sections G-H	/ 20
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. The boys packed their bags and walked to school _____.
 - (1) myself
 - (2) himself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves

2. During recess yesterday, the pupils _____ shocked when they heard the fire alarm ring.
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

3. "Hurry up! The store _____ away free gifts for the first 100 customers now," said Sue.
 - (1) give
 - (2) gives
 - (3) is giving
 - (4) has given

4. Last night, we _____ a movie at the cinema before heading home.
 - (1) watch
 - (2) watched
 - (3) have watched
 - (4) were watching

5. When Jackson and Michael _____ in the room, the lights suddenly went out.
 - (1) studied
 - (2) is studying
 - (3) was studying
 - (4) were studying

6. _____ toys over there belong to Ali.
- (1) This
 - (2) That
 - (3) These
 - (4) Those
7. Although Sue has _____ toys at home, she insisted that her mother buy her the latest Barbie doll.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) many
 - (4) much
8. There was _____ laughter at Sam's birthday party. Everyone had fun.
- (1) some
 - (2) a few
 - (3) much
 - (4) many

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. His handwriting is so untidy. It is _____.
- (1) illegal
 - (2) illegible
 - (3) illogical
 - (4) illiterate
10. You need to take a boat from the _____ at Changi to get to Pulau Ubin.
- (1) jetty
 - (2) airport
 - (3) station
 - (4) interchange

11. Steven was _____ for scoring high marks in his examinations.
- (1) consoled
 - (2) cornforted
 - (3) condemned
 - (4) commended
12. We need to call the _____ to fix this leaking tap.
- (1) cobbler
 - (2) plumber
 - (3) locksmith
 - (4) mechanic
13. The doctor informed the patient that he could be _____ from the hospital if his condition improved.
- (1) freed
 - (2) released
 - (3) dismissed
 - (4) discharged
14. Burger Joint is so successful that it has opened a _____ of restaurants all over the country.
- (1) fleet
 - (2) block
 - (3) chain
 - (4) horde

Section C – 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.

(A) him	(B) her	(C) it
(D) our	(E) she	(F) they

Dear Mum,

Aunt Lucy called and asked me to take down this message for you. She reminded us to meet (15) _____ at the park at 3 p.m. tomorrow. We are supposed to bring along our in-line skates for (16) _____ lesson. The instructors have promised that (17) _____ will teach us some tricks. The lesson will last for two hours. After (18) _____ is over, Aunt Lucy will take us to the nearby cafe for tea.

Love,

Jason

Section D – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Many people fear sharks but know little about them. A shark (19) [is / are] a meat-eating fish. Sharks (20) [has / have] a strong sense of smell and most have sharp teeth. Sharks can be found almost everywhere. Each shark (21) [live / lives] in its favourite place in the ocean.

Sharks breathe through their gills. They (22) [keep / keeps] swimming in order to breathe through their gills. Sharks play an important role in maintaining the ocean ecosystem.

Section E – Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

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

Mr Mills was a very old man. Every day, he sat on a bench in the park. Sometimes, children would pass by and greet him. One day, he noticed a little girl wearing a red coat. She was (23) _____ a doll in her arms. She sat on the swing for a while before she left.

When Mr Mills stood up, he noticed the doll lying (24) _____ the ground. He picked it up and brought it home. The (25) _____ day, he returned to the (26) _____ with the doll. He sat down and waited, hoping for the girl to appear. Soon, the girl arrived with her mother. Mr Mills returned the doll to her. She smiled shyly, hugged her doll and waved goodbye to Mr Mills.

Adapted from 'Rosie the Doll' by M.C. Hendrickx

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

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

27. Jack likes to play football. Kelly also likes to play football.

Both _____

28. Jane does not like soccer. Muthu does not like soccer.

Neither _____

Section G – Comprehension: – Selected Response and Open-ended (10 marks)
Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Have you been told not to sit too near the television? The reason given is that it will ruin your eye-sight. Actually, watching TV close-up or playing computer games for too long will strain your eyes. When this happens, you will feel exhausted and irritable and may get a headache.

You can relieve eye-strain by closing your eyes for a short time. The advertisement breaks during TV shows are a chance to take your eyes off the screen. If you are reading or using the computer, try to rest your eyes for one minute every 30 minutes. You can also relieve eye-strain by looking at an object that is far away or simply getting a good night's sleep. 5

There are many good habits that you can practise daily. For example, make sure you do near-work activity such as reading or doing homework in a well-lit area. If you go outdoors on a sunny day, wear a cap and sunglasses to protect your eyes from the bright sunlight. 10

However, if you cannot see faraway objects clearly, see an optician quickly. He may ask you to wear spectacles. If you have been prescribed spectacles, make sure that you wear them and take care of them. Lastly, everyone is encouraged to visit the optician yearly for an eye check-up. 15

Adapted from the Health Promotion Board

29. Which word has the same meaning as 'tired' in the sentence taken from the passage below? Circle either (A) or (B) (1m)

When this happens, you will feel exhausted and irritable and may get a headache.

(A) (B)

For Questions 30 to 32, read each statement and tick "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 2 to help you. An example has been done for you. (3m)

	Statement	True	False
Example	You can relax your eyes by closing them for a short time.	✓	
30.	You can relax your eyes by looking at the TV screen during advertisements.		
31.	You can relax your eyes by looking at a faraway object.		
32.	You can relax your eyes by getting enough sleep.		

33. List 1 example of a near-work activity.

_____ (1m)

34. What 2 items should you use if you are going out on a bright and sunny day?

(i) _____ (1m)

(ii) _____ (1m)

35. If you have to wear spectacles, what must you do?

(i) _____ (1m)

(ii) _____ (1m)

36. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

According to the passage, you should see an optician _____. (1m)

☐
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every year

every 6 months

when you have the time

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The night before, Uncle Thomas told Justin and Mary about the Foggy Figure that haunts the lake. They were determined to see the ghostly creature before their holiday was over so they woke up early the next morning.

"It seems to be foggy outside," Mary said as they peered out of the window. They rushed to the door brimming with excitement. Everyone else was still asleep. They quietly crept to the boat dock. The fog had settled over the lake, making it impossible to see anything. 5

"Do you see anything? Do you think Uncle Thomas was simply trying to scare us?" asked Justin. Uncle Thomas had been telling them funny stories for years, but this was the first scary story. They remembered that the people in the story were in boats so they decided to find Uncle Thomas's boat. They had a hard time locating it in the thick fog but they finally did. 10

"Mum and Dad will be angry if we go out onto the lake," Justin said. Mary shrugged and suggested that they could just sit in the boat without taking it out. They carefully lowered themselves into the boat. Mary was getting apprehensive and stared ahead worriedly. 15

They looked around, and gradually, the fog began to lift. Then, Mary screamed, "The Foggy Figure!" It was on the dock staring at them! Justin and Mary hugged each other in fear, but then they recognised a very familiar laugh coming from the creature. 20

They burst out laughing. Mary was relieved and happy that there was no Foggy Figure after all. Uncle Thomas laughed too.

Adapted from "Foggy Figure" by Kelly Hashway

Write your answers in complete sentences.

37. At what time of the day did Justin and Mary go to the lake?

38. What does the word 'it' in line 12 refer to?

39. Why did Justin and Mary not take the boat out?

40. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as the word 'nervous'?

41. Who was the Foggy Figure? How did Justin and Mary first find out his identity?

– END OF PAPER –

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013

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SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
4	4	3	2	4	4	3	3	2	1	4	2	4	3	B	D	F

Q18
C

- Q19) is
Q20) have
Q21) lives
Q22) keep
Q23) carrying
Q24) on
Q25) next
Q26) park
Q27) Both Jack and Kelly like to play football.
Q28) Neither Jane nor Muthu likes soccer.
Q29) (A)
Q30) False
Q31) True
Q32) True
Q33) doing homework
Q34i) cap
Q34ii) sunglasses
Q35i) make sure that I wear my sunglasses

Q35ii) take care of them

Q36) every year

Q37) Justin and Mary went to the lake early in the morning.

Q38) It refers to Uncle Thomas's boat.

Q39) They were scared that their parents would be angry if they go out onto the lake.

Q40) apprehensive

Q41) Uncle Thomas was the Foggy Figure. They recognised his laugh.