



MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

2023 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 1 (WRITING)

17 August 2023 (Thursday)

1 hour 10 minutes

55 marks

NAME

CLASS

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

Dogs



Adoption Drive

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

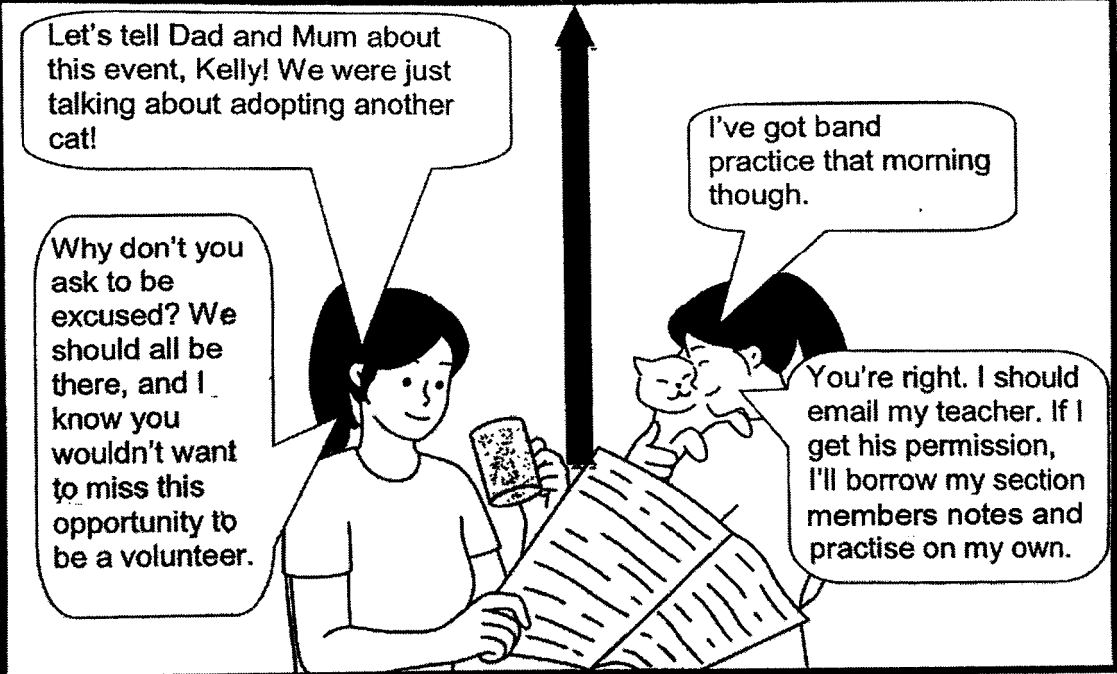
Cats



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!



Let's tell Dad and Mum about this event, Kelly! We were just talking about adopting another cat!

Why don't you ask to be excused? We should all be there, and I know you wouldn't want to miss this opportunity to be a volunteer.

I've got band practice that morning though.

You're right. I should email my teacher. If I get his permission, I'll borrow my section members notes and practise on my own.

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:

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

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

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

2 Write a composition of at least 150 words about a **difficult task**.

The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What was the difficult task?
- Was the task accomplished?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.



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