

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

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PRIMARY 4 CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 2010 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Total Time : 1 hour 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.

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Class: Primary 4. _____

Date: 25 February 2010

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This booklet consists of 17 printed pages.

SECTION A: GRAMMAR (10 MARKS)

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

1. A fleet of naval ships _____ leaving for India tonight.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

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2. "My little sister _____ school tomorrow," said Joanne to her classmates.

- (1) start
- (2) starts
- (3) started
- (4) starting

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3. During the race, the competitors ran _____ to the finishing line.

- (1) quick
- (2) quickly
- (3) quicker
- (4) quickest

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4. The cobra's venom is _____; you must get immediate medical attention.

- (1) poison
- (2) poisoned
- (3) poisoning
- (4) poisonous

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5. _____ snowflake has a unique pattern.

- (1) All
- (2) Most
- (3) Each
- (4) Some

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6. The nurse cleaned the wound carefully _____ she bandaged it.

- (1) as
- (2) after
- (3) since
- (4) before

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7. The robbers who were _____ had to give up their loot to the policemen.

- (1) arrest
- (2) arrests
- (3) arrested
- (4) arresting

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8. Peter hungrily wolfed down the food as he _____ starving.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

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9. Please turn _____ the radio, the children are sleeping upstairs.

- (1) in
- (2) up
- (3) off
- (4) out

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10. I went to the shop to buy some groceries _____ it was closed.

- (1) or
- (2) so
- (3) but
- (4) since

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SECTION B: VOCABULARY (10 MARKS)

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

11. The principal was pleased to _____ that our school had successfully raised funds for the hospital.

- (1) instruct
- (2) suggest
- (3) whisper
- (4) announce

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12. I am extremely _____ for all the help and kindness my classmates had shown me when I was hospitalised.

- (1) grateful
- (2) mindful
- (3) hopeful
- (4) cheerful

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13. A _____ of chickens is following the farmer's wife into the barn.

- (1) litter
- (2) flight
- (3) brood
- (4) school

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14. When writing a novel, famous fiction authors usually let their _____
run wild.
- (1) illusion
 - (2) invention
 - (3) illustration
 - (4) imagination
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15. The outstanding soldier was given a medal for his _____
- (1) injury
 - (2) slavery
 - (3) bravery
 - (4) discovery
- ()
16. The _____ was in charge of the museum's most impressive
jewellery collection.
- (1) doctor
 - (2) curator
 - (3) illustrator
 - (4) invigilator
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17. The _____ carefully uncovered the fossil of the prehistoric
animal.
- (1) biologist
 - (2) zoologist
 - (3) meteorologist
 - (4) palaeontologist
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18. He expressed _____ at not being able to attend Sally's birthday party.

- (1) regret
- (2) sorrow
- (3) apology
- (4) sympathy

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19. Sam felt very _____ when his beloved dog was not feeling well.

- (1) despised
- (2) displaced
- (3) depressed
- (4) distinguished

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20. The new student _____ very well with her new classmates.

- (1) got off
- (2) got along
- (3) got around
- (4) got together

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SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (5 MARKS)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

With its rock-hard horns, shield-like head plate and massive torso, Triceratops must have been an intimidating dinosaur. Fossils show us that Triceratops was as big as a double-decker bus, standing about 9 metres long, 3 metres tall and weighing almost 6000 kilograms.

However, this giant was a herbivore, preying only on the vegetation of western North America. Stocky stout limbs supported its massive size but it was unlikely that the giant was able to feed on young leaves on the top of tall trees. Scientists believe that the Triceratops probably spent its days grazing on plants, using its beak-like mouth and powerful jaws to shred and grind thick vegetation on the ground. 5 10

Its head was its most imposing feature measuring up to 1.5 metres. Impressive horns ornamented the Triceratops' large head plate. It would have used its hard horns to charge at predators while protecting its young.

Situated behind its horns was a 1.8 metre-wide head frill made of bone. Scientists deduced that there might have been three possible functions for the head frill. It could have been used to protect the Triceratops from predators, to attract mates or to regulate the massive dinosaur's body temperature. 15

Adapted from National Geographic Kids

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21. Scientists believed that Triceratops was a dinosaur which favoured low lying vegetation because of its _____.

- (1) massive torso
- (2) rock-hard horns
- (3) stocky stout limbs
- (4) shield-like head plate

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22. The Triceratops normally feasted on _____.

- (1) fruits
- (2) shrubs
- (3) tree bark
- (4) treetop leaves

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23. The Triceratops would have protected its young from its enemies by _____.

- (1) running away quickly
- (2) charging with its horns
- (3) hiding its young among the plants
- (4) using its beak-like jaws to make grinding sounds

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24. The head frill of the Triceratops was **unlikely** to be used to _____.

- (1) attract mates
- (2) protect it from predators
- (3) reach higher vegetation
- (4) regulate its body temperature

25. The word "**deduced**" in line 15 has the same meaning as _____.

- (1) realised
- (2) visualised
- (3) concluded
- (4) accomplished

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SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE (2½ MARKS)

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

(A) from	(B) into	(C) on	(D) over
(E) of	(F) than	(G) up	(H) under

The palace wood was full of wild flowers, such as primroses and violets. At night, in the moonlight, the palace wood was the most enchanted place. It was a kingdom of fairies ruled by King Oberon.

These fairies were so small that they would curl 26) _____ in acorn-cups and make their coats from the wings of bats. They would make their hats and dresses 27) _____ spider webs and sweet-smelling flower petals. Each night, they would feast in the palace wood while dancing 28) _____ the stars. They would drink out of little cups filled with honey and drops 29) _____ morning dew.

They would fly over hill and dale, dance like fireflies through forest and fire, moving more swiftly 30) _____ the moon. They would hang a dewdrop like a pearl in every cowslip's ear and dance with the whistling wind.

Adapted from The Enchanted Island – Ian Serraillier

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SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (2½ 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 A WORD ONCE ONLY.

~~(A)~~ dive~~(B)~~ diver~~(C)~~ dives~~(D)~~ dived~~(E)~~ diving~~(F)~~ was diving

John owns The Blue Bubble, a scuba shop. He spends most of his time conducting diving lessons and he also (31) _____ several times a day. The jovial dive instructor takes his clients out for underwater expeditions and never fails to entertain them with amazing stories about how he used to (32) _____ into underwater caverns looking for treasure.

John enjoys visiting beautiful dive spots. He has flown around the world to explore many famous shipwrecks and is a master scuba (33) _____.

His most memorable experience was when he saw an enormous manta ray while he (34) _____ off the shores of Maldives. The few minutes he spent with the graceful animal seemed like an eternity, until a hungry shark swam by. Although dangerous at times, (35) _____ is something that John would keep doing for as long as he lived. Anyone who meets him would definitely be fascinated by his passion for it.

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SECTION F: SYNTHESIS (2 MARKS)

Rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

36. Jane went to bed early. Jane had school the next day.

as _____

37. It was raining heavily. She went out without an umbrella.

although _____

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SECTION G: VOCABULARY CLOZE (8 MARKS)

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

The cheetah is the world's fastest land mammal. A cheetah can accelerate from 0 to 96 kilometres an hour in only three seconds. These big cats are agile at high 38) _____ and are able to make quick and sudden turns while in deadly pursuit of their prey.

Before chasing down its 39) _____, a cheetah uses its exceptionally keen eyesight to scan the savannah for prey such as antelopes and hares. Cheetahs are felines which hunt during the day. They use their stealthy movement and distinctive spotted coat to 40) _____ themselves among the high, dry grasses.

When the opportunity is right, a cheetah will sprint after its prey and attempt to knock it 41) _____. The successful cheetah will often drag its kill to a safe hiding place to 42) _____ it from other animals that sometimes steal a kill from the cheetah.

Female cheetahs typically bear a litter of three 43) _____ and live with them for almost two years. Young cubs spend their first year learning how to hunt from their mother and 44) _____ stalking techniques by playing games with their litter mates. Male cheetahs are mostly solitary but can be found living with their litter mates, in small 45) _____. Most wild cheetahs are found in eastern and south-western Africa.

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SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (10 MARKS)

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

15 October 1979

My name is Terry Fox. I am 21 years old and I am an amputee. I lost my right leg almost three years ago because of cancer. The night before my amputation, my former basketball coach brought me a magazine with an article on an amputee who ran in the New York Marathon.

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It was then when I decided to take up the challenge of running a marathon despite losing a leg. I wanted to conquer my disability in such a way that I could never look back and say it disabled me.

As I went through the sixteen months of the physically and emotionally draining ordeal of chemotherapy, I was rudely awakened by what I had seen at the cancer clinic. There were faces with the brave smiles, and the ones who had given up smiling. I felt a sense of overwhelming despair as many had given up hope of recovery. I believe something can be done to help these cancer patients and give them hope of a cure for cancer and a future.

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Since then, I have been training for eight months for the Marathon of Hope, running on a prosthetic leg. Starting with half a mile*, I have now worked up to thirteen-and-a-half miles a day, adding half a mile* weekly. By April next year, I will be ready to achieve this dream that was once reserved for the world of miracles. That dream is to run across Canada to raise money and awareness for the fight against cancer.

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I will run even if I have to crawl every last mile*. But there are some barriers I cannot overcome alone. I need your support to help me organise this marathon. Cancer patients all over the world need people who believe in miracles.

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* 1 mile- 1.61 kilometres

Adapted from a letter written by Terry Fox to the Canadian Cancer Society

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

46. Why was Terry's right leg amputated?

47. What first inspired Terry to run a marathon?

48. Which three-word phrase in paragraph 4 tells us that running across Canada would be a near impossible task?

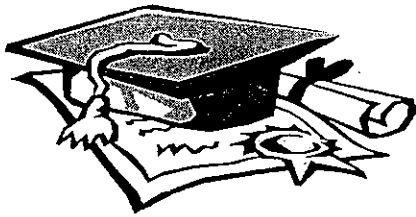
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49. What was Terry's main aim in running across Canada?

50. Which sentence tells us how determined Terry Fox was to achieve his dream?

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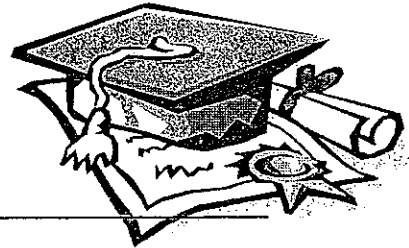
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SUBJECT: PRIMARY FOUR ENGLISH

TERM : CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1



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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25
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26)G 27)A 28)H 29)E 30)F 31)C
27)A 28)B 29)F 30)E

36) Jane went to bed early as she had school the next day

37) She went out without an umbrella although it was raining heavily

38)speed 39)prey 40)camouflage 41)down

42)hide 43)cubs 44)master 45)groups

46) Terry's right leg was amputated because of cancer

47) A news article in a magazine about an amputee who ran in the New York Marathon inspired him.

48) The phrase is "world of miracles".

49) Terry's main aim in running across Canada was to raise money and awareness for the fight against cancer

50)The sentence is "I will run even if I have to crawl every last mile."