



**ST. HILDA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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**PRIMARY 2**

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SECTION	COMPONENT	TOTAL MARKS
A	Grammar	/10
B	Vocabulary	/10
C	Editing	/5
D	Cloze Passage	/10
E	Comprehension (MCQ)	/10
F	Comprehension (Open-ended)	/10
	TOTAL MARKS	/55

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES :**

1. DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.
2. FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.
3. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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**Section A : Grammar (10 x 1 mark = 10 marks)**

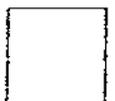
Choose the correct answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Who has taken \_\_\_\_\_ pen which I placed on this table?  
(1) an (2) any  
(3) the (4) that  
( )

2. Mrs Ong asked Jenny to help her prepare dinner, but she \_\_\_\_\_ because she was tired.  
(1) would (2) should  
(3) wouldn't (4) shouldn't  
( )

3. My brothers used to play with marbles \_\_\_\_\_ they were younger.  
(1) as (2) when  
(3) since (4) because  
( )

4. We ran \_\_\_\_\_ the nearest shelter as soon as it started to rain.  
(1) at (2) for  
(3) in (4) from  
( )



5. Ming Hua asked his father to help \_\_\_\_\_ with his Social Studies project.
- (1) he (2) him  
(3) his (4) himself
- ( )
6. These grapes are as \_\_\_\_\_ as those you bought yesterday.
- (1) tasty (2) tastier  
(3) tastiest (4) more tasty
- ( )
7. This sum is \_\_\_\_\_ than the previous one.
- (1) easy (2) easier  
(3) easily (4) easiest
- ( )
8. John \_\_\_\_\_ put the last jigsaw piece to complete the picture.
- (1) careful (2) carefully  
(3) more careful (4) more carefully
- ( )
9. Singapore \_\_\_\_\_ not experience winter, autumn or spring
- (1) do (2) has  
(3) does (4) have
- ( )



10. The pupils \_\_\_\_\_ because their teacher, Mr Chan, was not in class.

(1) are playing

(2) was playing

(3) were playing

(4) have been playing

( )

**Section B : Vocabulary (10 x 1 mark = 10 marks)**

Choose the correct answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

11. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the young of a butterfly.

(1) millipede

(2) caterpillar

(3) centipede

(4) earthworm

( )

12. The horse threw its rider off and \_\_\_\_\_ into the forest,

(1) leapt

(2) crawled

(3) stumbled

(4) galloped

( )

13. The chameleon cannot be easily seen because it can \_\_\_\_\_ itself to suit its surroundings.

(1) show

(2) cover

(3) transform

(4) camouflage

( )

14. The bears \_\_\_\_\_ and the hunter ran away.

(1) hissed

(2) roared

(3) growled

(4) chattered

( )



15. Besides the guitar, what other \_\_\_\_\_ do you play?  
(1) tools (2) vehicles  
(3) equipments (4) instruments  
( )

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ cheered when the player scored a goal.  
(1) ushers (2) referees  
(3) audience (4) spectators  
( )

17. The girls went to the esplanade to watch a musical \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) practice (2) training  
(3) exercise (4) performance  
( )

18. The wind was \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the night and kept me  
awake.  
(1) yelling (2) howling  
(3) blasting (4) whispering  
( )

19. We were surprised when a monkey appeared out of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ and grabbed Jack's cap.  
(1) blue (2) dark  
(3) light (4) sight  
( )



20. We stood quietly and \_\_\_\_\_ the way the frog caught insects with its tongue.

(1) looked

(2) glanced

(3) observed.

(4) examined

( )

**Section C : Editing (5 x 1 mark = 5 marks)**

Write the correct word or punctuation in the box provided.

(21)

Benjamin was doing his homework when his sister, jane,

(22)

came home from school. The moment she enters the house, she

(23)

turned on the radio. Benjamin could not consentrate on his work as the

music was too loud. He asked his sister to lower the volume but she

(24)

refused. Our mother overheard the conversation and told his sister

(25)

that she was being inconsiderate

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**Section D : Cloze Passage ( 10 x 1 marks = 10 marks)**

Read the following passage carefully. Fill in each blank with the correct word from the words given in the box. Each word can be used only ONCE.

while	clowns	played	of
calm	quickly	punctually	spread
fought	queued	slowly	off

It was a hot day, but the scorching heat did not stop people from flocking to the circus. They (26) \_\_\_\_\_ up eagerly to go into the tent. The show began (27) \_\_\_\_\_ at two o'clock in the afternoon. The music (28) \_\_\_\_\_ and then came the grand march of the animals, followed by the (29) \_\_\_\_\_ and the acrobats.

About half an hour later, a worker noticed a small fire in the tent. He called the Fire Brigade (30) \_\_\_\_\_ the rest of the workers tried to put out the fire with buckets (31) \_\_\_\_\_ water. The audience remained (32) \_\_\_\_\_ as they thought it was a small fire and would be put out (33) \_\_\_\_\_. However, when the fire (34) \_\_\_\_\_, the people started pushing their way towards the exit.

The firefighters (35) \_\_\_\_\_ hard to put out the fire and the injured people were taken to the hospital. Fortunately, no life was lost.



**Section E : Comprehension 1 (5 x 2 = 10 marks)**

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct answer and write its number in the brackets.

It was a hot day. The bus was packed with office workers and students. Jenny and Sally were on the bus too. They were going home after a long day in school. They were starving as it was almost dinner time. The two girls managed to find seats and sat down happily.

After a few stops, a pregnant lady and her child got on the bus. The toddler was holding onto her hand. She tried very hard to keep her balance.

Nobody bothered to give up their seats to the mother and child. All the passengers seemed not to notice them. Some passengers were either pretending to sleep or were engrossed in their reading. Jenny and Sally saw what had happened and immediately stood up and offered their seats to the pregnant lady and her child.

She looked very pleased and grateful. After sitting down, she kept thanking the two girls. Jenny and Sally smiled and nodded. They felt great for doing a good deed.



36. Jenny and Sally boarded the bus in the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) night
- (2) evening
- (3) morning
- (4) afternoon

( )

37. The toddler was holding her mother's hand because she wanted \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) a seat
- (2) to ask her a question
- (3) to keep herself steady
- (4) her mother's attention

( )

38. The passengers did not give up their seats, instead they \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) kept looking out of the windows
- (2) pretended not to notice anything
- (3) were busy chatting amongst themselves
- (4) smiled at the pregnant lady and her toddler

( )

39. The two girls stood up to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) give up their seats
- (2) scold the passengers
- (3) hold the toddler's hand
- (4) help the pregnant lady get off the bus

( )



40. The word 'starving' means \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) rushing
- (2) famished
- (3) exhausted
- (4) uncomfortable

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**Section F :Comprehension 2 (5 x 2 marks = 10 marks)**

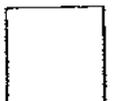
Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Write your answers in complete sentences.

The children played many games on the pavement of the busy street in which they lived. The favourite for the girls was Hopscotch but this meant that untidy chalk marks were left behind. They stayed until the rain came and washed them out. The boys liked playing noisier games such as 'Last Across the Road' in which there was a great deal of shouting and some danger.

The younger girls sat in their own doorways nursing dolls or dressing and undressing them. The dolls always had names like 'Belinda' or 'Matilda'. There never seemed to be any boy dolls.

Some boys played football. They enjoyed dribbling the ball and the greatest excitement was to kick the ball past the goal keeper to score. Boys and girls would join in the game called 'Statues' in which they had to stand as still as possible in a queer position, pretending to be carved from stone.



41. Where did the children usually play together?

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42. What does the word 'They' in the passage refer to?

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43. Why do you think 'Last Across the Road' was not a safe game?

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44. Why do you think there were no dolls for boys?

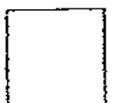
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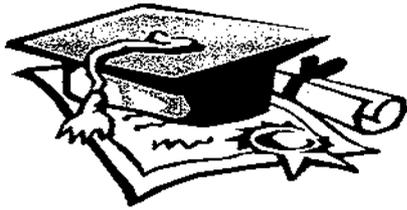
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45. Why do you think was the game named 'Statues'?

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# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2009**

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**TERM : SA2**



Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
3	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	3	2	4	4	3	4	4	4

Q18	Q19	Q20
2	1	3

- 21)Jane 22)entered 23)concentrate 24)Their 25). 26)queued  
27)punctually 28)played 29)clowns 30)while 31)of 32)calm  
33)quickly 34)spread 35)fought 36)2 37)3 38)2 39)1 40)2  
41)They usually played on the pavement of the busy street in which they lived.  
42)The word 'They' refers to the chalk marks.  
43)The children had to dash across the road and they might be knocked down by cars.  
44)Only girls played with dolls.  
45)The player had to stand still like a statue.