

**PAYA LEBAR METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)**

**SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 2015**

**PRIMARY THREE**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2**

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

CLASS : P3 \_\_\_\_\_

DATE : 11 May 2015

Total Time : 1 hour 15 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO PUPILS**

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

After you have completed the paper, check that you have shaded the correct ovals on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) for questions 1-14 only.

	Marks Obtained	Maximum Marks
Section D – E	/	14
Section F	/	10
Section G – I	/	16
Section J	/	10
TOTAL	/	50

Parent's Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

**Section D : Grammar (8 x 1 mark = 8 marks)**

**Choose the most suitable answer to fill in each blank and shade the corresponding oval on the optical answer sheet.**

1. Can someone share \_\_\_\_\_ of your knowledge about the solar system?

(1) a few

(2) some

(3) much

(4) many

2. Siti pointed to \_\_\_\_\_ musical instruments over at the far corner of the shop.

(1) this

(2) that

(3) these

(4) those

3. After choosing the ingredients for the cake, she went to \_\_\_\_\_ at the cashier.

(1) pay

(2) pays

(3) paid

(4) paying

4. Did you \_\_\_\_\_ the storybook which you borrowed from the library?

(1) return

(2) returns

(3) returned

(4) returning

5. David studied hard for his examination \_\_\_\_\_ he did well.

(1) and

(2) but

(3) or

(4) if

6. My sister bought a pet dog last week. \_\_\_\_\_ named it Winner.

(1) He

(2) It

(3) She

(4) They

7. My grandfather only buys rice cookers that are made \_\_\_\_\_ Japan.

(1) on

(2) in

(3) of

(4) with

8. My mother expects us to finish our homework \_\_\_\_\_ we go out to play.

(1) as

(2) before

(3) so

(4) when

**Section E : Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark = 6 marks)**

**Choose the most suitable answer to fill in each blank and shade the corresponding oval on the optical answer sheet.**

9. No one likes Susan because she is \_\_\_\_\_. She likes to show off.

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| (1) as proud as a peacock | (2) as timid as a mouse      |
| (3) as cheeky as a monkey | (4) as clumsy as an elephant |

10. Leon witnessed the car accident and could \_\_\_\_\_ in court who the innocent victims were.

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| (1) charge | (2) judge   |
| (3) report | (4) testify |

11. The fireman was \_\_\_\_\_. He carried the little girl out from the burning flat.

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| (1) fearless  | (2) fierce |
| (3) invisible | (4) timid  |

12. During a fire drill, the alarm bell rang continuously and everyone \_\_\_\_\_ from the building as fast as they could.

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| (1) ejected   | (2) emitted   |
| (3) exhausted | (4) evacuated |

13. Her friends were so \_\_\_\_\_ of Julie's new iPad. They wished they had one too.

(1) bashful

(2) boastful

(3) contagious

(4) envious

14. The police arrested the robber and his \_\_\_\_\_ who had broken into the jewellery shop.

(1) accomplices

(2) employees

(3) eyewitnesses

(4) workers

## **Section F : Comprehension (10 marks)**

**Read the following passage carefully.**

Hammerhead sharks are no ordinary sharks. Their heads are long and flat, with a wide staring eye on each side. They allow them to see better than most other sharks. Their bodies are long and sleek, with fins that push them easily in the sea. Hammerhead sharks use their oddly-shaped heads to improve their ability to find ~~the~~ prey.

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Some hammerhead sharks live in shallow waters near the coast. Others can be found in deep water far from land. Hammerheads are carnivores. They eat fish, squid, crabs, octopuses, stingrays and even small sharks. It can grow up to 6 metres in length and weigh up to 450 kg.

There is one thing special about the hammerhead shark. It does not use its nose for breathing. Instead, it breathes through its gills. With its keen sense of smell, it can detect a single drop of blood in the water, even from very far away.

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Most people do not understand how valuable sharks are. Hammerhead sharks are facing the risk of becoming endangered. They are killed because of their fins which are used to make shark fins soup. Let us stop eating shark fins soup. We can all help to save the sharks!

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*Adapted from Hammersharks by Vicky Franchino*

**Answer these questions.**

15. In paragraph 1, what do the sharks have to help them survive in the seas? (2m)

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16. What does the word "they" in line 2 refer to? (2m)

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**True or False Questions**

Put a "T" if the statement is true and "F" if the statement is false. (4m)

17.	The hammerhead sharks eat meat only.	
18.	The hammerhead sharks are killed for its fins.	
19.	The hammerhead shark has a very good sense of smell.	
20.	The hammerhead sharks' heads help them swim easily.	

21. Which part of the hammerhead shark helps it to breathe? (1m)

- (1) Fins
- (2) Gills
- (3) Head
- (4) Nose

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22. Which word has the same meaning as "danger"? Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

Most people do not understand how valuable sharks are. Hammerhead sharks  
(A)  
are facing the risk of becoming endangered.  
(B)



**SECTION G : Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark = 8 marks)**

**Read the passages carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write the letters (A to F) in each blank.**

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY**

**Passage 1**

(A) her	(B) him	(C) herself
(D) their	(E) his	(F) itself

Joan's mother is a homemaker. In her free time, she makes beautiful dresses for (23) \_\_\_\_\_ two daughters. She buys many rolls of colourful cloth and sews the dresses by (24) \_\_\_\_\_.

Joan's friends wish (25) \_\_\_\_\_ mothers can also make beautiful dresses for them. As Joan's father hardly shops for his clothes, Joan's mother will make them for (26) \_\_\_\_\_. Joan is so proud to have such a talented mother.

**Passage 2**

(A) enjoy	(B) enjoys	(C) enjoyed
(D) enjoyment	(E) enjoying	(F) has enjoyed

The Tan family watch movies on weekends. They  
(27) \_\_\_\_\_ watching shows together. They usually feast on  
popcorn while (28) \_\_\_\_\_ the show.

Last Saturday, they watched "Cinderella" and everyone in the Tan family  
(29) \_\_\_\_\_ it tremendously. Watching movies is such a great  
(30) \_\_\_\_\_ for them. It allows them to relax and also helps to  
bond the family together.

**Section H : Vocabulary Cloze (4 x 1 mark = 4 marks)**

**Read the passages carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write the letters (A to F) in each blank.**

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY**

(A) threatened	(B) protect	(C) urgent
(D) thankful	(E) worried	(F) pollution

I love animals. When I read the news that many animals are endangered, I am (31) \_\_\_\_\_. The environment is (32) \_\_\_\_\_ by various types of pollution. There is a/an (33) \_\_\_\_\_ need to take action to reduce pollution. It will be great if we do our part to (34) \_\_\_\_\_ the environment. For a start, we can do this by reducing, reusing and recycling our waste.

**Section I: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark = 4 marks)**

**Read the passage carefully. Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.**

Every country has a pledge. In Singapore, it is recited (35) \_\_\_\_\_. The pledge, recited at the start of each day, reminds the (36) \_\_\_\_\_ to stay united as a country.

In Singapore, Racial Harmony Day is celebrated on 21 July every year. Regardless of race, language or religion, we must (37) \_\_\_\_\_ each other's customs. We are very (38) \_\_\_\_\_ that Singapore is a peaceful country. We are indeed proud to be Singaporeans.

**Section J : Comprehension (Open ended) (10 marks)**

**Read the passage below and answer the following questions.**

During the last June holidays, my parents, brother and I participated in a famine camp. For thirty hours, we had little to eat and drink. My parents had signed us up for the camp to allow us to experience how people in poorer countries live.

When the camp finally ended, my brother and I were relieved and joyful. "No more growling stomachs!" my brother exclaimed. We arrived home, looking forward to a sumptuous meal that we thought Grandmother would prepare. However, all that greeted us was a pot of plain white rice.

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"Is that all?" my brother asked in disbelief. Grandmother did not say a word.

After all of us had sat down around the table, I handed the first plate of rice to Grandfather and the next plate to my mother. When I offered my brother the next plate, he would not take it. My brother was torn between eating something he disliked or risked going hungry. He could not decide.

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"Up to you. It's this or nothing," my father said firmly. Reluctantly, my brother took the plate from me. Finally I scooped some rice for myself. I missed the fragrance of the sweet, steamy rice. It wafted into my nose. I had not had such a generous amount in the last thirty hours.

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**Answer the questions below.**

39. Put a tick in the box that best describes the writer's brother. (1m)

polite

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lazy

☐

spoilt

☐

hardworking

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40. Which sentence in Paragraph 2 tells us that the writer was glad the camp was over? (1m)

41. How did the writer's brother feel when he found out that Grandmother had cooked only a pot of plain white rice? (1m)

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42. Pick 2 adjectives from the passage that describes the dish cooked by Grandmother. (2m)

i)

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ii)

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43. Which word in paragraph *A* has the same meaning as "unwilling"? (1m)

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44. Arrange the following sentences according to the story sequence and write the numbers 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the boxes. (2 marks)

	The writer's family participated in a famine camp.
	The writer's brother refused to eat the rice.
	The writer had his food last.
	The writer's Grandma cooked a pot of white rice.

45. Why did the writer's brother accept the plate of rice in the end? (2m)


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**EXAM PAPER 2015****LEVEL : PRIMARY 3****SCHOOL : PAYA LEBAR METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL****SUBJECT : ENGLISH****TERM : SA1**

Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q 9	Q 10
2	4	1	1	1	3	2	2	1	4
Q 11	Q 12	Q 13	Q 14						
1	4	4	1						

Q15. Their fins help them to survive in the seas.

Q16. Hammerhead shark's eye set on each side of its head.

Q17. TRUE    Q18.TRUE    Q19.TRUE    Q20. FALSE

Q21. Gills    Q22. Risk    Q23 A    Q24. C    Q25.D    Q26.B    Q27. A

~~Q28. E    Q29. C    Q30. D    Q31. E    Q32. A    Q33. C    Q34.B    Q35.daily~~

~~Q36. people    Q37 Respect    Q38 proud    Q39 spoilt~~

~~Q40. When the camp finally ended, my brother and I were relieved and joyful.~~

~~Q41. He felt shocked.~~

~~Q42 i) sweet    Q42ii) steamy    Q43 reluctantly~~

~~Q44. 1- The writer's family participated in a famine camp.~~

~~Q44. 2 – The writer's Grandma cooked a pot of white rice.~~

~~Q44. 3 – The writer's brother refused to eat the rice.~~

~~Q44. 4 – The writer had his food last.~~

~~Q45. His father told him to eat that or not eat at all.~~

**THE END**

