



MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

2011 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PART 1

10 May 2011 (Tuesday)

Listening Comprehension: 20 min
Language Use and Comprehension: 1 h 15 min

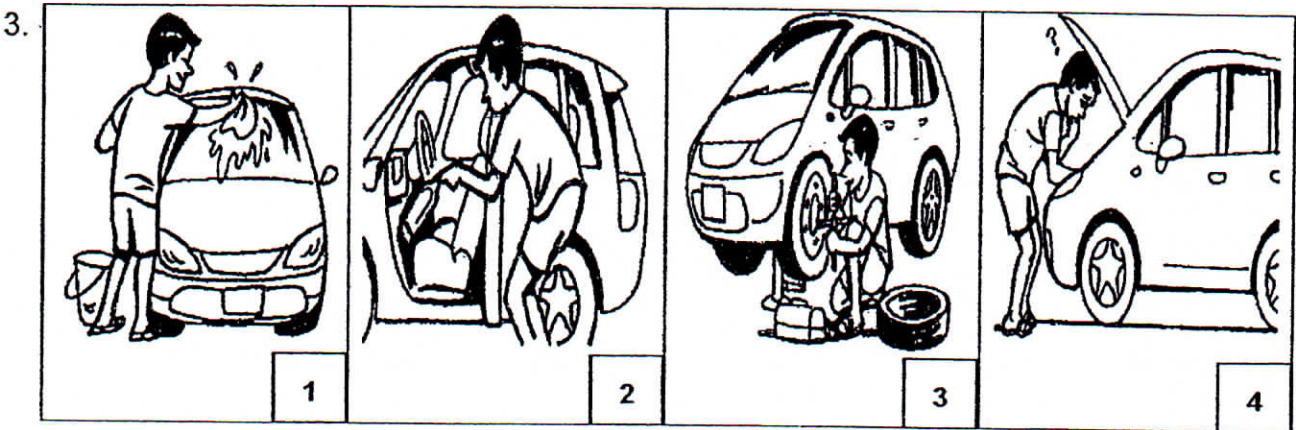
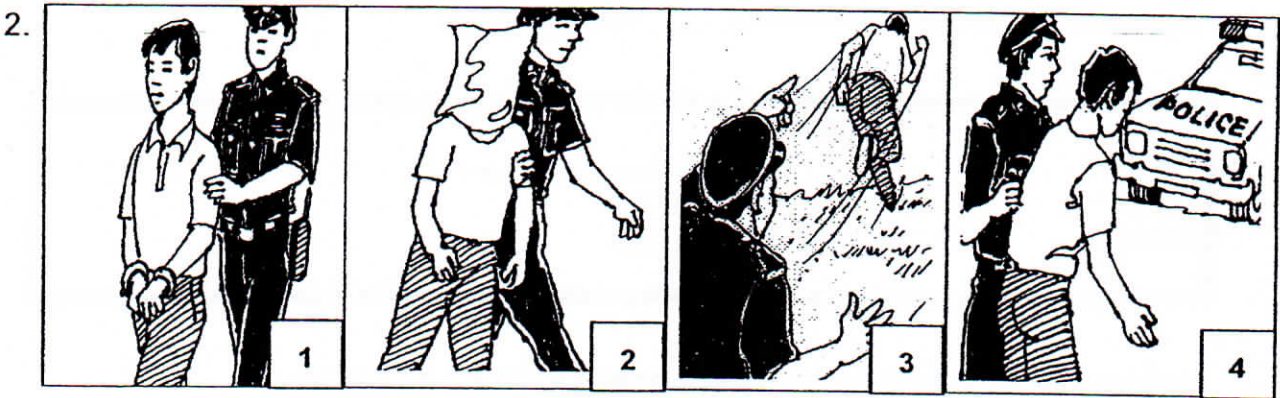
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CLASS	:	PRIMARY 4 _____

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SECTION A: PICTURE-MATCHING

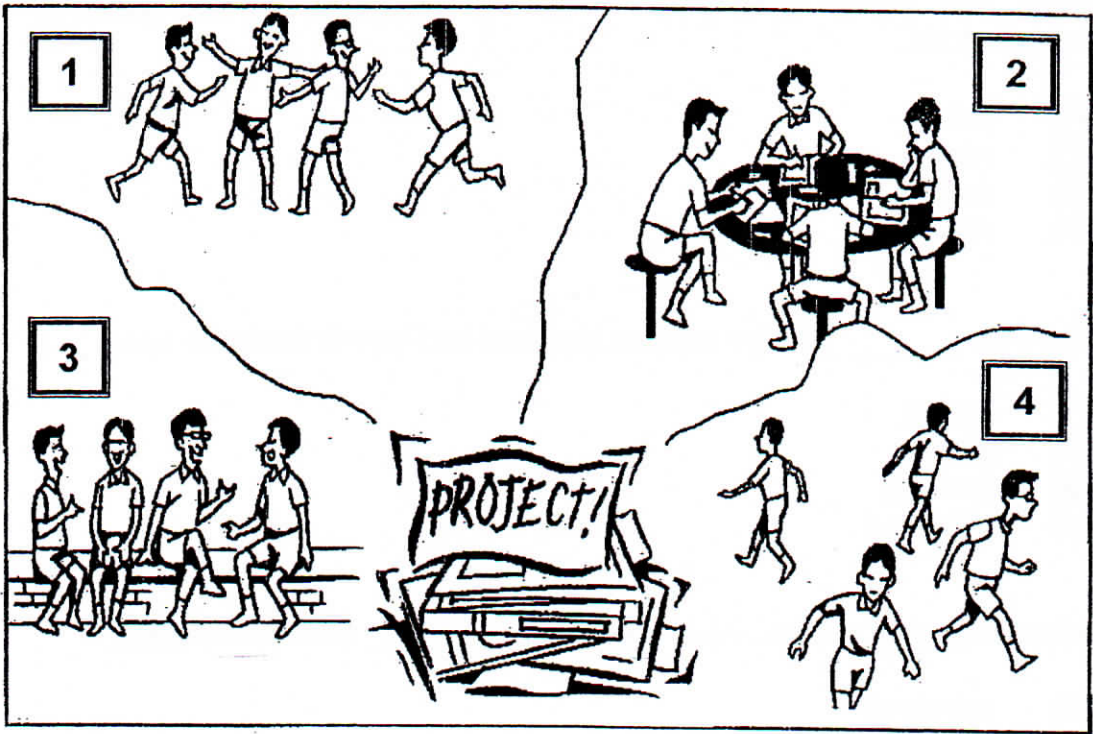
(4 x 1 mark)

Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture, or part of the picture, that matches the statement/s that your teacher is going to read to you. **Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**



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SECTION B: VOCABULARY (MCQ)

(6 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct word to complete the blank. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4).
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5. Mdm Siti always prepares a shopping _____ before going to the supermarket.

- (1) list
- (2) memo
- (3) record
- (4) catalogue

6. Mrs Tan _____ at the boys as they had broken her favourite vase.

- (1) gazed
- (2) glared
- (3) glanced
- (4) glimpsed

7. After resting for a week, Alvis was finally _____ from the hospital.

- (1) released
- (2) removed
- (3) dismissed
- (4) discharged

8. The football match will be held at the _____ tonight.

- (1) gallery
- (2) stadium
- (3) auditorium
- (4) gymnasium

9. The cherry blossom flowers _____ a pleasant smell in spring.

- (1) give in
- (2) give off
- (3) give out
- (4) give away

10. Despite having a fever for three days, Dylan was _____ to visit the doctor.

- (1) relieved
- (2) reluctant
- (3) stubborn
- (4) determined

SECTION C: GRAMMAR (MCQ)

(6 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct word to complete the blank. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

11. As I was very exhausted, my brothers decided to continue with the hike _____.
- (1) myself
 - (2) himself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves
12. Pay attention! The teacher _____ the instructions now.
- (1) is giving
 - (2) has given
 - (3) was giving
 - (4) will be giving
13. "Don't bother to look into the refrigerator. There isn't _____ food left," my brother advised.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) much
 - (4) many
14. Miss Toh asked the boys, "Are _____ bags over there yours?"
- (1) this
 - (2) that
 - (3) these
 - (4) those
15. You need to revise your work _____ you want to do well for the examinations.
- (1) if
 - (2) or
 - (3) while
 - (4) unless
16. Two days ago, Mark accidentally _____ his leg while playing soccer.
- (1) break
 - (2) broke
 - (3) has broken
 - (4) was breaking

SECTION D: COMPREHENSION MCQ

(5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions.

There once lived a poor woman named Shiko, who worshipped the guardian spirit of a shrine daily. She was so devoted that one day, the guardian spirit left a gift for her. It was a small green cap.

To her surprise, she was able to hear and understand what the birds, animals and plants of the forest were saying after putting on the cap. "It is a listening cap!" she exclaimed in exhilaration. 5

Just then, Shiko overheard the conversation between two birds. "Did you hear about the mayor and the maple tree?" asked one bird to the other.

"Yes," said the other bird, "the old town mayor chopped down the maple tree in order to make room for a teahouse in his garden. As a result, the tree's roots are suffering in pain. Infuriated by the extreme pain, the roots had cast a spell that the mayor would die the day they do. That is why the mayor is now on his deathbed." 10

Upon hearing this, Shiko rushed home and disguised herself as a doctor. With the listening cap still on her head, she headed for the mayor's house. Thinking that Shiko was a doctor, the mayor's wife showed her in as she had tried all the known remedies without success. 15

The mayor's wife then promptly informed Shiko that the mayor had fallen ill after building the teahouse in the garden. Shiko immediately went to the teahouse. There she heard the maple tree's roots moaning, "We are in so much pain. We are going to die soon and so will the mayor." 20

Instantly, Shiko rushed to the mayor and advised him to have his teahouse torn down at once so that the maple tree could grow again.

The desperate mayor followed her advice. Within a few days, healthy green shoots were seen growing from the ground and the mayor began to regain his health. 25

For each question, 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.**

17. The guardian spirit gave Shiko the listening cap because she _____.
- (1) was a nature-lover
 - (2) was a poor woman
 - (3) could help the mayor
 - (4) was devoted to the guardian spirit
18. The green cap enabled Shiko to _____ the plants and animals.
- (1) heal
 - (2) talk to
 - (3) listen to
 - (4) worship
19. The mayor was on his deathbed because he had _____.
- (1) grown old
 - (2) built a teahouse
 - (3) chopped down the maple tree
 - (4) tried all the known remedies without success
20. The mayor followed Shiko's advice because he _____.
- (1) had no other choice
 - (2) was afraid of the spell
 - (3) heard the tree moaning
 - (4) thought Shiko was a doctor
21. The most suitable title for the passage is "_____".
- (1) The Maple Tree
 - (2) The Listening Cap
 - (3) Shiko and the Birds
 - (4) Shiko and the Guardian Spirit



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PART 2

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<u>MARKS OBTAINED</u>	
PART 1	: _____ / 26
PART 2	: _____ / 38
TOTAL	: _____ / 64

PARENT'S SIGNATURE : _____

SECTION E: VOCABULARY CLOZE

(8 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its **letter** (A to M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) actions	(B) afford	(G) disappointed
(D) efforts	(E) luck	(F) previous
(S) recover	(H) scratch	(J) stand
(K) start	(L) subsequent	(M) support

Mr Koh used to own a shipping company. He had started the company from (22) _____ and it took him many years before the company started reaping profits. He was a rich man and could (23) _____ to travel abroad every three months. It was rumoured that he owned a couple of houses, five posh cars and even a yacht.

Consumed by greed, he tried many ways to make more money. On several occasions, he went to a casino to try his (24) _____. He made a windfall for the first few times, but on his (25) _____ visits, he lost a huge sum of money.

He tried to (26) _____ his losses but eventually, he had to sell off his company in order to pay off his debts. As a consequence, his family was (27) _____ with him and his friends deserted him.

Fortunately for Mr Koh, his family chose to (28) _____ by him and he decided to turn over a new leaf. He worked hard to rebuild his company and with perseverance, his (29) _____ paid off. Although he was not as wealthy as before, he was contented with what he had.

Score:	/ 8
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SECTION F: GRAMMAR CLOZE

(8 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose from the words given in the box and fill in each blank with the correct word. Write its **letter** (A to F) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

PASSAGE 1

(A) he	(B) her	(C) I
(D) it	(E) they	(F) we

It was a Friday night. Jamie and her brother, Jervin, decided to go to the park for a walk. As (30)_____ were walking near a pond in the park, something unfortunate happened.

Jamie lost (31)_____ footing and fell into the water! Luckily, she noticed a tree branch nearby and tried to hold onto (32)_____ to save herself.

Jervin saw that his sister was not able to hold on much longer, so (33)_____ took off his clothes and plunged into the water to save her.

Thankfully, she was pulled up to safety.

Score: / 4

Read the following passage carefully. Choose from the words given in the box and fill in each blank with the correct word. Write its **letter** (A to F) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

PASSAGE 2

(A) how	(B) what	(C) when
(D) where	(E) who	(F) why

Mother : Well done Russell! You have achieved first position again. By the way, (34)_____ came in second in class? Was it Samuel?

Russell : Oh no, he did quite poorly this time.

Mother : Do you know (35)_____ it was so?

Russell : I am not sure.

Mother : Well, I hope he is not too sad about it. Anyway, let's go out for dinner to celebrate your success.

Russell : Oh yes, but (36)_____ shall we go?

Mother : Shall we go to Pizza Place? I wonder (37)_____ time they begin serving dinner.

Russell : They should be serving dinner soon. Let's go!

Score: / 4

SECTION G: COMPREHENSION OPEN-ENDED

(5 x 2 marks)

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

"Don't watch too much television Darren. It's not good for you. Let's go and play outside instead. Grandpa will show you how to make your own **chaptah*, alright? Come on," Grandpa coaxed.

Roy watched Grandpa as he tried to persuade his little brother but Darren was too engrossed in his favourite cartoon. Grandpa ~~threw his hands~~ 5
up in despair. Feeling sorry for him, Roy sat beside Grandpa and said, "Grandpa, tell me about those carefree *kampong* days." Grandpa beamed at him.

He began telling Roy about how he and his friends would play all day long without a care. Armed with catapults made from Y-shaped twigs and a rubber band, they would shoot at waterbirds. Sometimes, they would kill a few and bring them home for their mothers to cook. On other days, they would wade across the swamp to get to the caves beyond the vegetable farm. There, they would frighten the bats and pick fruits from the trees nearby. 10
15

"Everything tasted so good, no matter how simple it was. The guavas were very sweet and the rambutans juicy," Grandpa recalled longingly.

Curious, Roy asked, "Grandpa, what about school? Didn't you have to study?"

"Oh yes," boomed Grandpa, "school was only a ten-minute walk away 20
from home. My parents, unlike yours, were not very strict. I missed classes just to play with my friends. My parents thought it didn't matter because I was going to be a farmer anyway. So I stopped going to school after Primary Six," sighed Grandpa.

"It is a pity that I stopped since I never did become a farmer. I wish I 25
had studied harder. A good education would have been good for me. Perhaps, I did play too much when I was young," Grandpa said as he shook his head in regret. He patted Roy's head and said, "Learn from my story and study hard, Roy!"

* A heavy shuttlecock where players use mainly their feet to keep it in the air.

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

38. What were catapults made from?

39. Why did Grandpa throw his hands up in despair?

40. What would Grandpa and his friends do when they got to the caves?

41. Which word in the passage suggests that Grandpa missed his carefree childhood?

42. Why did Roy's ^{Grandpa}~~grandfather~~ tell him to study hard?

Score:	/ 10
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SECTION H: NOTE-TAKING AND DICTATION

(12 x 1 mark)

Q43 to Q48 is a note-taking test.

You and your class will be attending the P4 Camp. You have just attended a P4 Camp briefing in the hall. Your teacher requests that you take down the relevant details for one of your classmates who is not in school.

Each blank in Q43 to Q48 should be filled with **one word**.

Primary 4 Camp Briefing

- Q43 The Primary 4 Camp will be held at _____ Adventure Park.
- Q44 The camp will start on _____ June.
- Q45 The buses will leave for the camp venue at _____.
- Q46 Pupils are required to bring _____ important items in total.
- Q47 Pupils can either wear sandals or _____.
- Q48 Pupils will be dismissed at _____.

Score: / 6

Q49 is a dictation test.

Your classmate, who attended the camp, had written a journal entry about the camp. Your teacher will now read out the journal entry. Take it down in full in the lines provided below.

My Journal

During the camp, we were taught_____

Score: / 6

End of Paper



ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2011

SCHOOL : MARIS STELLA
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
3	3	1	2	H	B	E	L	G	C	J	D	E	B	D	A	E

35)F 36)D 37)B

38)They were made from Y-shaped twigs and a rubber band.

39)He was not able to persuade Darren to play outside.

40)Grandpa and his friends would frighten the bats and pick fruits.

41)It is “longingly”.

42)He did not want Roy to regent not having a good education.