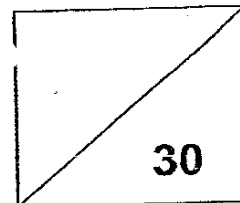


Methodist Girls' School (Primary)
Primary 5 Mid-Year Examination 2007

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Paper 2 (LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

1 hour 50 minutes



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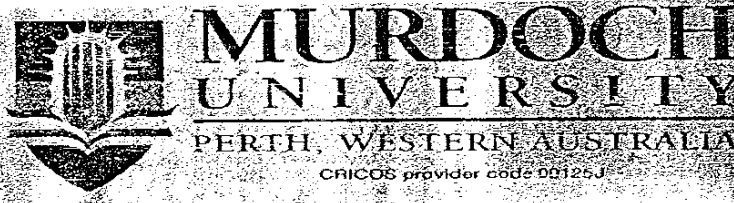
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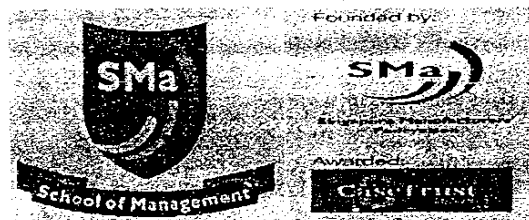
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1 A Polytechnic Diploma holder will take _____ to earn a Murdoch University degree.

- (1) 16 months
- (2) 18 months
- (3) 28 months
- (4) 31 months

2 A candidate who wishes to obtain a Bachelor of Mass Communications may take courses in _____.

- (1) Journalism and HR Management
- (2) Management and Public Relations
- (3) Marketing Management and Journalism
- (4) Communication, Technology and Policy and Professional Accounting

3 All lessons will be conducted in _____.

- (1) Australia
- (2) Singapore
- (3) United Kingdom
- (4) United States of America

4 The SMA School of Management is founded by _____.

- (1) Case Trust
- (2) Proctor & Gamble
- (3) CapitaLand Group
- (4) Singapore Manufacturers' Federation

5 Murdoch University is the only institution that has been rated 5-stars for _____.

- (1) teaching
- (2) intensive research
- (3) thirty successful intakes
- (4) Overall Graduate Satisfaction

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For each question from 6 to 12, 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 marks)

6 Mrs Tan's pair of leather boots _____ missing. She is looking for her boots now.

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

7 Neither of the girls _____ in the position to comment on this matter.

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

8 We heard Betty _____ loudly when the bug crawled up her leg.

- (1) scream
- (2) screams
- (3) screamed
- (4) had screamed

9 Jimmy is the class bully _____ everyone is afraid of. Don't go near him.

- (1) who
- (2) which
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

10 Mother _____ the letter when the telephone rang.

- (1) reading
- (2) is reading
- (3) was reading
- (4) has been reading

11 We want to do well in our examinations, _____ we?

- (1) don't
- (2) won't
- (3) haven't
- (4) shouldn't

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12. Either John or his twin brothers _____ attending the award ceremony this evening.

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

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For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage.
Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

Miss Honey continued to look steadily at Matilda through her steel-rimmed spectacles and Matilda looked back at her just as steadily (13)

"I'm still not following you," Miss Honey said. "Do you mean you actually willed the glass to tip over (14)

"Yes," Matilda said (15) with my eyes."

Miss Honey went silent for a moment.

- 13 (1) [:] colon
(2) [-] hyphen
(3) [,] comma
(4) [.] full-stop
- 14 (1) ["] inverted commas
(2) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(3) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(4) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
- 15 (1) [.] full stop
(2) [,] comma
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

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For each question from 16 to 20, 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. (5 marks)

16 The girls were horrified to find their classroom _____ with cockroaches when they returned from the school holidays.

- (1) invaded
- (2) infested
- (3) infected
- (4) inhabited

17 Lenny felt like _____ at the party last evening. He was the only one who was casually dressed.

- (1) a wet blanket
- (2) a pain in the neck
- (3) a fish out of water
- (4) a chip of the old block

18 The fear of another powerful earthquake forced the government to _____ the residents from the neighbouring villages.

- (1) expel
- (2) extract
- (3) extricate
- (4) evacuate

19 We must not allow the _____ of such a mistake.

- (1) restoration
- (2) recurrence
- (3) regeneration
- (4) reappearance

20 Kylie _____ left the door open as she left the house in a hurry.

- (1) insolently
- (2) involuntarily
- (3) intentionally
- (4) inadvertently

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For each question below, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

The leopard is the most widespread cat in Asia and Africa. Highly adaptable, it roams in almost every environment from mountains, deserts, plantations to cultivated lands and even stalks right into villages. (21)

The only big cat in Africa to exploit arboreal* habitat, it sleeps, mates, moves and sometimes stalks prey in trees. The leopard usually drags its kill up trees for undistributed feeding or to cache the kill for a later meal. One individual was seen deftly carrying a young giraffe weighing 100 kilograms up a tree before feasting on it. (22) (23) (24)

Rather difficult to spot, the leopard is secretive, solitary and nocturnal. The beautiful prints on its coat make a perfect camouflage. (25)

*living in trees

- 21 (1) strays
(2) prowls
(3) travels
(4) meanders
- 22 (1) home
(2) location
(3) territory
(4) residence
- 23 (1) store
(2) collect
(3) preserve
(4) accumulate
- 24 (1) neatly
(2) ~~skillfully~~ skillfully
(3) precisely
(4) accurately
- 25 (1) reticent
(2) mystical
(3) cautious
(4) reserved

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Jack London's *The Call of the Wild* delivers all the thrills and adventure you could possibly want in a book. In this classic novel, you'll follow the journey of Buck, a proud dog whose power, intelligence and courage make him a hero. Buck's adventure begins as a greedy gardener steals him from a comfortable California home. Buck has never known anything but love and easy living. Now he is beaten and starved and his new life **confounds** him. Buck soon finds himself in the brutal setting of the 1897 Alaska gold rush. There, uncaring masters with gold fever put him to work as a sled dog. 5

The great dog uses every instinct to survive. Buck learns to sleep in snow. **Rather than cowering, he fights to be top dog.** He wins the respect of every person and beast he meets. Each test Buck faces brings out the best in him. 10

The Call of the Wild is clearly Buck's story. The only human character London allows the reader to know is John Thornton. Through Buck's eye you see Thornton's respect for his dogs and his fitness for life in the wild Yukon. You see love grow as Buck grasps Thornton's hand in his teeth and Thornton playfully shakes the dog's head. However, Thornton never engages the reader's emotions the way Buck does. It is Buck for whom most readers fear as ice cracks during a river crossing. It is Buck we follow to the very end of the journey. 15

London clearly describes the sights, sounds and smells of the frozen North: "Over the whiteness and silence brooded a ghostly calm. There was not the faintest whisper of air – nothing moved, not a leaf quivered, the visible breath of the dogs rising slowly and lingering in the frosty air." 20

If you have ever loved an animal, *The Call of the Wild* will be a special joy for you. Jack London captures the bond between a human and a dog as no other author has. Yet London insists that every animal hears the call of the wild and longs to answer. You will never again look at your family pet in quite the same way after you have read the book. 25

The Call of the Wild was published in 1903 and has never been out of print. With its gripping scenes and portrait of an unforgettable dog, the book will keep you on the edge of your seat right up to the last page. 30

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For each question from 26 to 30, 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. (5 marks)

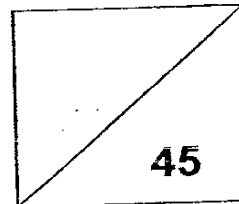
- 26 Buck was taken from his home to _____.
- (1) pull sleds
 - (2) be a top dog
 - (3) go on an adventure
 - (4) win the respect of everyone he met
- 27 "Rather than cowering, he fights to be top dog." (line 10) The word that best describes Buck is _____.
- (1) realistic
 - (2) resilient
 - (3) resentful
 - (4) respectful
- 28 The word 'confounds' in line 6 means _____.
- (1) concerns
 - (2) consoles
 - (3) confuses
 - (4) conquers
- 29 Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) Most of Buck's struggles took place in Yukon.
 - (2) *The Call of the Wild* was last published in 1903.
 - (3) Buck was beaten and starved in his Californian home.
 - (4) The main character of *The Call of the Wild* is John Thornton.
- 30 Which of the following best conveys the message of the classic *The Call of the Wild*?
- (1) The story portrays an unforgettable dog.
 - (2) The story highlights an animal's instinct to survive.
 - (3) The story keeps the readers on the edge of their seat.
 - (4) The story captures the bond between a human and a dog.

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Methodist Girls' School (Primary)
Primary 5 Mid-Year Examination 2007

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Paper 2 (LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET B

1 hour 50 minutes



Name : _____ ()
Class : P 5. _____
Date : 7 May 2007

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 5 printed pages.

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) about	(D) among	(G) from	(K) or	(N) which
(B) after	(E) between	(H) however	(L) since	(P) who
(C) although	(F) for	(J) in	(M) to	(Q) with

Charles M. Schulz bids a fond farewell to fans in his last daily *Peanuts* comic strip. _____ a 50-year career, Schulz is thanking the millions who have made
(31)

Charlie Brown, Snoopy and the rest of the gang _____ the most beloved
(32)
cartoon figures _____ the world.
(33)

"I have been fortunate to draw Charlie Brown and his friends for almost 50 years,"

Schulz writes in his farewell note _____ takes up the entire panel. A gentle man
(34)
_____ an easy touch, Schulz had one point which he would not budge: only he
(35)
would draw *Peanuts*.

Schulz, 77, announced that he would stop drawing *Peanuts* _____ treat a
(36)
newly diagnosed case of cancer. Ms Paige Braddock, a Schulz aide, said the
cartoonist was resting. _____, she added that her boss seemed willing to
(37)
discuss ideas _____ a video.
(38)

"I don't think he will come back to the daily strip but he may have other outlets,
like books _____ videos," Ms Braddock remarked, "he's still thinking
(39)
_____ the characters."
(40)

Peanuts is published in more than 2600 newspapers reaching 355 million readers
in 75 countries and 21 languages. (Go on to the next page)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

As the name implies, the Tasmanian Devil is found living only in Tasmania. It

(41)

prefers forest areas and is quite rare. It can climbing trees and it looks and sounds

(42)

(43)

very fierce. Its fur are mostly black with a few white **markengs**.

(44)

The Tasmanian Devil is the largest of the **carnevoros** marsupials of Australia.

(45)

Its sharp teeth and powerful **jours** enable it to rip and eat any part of an animal –

(46)

(47)

bones and all! It also enjoys fed on a **karcas**.

The Tasmanian Devil is nocturnal and so it does its hunting and eating at night.

(48)

It also **skawbels** noisily with other 'Devils'. During the day, it sleeps in a den built

under rocks or in logs.

(49)

Like the wombat, the female Tasmanian Devil had a rear opening pouch. She can

carry up to four babies at a time. The babies attach themselves to nipples in the

(50)

pouch and drink its mother's warm milk.

At about five months old, they are ready to leave their mother and go on night

raids by themselves.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Marly's class was studying about China. One day, her _____, Miss
(51)
Singh, told the students that kites were _____ in China more than 2 000
(52)
years ago. She also mentioned that most Chinese have a _____ for
(53)
kites and people of all _____, young and old, go to the parks to fly
(54)
them on sunny and windy days.

Miss Singh explained that Chinese kites are always colourful and are often
beautifully decorated to look like dragons, butterflies or other _____.
(55)
Then, she announced an unusual homework assignment. She asked each student
to make a kite and _____ it to class the following week. "The Chinese
(56)
make kites that represent something important to them," she said, "each of you should
make a kite that signifies something important to you."

Marly did not like the assignment. She _____ her shoulders and
(57)
grumbled that she did not know how to make a kite as she walked home that
afternoon. She decided to ask her father for _____. Marly explained to
(58)
her father that the kite had to _____ something to her.
(59)

Papa asked, "What do you think of when you see a kite?"

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As Marly thought for a moment, her mind filled with _____ of things
(60)
that flew such as planes and birds. "Eagles," she replied.

Papa nodded and agreed that an eagle design would make an excellent kite
_____ eagles are proud and fierce.
(61)

Marly and Papa got two rods of balsa wood and bound them _____
(62)
the shape of a cross. Papa cut a square out of an old white bedsheet and Marly
painted a great golden eagle on the sheet. Then they stretched the sheet over the
rods and made a diamond-shaped kite. Finally, Marly tied a long _____
(63)
to the bottom of the kite and it was completed.

Next, Marly and Papa took the kite to the park and _____ it. The kite
(64)
flew perfectly. Marly _____ the string and made the kite swoop so that
(65)
the eagle dived to the earth and flew back up again. Marly and Papa had an enjoyable
time at the park and walked home happily.

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For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66 The children continued hiking. It was raining heavily.

Although _____

67 I would not have won the competition if you had not encouraged me.

without _____

68 The team performed poorly. They lost the match.

Due to _____

69 He was very sincere. She was so moved that she forgave him after twenty years.

His _____

70 "Will you be attending the musical tonight?" Mrs Tan asked Ali.

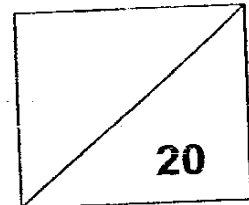
Mrs Tan asked _____

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Paper 2 (LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET C

1 hour 50 minutes



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Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 3 printed pages.

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

As we peered through the dusky half-light on the beach at Queensland's Heron Island on the first day, we spied baby turtles which were **the exact replicas of their giant parents but as small as mice.**

Behind us, we heard the soft crackling of egg shells as the hatchlings broke out and made their dash to the water. We had to squint in the dark to follow their progress to the sea and their new life. Torches were a **definite no-no** when watching hatchlings as the turtles had an amazing photographic memory which captured an image of the beach where they were born. Eventually, they would use that information to return to the same spot to lay their own eggs. Bright lights made it difficult for them to capture the image.

The next day, we swam with the mother turtles in the shallows and that evening, decided to visit the beach an hour earlier, to ensure a clear view of the hatchlings. **Other resort guests had the same idea** and we were rewarded with the sight of dozens of baby turtles clambering over the dunes and making a dash for the water.

However, we were horrified to see seagulls pecking off the hatchlings at will. The resort's briefing was very clear – let nature take its course but we could stand only so much torment watching the delicate, beautiful creatures being chomped on. Some guests rushed forward to frighten the birds away.

Feeling guilty, the humans went back to sit on the beach and watch the rescued babies head out to sea. Only one in 10 000 turtles would survive to adulthood. The guests thought they might have helped the hatchlings and were satisfied with themselves as the hatchlings dived between the waves. However, such satisfaction was shortlived.

"Look, is that a mother turtle out there?" one guest asked. It soon became clear that what looked like turtle flippers were fins. The reef sharks were gathering for their supper. Reef sharks generally were harmless to humans but no brave saviour offered to swim out and shoo them away and evolution was left to take its relentless course. Nature did have a way of getting even.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 On the first day, when did the writer and his friend see the hatchlings?

72 What does 'the exact replicas of their giant parents but as small as mice' (lines 2 - 3) tell us about the hatchlings?

73 Why did the writer and his friend have to strain their eyes at the beach?

74 Why were torches 'a definite no-no' (line 6) on the beach?

75 From the passage, what were two activities resort guests could engage in?

76 What does 'other resort guests had the same idea' (line 13) tell us about the intention of the other guests?

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77 Which word, from paragraphs 1 – 3, has the same meaning as 'moving in a slow and clumsy manner'?

78 Which two-word phrase, from paragraph 4, tells you that the seagulls ate as much as they wanted?

79 What did some guests do upon seeing the hatchlings being eaten?

80 From the passage, what were the two predators of the baby turtles?

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| 43. markings | 48. squabbles | 53. liking | 58. help | 63. string |
| 44. carnivorous | 49. has | 54. ages | 59. mean | 64. flew |
| 45. jaws | 50. their | 55. animals | 60. images | 65. jerked |

66. Although it was raining heavily, the children continued hiking.
67. I would not have won the competition without your encouragement.
68. Due to the teams poor performance, they lost the match.
69. His sincerity moved her so much that she forgave him after twenty years.
70. Mrs Tan asked Ali if he would be attending the musical that night.
71. The writer and his friend saw hatchlings at dusk.
72. The hatchlings looked exactly like their parents but only that they were smaller.
73. There were hardly any lights and it was very dark.
74. Lights made it difficult for the turtles to capture the image of the beach where they were born.
75. They could swim with turtles in waters and watch the hatchlings.
76. The other resort guests had also decided to arrive at the beach an hour earlier to get a better view of the hatchlings.
77. The word is "clambering".
78. The phrase is "at will".
79. Some guests rushed forward to frighten the birds which were eating the hatchlings away.
80. The two predators were the reef sharks and the seagulls.