

MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

2023 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 1 (WRITING)

PAPER I (WRITING)
17 August 2023 (Thursday)
1 hour 10 minutes
55 marks
NAME :()
CLASS : PRIMARY 6
Instructions
1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Answer all questions.
3. Write your answers in the Answer Booklet provided.
PARENT'S SIGNATURE :

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

1 The picture below shows Kelly and her sister, Tammy, discussing a notice that they saw in the newspaper on 21 October 2023. Study the picture carefully.



Jolly Animal Shelter

Adoption Drive

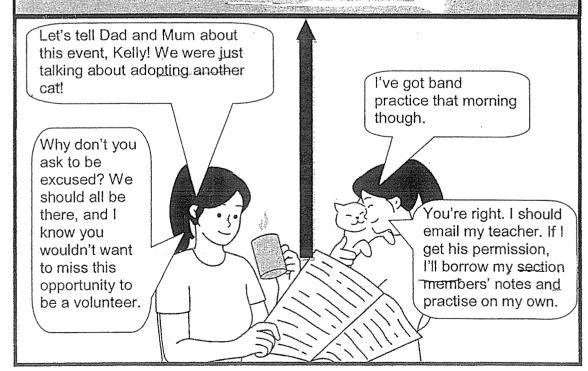
Saturday, 11 November 2023-9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



We strongly recommend that every member of your household is present at the adoption as we want to ensure that we match up the right pet with the right owners.

We need volunteers too!

If you love animals and have first-hand experience of looking after them, approach our manager, Ms Ebby, for a face-to-face interview!



Your task

Imagine you are Kelly.

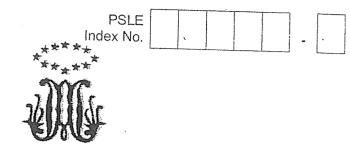
Write an email to Mr Tan, teacher-in-charge of your school band, asking if you could be excused from band practice.

You are to refer to the pictures and information on page 1 for your email.

In your email, include the following key information:

- u the date you wish to be excused from band practice
- u the event you wish to attend and the time it will be held
- u two reasons you need to attend the event
- u what you intend to do if you are excused from band practice

You may reorder the points. Remember to write in complete sentences.



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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION) BOOKLET A

17 August 2	2023 (Thursday)			
28 marks		-		
Total Time t	for Booklets A and B: 1 h 50 min			
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CLASS	: PRIMARY 6		,	

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1. Write your Index number in the boxes at the top right-hand corner.
- 2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
- 3. Follow all instructions carefully.
- 4. Answer all questions.
- 5. Use a 2B pencil to shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

For ea	ach ques your cho	stion from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct a oice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10	answer. marks)
1.	Neithe	r Tim nor his sisters how to play the piano.	
	(1)	know	
	(2)	knows	
	(3)	known	
	(4)	knowing	
2.	There	werescenes in the movie that made us chuckle non-stop.	
	(1)	aný	
	(1)· (2)	little	
	(3)	much	
	(4)	some	
3.	(1) (2) (3) (4)	himself yourselves themselves	
4.	Mrs Ya	ap brought along a mat the intention of spreading it on the task she could sit on it when having a picnic.	e ground
	(1)	in	
	(2)	on	
•	(3)	for	
	(4)	with	
5.	"Mr ar	nd Mrs Bala have a new car, they?" my neighbour asked.	
	(1)	do	
	(2)	don't	
	(3)	have	
	(4)	won't	
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6.	If I had I	known that Jacob was hospitalised, I	him today.
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	will visit am visiting would be visiting would have visited	
7.	She cor	ntinued to pursue her dreams many	people doubted her abilities.
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	as but although nonetheless	
8.	_	father is a Science professor emere Olympiad this year.	ged as the champion of the
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	who which whom whose	
9.		idents were able to share on the given topic as d by the teacher.	they the notes
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	have read had read reads read	
10.	When the	he police arrived at the coffee shop, they saw a und.	n angry man on
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	lying lain lies lay	

		stion from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. bice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)
11.		nuch thought, she finally to face her fears and pursue her of becoming an astronaut.
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	obliged pressed resolved compelled
12.	The c	ommuters shrieked when they spotted a rat across the MRT m.
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	strolling scurrying scattering sashaying
13.	The so	couts decided to carry on with the hike even though there was an
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	imminent inevitable unforeseen unpredictable
14.	The sr feel qu	nall boat up and down in the choppy water, causing passengers to leasy.
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	jiggled bobbed wobbled quivered
15.		osing the first half of the match, the coach spoke to the players and their ence was
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	restored refreshed revamped recharged

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)

Simon and his CCA teammates alighted from the bus at Gardens Primary School. Simon, who was seated at the front, got down the bus (16)hastily. They were greeted by the prefects, who (17)ushered them to the hall on the third floor. Students from different schools were there to participate in the zonal chess competition.

There was an air of excitement in the hall. The participants waited (18)with bated breath for the competition to start. "Good afternoon, everyone. The competition will commence in five minutes," the emcee announced. Simon proceeded to fish for his glasses in his bag and realised that they were missing. He needed his glasses for the competition. Just as he was feeling (19)worried and anxious, Miss Phua, his CCA teacher, handed him his pair of glasses. That certainly (20)boosted his morale. "Your mother just dropped this off. Now do your best," she said reassuringly.

- **16.** (1) rapidly
 - (2) instantly
 - (3) speedily
 - (4) hurriedly
- **17.** (1) guided
 - (2) signalled
 - (3) prompted
 - (4) instructed
- **18.** (1) eagerly
 - (2) hopefully
 - (3) dreadfully
 - (4) impatiently
- 19. (1) discouraged
 - (2) sorrowful
 - (3) annoyed
 - (4) troubled
- 20. (1) raised
 - (2) elevated
 - (3) increased
 - (4) advanced

Why is Science Important?

by Max Kang

The learning of science allows us to be curious about the world around us. Scientists have made extensive use of the knowledge gained through their inquisitiveness to improve our quality of life. Many marvellous things we use are the result of years of scientific research. The amazing thing is that scientists are still coming up with all sorts of ingenious inventions! Why not get started on your learning journey with our book recommendation this month? You might just become one of the greatest scientists of our time!



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- ✓ Thirty interesting science experiments to do at home!
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Venue: Expo Centre
Dates: 1–5 September 2023

A perfect book for the December school holidays. Get it now!

Check out an extract from Science Alive on the next page, and get a glimpse of what you can expect to find inside the book!

(On on to the next page)

From page 14 of "Science Alive"

Tornado in a Bottle

What are tornadoes?

Also known as twisters, tornadoes are violently spinning, funnel-shaped columns of air that sometimes form during thunderstorms. The wind from a tornado can reach 400 kilometres per hour – faster than a race car – and cause a lot of damage. Tornadoes are capable of ripping apart buildings and bridges and sending trains and cars flying!

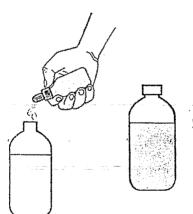


What causes tornadoes?

Before you try to understand the explanation found at the end of this chapter, create your own tornado with just two clear plastic bottles, water, food colouring and strong adhesive tape! Doing this experiment and watching closely to see what happens will help you get a better grasp of the concept!

Step 1

Clean the bottles and remove any labels so that you can see through the plastic clearly. Pour water into one of the bottles until it is about three-quarters full, then add a few drops of food colouring to give colour to the water.



Step 2

Screw the cap back on the bottle tightly. Mix the liquids together by giving the bottle a good shake.

Step 3

Remove the cap and fill the bottle to the brim with water. Then dry the rim with a piece of cloth.



Step 4

Place the empty bottle upside down on top of the full bottle and tape them firmly together, making sure the joint is carefully sealed so that no water can leak out.

Eager to know the other steps needed to create a tornado with the above experiment set-up and learn about what causes tornadoes?

Get a copy of Science Alive today!

For e	ach que your c	estion from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correhoice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sh	ect answer. eet. (8 marks)
21.	What	was the tone used by the writer in the section, "Why is Science Impo	ortant?"?
	(1)	witty -	
	(2)	caring	
	(3)	persuasive-	
	(4)	authoritative	
22.	Refer	to the section "Choose Science Alive". Which of the following wo he items used for the experiments can be found easily?	rds tells you
	(1)	simple	
	(2)	detailed	
	(3)	everyday	
	(4)	hands-on	
23.		ourpose of the exclamation marks found in the section "Choose Scientes". give children a surprise get children excited about the book	nce Alive!" is
14	(3)	show the importance of learning Science	
	(4)	encourage children to try out the experiments	
24.	Mr Ta in Au	in wants to buy the book as a gift for his nephew who is celebrating igust 2023. To get the book at the lowest price, Mr Tan sh	his birthday nould buy it
	(1)	online in September 2023	
	(2)	on the first day of Book Fair 2023	
	(3)	at a bookstore in September 2023	
	(4)	online during his nephew's birthday month	
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25.		tract from the book is included in the article for the following poss of	ible reasons
	(1)	to get readers to be interested in the book	
	(2)	to let readers have a brief look at the book's contents	
	(3)	to tell readers the steps to create their own tornadoes	
	(4)	to assure readers that materials required are easily available	

- **26.** According to the extract, which statement is **not** true about tornadoes?
 - (1) They are also referred to as twisters.
 - (2) Their violent spinning causes thunderstorms to form.
 - (3) The wind from some of them travels faster than race cars.
 - (4) Buildings, bridges, trains and cars have been damaged by them.
- 27. Which of the following statements is **not** true about the materials required for making the Tornado in a Bottle?
 - (1) Food colouring is used as it is safe for consumption.
 - (2) A piece of cloth is used to remove water from the rim.
 - (3) Clear plastic bottles are used to allow for a clear view.
 - (4) Strong adhesive tape is used to ensure no leakage of liquid.
- **28.** What is the **main** aim of the article in the magazine?
 - (1) to teach children about creating tornadoes
 - (2) to introduce Science Alive as a useful resource
 - (3) to explain how readers can learn science concepts
 - (4) to inspire children to come up with ingenious inventions

Nigel peered at the photograph that had faded with age. It was a picture of his mother, looking much younger than she was now, standing proudly in front of her noodle stall. Every time he looked at it, it would trigger a rush of memories from his childhood.

His mind wandered to the time he was seven years old. He recalled vividly that his mother had started putting in long hours at work, and he resented that. He could not 5 understand why she did not have time for him anymore. Looking at the throng of people, he was often envious of his friends whose mothers would be waiting eagerly for them at the school gate at dismissal time. Sadly, he could count the number of times she came to pick him up on the fingers of one hand.

On the day Nigel won a creative writing competition, he tried hard to mask his 10 disappointment when he saw his grandmother at the school gate. He managed to force a smile, but inwardly, he chided himself for his unrealistic expectation. He had been eager to share the good news with his mother but now it had to wait.

His grandmother, **nevertheless**, sensed he was downhearted. She understood why he was feeling that way, and gave him a warm hug. That made Nigel feel better, and he shared 15 the good news with his grandmother. Beaming with pride, she declared, "We must have a small celebration for you tonight." Nigel nodded half-heartedly as his thoughts drifted. That night, as Nigel had anticipated, his mother missed the celebration.

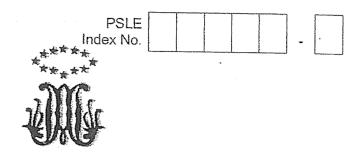
To fulfil her dream, Nigel's mother toiled day and night without sufficient rest. Her pay as a cook was not much, but after many arduous months of hard work, she managed to save 20 enough and could finally open her own noodle stall.

The red-letter day arrived. A few relatives had turned up to show support for Nigel's mother's new business. "Ready? One, two, three ... smile," Second Uncle cued, as he clicked on the camera. Her beaming smile lit up the entire place. After that, she showed off her culinary skills, working up a storm at the stove and tossing the ingredients up into the air with finesse. 25 Nigel was mesmerised as he watched his mother in action, his heart swelling with pride. He whispered to himself, "I want to be a great cook just like Mum when I grow up." He had not realised it, but at that moment, in his heart he had made peace with his mother.

Nigel made it a point to help out his mother at the stall, not just to learn cooking from her, but more so to just be with her. It was on **one such occasion** that he learnt what a kind person 30 she was. An elderly man had placed his order and after fumbling around in his pockets, managed to produce only a few coins. Those were not enough. Understanding his **predicament**, Nigel's mother handed him his order when it was ready, and reassured him that no payment was needed. Nigel saw the elderly man's eyes glisten with tears, obviously moved by her kind gesture. As the elderly man thanked her profusely, Nigel noticed the generous 35 portion on the elderly man's plate.

Nigel was brought back to the present when he heard his mother's movements in the house. He placed the photograph back on the shelf, went to his mother and told her the surprises he had for her, "Mum, I have just been accepted by a prestigious culinary school! I also have a special present for you and Grandma for Mother's Day! Guess what it is ... I want 40 to take both of you for a holiday overseas."

Upon hearing those words, Nigel's mother gave him a big hug and said, "Son, you are my greatest gift!"



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		BOOKLET B	•	
17 August 202	3 (Thursday)			
67 marks				
Total Time for	Booklets A and B:	1 h 50 min		
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INSTRUCTION	IS TO CANDIDAT	TES		
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- 3. Answer all questions.
- 4. Use a dark blue or black ballpoint pen to write your answers in the space provided for each question.
- 5. Do not use correction fluid/tape or highlighters.

	MARKS OBTAINED	2
BOOKLET A	•	/ 28
BOOKLET B	•	/ 67
TOTAL	:	95

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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.

(A) are	(D) could (E) has	(G) however (H) in	(K) these	
(B) besides (C) between		(J) is	(M) to	()
		ut these distinctives	eounds after a he	awy meal at one
	You may have let of They are known as I			
	you wondered what		•	
	ody system (29)			
	our chest and is (30)		•	
at the bottom or y	Jul officer and to (44)		v	
When a p	erson inhales, the di	aphragm pulls down	to help draw air	into the lungs.
When one exhale	es, it relaxes and air	flows out of the lung	gs (31)	_ the nose and
mouth into the su	urroundings. (32)	are actions	which take place	e automatically,
whether you are	awake or asleep. (3	33) , there	are times when	the diaphragm
becomes irritated	I. When this happens	s, the air rushes into	your throat, hits	your voice box
and your vocal co	ords close suddenly,	resulting (34)	a big hiccup	
There ar	e many reasons as	to why the diaphra	igm (35)	be irritated.
Stress, eating too	much or too quickly	and feeling nervous	are a few comm	ion reasons that
may lead (36)	hiccups.			
There a	re lots of suggestion	ns out there on how	you can get rid	of hiccups, and
you might (37)_	even tried	one or two of them	One way is to h	nold your breath
	(38) anot			
	stop by themselves a			· .
	•		Sco	re: / 10
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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)

Koalas are native to Australia. How much do you know	about them? There is
(39)	
a lot more to these <u>antrawling</u> living 'teddy bears' than the	ir cuddly size and laid-
(40)	
back lifestyle that they are <u>fame</u> for. Is your <u>curiauscity</u> p	piqued?
(42)	
When the Europeans first settled in Australia, they	mistaking these tree
(43)	
dwellers for a type of bear. However, koalas are similar \underline{w}	<u>ith</u> kangaroos, both of
(44)	
which are marsupials - mammals that <u>nurcher</u> their newb	orn in a pouch. Of all
(45)	
the marsupials, <u>its</u> closest relatives are the wombats.	
Koalas live and feed on the eucalyptus trees. T	They climb up to the
(46)	
branches to munch on the leaves, <u>voraycously</u> eating up t	to a kilogram of them
(47)	
daily. Did you know that the leaves of these trees <u>were</u> poi	 isonous? Furthermore.
(48)	
they are tough to digest and provide few nutrition. Ko	palas have a specially
(49)	
adapted digestive system that not only tharaghly extract	ts nutrients from the
(50)	
leaves but <u>newtralises</u> their toxins. How amazing they are!	
	Score: /12
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Intelligence is the ability to acquire and apply knowledge and skills. Human
intelligence is a unique quality that consists of the abilities to learn from experience and
(51) to new situations. When a computer or a robot is able to
(52) a problem, it may seem intelligent. However, this type of
intelligence is different (53) a human's intelligence. It is called artificial
intelligence or A.I. The term A.I. was (54) in 1955 by John McCarthy, a
computer scientist working on making computers intelligent.
The process of teaching computers to be intelligent involves researchers training the
systems to play video games. Games provide a boundary with a set of rules. Computers play
the games and based on (55) and error, different ways to win are
figured out. They (56) on their stored memory to build on successes
and learn from (57) made.
You might also be familiar with "Siri" on iPhone. It is an intelligent personal assistant
who responds to your request, provides information and (58) tasks
when told. You might ask "Siri", for example, to schedule an (59)in your
calendar for your next visit to the dentist or dial your mother's phone number.
A.l. robots known as chatbots* are being (60) in online shops
and the websites of government agencies to answer common (61) that
customers may have. These chatbots have advanced to the stage where they possess
(62) conversational abilities than ever before. Amazingly, A.I. has
enabled these "deep learning" machines to learn from human behaviour, and
(63) human knowledge and skills. For instance, chatbots can take the
(64) of a doctor and start prescribing medicines to people. These
expert systems can provide more advanced services which are typically carried out by highly
(65) professionals - those that take many years of learning - such as
doctors, lawyers and accountants.
Despite all the benefits, there is fear that artificial intelligence may take over our jobs.
Whether artificial intelligence is good or bad, it is an advancement that is here to stay.

Score:

/ 15

^{*} A chatbot is a computer program designed to send messages back to a human user, as if it is having a conversation with the person.

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)

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		-
Tim was thoughtful. He bought a cake for his grandmother	's birthday.	
It was thoughtful		
George adjusted his school tie before going on stage.		
George made		
		T.
Everyone was having a good time. The exception was Dar	niel.	***
With the		
"Can you explain this difficult problem to me?" John asked	Miss Sim	
John asked Miss Sim		
	Score:	/ 10
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ead	the passage on page 9 in	Booklet A and answer of	uestions 71 to 80.	(20 marks)	Do not write in this
	Nigel "tried hard to mask	this disappointment" (lir	nes 10-11).		space.
	(a) What did Nigel do to	mask his disappointme	nt? [1m]		
	(b) What does the word his disappointment?) tell us about his atte	empt at masking	
	Nigel had an "unrealistic	e expectation" (line 12).			
	(a) What was Nigel's ex	spectation? [1m]	·		
		information from an ea			
	then give one reason w	hy you think so. [2m]			
		True/False	Reason		
a)	Nigel wished his mother could pick him up at the school gate.				
b)	Nigel was excited when his grandmother said that she was holding a celebration for him.				

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer to
) her dream (line 19)	
) one such occasion (line 30)	
) predicament (line 33)	
In what ways did Nigel's mother sha	ow kindness to the elderly man? [2m]
	ow kindness to the elderly man? [2m]
(b)	
What were the "surprises" mentione (a)	, ,
(a)	
(b)	
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(BOOKLET A)

Q1	1	Q2	4	Q3	4	Q4	4	Q5	2
Q6	4	Q7	3	Q8	4	Q9	2	Q10	1
Q11	3	Q12	2	Q13	1	Q14	2	Q15	1
Q16	4	Q17	1	Q18	1	Q19	4	Q20	1
Q21	3	Q22	3	Q23	2	Q24	4	Q25	3
Q26	2	Q27	1	Q28	2				

(BOOKLET B)

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Q29	J	Q30	N	Q31	L 6	Q32	K	Q33	G
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-	(in)		(could)		(to)		(have)		(while)

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	Q39	enthralling	Q40	famous	Q41	curiosity	Q42	mistook	Q43	to
	Q44	nurture	Q45	their	Q46	voraciously	Q47	are	Q48	little
	Q49	thoroughly	Q50	neutralises						

Q51	adapt	Q52	solve	Q53	from	Q54	created	Q55	trial
Q56	rely	Q57	mistakes	Q58	does	Q59	appointment	Q60	used
Q61	questions	Q62	better	Q63	acquire	Q64	role	Q65	skilled

Q66	The twins as well as Joe know how to cycle.
Q67	It was thoughtful of Tim to buy a cake for his grandmother's birthday.
Q68	George made adjustment to his school tie before going on stage.
Q69	With the exception of Daniel, everyone was having a good time.
Q70	John asked Miss Sim if she could explain that difficult problem to him.

Q71	(a) He forced a smile.
	(b) His attempt failed as his grandmother knew he was downhearted.
·Q72	(a) His mother to pick him up at the school gate at dismissal time.
	(b) He could count the number of times Nigel's mother came to pick him up on the
L. Transport	fingers of one hand.
Q73	(a) True, He was envious of his friends whose mother would wait eagerly for them
	at the school gate.
	(b) False, He nodded half-heartedly

(a) finesse (b) working up a storm. made it a point (a) proud (b) his mother had to work hours and did not time for him. (a) Nigel's mother opening her own noodle stall. (b) One day when Nigel helped his mother at the stall. (c) Not having enough money to buy food. (a) Shge reassured him that he did not need to pay for the food. (b) She gave him a generous portion. (a) Nigel was accepted by a prestigious culinary school. (b) Nigel was going to take his mother and his grandmother for a holiday overseas
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