



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2008
PRIMARY FOUR
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 1 (WRITING)

Name: _____ (:)

Class: Primary 4 _____

50 minutes

20 marks

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this question booklet until you are told to do so.

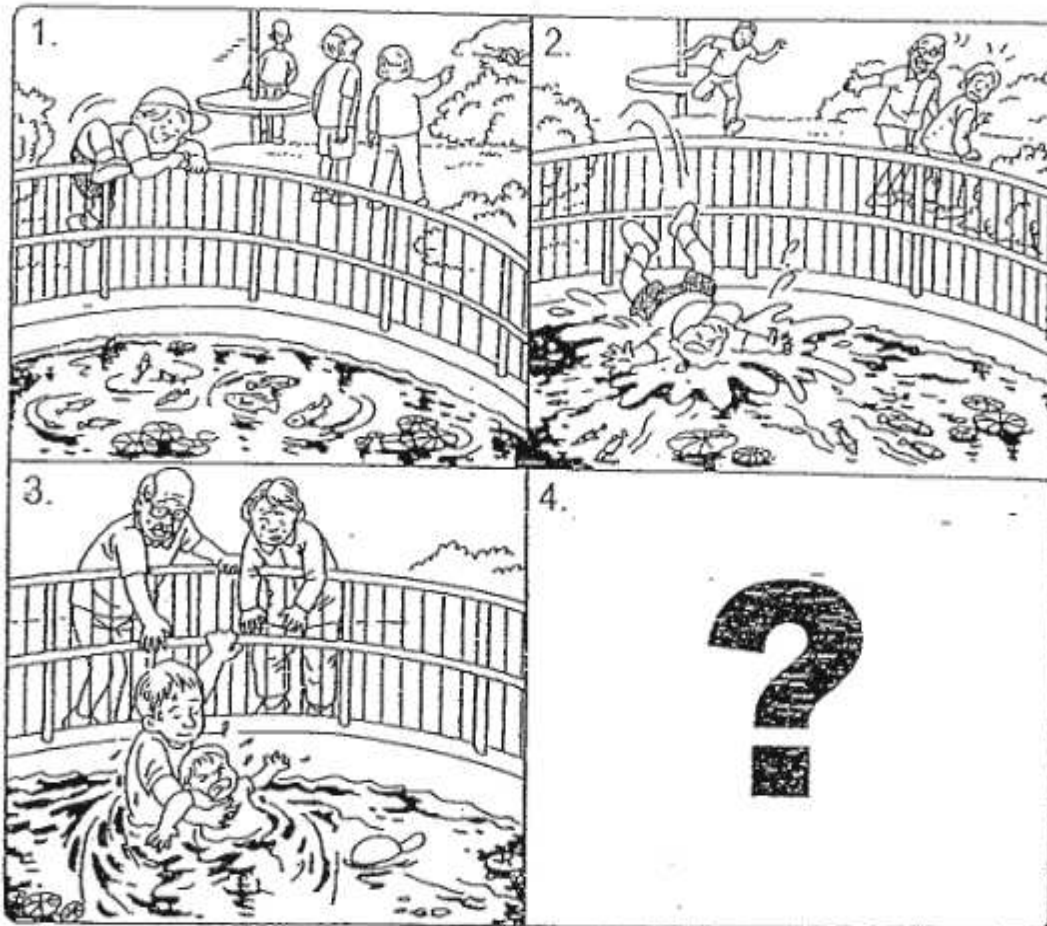
There are two questions in this paper.

You are required to write on only ONE question.

This booklet consists of 2 printed pages excluding the cover page.

There are 2 questions. Answer only ONE of them.

- 1) Write a story based on the pictures below. You may use the words and phrases in the box. Your story should be at least 120 words.



stroll

~~railing~~

~~mischievous~~

~~lost his balance~~

~~panicked~~

~~passer-by~~

~~rescue~~

grateful

- 2) You were at the MRT station waiting for the train. You saw a group of rowdy boys pushing one another on the platform. Suddenly, one of them lost his footing and fell onto the railway tracks.

Based on the above situation, write a composition of at least 120 words.

In your composition, make use of the points below:

- where you were going
- how you felt when you saw the boy falling over
- what the other passengers did
- what happened in the end

You may re-order the points. You may also include other relevant points.



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PAPER 2

Name: _____ (--)

Class: Primary Four _____

40 QUESTIONS

48 MARKS

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLET: 1 HOUR 15 MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS:

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Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all the questions.

Parent's Signature: _____

Section A – Grammar MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. My family _____ to cycle at East Coast Park every Saturday.
(1) like
(2) likes
(3) liked
(4) is liking

2. Several customers _____ from food poisoning after yesterday's lunch.
(1) suffer
(2) suffers
(3) suffered
(4) is suffering

3. Kathy, as well as Siti, _____ some experiments in the laboratory next week.
(1) conduct
(2) conducted
(3) is conducting
(4) are conducting

4. "Did you _____ anyone shouting for help?" May asked Kim.
(1) hear
(2) hears
(3) heard
(4) hearing

5. _____ you promise to keep it to yourself, I shan't tell you my secret.
(1) If
(2) But
(3) Since
(4) Unless

6. That city is famous _____ its hot spring resort.

- (1) in
- (2) on
- (3) as
- (4) for

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.

7. Cheryl _____ when Miss Yeo complimented her for her artistic talent.

- (1) tinted
- (2) blinked
- (3) blushed
- (4) bloomed

8. The news of the terrible highway accident _____ only when Mrs. Wu saw her seriously injured husband at the hospital.

- (1) set in
- (2) set on
- (3) set off
- (4) set out

9. The turkey was _____ as it moved across the farmyard.

- (1) cawing
- (2) chirping
- (3) gobbling
- (4) quacking

10. The Tan family's cruise to Phuket ended in _____ when their ocean liner sank.

- (1) irony
- (2) drama
- (3) tragedy
- (4) revenge

11. Everyone in the department knows about Gary's impending promotion. It is _____.

- (1) a fat chance
- (2) a short notice
- (3) an open secret
- (4) a bolt in the blue

12. That group of boys will be going on a/an _____ to the Antarctica for a year.

- (1) trip
- (2) voyage
- (3) excursion
- (4) expedition

Section C – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the graphic stimulus 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.

BUBBLE

Gump! –
THE SHRIMP FARM

Date: 1 June 2008
Time: 9 am to 5 pm
Meeting Place:
Bahrain Community Club
Meeting Time: 8.45 am



Bubble Gump is the one and only shrimp farm located at Pulau Ubin and is opened to the public. See the shrimp farmers at work. Learn everything about shrimps. This is definitely the kelong experience worth visiting!

Buses are scheduled to ferry participants to the jetty and back.

There will be boats at the jetty, at half-hourly intervals, to ferry participants to and from the farm.

Tickets are available at Junction 8 Event Hall at \$10 per person. (A discount of \$2 will be given to each participant for groups of more than 20.)

For more information:
E-mail DaShrimp@bubblegump.com or call 91234567 (Mr. Gump)

Closing date for registration:
26 May 2008

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT BUBBLE GUMP!

Feed The Shrimps



View Different
Kinds of Shrimps



Take Part in The
Fishing Competition



HURRY!!!
First 100 participants to register
will get a free seafood lunch
at 12.45 p.m.!

13. The shrimp farm is located in _____
- (1) the jetty
 - (2) Junction 8
 - (3) Pulau Ubin
 - (4) Bishan Community Club
14. People who are interested in visiting the shrimp farm can _____ for further enquiries.
- (1) call Mr. Gump
 - (2) send an e-mail
 - (3) send an e-mail or call Mr. Gump
 - (4) walk to the information counter at the farm
15. The participants should meet at _____
- (1) 9 a.m.
 - (2) 5 p.m.
 - (3) 8.45 a.m.
 - (4) 12.45 p.m.
16. The group with _____ participants will enjoy a discount on the tickets.
- (1) 10
 - (2) 15
 - (3) 20
 - (4) 25
17. To get to the shrimp farm, the participants must travel in a _____
- (1) bus only
 - (2) boat only
 - (3) bus followed by a boat
 - (4) boat followed by a bus

Section D – Grammar Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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 each word ONCE only.

(A) and	(B) as	(C) before	(D) despite
(E) however	(F) since	(G) still	(H) when

Pearls are only formed inside certain shellfish such as mussels and oysters.

(18) _____, clams also sometimes make pearls and the biggest pearl ever discovered was found in a giant clam. This valuable jewel weighed more than six kilogrammes.

(19) _____ a foreign object such as a grain of sand or a tiny worm finds its way inside the oyster's shell, the oyster will surround it with a shiny substance. (20) _____ time passes, the substance is laid down around the foreign object and a pearl is formed. Most pearls are cream-coloured but there are also pink, yellow and black pearls. In India, the people dive for oysters by holding onto a big stone. The weight of the stone helps them to reach the oysters at the bottom of the sea. There, the divers will pick up the oysters (21) _____ place them in baskets to be hauled to the surface.

These divers can stay underwater for a couple of minutes without any breathing apparatus. They simply take a deep breath (22) _____ diving into the water. It is hard and risky work which is why pearls are costly.

Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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 each word ONCE only.

(A) babbling	(B) blasting	(C) damaging	(D) interaction
(E) perceptions	(F) pleasant	(G) prediction	(H) sources

What is noise? Generally, noise is an unpleasant sound. There are many (23) _____ of noise. Noise from passing vehicles, noise from an aeroplane on its take-off and noise from a (24) _____ radio are just a few examples. However, there are noises which are considered (25) _____ such as the noise made at a pop concert. It is indeed difficult to define noise because people differ in their (26) _____ of what constitutes noise. The loud cries of a baby may indicate that it is hungry to its mother but to the ears of a neighbour, it may be unbearable noise.

Furthermore, there are noises that are harmful to the ears. These noises are capable of (27) _____ our hearing. The noise of a gunshot and the noise produced by factories are such examples. Therefore, loud noises impair our hearing and reduce our power of hearing. In the long run, they may have disastrous results.

Section F – Comprehension Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable answer.

Mention the word "shark" and people cringe in fear. Well, that is because most of us are ignorant about this (28)_____. What we know is sharks are killers and should be avoided at all cost.

It is true that some sharks are killers. The word 'killer-shark' refers to the man-eating shark. In reality, there are only two (29)_____ of man-eater sharks. One is the great white shark and the other is the tiger shark.

The great white shark is a ferocious creature which is very likely to attack any man within sight. It resides in the tropical and temperate parts of the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans. It is about 9 to 12 metres long and has an acute (30)_____ of smell. The great white shark is attracted to blood and it can detect its prey from a distance away. The tiger shark is less ferocious than the great white shark. It (31)_____ in tropical waters and is about the size of the great white shark.

Apart from these two types, there are the dogfish, the hammerhead shark and the whale shark. Most of them are less (32)_____ a metre long except for the whale shark. The whale shark is the biggest of all sharks. Yet, it is the least harmful. It feeds mostly on plants and small bony fishes.

Section G – Sentence Synthesis and Transformation (3 x 2 marks)

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

33. The chicken soup is too bland. The fried rice is too bland.

Both _____

34. I can rollerblade in Bishan Park. I must finish my homework.

_____ if

35. "We are having a great time playing at Sunway Lagoon!" exclaimed David.

David exclaimed that _____

Section H – Comprehension Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)

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

Global warming does not necessarily mean that all places are affected by rising temperature. Some places can get colder than before. Others may get wetter or drier. The world climate is a "system", meaning that things are all connected.

Scientists say that the climate change that is happening now is not natural. Human beings cause the climate change problem which only humans can fix. Therefore, it is important for people to act upon it now. 5

Human activity causes the air to contain a lot more carbon dioxide than before. Carbon dioxide is produced when fuel is burnt in car engines, factories and power stations. Cutting down forests also increases the carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere because the trees are not available to absorb carbon dioxide for photosynthesis. 10

The problem with carbon dioxide is that it is a "greenhouse gas". It has a special property that turns the atmosphere into a giant blanket that traps some of the sun's heat. Greenhouse gases are needed to keep the Earth warm enough for life. However, the oceans start heating up when there is an excessive amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. 15

When oceans heat up even by just a few degrees, ice in the polar regions melts. This causes rising sea levels which can become problems for small islands and cities near the sea.

Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong warned, "If we do not do anything to fix this problem, ecosystems and human societies could experience major disruptions over the next 50 to 100 years and quite possibly sooner." However, reducing carbon dioxide emissions requires big changes to the way people live. 20

(Excerpts from What's Up website: http://whatsup.sg/jan08_news01.html)

36. What is the main cause of the current climate change?

37. Give one example of a human activity that causes the level of carbon dioxide to increase.

38. What does the word 'it' in line 12 refer to?

39. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'too much'?

40. Why is it important to maintain the level of carbon dioxide?

END OF PAPER



ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2008

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SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA 1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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E	H	B	A	C	H	B	F	E	C

28)fish 29)types 30)sense 31)lives 32)than

33)Both the chicken soup and the fried rice are too bland.

34)I can rollerblade in Bishan park if I finish my homework.

35)David exclaimed that they were having a great time playing at Sunway Lagoon.

36)Human activity is the cause of the climate change.

37)The level of carbon dioxide increases burnt in car engines.

38)It refers to the carbon dioxide.

39)The word is "excessive".

40)It is needed to keep the Earth warm enough for life and to prevent the rising sea level.

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