



**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION (2022)  
PRIMARY FOUR  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (       )

Class: Primary 4 \_\_\_\_\_

10 May 2022

43 Questions

1 hour 15 minutes

Component	Marks Awarded	Max Marks
Paper 1 – Writing		20
Paper 2 – Sections A-B	14	50
Paper 2 – Sections C-H	36	
Paper 3 – LC		14
Paper 4 – Oral		16
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.  
Follow all instructions carefully.  
Answer all the questions.**

This paper consists of 10 printed pages excluding the cover page.

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**Section A – Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)**

**Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.**

1. The pupils \_\_\_\_\_ eating their food in the canteen during recess this morning.  
  - (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
  
2. Don shows \_\_\_\_\_ interest in his studies. He spends most of his time playing video games.  
  - (1) few
  - (2) little
  - (3) more
  - (4) much
  
3. The orang utan is an ape that is \_\_\_\_\_ danger of becoming extinct.  
  - (1) in
  - (2) at
  - (3) on
  - (4) under
  
4. Siti does not read as often as she \_\_\_\_\_. We must encourage her to make reading a habit.  
  - (1) will
  - (2) might
  - (3) would
  - (4) should
  
5. Larry wanted to go to the zoo \_\_\_\_\_ he wanted to see the koalas.  
  - (1) as
  - (2) or
  - (3) but
  - (4) yet
  
6. "Please pass \_\_\_\_\_ book to Paul," said Mrs Lee as she handed it to the class monitor.  
  - (1) this
  - (2) that
  - (3) these
  - (4) those

7. Jason \_\_\_\_\_ the drums at the concert tomorrow evening. His friends will be there to watch his performance.

- (1) play
- (2) played
- (3) is playing
- (4) are playing

8. Randy and his friends were asked to behave \_\_\_\_\_ by Mr Tan.

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

**Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)**

**Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.**

9. Mrs Loh was disappointed with the bad service she had received at the restaurant so she decided to lodge a \_\_\_\_\_ to the manager.

- (1) note
- (2) report
- (3) remark
- (4) complaint

10. Sulin towers over her siblings. She is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) as busy as a bee
- (2) as tall as a giraffe
- (3) as cool as a cucumber
- (4) as proud as a peacock

11. My father's old wallet is very \_\_\_\_\_. It still looks as good as new even though he had bought it ten years ago.

- (1) strong
- (2) elastic
- (3) steady
- (4) durable

12. After being questioned for hours by the police, the man finally \_\_\_\_\_ to stealing the item from the supermarket.

- (1) denied
- (2) argued
- (3) insisted
- (4) admitted

13. Every year, my school \_\_\_\_\_ inter-class games for the pupils and everyone participates actively in them.

- (1) creates
- (2) performs
- (3) organises
- (4) implements

14. The \_\_\_\_\_ of air pollution are alarming. They are known to create several respiratory and heart conditions like asthma.

- (1) effects
- (2) products
- (3) reactions
- (4) damages

**Section C – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)**

**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) behind

(B) in

(C) into

(D) out

(E) through

(F) up

It was the last day of the examinations. Everyone (15) \_\_\_\_\_ Primary 4 Hope had been eagerly waiting for this day for a long time. Susan told her friends excitedly, "Let's go (16) \_\_\_\_\_ to celebrate after the examination." They all agreed and started discussing what to do after school that day. Standing just (17) \_\_\_\_\_ Susan, Mrs Tan, their teacher, overheard their conversation and reminded them that they still had one last paper to focus on. She told them not to be distracted. Susan and her friends nodded their heads and started looking (18) \_\_\_\_\_ their notes again. Shortly after, the bell rang. Everyone proceeded into the examination hall.

**Section D – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)**

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

A sunflower is a flowering plant. It produces flowers that (19) [ has / have ] a similar appearance to the sun. The record for the tallest sunflower that grew over nine metres (20) [ was / were ] set over six years ago in Germany. Sunflowers are popular for their beauty and the seeds they (21) [ produce / produces ]. Bees (22) [ support / supports ] the reproduction of sunflowers through pollination. Sunflower seeds have also become an important and valuable crop which can be eaten or turned into oil.

*Adapted from: <https://www.factsjustforkids.com/plant-facts/flower-facts-for-kids/sunflower-facts/>*

**Section E – Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)**

**Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word of your own.**

A dog is a mammal. Like most mammals, dogs are warm-blooded and use their lungs for breathing. Female dogs produce milk when they (23) \_\_\_\_\_ birth to puppies. Dogs play an important role in the lives of human beings. They are kept (24) \_\_\_\_\_ household pets or are trained to be working dogs. A working dog assists in solving crimes and acts as a pair of (25) \_\_\_\_\_ for the visually handicapped. For many pet lovers, dogs are a (26) \_\_\_\_\_ of the family, always ready to bring the family members together through games. Therefore, dogs are known as man's best friends.

*Adapted from: <https://www.activewild.com/facts-about-dogs-for-kids/>*

**Section F – Sentence Synthesis and Transformation (2 x 2 marks)**

**For each of the items, 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 given one(s).**

27. Jamil rushed to the cinema. The movie had already started.

\_\_\_\_\_ but  
\_\_\_\_\_

28. "I do not want to read the book," said Paul.

Paul said that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section G – Comprehension – Selected Response and Open-ended (10 marks)**  
**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

Ali arrived at his grandparents' house early for dinner. He saw his grandfather's eyes glued to the television while his grandmother was busy preparing food in the kitchen.

Soon, Ali's grandfather started getting the dinner table ready. He asked Ali to help him place the forks and spoons on the table for dinner. His grandmother walked out of the kitchen carrying a plate of piping hot, crispy chicken wings. It was Ali's favourite food. She asked Ali to help her carry out the peanut soup which had been boiling on the stove for two hours. His grandmother had also made a perfectly steamed whole fish, Grandfather's favourite dish.

Grandmother was about to sit down to enjoy her meal when she suddenly exclaimed, "Where are my spectacles? I cannot enjoy the food if I am unable to see clearly!"

Pausing to think for a moment, she continued, "I must have misplaced it while boiling the soup. I took it off when the steam made my spectacles fog up," said Ali's grandmother. She was feeling miserable.

Ali decided to help search for the spectacles. After thirty minutes of searching in vain, his grandparents told him to take a break and have his dinner. Exhausted and famished, Ali plonked himself down on the chair. Suddenly, an idea struck him. "Let's open the drawers around the kitchen stove. The spectacles might just be in there," said Ali.

Everyone went into the kitchen and opened up the drawers around the kitchen stove. Then Ali saw it. He jumped up in excitement and put his hand into one of the compartments in the drawer. When he took his hand out, everyone gasped!

Ali proudly handed the spectacles to his grandmother. As Ali headed home, his grandmother gently patted him on his head and chirped, "Thank you, Ali."

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29. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.  
Why did Ali go to his grandparents' house? [1m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	to have dinner
<input type="checkbox"/>	to prepare dinner
<input type="checkbox"/>	to look for his grandmother's spectacles

30. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.  
Ali helped his grandfather to \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	prepare the food
<input type="checkbox"/>	set the table for dinner
<input type="checkbox"/>	carry the food out from the kitchen

31. What was Ali's favourite food? [1m]

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32. Which word tells you that Ali was hungry?  
Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Exhausted and famished, Ali plonked himself down on the chair.

(A)

(B)

33. What does the word "it" in line 23 refer to? [1m]

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34. Why did Ali feel proud in the end? [1m]

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For questions 35-37, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraphs 1 and 2 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Ali saw his grandfather watching television.	✓	
35.	Ali lived with his grandparents.		
36.	Ali's grandfather was engrossed in watching television.		
37.	Grandmother decided to make some peanut soup just before dinner was served.		

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Ali had an idea when he sat on the chair.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ali decided to search for the spectacles.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ali's grandparents asked him to take a break.

**Section H – Comprehension – Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)**

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

The moment that everyone had been waiting for was finally here — the finals of the National Football School Tournament! Hordes of supporters from both schools came smartly dressed in their school uniforms. **They** carried their school flags with pride. Supporters of Sunshine Primary School knew that they could create history. They had witnessed their team winning against the defending champion during the semi-final match. The team had also been training hard every afternoon. Never had their school won a football tournament. The time was set for an exciting match.

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Melody Primary School was first to kick off. The referee blew his whistle. Muthu managed to get possession of the ball and saw an opportunity. He quickly passed the ball to Kelvin. Kelvin dribbled the ball past two opponents. He lined himself up for a shot. "Goal!" The supporters of Sunshine Primary jumped to their feet. Sunshine Primary School was now in the lead. The referee blew the whistle for half-time.

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As the second half of the match began, there were shouts of encouragement. The singing of school songs could also be heard from both schools. The players felt motivated by this show of support from their schools. It was indeed a very exciting match.

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When the final whistle was blown, supporters from Sunshine Primary School shouted, "We did it! We did it!" It was finally over. The Principal of Sunshine Primary School was so proud of the team. He said, "This is the first time our school has won the championship. I declare that tomorrow will be a school holiday!" Everyone cheered upon hearing this news.

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**Write your answers in complete sentences.**

39. What does the word "They" in line 3 refer to?

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40. Why did the supporters of Sunshine Primary School feel that their team could create history?

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41. How did the supporters from both schools encourage the players on the field?

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42. Which 3-word phrase in paragraph 2 tells you that Sunshine Primary was winning?

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43. How did the Principal of Sunshine Primary School feel at the end? Why?

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

Q15	B	Q16	D	Q17	A	Q18	E
Q19	have	Q20	was	Q21	produce	Q22	support
Q23	give	Q24	as	Q25	eyes	Q26	part

Q27	Jamil rushed to the cinema but the movie had already started.
Q28	Paul said that he did not want to read the book.

Q29	to have dinner
Q30	set the table for dinner
Q31	piping hot, crispy chicken wings
Q32	<u>famished</u> (B)
Q33	It refers to Ali's grandmother's spectacles.
Q34	He had found grandmother's spectacles.
Q35	False
Q36	True
Q37	False
Q38	3 1 2
Q39	It refers to the supporters from both schools.
Q40	They had seen their team win against the defending champion in the semi-finals and the team had been training hard every afternoon.
Q41	They sang their school songs during the break motivating both schools from their show of support and shouted words of encouragement.
Q42	in the lead
Q43	They felt happy. They had just won Sunshine Primary School a championship and made tomorrow a school holiday.

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