

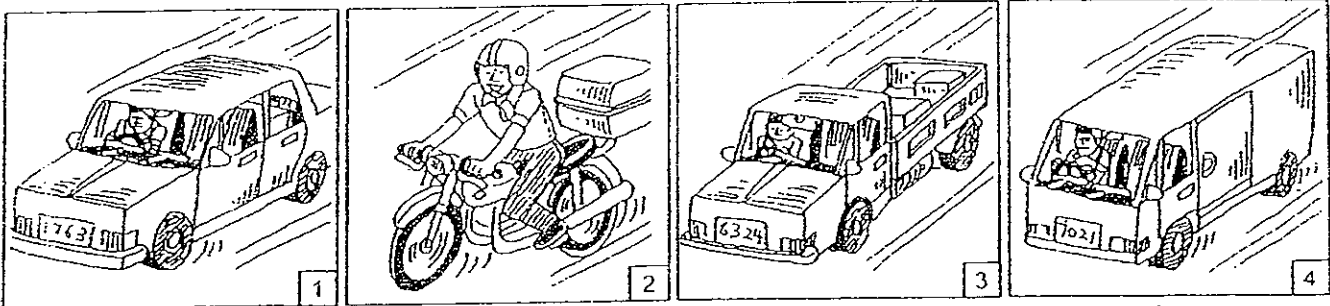
Methodist Girls' School (Primary)  
 Primary 3 Mid-Year Examination 2008  
 English Listening Comprehension

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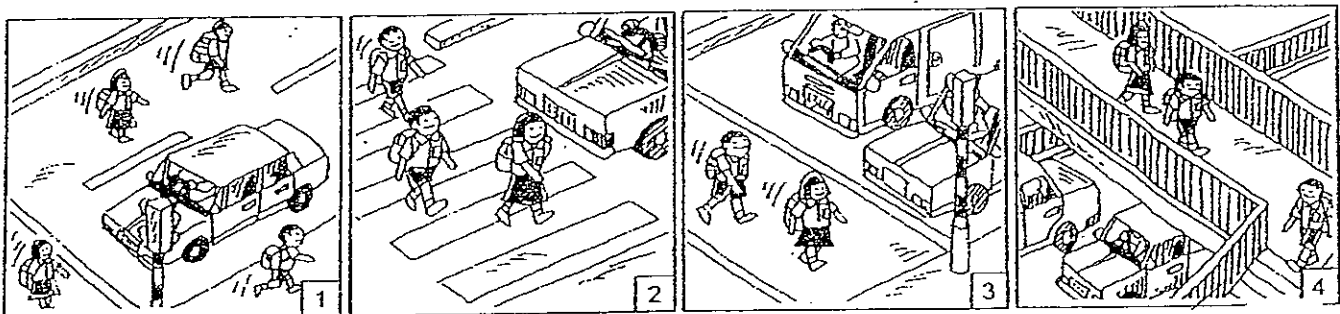
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Part I – Picture Matching (NO ANSWER)

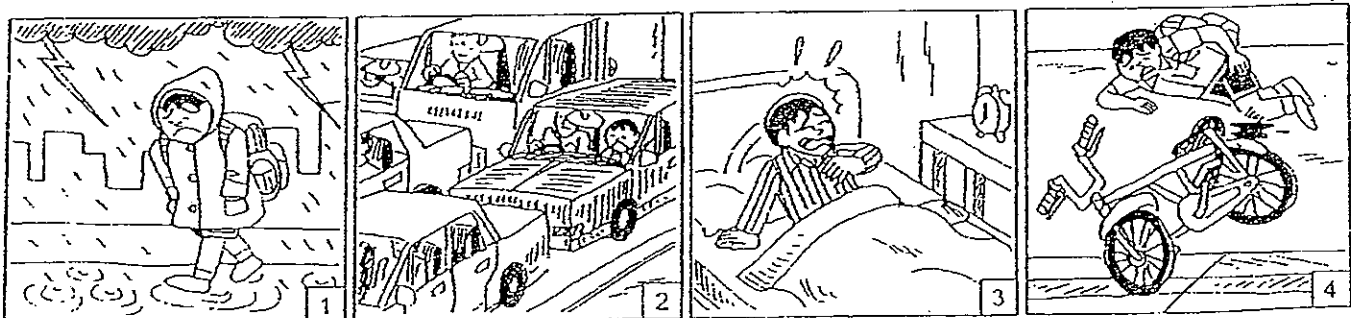
For Questions 1 to 4, write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.



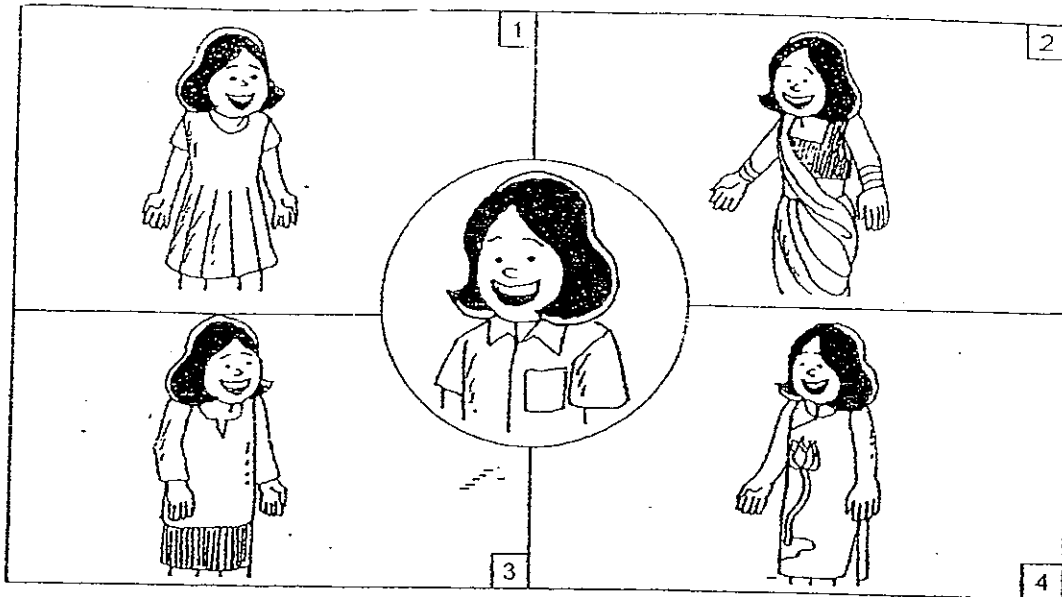
Q1. .... (     )



Q2. .... (     )



Q3. .... (     )



Q4. .... ( )

**Part II – Note-Taking and Dictation** (NO ANSWER)

Questions 5 to 10 is a note-taking test.

Question 11 is a dictation test.

Your class will be going to the zoo on a learning journey.

As you listen, take down the missing information by filling in each blank numbered Q5 to Q10.

Q5. Name of Activity: Learning Journey to the \_\_\_\_\_

Q6. Day of Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Q7. Departure Time: \_\_\_\_\_ a.m.

Q8. Things to bring: \_\_\_\_\_ and water bottle

Q9. Each pupil will be given: \_\_\_\_\_

Q10. Number of parent volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 11**

Take down the **journal entry** in full in the space provided for Q11.

Last Tuesday, my class went to the zoo on a learning journey.

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**Methodist Girls' School (Primary)**  
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**English Language Paper**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ (     )

**Class:** P 3 .

**Date:** 8 May 2008

<b>Vocabulary &amp; Grammar</b>	<b>/28</b>
<b>Comprehension</b>	<b>/20</b>
<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>/48</b>

**This paper consists of 11 pages**

**Section A****Vocabulary (MCQ) (6 marks)**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3, or 4) in the brackets.

1. John Finney was a famous \_\_\_\_\_ who performed many successful operations.  
(1) inventor  
(2) surgeon  
(3) mechanic  
(4) composer ( )
  
2. Before the suspect could run away, the policeman put on a pair of \_\_\_\_\_ on him.  
(1) chains  
(2) padlocks  
(3) fasteners  
(4) handcuffs ( )
  
3. On religious occasions, a \_\_\_\_\_ of worshippers will gather at the place of worship.  
(1) crew  
(2) company  
(3) collection  
(4) congregation ( )
  
4. The instructor told Peter to attend his tennis lessons \_\_\_\_\_ so that he can make greater improvement.  
(1) rarely  
(2) briefly  
(3) regularly  
(4) occasionally ( )

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5. Mr Wang had a sudden heart attack and was \_\_\_\_\_ to the hospital.

- (1) applied
- (2) entered
- (3) rescued
- (4) admitted

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6. My family is enjoying our trip in New Zealand so much that we want to \_\_\_\_\_ our stay here for another week.

- (1) extend
- (2) exceed
- (3) expand
- (4) exhaust

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### Section B

#### Grammar (MCQ) (6 marks)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

7. Please put \_\_\_\_\_ paper into the photocopier.

- (1) any
- (2) most
- (3) much
- (4) some

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8. Look! Many people \_\_\_\_\_ to buy the tickets to watch the Beijing Olympics.

- (1) queue
- (2) queues
- (3) is queuing
- (4) are queuing

( )

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9. The robbers ran \_\_\_\_\_ in different directions at the sound of the gunshot.
- (1) by  
 (2) off  
 (3) about  
 (4) through ( )
10. Mother was very calm. She did not panic \_\_\_\_\_ tremble when she witnessed the car accident.
- (1) or  
 (2) but  
 (3) yet  
 (4) and ( )
11. \_\_\_\_\_ take a bus to school on Saturdays for our supplementary classes.
- (1) He  
 (2) We  
 (3) You  
 (4) They ( )
12. The pack of wolves decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the wounded deer, left behind by its herd.
- (1) attack  
 (2) attacks  
 (3) attacked  
 (4) attacking ( )

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Section C  
Vocabulary Cloze 1 (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank.  
USE EACH LETTER ONCE ONLY.

A) commotion	B) cramp	C) excitement	D) jump
E) throbbing	F) thump	G) tight	

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5 January 2008

Dear Tim,

I had an unforgettable experience last December holidays. I was returning home early from school one day. I had a \_\_\_\_\_ (Q13) headache and a sore throat. I quickly got into the lift together with some renovation workers and my neighbour who was carrying her toddler.

It was a \_\_\_\_\_ (Q14) squeeze in the small lift. The cement dust from the bags that the workers held made me sneeze. The lift moved up a few floors and then stopped suddenly. It had broken down!

The men began to shout and \_\_\_\_\_ (Q15) on the lift door with all their might. The \_\_\_\_\_ (Q16) frightened the toddler who began to cry.

I thought we would be trapped for hours! At last someone came to our rescue and we were let out. What a relief!

Hope to hear from you soon.

Your buddy,  
James

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## Vocabulary Cloze 2 (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. USE EACH LETTER ONCE ONLY.

A) gadgets	B) genuine	C) mini	D) ordinary
E) rare	F) receive	G) store	

Palm Desk Assistants (PDA) are amazing inventions. They are small \_\_\_\_\_ (Q17) that fit in the palm of a grown up. These were first used to \_\_\_\_\_ (Q18) telephone numbers and to write reminders. Now, they have become \_\_\_\_\_ (Q19) computers, which allow people to type, draw and work wherever they go. These tiny machines can also be connected to the Internet for users to download e-mail or surf. It is no longer a \_\_\_\_\_ (Q20) sight to see people using PDA mobile phones as well. With the rapid advancement in technology, mankind can expect PDA to have even more functions in the near future.

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Section D  
Grammar Cloze 1 (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.  
USE EACH LETTER ONCE ONLY.

A) he	B) I	C) it	D) me
E) us	F) they	G) you	

The school holidays are approaching and some pupils are sharing their holiday plans with Miss Lee, their teacher.

"My mum wants to go to Australia because she wants to see the kangaroos and koalas. However, my dad doesn't like the idea. He wants to go to Phuket and enjoy the beach," said Jimmy. "So \_\_\_\_\_ (Q21) don't know where we will go."

"My cousins went to Australia last year and stayed on a farm. They showed us their photos. There was a pet calf on the farm and they were allowed to feed \_\_\_\_\_ (Q22)," said Grace.

"I think the farm is an exciting place," decided Jimmy. "I must try to persuade my dad to take \_\_\_\_\_ (Q23) there instead of Phuket."

"Where are \_\_\_\_\_ (Q24) going, Miss Lee?" asked the pupils.

"I am going to stay home and rest! This has been a busy year," replied Miss Lee.

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## Grammar Cloze 2 (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. USE EACH LETTER ONCE ONLY.

A) behind	B) for	C) from	D) of
E) onto	F) over	G) under	

Long ago, there was an arrow-maker. He wanted to make the swiftest arrows to sell to the hunters in his village. He dreamed \_\_\_\_\_ (Q25) being rich. He went to ask his good friend, the eagle, \_\_\_\_\_ (Q26) help. The eagle remembered how the arrow-maker had always provided it with food and decided to help him. The eagle advised its friend to use feathers to make the fletching of the arrow. Happily, the arrow-maker went to do as told. True enough, the new arrows which were made \_\_\_\_\_ (Q27) feathers were much faster and soon the arrow-maker had many patrons. The rich arrow-maker remembered his eagle friend and prepared a tasty dish for it. As he was walking along the familiar forest trail, he tripped \_\_\_\_\_ (Q28) something. To his horror, he saw that it was his eagle friend, struck dead by one of the new arrows that he had made!

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**Comprehension (MCQ) (5 x 2 marks)**

Read the following e-mail.

To: Reena Hameed < reena\_hameed@gmail.com >  
From: Tania Chua < tania1999@hotmail.com >  
Date: 7 May 2008  
Subject: Some Happy News to Share with You!

Dear Reena,

How are you? I hope this e-mail finds you well. As for me, I have been quite busy with my revision since the examinations are just around the corner. My parents told me that they would take me to watch a movie once the examinations are over. I cannot wait!

I have something to share with you. On Friday afternoon, I was walking home from school. As I was walking along the pavement near my school, I suddenly remembered that my grandmother, who lives in Australia, was going to celebrate her birthday in two weeks' time. My mind wandered and I started thinking of what I should get for her.

All of a sudden, I saw something shiny on a patch of grass beside the pavement. I picked it up and saw that it was a beautiful gold bracelet. At first, I thought it would make a lovely present for my grandmother. Then, I thought of the person who lost the bracelet. That person would definitely be upset.

I decided that it would be better to make a sad heart happy. I went back to school and gave the bracelet to the clerk in the General Office.

This morning, during assembly, I got a shock when the Principal called out my name. He announced to everyone about how I had returned the bracelet and that it was very honest of me. I was beaming with pride!

I am still feeling very happy now and I hope to share my happiness with you. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Love,  
Tania

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Class: P 3 . \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 8 May 2008

Marks: \_\_\_\_\_ / 20

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

29. Tania's parents promised her that after the examinations, they would \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) buy her a bracelet
- (2) take her to watch a movie
- (3) celebrate her grandmother's birthday
- (4) keep themselves busy with their revision

(            )

30. Tania was \_\_\_\_\_ when she saw something shiny.

- (1) in school
- (2) in Australia
- (3) at the General Office
- (4) at the pavement near her school

(            )

31. Tania finally decided to \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) keep the bracelet
- (2) find the owner of the bracelet herself
- (3) hand the bracelet over to the General Office
- (4) give the bracelet to her grandmother as a birthday gift

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32. The words "a sad heart" refer to \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) Tania
- (2) the Principal
- (3) Tania's grandmother
- (4) the owner of the bracelet

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33. The Principal called Tania during morning assembly as he wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ her.

- (1) scold
- (2) praise
- (3) shame
- (4) reward

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**Comprehension (Open-ended) (5 x 2 marks)**

Read the following story carefully.

A long time ago, there was no sun or moon in the sky. The sky was dark all the time so there was no difference between day and night. People had to use torches to light their way when they moved around.

During this time, there lived a girl and her little brother. They lived in a hut beside a big jungle. The girl had two coins, one was gold and the other was silver. They were very precious to her, as her mother had given her the coins before she died. She promised herself that she would never give them away.

One day, the girl realised that her brother had wandered into the jungle by himself. When he had not returned after many hours had passed, the girl panicked. She lighted a torch and went to look for her brother in the jungle. She walked until the flame of her torch dimmed and died. The girl knew she would not be able to find her brother in the darkness. She began to cry.

Suddenly, a young man appeared before the girl. He was not carrying a torch, but a light seemed to be shining from his face and body. He asked her why she was crying and she told him about her problem. The young man then told her that he could give her a light to help her find her brother, but he needed something that glittered like gold and shone like silver.

Immediately, the girl thought of her precious coins. She did not want to give them up, but she loved her brother more than the coins. She handed her coins to the young man. He then said a few words softly and threw the coins up into the sky.

At first nothing happened. Then, the gold coin began to flicker in the dark. It slowly became bigger, brighter and flew higher up into the sky. The gold coin continued rising until it was finally high in the middle of the sky. With the light in the sky, the girl could search for her brother until she found him, sleeping under a gigantic tree. When she went back to thank the young man, he was nowhere to be found.

Today, the girl's coins are still in the sky. Her gold coin dazzles during the day and her silver coin glows in the night. They are a reminder to everyone of how much the girl loved her little brother.

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

Q34. Why were people unable to tell the difference between day and night?

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Q35. Why did the girl promise herself that she would never give the coins away?

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Q36. Why did the girl panic?

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Q37. What two things did the girl do to show that she loved her brother very much?

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Q38. Where did the girl find her little brother?

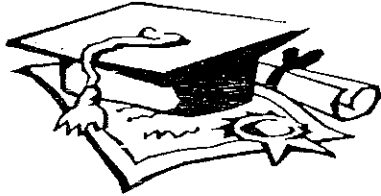
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**Please check your work carefully.**





# ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2008

SCHOOL : MGS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH

TERM : SA 1

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
G	C	E	B	C	E	G	D	B	C	F	2	4	3	4	2

34) It was because a long time ago, there was no sun or moon.

35) They were very precious to her, as her mother had given her the before she died.

36) He did not show up for a long time after he went to the jungle by himself.

37) The two things were she gave up the coins to look for her brother and she lighted a torch to look for her brother.

38) She found him sleeping under a gigantic tree.