

# METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

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## MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2017 PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

### PAPER 2 BOOKLET A

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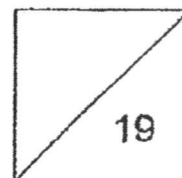
Answer all questions.

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**Section A: Grammar (8 marks)**

For each question from 1 to 8, 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.

- 1 Both Jane and her brother are able to swim in the pool by \_\_\_\_\_ without their parents' supervision.

- (1) himself
- (2) herself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

- 2 The porter \_\_\_\_\_ my luggage the moment I stepped into the hotel last night.

- (1) carries
- (2) carried
- (3) is carrying
- (4) had carried

- 3 I know the boy \_\_\_\_\_ father is working as a police officer.

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

- 4 The Great Singapore Sale is held \_\_\_\_\_ May to July every year.
- (1) from
  - (2) over
  - (3) through
  - (4) between
- 5 Last year, every child in the school \_\_\_\_\_ given a bottle of water and a packet of biscuits for Sports Day.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
- 6 The residents were asked to bear \_\_\_\_\_ the noise caused by the construction work nearby.
- (1) on
  - (2) out
  - (3) with
  - (4) down

7 \_\_\_\_\_ Sarah is ill, she is unable to take her examination tomorrow.

- (1) Since
- (2) Unless
- (3) Whereas
- (4) Although

8 "Do not disturb your sister. She \_\_\_\_\_ a mathematical problem now,"  
Mother warned Kai Lin's brother.

- (1) solves
- (2) solved
- (3) is solving
- (4) has been solving

**Section B: Vocabulary (6 marks)**

For each question from 9 to 14, 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.

- 9 The children \_\_\_\_\_ heavily after climbing the steep flight of steps.
- (1) panted
  - (2) uttered
  - (3) gasped
  - (4) groaned
- 10 The football match between Singapore and Malaysia was \_\_\_\_\_ live on Channel 12 yesterday.
- (1) telecast
  - (2) displayed
  - (3) conveyed
  - (4) announced
- 11 Min Wen was \_\_\_\_\_ to be the captain of the netball team by the members.
- (1) judged
  - (2) elected
  - (3) adopted
  - (4) obligated

- 12 When the policemen arrived at the scene of the accident, they asked the crowd to \_\_\_\_\_ immediately.
- (1) dismiss
  - (2) disperse
  - (3) disappear
  - (4) disintegrate
- 13 The housewife was \_\_\_\_\_ by the salesman and bought a fake diamond ring from him.
- (1) taken in
  - (2) taken on
  - (3) taken off
  - (4) taken back
- 14 The bull charged \_\_\_\_\_ at the mischievous boys who threw stones at it.
- (1) harshly
  - (2) furiously
  - (3) hurriedly
  - (4) severely

### Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (5 marks)

Read the poster carefully and answer questions 15 to 19.



## Residents' Day Carnival

24 June 2017  
10 am - 8 pm  
Orchid Community Club



Orchid Residents' Committee is organising this carnival to promote neighbourliness and harmony among residents.

Over 20 game booths to keep all entertained. Ranging from simple games like darts to more challenging ones like reverse trampoline which will get your adrenaline rushing!

Attractive prizes to be won!

### Programme Highlights

#### Photo Booth

Gather 3 different families in your neighbourhood and snap a photo at our Photo Booth and stand a chance to win a free vacation for 6 to Hong Kong! Prizes will also be given to the top 3 most creative shots.



#### Face Painting and Drawing

Volunteers from Orchid Secondary School Art Club will be facilitating face painting and drawing sessions! All materials will be provided.



#### Mini Paintball

(for children 6 to 10 years of age)

Up for some action and adventure? Join us for a miniature version of paintball, complete with props like trees and barracks! Note: Bring a change of clothes for this activity.



### Lucky Draw

Submit your ticket stub at the lucky draw counter located near the entrance of Orchid Hall. Stand to win the grand prize of a 2D1N stay at Orchid Hotel.

Get your tickets from Orchid Community Club Information Counter today!  
Tickets: \$5 for adults, \$2 for children (under 12 years)

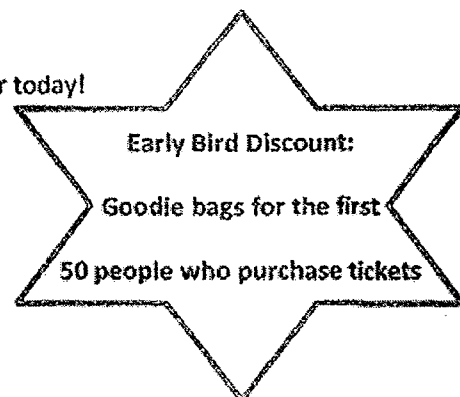
More details about the Residents' Day Carnival are available at [www.orchidfamily.com](http://www.orchidfamily.com)

Sponsors:

One Click  
Studio

Ace Paintball  
Academy

Orchid Hotel



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For each question from 15 to 19, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

- 15 Residents' Day Carnival is organised by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Orchid Hotel
  - (2) One Click Studio
  - (3) Ace Paintball Academy
  - (4) Orchid Residents' Committee
- 16 Which of the following is **not** an activity that is suitable for teenagers?
- (1) mini paintball
  - (2) reverse trampoline
  - (3) photography session
  - (4) face painting and drawing
- 17 Jane will receive a goodie bag if she \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) participates in Mini Paintball
  - (2) visits Residents' Day Carnival with her neighbours
  - (3) volunteers to facilitate the Face Painting and Drawing sessions
  - (4) is one of the first 50 people to purchase tickets for the Residents' Day Carnival
- 18 Which one of the following statements is true?
- (1) Tickets will be sold at Orchid Secondary School.
  - (2) Participants have to bring their own props for Mini Paintball.
  - (3) Participants have to pay for materials for Face Painting and Drawing.
  - (4) Participants can visit [www.orchidfamily.com](http://www.orchidfamily.com) for more information about the Residents' Day Carnival.

**19** The main aim of this carnival is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) encourage bonding among residents
- (2) encourage residents to join Orchid Community Club
- (3) provide residents an adrenaline rush at the game booths
- (4) give residents a chance to win attractive lucky draw prizes

**End of Booklet A**





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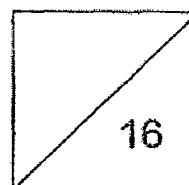
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**Section D: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A) out	(B) after	(C) with
(D) on	(E) while	(F) in

Mei Mei used to live in a rural village. During her childhood days, Mei Mei had to do the housework \_\_\_\_\_ her mother took care of her younger siblings.  
(20)

In order to help the family \_\_\_\_\_ with the expenses, Mei Mei and her mother would make some clothes to sell in the market. Even though Mei Mei's family lived \_\_\_\_\_ poverty, they were very happy and contented \_\_\_\_\_ what they had. Most importantly, she had her family to love and support her.  
(21)  
(22)  
(23)

**Section E: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)**

Read the passage carefully. UNDERLINE the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Some spiders bite people and these bites can be dangerous. The venom of

spiders [ is / are ] for killing their prey, usually an insect, hence humans are usually  
(24)

unaffected by it because of our large size. Despite this, it is wise to [ seek / seeks ]  
(25)

medical help if you have been bitten by a spider.

The best protection against spider bites is being alert. People who are bitten

usually do not [ know / knows ] that the spider is there. Few spiders are aggressive  
(26)

and seldom [ attack / attacks ] unless they are provoked. Most are timid and run  
(27)

away when they sense danger. In order to prevent spider bites, one should use gloves

when handling things in the storeroom or old boxes in the garage.



**Section F: Synthesis (2 marks)**

For each of the questions 28 and 29, rewrite the given sentences using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

- 28 I will not attend the party. Raj has to invite me personally.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 29 "I have never seen such beautiful scenery!" Siti exclaimed.

Siti exclaimed \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section G: Vocabulary Cloze (6 marks)**

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

During the month-long rescue operation, staff at Kazirang National Park worked tirelessly to save as many animals as possible. Sunny was a two-month-old cub which survived and this was her story.

It was the worst flood in fifty years. The flood waters \_\_\_\_\_  
(30)  
Sunny from her mother. Sunny was forced to head for higher ground  
\_\_\_\_\_ to the rising waters. She was later \_\_\_\_\_ by the  
(31) (32)  
workers who found her wet and alone at a tea plantation.

"Sunny is lucky to be unharmed. At \_\_\_\_\_, she was reluctant to  
(33)  
feed but now, she is happily drinking milk. Soon, she can switch to solid food," said  
Dr Robinson, a veterinarian from the International Fund for Animal Welfare. He and  
his \_\_\_\_\_ of park rangers worked at Kazirang National Park which was  
(34)  
also home to the rare one-horned rhinoceros.

Sunny would be nursed back to \_\_\_\_\_ and eventually released  
(35)  
to the wild when she was deemed to be capable of caring for herself. The flood had  
claimed the lives of eighty animals so far.

*Adapted from [www.kazirangnationalpark](http://www.kazirangnationalpark)*

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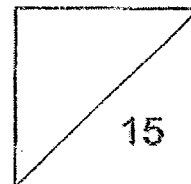
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**Section H: Comprehension (Selected Response) (5 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Father and I were at Uncle Arthur and Aunty Joyce's house by the river. They had fish traps set and they told us we could have the fishes there. The traps, which were made out of wire mesh, were supported by tree trunks stuck into the sand. There was a row of traps going way out across the water. Once the fish swam into the trap, they could not get out. 5

Early in the morning, Father and I decided to check the fish traps first. I could not wait to see what was caught. I ran ahead and saw that the water was up to my knees. However, I knew the tide was going out and that within minutes, the water would be round my ankles. It was quite dark and I slowed down to wait for Father. He carried the lamp so we could see what was caught in the trap. 10

Suddenly, I heard Father calling me, urgently, "Stop there. Don't move. Come back slowly." I looked around and sure enough, there were two eyes protruding from the water on the other side of the fish trap. It was a crocodile. My eyes never left them as I slowly moved backwards to where Father was. The wire from the trap scratched me and it hurt terribly. However, I still had to walk slowly 15 back to the river bank.

Uncle Arthur saw what had happened from afar and rushed back to get his rifle. Soon, he returned and shot the crocodile. That night, we had a good feast. It was my first time eating crocodile meat. For years after, the head of the crocodile sat on a tree stump. Over the years, the skull turned all white. It was 20 indeed an unforgettable incident that taught me to be alert at all times.

Adapted from *Maybe Tomorrow* by Boori (Monty) Pryor

- 36 Which sentence from lines 6-10 tells us the writer was excited about what was in the fish traps? [1m]

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- 37 According to the passage, the writer's father told him not to move because

\_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

- (1) it was too dark  
(2) the tide was getting lower  
(3) there was a crocodile in the water  
(4) the writer was walking too far ahead ( )

- 38 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ Uncle Arthur shot the crocodile.

\_\_\_\_\_ The writer's father spotted the crocodile in the water.

\_\_\_\_\_ The writer moved back to safety slowly.

For Q39 to 40, read each statement and tick (✓) either "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	True	False
<b>Example</b>	The writer and his father were visiting Uncle Arthur and Aunty Joyce.	✓	
<b>Q39</b>	The family enjoyed eating the crocodile meat.		
<b>Q40</b>	Uncle Arthur and Aunty Joyce painted the skull of the crocodile white.		

**Section I: Comprehension (Open-Ended) (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 41 to 48.

The litter of seven puppies was emptied from a filthy basket for inspection.

Bolt was the most adorable one amongst them. His big brown eyes melted my heart once I set eyes on him. As soon as he saw me, he started wagging his tail in excitement. When he tried to stand up, his legs could barely 5 straighten. As I picked him up and put him inside my coat, he tried to show his affection by licking my face. I pretended that I was not aware of his appalling stench.

Although Bolt did not seem to mind his state of hygiene, I gave him a thorough bath in warm water and soap once we reached home. Then, I put a 10 brown leather collar around his neck. I had kept the collar for years, in memory of my first faithful dog, which had saved my younger brother and me from a bear attack.

When Bolt had gained more strength to move around, I took him to the park so that he could explore the area. We were standing around some dense 15 thorn bushes when I spotted a strange-looking bird. I was fascinated by it and wanted to take a closer look. I pursued the bird with all my might and managed to grab hold of it. However, it struggled and escaped my clutches. Frantically, it flew into the thorn bushes. Drawn to the commotion, Bolt dashed into the bushes to chase the bird. The bushes were too thick and thorny for me so I had 20 to run around to the open ground behind the bushes to see what had happened to the bird.

There I found Bolt looking curiously at the bird, which was lying on the ground. It looked as if it was injured. I foolishly tried to lift the bird by the neck. The reaction from the bird was immediate. The bird lashed out with both legs, 25 hitting Bolt who had put his nose too close to the bird. It took Bolt a few seconds to recover from the shock. The next moment, the bird flew away. Feeling upset, we headed for home not long after that. When we finally got home, Bolt and I were exhausted.

*Adapted from 'Animal Stories' edited by Eric Duthie*

- 41 Based on paragraph 2, give two pieces of evidence to show that Bolt liked the writer. [2m]

(i) \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_

- 42 Choose one word from lines 5-15 which has the same meaning as the word/phrase below. [2m]

disgusting	
search and discover	

- 43 What did the writer do so that Bolt would not smell? [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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- 44 What does the phrase "in memory of" (lines 11-12) tell you about what had happened to the writer's first dog? [1m]

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- 45 Which three-word phrase in paragraph 4 shows us that in the end, the writer did not manage to catch the bird with his hands? [1m]

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- 46 What does "the reaction" in line 25 refer to? [1m]

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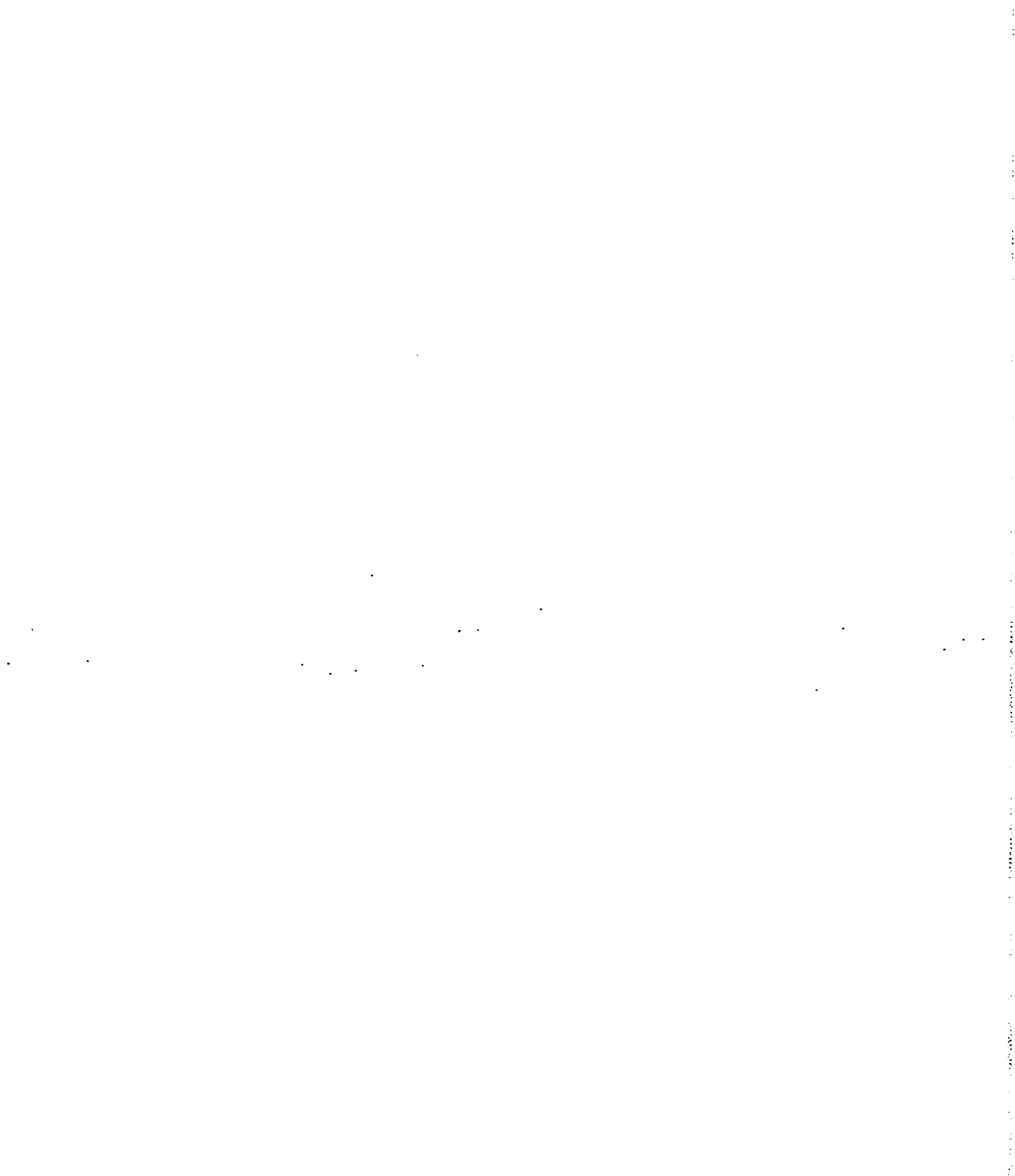
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For Q47 & 48, state whether each sentence below is True or False. Give a reason for your answer. [2m]

	Sentence	True / False	Reason
47	Bolt was a weak puppy when the writer first met him.		
48	The writer dashed into the bushes to chase the bird.		

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**TERM : SA1**

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	2	4	1	3	3	1	3	1	1
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	2	1	2	4	1	4	4	1	

**20)E**

**21)A**

**22)F**

**23)C**

**24)is**

**25)seek**

**26)know**

**27)attack**

**28)Unless Raj invites me personally , I will not attend the party.**

29) Siti exclaimed that she had never such beautiful scenery.

30) separated

31) due

32) rescued

33) first

34) team

35) health

36) The writer could not wait to see what was caught.

37) 3

38) 3, 1, 2

39) True

40) False

41) i) Bolt started wagging its tail as soon as it saw the writer.

ii) Bolt licked the writer's face.

42) disgusting – appalling

Search and discover - explore

43) The writer gave Bolt a thorough bath in warm water and soap once the writer and Bolt reached home.

44) It tells me that the writer's first dog had passed on.

45) escaped my clutches

46) It refers to the bird lashing out with both legs hitting Bolt who had put his nose close to the bird.

**47)True – When Bolt tried to stand up , his legs could barely straighten.**

**48)False – The writer dashed into the bushes o chase the bird.**

