

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Founded in 1887



CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 2014 PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

Total Time: 1 h 15 min

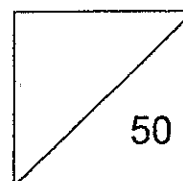
INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Name: _____

Class: Primary 4. _____

Date: 3 March 2014



This booklet consists of 16 printed pages including this page.

Section A: Vocabulary (6 marks)

For each question from 1 to 6, 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.

- 1 Our Physical Education teacher instructed us to complete the last _____ of the run within two minutes.
- (1) lap
 - (2) loop
 - (3) spin
 - (4) cycle
- 2 "This toy is broken! I demand a _____!" shouted the angry customer.
- (1) report
 - (2) return
 - (3) refund
 - (4) renewal
- 3 After the ceremony, our teachers congratulated us on our graduation from college and wished us all the best in our future _____.
- (1) problems
 - (2) struggles
 - (3) adventures
 - (4) endeavours

(Go on to the next page)

4 Three shops in the mall were _____ by a gang of burglars last night.

- (1) broken up
- (2) broken off
- (3) broken into
- (4) broken down

5 Bryan is very _____ as he refused to listen to his friends' advice.

- (1) restless
- (2) reserved
- (3) obstinate
- (4) obstructive

6 Jack _____ back to class after he had twisted his ankle during tennis practice.

- (1) hurried
- (2) strutted
- (3) hobbled
- (4) swaggered

Section B: Grammar (8 marks)

For each question from 7 to 14, 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.

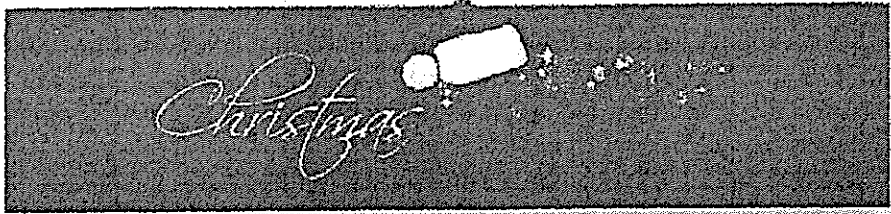
- 7 Do you want to go to _____ shop across the street to buy your book?
- (1) this
 - (2) that
 - (3) these
 - (4) those
- 8 Mrs Tan is very glad that _____ pupil in her class is studying hard for the coming examination.
- (1) all
 - (2) both
 - (3) many
 - (4) every
- 9 "The Earth _____ around the sun," my mother explained to my younger brother patiently.
- (1) revolve
 - (2) revolves
 - (3) revolved
 - (4) are revolving
- 10 The guests _____ ten minutes ago. Please serve them drinks.
- (1) arrive
 - (2) arrived
 - (3) are arriving
 - (4) were arriving

(Go on to the next page)

- 11 At Tom's birthday party, his mother divided the sweets _____ the ten children.
- (1) for
 - (2) into
 - (3) among
 - (4) between
- 12 The boys _____ football in the field when it started to rain.
- (1) played
 - (2) had played
 - (3) are playing
 - (4) were playing
- 13 It is known that the staff in this department store _____ good service as they are very patient with their customers.
- (1) provide
 - (2) provides
 - (3) provided
 - (4) is providing
- 14 There are only a few eggs left at home. Could you please buy _____ on your way home?
- (1) some
 - (2) much
 - (3) many
 - (4) a little

Section C: Visual Text (5 marks)

Read the advertisement carefully and answer the questions that follow.



It's that time of the year again!
Singapore's Largest Shopping Mall
VIVOSKY Shopping Mall
invites you to our
CHRISTMAS SALE 2013!

You will find

The best discounts!
**Games &
Lucky Draws**
LIVE Music Concert
featuring your
favourite local
artists

Bring your kids too!
Bingo's Mini Circus will
be right here in our mall!

*We are expecting
a huge crowd!
Please refrain from
driving so as to avoid
the traffic jams.*

Grand Lucky Draw

One lucky winner will
walk away with

\$1,000,000

All you have to do is
spend \$100 in a single
receipt to qualify for the
draw.

What are you waiting for?

*The draw will be held on the
last day of the sale on
30 December 2013.
Winners will be notified by
post.*

See you soon!

Where and When?

Vivosky
Shopping Mall
99 Orchard Road

Call us at
6777 6777 or
email us at
sale@vivosky.sg
for more
information!



(Go on to the next page)

For each question from 15 to 19, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

15. The sale was held _____.
- (1) in the basement
 - (2) at 99 Orchard Road
 - (3) at Bingo's Mini Circus
 - (4) at the car park of the mall
16. Vivosky Shopping Mall claims to _____.
- (1) be Singapore's largest shopping mall
 - (2) have all the local artists at the concert
 - (3) have the cheapest products in Singapore
 - (4) have a grand lucky draw during every sale
17. Customers going to the sale can _____.
- (A) watch a live concert.
 - (B) bring their children along
 - (C) participate in games and lucky draws
 - (D) meet their favourite band from Malaysia
- (1) A and B only
 - (2) B and C only
 - (3) A, B and C only
 - (4) A, B, C and D
18. A person who wants to enter the lucky draw must _____.
- (1) go to the sale and buy something
 - (2) spend at least \$100 over a few days
 - (3) spend at least \$100 in a single receipt
 - (4) take part in all the games being played
19. Customers are encouraged not to drive to the sale because _____.
- (1) there is no parking space provided
 - (2) there will be traffic jams leading to the mall
 - (3) the sale organiser is expecting a lot of people to turn up
 - (4) there will be many people watching the LIVE Music Concert

(Go on to the next page)

Section D: Comprehension (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Andrew Holgate and his family bought a house at number 59 Lyndhurst Grove in London. On their first morning in their new house, they were bewildered. They peered out of the window and to their horror, they saw some people taking photographs of their front door. Every week, more people came and took photographs. Andrew and his family were anxious and perplexed. 5 Then they found out the reason.

The British pop group, Pulp, have a song on their album *Pulp Intro* called *59 Lyndhurst Grove*. The song was written by the singer, Jarvis Cocker. The people who came to see their house were Pulp fans. Why did Pulp sing about 59 Lyndhurst Grove? This is the story. One night, Jarvis Cocker came to a 10 party at the house. He argued with the owner and was subsequently thrown out of the house. Jarvis went home and wrote an angry song about the house, the party and the owner.

There are other pop songs about streets. For example, the Beatles wrote a song about Penny Lane in Liverpool. What is unusual is that Jarvis 15 Cocker's song gives the number of the house. Fortunately, Andrew and his family are quite happy that their house is famous.

Adapted from *Our Little Piece of Pop History*, Oxford University Press

(Go on to the next page)

- 20 Which word tells us Andrew and his family were confused? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Andrew and his family were anxious and perplexed.
(A) (B)

For Q21 to 23, read each statement and tick (✓) either "True" or "False".

Refer to lines 1 to 13 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Andrew expected the photographers at the front door.		✓
Q21	Andrew Holgate and his family rented a new house in London.		
Q22	Jarvis Cocker was once thrown out of a party that was held at 59 Lyndhurst Grove.		
Q23	Fans of the group, Pulp, came to Andrew's house to take photographs of themselves.		

- 24 Tick your chosen answer.

Jarvis Cocker's song is unusual because _____. [1m]

it mentions the number of the street

it was sung by the British pop group, Pulp

it mentions the number of the house

(Go on to the next page)

Section E: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A) our	(B) them	(C) their
(D) it	(E) we	(F) her

Devi overslept and woke up late. She could not find her science textbook and English worksheets. She searched anxiously and eventually found _____ under her bed. Stuffing the items into her bag, she dashed out (25) of the house and saw Kathy who was waiting for her.

"_____ have to run!" Devi cried, almost breathless. They ran (26) with all _____ might and finally reached the classroom. Heaving a (27) sigh of relief, Devi tripped over _____ untied shoelaces and was sent (28) sprawling on the ground. She resolved in her heart not to stay up late at night again.

(Go on to the next page)

Section F: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

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

According to the MasterCard survey, the top three leisure activities among Singaporeans are eating, shopping and surfing the web.

More than two-thirds of the Singaporeans surveyed cited food or dining as the top leisure activity. Shopping [is / are] next while surfing the web is third.
(29)

Interest in languages and literature [is / are] at the bottom of the list of activities.
(30)

In terms of preferred dining outlets, the food courts and hawker centres [top / tops] the list. The survey found out that Singaporeans [visit / visits] hawker centres and food courts an average of 16 times a month. This is followed by fast food restaurants.
(31) (32)

(Go on to the next page)

Section G: Vocabulary Cloze (6 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The Singapore Flyer was officially opened on Valentine's Day in 2008. It is 165 metres _____ and you can see the whole Marina Bay from the top. _____ a clear day, you can see the Indonesian islands of Batam and Bintan, which are about 45 kilometres away. The Flyer has 28 capsules and each can _____ 28 people. A ride round the Flyer lasts 32 minutes. It moves quite slowly, at a _____ of about 14.4 metres a minute but it never stops. Passengers have to get on while it is _____. The Singapore Flyer is open daily from 8.30 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. _____ can be bought in advance online or by phone. A limited number of tickets are also available from the ticket counter but go early to avoid the queue.

(Go on to the next page)

Section H: Synthesis (2 marks)

For each of the questions 39 and 40, rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

- 39** There was a fly in the soup. Mother complained to the waiter.

_____ because

- 40** Sally changed into her swimming costume. Sally dived into the pool.

Before _____

(Go on to the next page)

Section I: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 41 to 47.

Tess heard her parents talking about her little brother, Andrew. He was very sick and Daddy did not have enough money to pay for the medical bills. She heard Mummy say, "Only a miracle can save him now."

Tess went to her bedroom and took her savings. Then she walked to the pharmacy. 5

"What do you want?" the pharmacist asked impatiently.

"My brother is really sick and I want to buy a miracle," Tess answered, "he has something bad growing inside his head and Mummy says only a miracle can save him. So, how much does a miracle cost?"

"We don't sell miracles here, little girl. I'm sorry," the pharmacist 10 smiled sadly.

A well-dressed man, who had overheard the conversation, asked Tess, "What kind of a miracle does your brother need?"

"I don't know," Tess whispered, "I just know he's really sick and he needs an operation but Daddy can't afford it. I am here to buy a miracle with 15 my one dollar and eleven cents."

"Well, what a coincidence," the man answered, "that is the exact price of a miracle for little brothers. Take me to see your family. I might have the kind of miracle you need."

That well-dressed man was Dr. Armstrong, a brain surgeon. He 20 operated on Tess' brother without charge and soon, Andrew was well.

One night, Daddy and Mummy were talking about the chain of events

(Go on to the next page)

that had led them to **this**.

"That surgery," Mummy said, "was a real miracle. I wonder how much it would have cost."

25

Tess smiled. She knew exactly how much a miracle cost...one dollar and eleven cents.

Adapted from *The Price of a Miracle* by an anonymous writer

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

41 Why did Tess' brother need an operation?

[1m]

42 State whether each sentence below is **True** or **False**. Give a reason for your answer.

[3m]

Sentence	True / False	Reason
i) Tess' father could not afford the operation for Tess' brother.		
ii) Tess went to the pharmacy to buy medicine for her brother.		
iii) Tess approached the well-dressed man at the pharmacy for help.		

(Go on to the next page)

- 43 Who was the well-dressed man at the pharmacy? [1m]

- 44 Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. Put the sentences in the right sequence, according to the flow in the story. [1m]

_____ Dr Armstrong operated on Tess' brother.

_____ Tess went to the pharmacy to buy a miracle.

_____ Tess took her money from her bedroom.

- 45 Fill in the box with a word.

Which word from **lines 14 to 25** has the same meaning as "two events happening at the same time without planning"? [1m]

- 46 What does 'this' in line 23 refer to? [1m]

- 47 Explain clearly why the surgery was a miracle. [2m]

End of Paper

EXAM PAPER 2014

LEVEL : PRIMARY 4

SCHOOL : MGS

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : CA1

Q1	1	Q2	3	Q3	4	Q4	3	Q5	3
Q6	3	Q7	2	Q8	4	Q9	2	Q10	2
Q11	3	Q12	4	Q13	1	Q14	1	Q15	2
Q16	1	Q17	3	Q18	3	Q19	2		

Q20 perplexed

	True	False
Q21		✓
Q22	✓	
Q23		✓

Q24 it mentions the number of the house

Q25	B	Q26	E	Q27	C	Q28	F
Q29	is	Q30	is	Q31	top	Q32	visit
Q33	tall	Q34	On	Q35	carry	Q36	speed
Q37	moving	Q38	Tickets				

Q39 Mother complained to the writer because there was a fly in the soap.

Q40 Before Sally dived into the pool, she changed into her swimming costume.

Q41 He had brain disease.

Q42		Reason
(i)	True	Tess' father could not afford an operation for Tess' brother.
(ii)	False	Tess' went to the pharmacy to a miracle.
(iii)	False	The well-dressed man had overheard the conversation between Tess and the pharmacist and he approached Tess.

Q43 The well-dressed man at the pharmacy was Dr Armstrong.

Q44 3,2,1

Q45 coincidence

Q46 The word 'this' refers to Andrew's recovery.

Q47 The surgery saved Tess' brother and it was without charge.

