



MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

## 2021 PRACTICE PAPER

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PART 1

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Total time for Part 1: 30 minutes

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

CLASS: PRIMARY **4** \_\_\_\_\_

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FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

MARKS OBTAINED

\_\_\_\_\_ / 26

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION A: GRAMMAR****(10 x 1 mark)**

Choose the correct word to complete the blank. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). **Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

1. The children may burn \_\_\_\_\_ if they play with matches.

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

2. While walking to school yesterday, Sammy and Jane \_\_\_\_\_ shocked to witness a nasty accident.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

3. "Don't disturb me. I \_\_\_\_\_ a phone call now," Tom told his sister.

- (1) made
- (2) makes
- (3) am making
- (4) have made

4. Last week, my parents \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of groceries from the supermarket.

- (1) buy
- (2) bought
- (3) were buying
- (4) have bought

5. This cup of bubble tea is not sweet enough. It has too \_\_\_\_\_ sugar in it.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) much
- (4) many

6. \_\_\_\_\_ majestic castle that you can see here is not open to visitors.
- (1) This
  - (2) That
  - (3) These
  - (4) Those
7. John decided not to enter the mall as there were too \_\_\_\_\_ people in the queue.
- (1) few
  - (2) many
  - (3) much
  - (4) some
8. As the runners \_\_\_\_\_ on the track, it began to rain heavily.
- (1) run
  - (2) will run
  - (3) have run
  - (4) were running
9. The two bullies \_\_\_\_\_ ashamed of themselves when they were reprimanded by the teacher.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
10. Miss Lee is a creative person who designs the art work all by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) herself
  - (2) himself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves

**SECTION B: VOCABULARY****(6 x 1 mark)**

Choose the correct word to complete the blank. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). **Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

11. That duty boy was scolded by the monitor for being \_\_\_\_\_ in carrying out his recess duties.
- (1) joyous
  - (2) cautious
  - (3) negligent
  - (4) generous
12. The school bus would have \_\_\_\_\_ with the tree if the driver had not pulled his brake in time.
- (1) hauled
  - (2) collided
  - (3) skidded
  - (4) snapped
13. The police was taking down the statements of the \_\_\_\_\_ who happened to be at the scene of the crime.
- (1) viewers
  - (2) witnesses
  - (3) inspectors
  - (4) spectators
14. The angry man \_\_\_\_\_ at the naughty children for making a big mess at his garden.
- (1) hollered
  - (2) muttered
  - (3) squeaked
  - (4) whispered
15. In order to \_\_\_\_\_ good results, we must be diligent and work hard in our studies.
- (1) access
  - (2) assess
  - (3) retrieve
  - (4) achieve
16. The soccer team \_\_\_\_\_ a good performance and made the school proud.
- (1) put in
  - (2) put on
  - (3) put up
  - (4) put off

# SECTION C: VISUAL TEXT COMPREHENSION

(5 x 2 marks)

Read the advertisement carefully and then answer questions 17 to 21.

**Bartley Community Centre Presents**



# CHECKMATE!

Means 'the King is dead' in Persian  
Come learn how to play chess!



Our first  
ever  
Chess  
Carnival!

**Date:** 30 October 2021 (Saturday)  
**Time:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Venue:** The Grand Hall, Bartley Community Centre

**Admission:** Adult \$8  
 Child (4-12 years old) \$3  
 Tickets sold at our website

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Learn &amp; Play!</b> </p> <p>Get a chance to play with other visitors. First-time players are welcome. Our club volunteers will teach you the game and play with you!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Venue: Booth 1<br/>Time: 1p.m. – 6p.m.</p>                   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pop-up Store</b> </p> <p>Purchase your beginner chess sets here! Or choose from our bestselling series of top-grade chess pieces. Chess books varying from beginner to advanced levels are also available.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Venue: Booth 2<br/>Time: All day</p>                                                                                                                                         |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Demonstration Game by Grandmaster (GM) Chen Jiu</b></p> <p>GM Chen Jiu will play against six lucky visitors simultaneously! Players will be randomly picked through ticket numbers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Venue: Hall Stage<br/>Time: 3p.m. – 4p.m. </p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Puzzle Lucky Draw</b> </p> <p>Win an autographed copy of Chen Jiu's book, Chess Strategies!</p> <p>Complete a chess puzzle and drop your answer with your particulars into the Lucky Draw box.</p> <p>3 lucky winners with the correct answer will be picked and revealed at 5.45p.m.!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Venue: Booth 3<br/>Time: 10a.m – 3p.m.</p>                                                       |
| <p>For more information, call 6721-2000 or visit our website: <a href="http://www.bartleycc.com">www.bartleycc.com</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p>Proud sponsor:  Singapore Chess Society</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Live Online Demonstration of our new app ChessWhizz.</b></p> <p>Scan the QR Code to download ChessWhizz. Play against opponents from around the world.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Venue: Booth 4<br/>Time: All day</p> </div>  </div> |

For each question from 17 to 21, 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.**

17. According to the advertisement, who is the organiser of this event?

- (1) ChessWhizz
- (2) Grandmaster Chen Jiu
- (3) Singapore Chess Society
- (4) Bartley Community Centre

18. Xavier wants a chance to win a prize. He has to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) challenge someone to a game of chess
- (2) download ChessWhizz using a QR Code
- (3) solve a chess puzzle and submit his answer
- (4) attend the demonstration by Grandmaster Chen Jiu

19. In order to have a definite chance of playing a physical game of chess in person, one should visit \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Booth 1
- (2) Booth 2
- (3) Booth 3
- (4) Booth 4

20. Which one of the following statements is **true**?

- (1) The pop-up store sells only top-grade chess pieces.
- (2) First-time players are not allowed to play chess at the event.
- (3) Visitors above the age of twelve need to pay \$8 to attend the event.
- (4) Submissions of answers to chess puzzles will be accepted until 5.45 p.m.

21. The **main** aim of the advertisement is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) promote the sales of chess pieces
- (2) encourage people to pick up the game of chess
- (3) showcase Grandmaster Chen Jiu's chess skills
- (4) allow visitors to play with chess players around the world

**(Go on to Part 2)**



MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

## 2021 PRACTICE PAPER

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PART 2

Total time for Part 2: 45 minutes

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CLASS: PRIMARY **4** \_\_\_\_\_

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### MARKS OBTAINED

PART 1: \_\_\_\_\_ / 26

PART 2: \_\_\_\_\_ / 24

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE****(8 x 1 mark)**

Read the following passage carefully. Choose from the words given in the box and fill in each blank with the correct word. Write its **letter** (A to F) in each blank.

**USE A WORD ONLY ONCE****PASSAGE 1**

- |         |          |          |
|---------|----------|----------|
| (A) it  | (B) us   | (C) you  |
| (D) him | (E) they | (F) them |

The students were on an excursion to the Zoo. Their teacher, Miss Lim took (22) \_\_\_\_\_ to see the wildlife animals. Ronie, the most mischievous boy in class, made a growl at the deer and frightened (23) \_\_\_\_\_ away.

"I can't believe that (24) \_\_\_\_\_ could be so unkind to the animals," said Miss Lim. She was so upset with (25) \_\_\_\_\_ that she decided to keep an eye on him for the rest of the excursion.

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| <b>Score:</b> | <b>/ 4</b> |
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## PASSAGE 2

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

Hobbies are activities that help us to relax after a stressful day. They \_\_\_\_\_

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(25) [ give / gives ] us something fun to do during our leisure time like gardening or

dancing. Having a hobby \_\_\_\_\_<sup>27</sup> (26) [ provide / provides.] us with the opportunity to

learn new skills. Nowadays, we \_\_\_\_\_<sup>28</sup> (27) [ has / have] so many different activities

to choose from. The best way to cultivate a new hobby \_\_\_\_\_<sup>29</sup> (28) [ is / are ] to try

something new.

Score: / 4

**SECTION E: VOCABULARY CLOZE****(5 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its **letter** (A to H) in each blank.

**USE A WORD ONLY ONCE**

|             |               |              |             |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| (A) arrived | (B) burrowing | (C) explored | (D) feeding |
| (E) haul    | (F) hunt      | (G) paddling | (H) reached |

During the June holidays, my brother and I went on a canoe trip in the wild. We enjoyed (30)\_\_\_\_\_ up the river. I was thrilled to see a moose (31)\_\_\_\_\_ on the plants along the river bank. It even lifted its head to look at me.

When we (32)\_\_\_\_\_ at the campsite, my brother put up the tent while I went looking for firewood. I (33)\_\_\_\_\_ the surrounding, trying to spot the various types of creatures that lived in the forest.

Before going to bed, we put all our food into a big bag and used ropes to (34)\_\_\_\_\_ it up a tall tree to keep it safe. Thank goodness, our food was still there when we woke up the next day.

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| <b>Score:</b> | <b>/ 5</b> |
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**SECTION F: SENTENCE MANIPULATION**

**(3 x 1 mark)**

For each of the items from 35 to 37, 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).

35. Ali does not eat durian. His friends do not eat durian as well.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

36. My dad is the policeman. He had caught the culprit of the robbery case.

\_\_\_\_\_ who

\_\_\_\_\_

37. John must work very hard. Then he will be successful.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>Score:</b> | <b>/ 3</b> |
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Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Walking into the classroom alone on the first day of school, Albert missed Benny, his best friend. Benny had transferred to another school at the end of last year.

During recess, while queuing for his food, Albert thought of the moments he shared fondly with Benny. Memories of the past came flooding back into his mind. One particular event surfaced in his thoughts.

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It was a Thursday afternoon. Albert and Benny decided to head to the nearest convenience store after school. Spoilt for choice, Albert decided to get biscuits while Benny decided on a drink. Just as Albert reached for the biscuits, he accidentally knocked over a stack of snacks piled neatly on the counter and it fell to the ground.

"Oh no, let's go!" he exclaimed as he looked around frantically.

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"We shouldn't escape. Let's approach the shop assistant and explain that it was an accident," Benny replied calmly.

Albert immediately felt ashamed of what he had said. Both of them went forward to recount the incident to the shop assistant. The shop assistant did not lose his cool. Instead, he asked them to put the items back. Albert was thankful for his kindness.

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Albert could not wait to meet his best friend during the school holidays. He grinned from ear to ear as he looked forward to that day.

For Q38 - 39, tick ✓ whether the statement describes Albert or Benny.  
The first example has been done for you.

[2m]

| Activities described in paragraphs 1 and 2 |                                  | Albert | Benny |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Example                                    | Entered the classroom by himself | ✓      |       |
| 38.                                        | Transferred school               |        |       |
| 39.                                        | Queued up for food               |        |       |

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write in  
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space.

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40. What does the word 'it' in line 9 refer to?

[1m]

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41. Which three-word phrase from lines 14 - 17 has the same meaning as 'getting angry'?

[1m]

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42. For Q42, read each statement and tick ✓ **True** or **False**. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

|                | Statement                                                  | True | False |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|
| <b>Example</b> | The shop assistant felt ashamed of what the boys had done. |      | ✓     |
| (i)            | Benny recalled the times spent with his best friend.       |      |       |
| (ii)           | The boys owned up to their action.                         |      |       |

Do not write in this space.

43. These are the emotions experienced by Albert during his visit to the convenience store. Put them in the right sequence, according to the flow in the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ Albert panicked.

\_\_\_\_\_ Albert felt relieved.

\_\_\_\_\_ Albert was embarrassed

44. Explain why Albert grinned from ear to ear in line 17 [1m]

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**Score:**      / 8

**(End of Paper)**



## ANSWER KEY

**YEAR : 2021**  
**LEVEL : Primary 4**  
**SCHOOL : Maris Stella High School**  
**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**  
**TERM : Practice Paper**

### **BOOKLET A (PAPER 2)**

|     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |
|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|
| Q1  | 4 | Q2  | 4 | Q3  | 3 | Q4  | 2 | Q5  | 2 |
| Q6  | 1 | Q7  | 2 | Q8  | 4 | Q9  | 4 | Q10 | 1 |
| Q11 | 3 | Q12 | 2 | Q13 | 2 | Q14 | 1 | Q15 | 4 |
| Q16 | 3 | Q17 | 4 | Q18 | 3 | Q19 | 1 | Q20 | 3 |
| Q21 | 2 |     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |

### **BOOKLET B (PAPER 2)**

|     |      |     |          |     |      |     |    |
|-----|------|-----|----------|-----|------|-----|----|
| Q22 | F    | Q23 | A        | Q24 | C    | Q25 | D  |
| Q26 | give | Q27 | provides | Q28 | have | Q29 | is |

|     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |     |   |
|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|
| Q30 | G | Q31 | D | Q32 | A | Q33 | C | Q34 | E |
|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---|

|     |                                                                         |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Q35 | Neither Ali nor his friends eat durian.                                 |
| Q36 | My dad is the policeman who had caught the culprit of the robbery case. |
| Q37 | Unless John works very hard, he will not be successful.                 |
| Q38 | Benny                                                                   |
| Q39 | Albert                                                                  |
| Q40 | It refers to the stack of snacks piled neatly on the counter.           |
| Q41 | lose his cool                                                           |
| Q42 | (i) False<br>(ii) True                                                  |
| Q43 | 1<br>3<br>2                                                             |
| Q44 | He could not wait to meet his best friend during the school holiday.    |