



**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION (2019)
PRIMARY FOUR
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

PAPER 2

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Four _____

13 May 2019

43 QUESTIONS

1 hour 15 minutes

Component	Marks
Sections A-D	/ 24
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INSTRUCTIONS:

**Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all the questions.**

This paper consists of 13 printed pages excluding the cover page.

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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. Mr Chan told the pupils to distribute the presents among _____.
(1) himself
(2) yourself
(3) ourselves
(4) themselves
2. During recess yesterday, Steve and his friend _____ happy that not many pupils were at the playground.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were
3. Raju has always been interested _____ soccer.
(1) in
(2) at
(3) of
(4) about
4. "Please pay attention. The coach _____ us how to play the game now!" Stacy exclaimed.
(1) teach
(2) taught
(3) is teaching
(4) has taught
5. The teacher will wait _____ all the pupils are quiet before starting the lesson.
(1) for
(2) but
(3) until
(4) because
6. When Devi _____ for her test, she heard a knock on the door.
(1) study
(2) studied
(3) had studied
(4) was studying

7. "_____ pupils in the next class are making too much noise," James complained.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) These
- (4) Those

8. "There isn't _____ rice left in the pot. No one can have any second helpings of rice," Mother told my family members.

- (1) any
- (2) more
- (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. At night, scorpions _____ the desert, looking for insects.

- (1) hunt
- (2) prowl
- (3) attack
- (4) pursue

10. The performance by the famous _____ of dancers was flawless.

- (1) tribe
- (2) gang
- (3) horde
- (4) troupe

11. The alarm will ring automatically when smoke is _____.

- (1) scanned
- (2) detected
- (3) triggered
- (4) discovered

12. We will be able to _____ an additional ten students in the new classroom.
- (1) acquire
 - (2) achieve
 - (3) accumulate
 - (4) accommodate
13. May Ying _____ boasts about how wealthy her family is. No one likes to hear her bragging.
- (1) rarely
 - (2) hardly
 - (3) barely
 - (4) constantly
14. Ramesh wanted to _____ for the art class so he took the registration form from the counter.
- (1) sign in
 - (2) sign up
 - (3) sign off
 - (4) sign over

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

Study the flyer 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.

Family Run & Carnival 2019



The annual Family Run & Carnival aims to promote family bonding through fitness. Money collected from the ticket sales will be donated to the Orange Home for the Elders.

Event details

Date: Saturday, 8 June 2019
Time: 8 a.m.
Venue: Bishan Stadium
Run distance: 5 km

Ticket information

Adult : \$20
Child (below 12 years) : \$10

Tickets can be purchased at the entrance of Bishan Stadium on the day of the event. Ticket holders will receive a lucky draw coupon and a goodie bag.

Purchase tickets online at www.sportylife.com before 2 June 2019 to receive a 20% discount. (Be among the first 100 to purchase tickets online and receive a limited edition Family Run t-shirt.)

For further information, contact Ms Kim at 6200 3000.

Prizes for the 5-km run

Adult

1st: \$200 voucher
2nd: \$100 voucher

Child

1st: \$100 voucher
2nd: \$50 voucher

Lucky Draw prize

1-night family staycation at Changi Hotel

GOODIE BAG

Each bag will include

- Towel
- Bottle of water
- 2 carnival tickets

(Goodie bags can be collected from 5 June at Sporty Life headquarters.)

Organiser: Sporty Life

Official Sponsor: DBB Bank

Adapted from <https://www.runsociety.com/event/zoom-run/>

15. This event is held _____.

- (1) once a year
- (2) once a week
- (3) once a month
- (4) once in two years

16. The **main** purpose of this event is to _____.

- (1) keep fit together as a family
- (2) inform people about the carnival
- (3) raise funds for the Orange Home for the Elders
- (4) exercise with the old folks from the Orange Home for the Elders

17. All participants of the event will receive a _____.

- (1) \$200 voucher only
- (2) 20% discount on the ticket price
- (3) lucky draw coupon and a goodie bag
- (4) lucky draw coupon, a goodie bag and a Family Run t-shirt

18. The latest date you can purchase tickets online is _____.

- (1) 1 June 2019
- (2) 2 June 2019
- (3) 5 June 2019
- (4) 8 June 2019

19. Which of the following statements is **false**?

- (1) The event is hosted by Sporty Life.
- (2) The run is only for children below 12 years old.
- (3) For more details, one should call Ms Kim at 6200 3000.
- (4) A lucky participant gets to stay at a local hotel for a night.

Section D – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage 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.

One scorching day, a man and his son were going to the market with their donkey. As they were walking by its side along the road, a merchant passed by and said, "You fools! Shouldn't you be riding on the donkey?"

After some thought, the man placed his son on the donkey and they went on their way. Soon, they passed by a group of men, one of whom said, "See that lazy youngster. His father has to walk while he rides!" 5

The father immediately ordered his son to get off the donkey and got on it himself. They had not gone far when they passed by two women. One of them said to the other, "Shame on that man! He rides while his poor son has to trudge along." 10

The man was frustrated. He pulled his son up and they both rode on the donkey. The donkey staggered along, almost unable to bear the weight. By this time, they were near the market. Passers-by began to jeer at them, "Shame on you for overloading the poor donkey!"

The man and his son got off and thought of what to do next. They cut down a pole and tied the donkey's feet to it. Then, they raised the pole with the donkey to their shoulders. The people at the market laughed on seeing this sight. In the meantime, one of the donkey's feet came loose. It kicked out and caused the boy to drop his end of the pole. During the struggle, the donkey fell over a bridge and drowned. 15 20

Finally, the father told his son, "This has taught us a lesson. Try satisfying all and you will end up not satisfying any." The son nodded his head in agreement.

Adapted from The Man, the Boy and the Donkey by Aesop

20. The word 'its' in line 2 refers to the _____.
- (1) road
 - (2) market
 - (3) donkey
 - (4) merchant
21. The merchant said that the father and son were foolish because they were _____.
- (1) going to the market
 - (2) riding on the donkey
 - (3) travelling on an extremely hot day
 - (4) walking instead of riding on the donkey
22. The father ordered his son to get off the donkey because the father _____.
- (1) was tired of walking
 - (2) felt that his son was lazy
 - (3) felt that the donkey was tired
 - (4) did not want people to think his son was lazy
23. Which one of the following statements is **false**?
- (1) The donkey fell over a bridge and drowned.
 - (2) The donkey drowned with all of its feet bound.
 - (3) The donkey struggled to carry the man and his son.
 - (4) The donkey caused the boy to lose control of the pole.
24. What is the moral of the story?
- (1) Do not laugh at others.
 - (2) Do not ignore good advice.
 - (3) Do not be unkind to animals.
 - (4) Do not try to please everyone.

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.

(A) I	(B) them	(C) they
(D) us	(E) we	(F) you

Dear Jon,

Thank you for inviting us to your home in Malaysia during the holidays. Fandi and (25) _____ will be travelling there by plane. (26) _____ will arrive on Thursday afternoon. We are so excited! It has been a year since we last saw (27) _____. We also have some gifts for your parents. We look forward to seeing (28) _____ too. See you soon!

Love,

Ahmad

Section F – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

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

I always talk to my parents when I need a listening ear. They always (29) [give / gives] me advice when I have problems. After talking to them, I (30) [feel / feels] relieved, not having to keep everything to myself. Last week, there (31) [was / were] a few occasions when I was teased in class. After speaking with my parents, I managed to solve my problem and the teasing stopped. I think that my father and mother (32) [is / are] very wise. I am very blessed to have them in my life.

Adapted from What's Up February 2019

Section G – Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

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

In the 1930s, the LEGO group began as a small family operation, making things from wood, such as ladders and toys. The toys were very popular (33) _____ children. The company continued making toys until an unfortunate event took place. Its wooden toy warehouse was (34) _____ in a fire. Only rubble and charred debris remained.

Fortunately, LEGO had already started making plastic toys after buying a plastic injection moulding machine. The (35) _____ bricks could be joined together and taken apart as (36) _____ times as possible with little or no wear and tear. LEGO continued to refine their designs, but since 1958, the basic plastic bricks have remained unchanged. LEGO bricks provide hours of fun for the entire family to date.

Adapted from How Lego Bricks Work by Tracy Wilson

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

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

37. David wants to go to the zoo. Hannah wants to go to the zoo as well.

Both _____

38. Ravi stepped into the classroom. Then, the bell rang.

_____ as soon as

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.

When I was in Primary One, my parents bought me a puppy. It was adorable and when its pink tongue licked my face, it was love at first sight.

We named our new pet Dusty. Soon, Dusty became my little sister's naptime pillow. Dusty would fall asleep on the rug and wait until my sister woke up. To keep me safe, it would walk me to school every day. It also checked the traffic before allowing me to cross the road to reach the school. Of the many wonderful memories we have had with Dusty, one memory definitely stood out.

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Late one night, Dusty raced upstairs to my bedroom and started barking repeatedly. When I ignored it, it ran down the stairs to my parents' room and continued barking. Finally, it got Mother's attention. "What?" Mother snapped. Dusty whined in response. Thinking that the dog needed to go out to relieve itself, Mother relented and followed Dusty to the front door.

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When Mother let Dusty out, it tore across the street. Then Mother realised what Dusty was trying to show her. The house across the street was on fire! Mother alerted the fire department immediately. Soon, fire trucks came speeding down the street. I was woken up by the loud sirens and came out to take a look. The firemen quickly put out the blaze and our neighbours were saved.

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When people in the neighbourhood began thanking my mother, she refused to take credit for saving our neighbours. I rushed over to Dusty, put my arms around its neck and kissed it. "You are a hero!" I whispered into Dusty's ear. Dusty wagged its tail and licked my face.

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Adapted from 'Chicken Soup for the Soul' by Mary Saracino

39. When did the author first meet Dusty?

40. How did Dusty ensure that the author reached school safely?

41. Why did the author's mother follow Dusty to the front door?

42. Which word in paragraph 3 has the same meaning as the phrase "gave in"?

43. Why does Dusty deserve to be called a hero?

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ANSWER KEY

YEAR : 2019
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Q32 are

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Q34 burnt

Q35 plastic

Q36 many

Q37 Both David and Hanna went to go to the zoo.

Q38 The bell rang as soon ^{as} Ravi stepped into the classroom.

Q39 The author first met Dusty when he was in Primary one.

Q40 Dusty walked with the author to school every day and checked the traffic before allowing the author to cross the road to reach the school.

Q41 She thought that Dusty needed to go out to relive itself.

Q42 The word is 'relented'.

Q43 Dusty saved the people in the neighbourhood from the fire.



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