

# METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL

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## MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2014 PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(BOOKLET A)

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Answer all questions.

Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS)  
Provided.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (    )

Class: Primary 5. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 14 May 2014

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For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

- 1 Mother, together with her colleagues, \_\_\_\_\_ in the company for twenty years.
- (1) work
  - (2) works
  - (3) has worked
  - (4) have worked
- 2 You \_\_\_\_\_ lose the ticket for the concert if you do not keep it carefully.
- (1) must
  - (2) might
  - (3) should
  - (4) cannot
- 3 Neither Ryan's brothers nor their father \_\_\_\_\_ the problem yet. They are still thinking about the possible solutions.
- (1) solves
  - (2) has solved
  - (3) had solved
  - (4) have solved
- 4 The two friends have been quarrelling \_\_\_\_\_ very trivial matters lately.
- (1) in
  - (2) on
  - (3) after
  - (4) over
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ the plans have been made some time back, none of them has been put into practice.
- (1) Until
  - (2) Since
  - (3) Despite
  - (4) Although

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6 Serene goes to the library during recess, \_\_\_\_\_?

- (1) is she
- (2) isn't she
- (3) does she
- (4) doesn't she

7 The person from \_\_\_\_\_ I heard the rumour is a neighbour.

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

8 We will not reach the airport \_\_\_\_\_ time to catch our flight if we do not leave soon.

- (1) at
- (2) by
- (3) in
- (4) over

9 "Has anyone \_\_\_\_\_ my pen? I cannot find it anywhere," Ravi asked his classmates.

- (1) take
- (2) took
- (3) takes
- (4) taken

10 "Bread with butter \_\_\_\_\_ what I usually have for breakfast. Yesterday, I had oats instead," said Miranda.

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

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11 He does not speak clearly. I often cannot \_\_\_\_\_ what he is saying.

- (1) make up
- (2) make for
- (3) make out
- (4) make with

12 Traffic laws will be strictly \_\_\_\_\_ for the safety of all motorists.

- (1) dictated
- (2) enforced
- (3) demanded
- (4) commanded

13 The millionaire is well-known for making generous donations to the needy. He is \_\_\_\_\_ for his philanthropy.

- (1) notorious
- (2) infamous
- (3) renowned
- (4) anonymous

14 The plan we submitted has many mistakes. Let's \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- (1) release
- (2) eliminate
- (3) withdraw
- (4) exterminate

15 Since the deadline of the project has been \_\_\_\_\_, we can improve on it before submission.

- (1) extended
- (2) expanded
- (3) prolonged
- (4) lengthened

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Our plane had to make a forced landing because of a glitch in the engine. The plane came down at a desolate mountainous region, luckily without loss of life. We camped in the  
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partially wrecked plane and waited for help. We were confident that we would be rescued  
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before long. Our radio had worked up to the moment of forced landing and we had been able to send out a signal giving our position.  
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Soon, nightfall descended upon us. The mountain air was chilly and all was quiet except for the occasional hooting of the owls in the distance. We huddled together and  
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fell asleep from exhaustion.

Help reached us on the second day. Our rescuers were amazed that we had suffered  
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only minor injuries. They had not expected to find any of us alive.

- 16 (1) neglected  
(2) dilapidated  
(3) abandoned  
(4) uninhabited

- 17 (1) wretched  
(2) worthless  
(3) destroyed  
(4) unfortunate

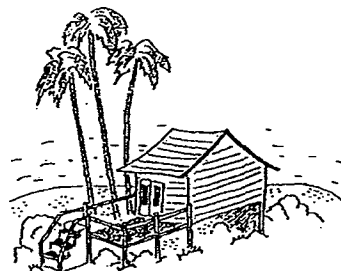
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- 18** (1) issue  
(2) expel  
(3) diffuse  
(4) transmit
- 19** (1) regular  
(2) constant  
(3) sporadic  
(4) frequent
- 20** (1) anxious  
(2) perturbed  
(3) astounded  
(4) distressed

Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.



Come and  
experience life in  
the old days  
when people lived  
in villages or  
"kampongs".



## Kampong Laut

Do you miss the old Kampong Laut? Miss how it bustled with busy fishermen and customers looking for fresh catch and good bargains?

Good news! Kampong Laut is reopening and promises to bring you more fresh catch from the sea, and a whole new away-from-the-city experience! Join us for our official opening!



### Official Opening

**Date** : 17 August 2014  
**Venue** : Open field next to Kampong Laut Gate C  
(opposite Pinvale Shopping Mall)  
**Time** : 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

### Programme Highlights

9 a.m. : Commencement of fishing competition  
10 a.m. : Arrival of Guest-of-Honour, Dr Ho Kian Soon  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. : Family Games with attractive prizes to be won  
5 p.m. : Prize Presentation for fishing competition



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*"Hearing about the reopening of Kampong Laut brought back many memories for me. In those days, we lived in kampong huts, not high-rise apartments. The hygiene standards of our dilapidated attap huts, and the lack of electricity, gas and water did not bother us. What we had in our backyard was a world of discovery and adventure. I have been told that the new Kampong Laut has this, and much more, to offer!"*

*Dr Ho Kian Soon  
Member of Parliament for Pinvale Town*

*"Having been involved in the new Kampong Laut project, I know that chalets modelled after the old kampong houses have been erected there. I am glad that people can now have a taste of kampong living. I will certainly take my children there to visit and experience a stay. I can also share with them what I remember of my growing up days."*

*Mr Robin Choo  
Mayor of Pinvale Town*

*"In the old Kampong Laut, life was simple and the people were contented. The reopening of Kampong Laut is a piece of wonderful news! I will leave my city comforts and escape there as soon as I find an opportunity."*

*Ms Fion Chua  
Director of Pinvale Tourism Board*

*"With the rapid urbanisation of Singapore, kampongs had to make way for high-rise apartments. Our relaxed pace of life and close human contact with our neighbours were lost forever. I am looking forward to spending some serene moments in the new Kampong Laut."*

*Mdm Nurul Huda  
Chairman of Pinvale Women's Council*



For each question 21 to 28, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21 Based on the flyer, which of the following is **true** about the new Kampong Laut?

- (1) Fresh seafood can be purchased there.
- (2) A new shopping mall has been built there.
- (3) Fishing competitions are a daily affair there.
- (4) It will be exactly the same as the old Kampong Laut.

22 The official opening of Kampong Laut would \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) include games suitable for families
- (2) be held at the Pinvale Shopping Mall
- (3) include activities that run late into the night
- (4) begin with introducing the winners of the fishing competition

23 According to Dr Ho Kian Soon, the old Kampong Laut \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) did not have a very clean environment
- (2) was well-supplied with electricity, gas and water
- (3) was a place where he had many bad memories
- (4) used to have both high-rise apartments and attap huts

24 Which interviewee felt that the people who lived in the old Kampong Laut were satisfied with their lives?

- (1) Ms Fion Chua
- (2) Mr Robin Choo
- (3) Dr Ho Kian Soon
- (4) Mdm Nurul Huda

25 Why were inverted commas used for the texts on the second page of the flyer?

- (1) to enhance the design of the flyer
- (2) to note the exact words had been quoted
- (3) to draw the readers' attention to that section of the flyer
- (4) to show that the four people are well-respected in the community

- 26 Which of the following is **not** one of the changes as a result of 'rapid urbanisation of Singapore'?
- (1) increased hygiene standards
  - (2) Singaporeans' relaxed pace of life
  - (3) losing the closeness with our neighbours
  - (4) high-rise apartments replaced kampongs
- 27 Which of the following is the **most** likely reason that the comments made by the four people were included in the flyer?
- (1) to tell people more about the new Kampong Laut
  - (2) to show that the four people would be invited guests at the official opening
  - (3) to help Pinvale Town's residents understand the prominent people in their community better
  - (4) to show that the new Kampong Laut had the support of influential people in the community
- 28 What is the **main** purpose of the flyer?
- (1) to promote the fishing competition
  - (2) to encourage people to engage in outdoor activities
  - (3) to let people know about the reopening of Kampong Laut
  - (4) to give people the opportunity to share about what the old Kampong Laut was like

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## MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2014 PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(BOOKLET B)

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Write your answers in this booklet.

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Date: 14 May 2014

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<b>Booklet A</b>	<b>/ 28</b>
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<b>Booklet C</b>	<b>/ 20</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/ 95</b>

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, 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.**

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(A) about	(D) from	(G) of	(K) then	(N) the
(B) at	(E) in	(H) off	(L) than	(P) when
(C) by	(F) or	(J) to	(M) that	(Q) with

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Singaporeans experienced the longest period of water rationing in 1963. It was brought \_\_\_\_\_ by a drought. As a result, the water levels \_\_\_\_\_ the reservoirs were dangerously low. The weather was hot and dry and therefore people used more water \_\_\_\_\_ usual to cool themselves. The population was also increasing at that time and \_\_\_\_\_ need for water was great. Water rationing was introduced \_\_\_\_\_ reduce water shortage. The rationing ended in 1964 \_\_\_\_\_ heavy rainfall returned.

During the rationing, Singaporeans experienced many inconveniences. They had to wake up early \_\_\_\_\_ stay up late to store water before the water supply was cut \_\_\_\_\_ Water containers were expensive. Vegetables too were sold \_\_\_\_\_ higher prices because of the shortage of water.

Today, when we turn on the tap we have clean water. Thus, we sometimes forget \_\_\_\_\_ water is precious and we tend to take this limited resource for granted. We must make a conscious effort to save water.

Adapted from <http://eresources.nlb.gov.sg/newspapers>

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 Marks)

In 1958, a mere meeting by Southeast Asian leaders to start a sport organisation, resulted in the Southeast Asian Games or SEA Games. The delegates felt that a sports event

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would be behiefecial for regional ties. To organise the SEA Games, the various nations would

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have to work harmoneasly together. They would need to held meetings to decide on factors

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like the venew and settle logistics. It was decided that the SEA Games would be held

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biennially. The first of such games were held in Bangkok in 1959 and thereafter held every

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two years since. The event has been a continual success by the years.

Last year, the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games was held in Myanmar. The mascot for the event was a

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pair of owls. In Myanmar, the owl is considered to be aospecious and believed to bring luck

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and prospariti. Owl dolls are kept at homes for lucky charms.

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Singapore has been chose to host the 2015 SEA Games. About 7000 athelites from 11

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participating nations will competing in the Games. The logo, theme and mascot for the 2015

games were unveiled in March this year.

Adapted from [www.sea-games-2015-games-to/1042158.html](http://www.sea-games-2015-games-to/1042158.html)

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Keeping pets provides good companionship for children. It is also a good way to \_\_\_\_\_ them kindness and responsibility. However, it is important for you to \_\_\_\_\_ (51) recognise pet ownership as a long-term \_\_\_\_\_ in itself. A pet will be \_\_\_\_\_ (53) ~~you~~ in your home for years to come. So choosing one that is \_\_\_\_\_ for you and your (54) family, and not just the "cute one", is very important. It is always tempting to \_\_\_\_\_ an (55) animal because of its adorable looks. But before you rush \_\_\_\_\_ to buy that little puppy (56) or bunny, here are some considerations to keep in \_\_\_\_\_ (57)

While dogs are largely friendly affectionate and easy to train, they \_\_\_\_\_ lots of (58) walks and space to run around, especially the larger breeds. Certain animals have a long lifespan - are you \_\_\_\_\_ for that kind of long-term commitment? A small to mid-sized (59) animal will be \_\_\_\_\_ to take care of. They usually require \_\_\_\_\_ attention and (60) care to survive (61)

Space is another factor to \_\_\_\_\_ if you want to keep pets. Animals like rabbits (62) need a fairly large cage as they reproduce \_\_\_\_\_. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ enough (63) space for cages to separate them and later, room for the baby bunnies? If space is a constraint, (64) you may want to consider options \_\_\_\_\_ small fishes cats and birds. If you want to keep (65) a pet to teach your children responsibility, then make sure the pet and the required tasks are suitable for your child at his or her age.

*Adapted from 'Spring 2011'*

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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 We were very astonished that our team eventually won the game.

Much \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 67 "Who's your Science teacher?" Elsa asked her brother.

Elsa asked her brother \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 68 The children enjoyed the traditional games so much that they decided to play them again.

The children found the traditional games so \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 69 He will not know the ending of the story if he does not finish reading the book.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 70 The toddler disappeared suddenly from his home. His parents were shocked.

The sudden \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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# METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

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MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2014

PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

(BOOKLET C)

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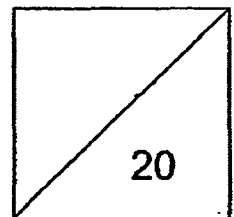
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Read the passage and answer questions 71 to 80

(20 marks)

"Haha... you fell for it again!" taunted Paul before he and his classmates erupted into peals of laughter as John landed heavily on his bottom. It was the fifth time that John had fallen for Paul's trick. Paul had the habit of pulling the chair from under John whenever he was about to sit in class. John's face turned red with anger. He tried not to react as hot searing rage throbbed painfully at his temples. With clenched fists, he gave an icy stare at Paul who had been giving him a hard time since Primary 2. 5

"That's it, this is the last straw. I've had enough. I have to do something!" John made a silent resolve to retaliate and stop the bullying. He racked his brains for ideas to get back at his classmate. As he scanned the classroom, his gaze fell upon a poster which read, "All about Peanuts". He knew that Paul was allergic to peanuts. When the teacher had asked the pupils to write down any dietary restrictions they had prior to participating in the Primary 4 camp, he distinctly remembered Paul writing down, 'allergic to peanuts'. John's eyes widened with glee at the thought of his bright idea. His mind raced as he crafted his plan. He was blinded by his urge for vengeance. 10

After school that day, John went to a supermarket to buy some ground peanuts. During recess, the following day, John hung around Paul for an opportunity. Paul was lining up at the drinks stall to buy his favourite iced tea. When Paul was about to pay, John purposely dropped a few coins which tinkled on the floor right behind Paul. Distracted by the noise as well as the sight of the coins falling to the floor, Paul bent over to pick the coins. John took that split-second opportunity to complete his task. 15 20

Once the deed was done, John smugly sneaked away from the drinks stall with an unmistakable glint in his eyes. He imagined Paul breaking out in a rash or sneezing continuously the next day. However, he definitely did not expect the events which unfolded. Within minutes, there was a commotion near Paul. Apparently, after taking a sip of the tea, Paul collapsed and started foaming in the mouth. Meanwhile, a teacher at the canteen called for an ambulance. Horrified at the turn of events, John hung around the scene. Minutes later, when the paramedics arrived, John overheard one of them saying, "The doctor will not be able to treat him effectively unless he knows the cause of the reaction." 25

Hearing that, John was stricken with guilt. Despite knowing the punishment that awaited him, John stepped forward to confess. He knew he had to tell the truth and not withhold any information. Feeling remorseful, John told the paramedics about how he had sprinkled ground peanuts into Paul's drink despite knowing about Paul's allergy. 30

*Adapted from Reader's Digest*

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- 71 What does 'it' in line 1 refer to? (1m)

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- 72 Which three-word phrase in paragraph 1 suggests that Paul and his friends were laughing continuously? (1m)

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- 73 Choose words from paragraph 1 and 2 which have similar meanings to the words below. (3m)

jeered	
determination	
clearly	

- 74 With reference to paragraph 2, how did John know that Paul was allergic to peanuts? (2m)

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- 75 Based on the passage, state whether each sentence in the table is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True/False	Reason
John's idea to use peanuts to take revenge on Paul came from a poster		
Paul reacted to the peanuts the day after he had drunk the iced tea.		
John called for an ambulance to help Paul.		

- 76 Why do you think John bought peanuts that were ground and not whole? (2m)

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- 77 Explain clearly why John purposely dropped a few coins onto the floor? (2m)

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- 78 What evidence in paragraph four best supports the fact that John was confident that his plan would work? (2m)

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- 79 What was the paramedic's concern? (2m)

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- 80 In the last paragraph, did John realise the consequence of his action? How can we tell? (2m)

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3	2	2	4	4	4	3	3	4	1	3	2	3	3	1	4	3

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
F	H	B	M

- 39)beneficial      40)harmoniously      41)hold      42)venue      43)was  
44)over      45)auspicious      46)prosperity      47)as      48)chosen  
49)athletes      50)compete      51)teach      52)commitment      53)with  
54)suitable      55)buy      56)out/off      57)mind      58)require  
59)ready      60)easier      61)less      62)consider/note  
63)rapidly/quickly/frequently/fast      64)have      65)like  
66)Much to our astonishment, our team eventually won the game.

**67)Elsa asked her brother who his Science teacher was.**

**68)The children found the traditional games so enjoyable that they decided to play them again.**

**69)Unless he finishes reading the book, he will not know ending of the story.**

**70)The sudden disappearance of the toddler from his home shocked his parents.**

**71)It refers to Paul's trick on John.**

**72)Peals of laughter**

**73)taunted  
urge  
distinctly**

**74)When the teacher had asked the pupils white down any dietary restrictions they had prior to participating in the primary four camp, Paul had written down "allergic to peanuts" and John had remembered it distinctly.**

**75)True = When John was searching for ideas, his gaze fell upon a poster which read "all about peanuts".**

**False = He reacted within minutes on the day itself.**

**False = The teacher had called for an ambulance to help Paul.**

**76)John bought ground nuts as it would be easier to sprinkle it into Paul's drink without Paul seeing the nuts.**

**77)John had purposely dropped a few coins onto the floor to distract Paul so that John could sprinkle the ground nuts into Paul's drink.**

**78)John smugly sneaked away with an unmistakable glint in his eyes.**

**79)The paramedics wanted to know the cause of the allergic reaction so that the doctor would be able to treat Paul effectively.**

**80)Yes, he realised the consequence of his action. He told the truth to save Paul's life.**