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**AI TONG SCHOOL**

**2004 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PRIMARY 3**

**DURATION : 1 hour 15 min**

**DATE: \_\_\_\_\_**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

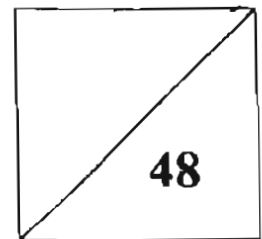
**Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.**

**Follow all instructions.**

**Answer all questions.**

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**Marks :**



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**Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Part 1 – Multiple Choice Questions**  
**Section A : Vocabulary ( 6 x 1 mark )**

**Choose the most suitable answer for each question and shade its number 1, 2, 3 or 4 on the OAS provided.**

1. Every night, before Jane goes to bed, she writes in her \_\_\_\_\_ about what she did during the day.  
  
(1) album  
(2) diary  
(3) register  
(4) dictionary
  
2. As Mary was in a hurry to leave the house, she quickly \_\_\_\_\_ down her tea.  
  
(1) tasted  
(2) sipped  
(3) gulped  
(4) gasped
  
3. Isn't it fun to know how to \_\_\_\_\_ a model aeroplane and watch it fly?  
  
(1) solve  
(2) serve  
(3) practice  
(4) assemble
  
4. These pieces of waste paper could be \_\_\_\_\_ into useful objects.  
  
(1) reduced  
(2) recycled  
(3) removed  
(4) recovered
  
5. The pupils were as quiet as \_\_\_\_\_ when the discipline teacher walked into the room.  
  
(1) flies  
(2) mice  
(3) birds  
(4) rabbits

6. The story told by Harry was \_\_\_\_\_. It was not true at all.

- (1) unclear
- (2) unexpected
- (3) unbelievable
- (4) uninteresting

**Section B : Grammar ( 6 x 1 mark)**

7. That is a live wire. It will electrocute you. You \_\_\_\_\_ touch it.

- (1) may
- (2) must
- (3) mustn't
- (4) should

8. Our car has run \_\_\_\_\_ of petrol.

- (1) up
- (2) out
- (3) down
- (4) away

9. John and Tom have only \_\_\_\_\_ to blame for falling sick. They were playing soccer in the heavy rain yesterday.

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

10. The drunken driver drove his car right \_\_\_\_\_ the metal gate of his house.

- (1) into
- (2) under
- (3) round
- (4) along

11. The Principal is going to \_\_\_\_\_ away the prizes to the volleyball players.

- (1) give
- (2) gave
- (3) given
- (4) giving

12. Mrs. Tan cuts the watermelon \_\_\_\_\_ everyone can have a slice of it.

- (1) and
- (2) but
- (3) so that
- (4) because

**Section C : Comprehension ( 5 x 2 marks )**

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

For many years, hundreds of years in fact, people have recognized dogs as "man's best friends". Some dogs work very hard for people. They are used as sheepdogs, to herd sheep in many places in the world. Some even pull sleds in snow covered lands. Police dogs help to sniff out drugs hidden in secret places in luggage and hunt for criminals.

Dogs can be trained to help the **visually impaired** and physically disabled. A guide dog is very useful to someone who cannot see.

Do you know that dogs can be famous movie stars too? Well, one of these "actors" on television and movies was the famous dog named Rin Tin Tin, who even used to sign his own movie contracts – with a pawprint!

Adapted from Sunday Times, KidCity "Working Dogs"  
(GREAT STUFF FOR GREAT KIDS [www.sesamcworkshop.org](http://www.sesamcworkshop.org))

**Choose the correct answer and shade its number 1, 2, 3 or 4 on the OAS provided.**

13. Besides being "man's best friends", how do dogs help the Eskimos?

- (1) They pull sleds.
- (2) They herd sheep.
- (3) They sniff out drugs.
- (4) They hunt for criminals.

14. What is the meaning of the words "visually impaired"?

- (1) Someone who cannot see well
- (2) Someone who cannot hear well
- (3) Someone who cannot talk well
- (4) Someone who cannot walk well

15. The movie and television actor Rin Tin Tin signed his movie contracts \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) with his pen
- (2) with his paw
- (3) with his pencil
- (4) with his parents

16. What do we call a dog which is trained to help the visually impaired?

- (1) A sheepdog.
- (2) A police dog.
- (3) A guide dog.
- (4) A famous dog.

17. Where would you most likely find police dogs sniffing out drugs?

- (1) At the swimming pool
- (2) In a shopping centre
- (3) At the airport
- (4) In a hospital

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**Part 2: Open-ended Questions**

**Section D : Vocabulary Cloze ( 8 x 1 mark )**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter "I" has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

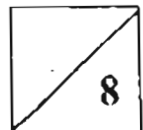
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| (A) looked    | (B) difficulty | (C) noted   |
| (D) noticed   | (E) vegetable  | (F) variety |
| (G) wrong     | (H) skidded    | (J) cook    |
| (K) dangerous | (L) fruit      | (M) slipped |

Si Ling went to the market with her mother last Sunday. She loves going to the market as she loves watching the great \_\_\_\_\_ (18) of vegetables on sale.

Si Ling went from stall to stall with her mother, looking for the \_\_\_\_\_ (19) that her mother wishes to \_\_\_\_\_ (20) for the day. As she was looking around, she \_\_\_\_\_ (21) an old man walking slowly. The old man was carrying a bag. He \_\_\_\_\_ (22) feeble. He was also wearing a pair of slippers. Si Ling felt that it was \_\_\_\_\_ (23) to wear slippers to the wet market.

The floor was wet and slippery. Suddenly the old man stepped on a small pool of water, \_\_\_\_\_ (24) and fell on his buttocks. He groaned in pain and had \_\_\_\_\_ (25) getting up. Si Ling walked quickly to the old man and tried to help him up.



**Section E : Grammar Cloze ( 8 x 1 mark )**

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

**Passage 1**

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(A) running	(B) was running	(C) runner	(D) ran
(E) runs	(F) run	(G) will run	

Kai Xin is our school athlete. He has been \_\_\_\_\_ (26) for two years now. Kai Xin \_\_\_\_\_ (27) often to keep himself fit.

Last week, he took part in a 100 m race. He \_\_\_\_\_ (28) so fast that he broke the school record. He was leading in the race by the time he reached the 50 metre mark.

Kai Xin hopes that one day, he would become a national \_\_\_\_\_ (29) to represent Singapore in the Olympics.

**Passage 2**

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(A) at	(B) on	(C) to	(D) out
(E) into	(F) for	(G) of	

At a police road-block, two policemen used torches \_\_\_\_\_ (30) signal to an approaching car to stop. However, the motorist did not stop. He sped through the road-block. The police were startled and opened fire \_\_\_\_\_ (31) the vehicle. Then the police got \_\_\_\_\_ (32) their police car and gave chase. After some time, they lost sight \_\_\_\_\_ (33) the speeding vehicle.

**Section F : Comprehension OE ( 5 x 2 marks )**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.**

The tiger is both beautiful and powerful. Its black stripes stand out clearly in its coat of yellowish brown or orange red. These dark stripes help the tiger to hide among the tall grass and shadows of forests and jungles so that its enemies find it difficult to see it.

An adult tiger may weigh about two hundred kilograms and measure about three metres long. However, the female tiger is slightly shorter and lighter. The male tiger also has a more attractive face.

Tigers are excellent swimmers and can swim from one island to another in search of prey. They also enjoy swimming on hot days.

The tiger likes to hunt alone at night. It is known to attack large animals, such as cows, deer, wild pigs and even baby elephants. The tiger may also eat smaller animals like monkeys, fish, frogs and tortoises. Tigers need to eat large amounts of meat in order to stay alive.

Strangely, tigers are known to avoid human beings. They do not usually attack man unless they are seriously injured and extremely hungry because they cannot find food.



**Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.**

34. How do the black stripes of a tiger help it to escape from its enemies?

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35. State two differences between the male and female tigers.

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36. When the tiger goes "in search of prey", what is it doing?

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37. Why are tigers often hunting for food?

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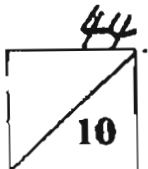
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38. If a man comes face to face with a badly injured tiger in a forest, will he be attacked by the tiger? Why?

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2) 3            29) C  
3) 4            30) C  
4) 2            31) A  
5) 2            32) E  
6) 3            33) G  
7) 3            34) These black stripes of a tiger help to hide  
                 among the tall grass and shadows of forests  
8) 2            and jungles so that black stripes of a tiger  
                 help them to escape from its enemies.  
9) 4            35) Male tigers have more attractive faces and  
10) 1            female tigers was slightly shorter and lighter.  
11) 1            36) It is looking for food.  
12) 3            37) Tigers need to eat large amount of meat in order  
                 to stay alive.  
13) 1            38) Yes, the tiger is very hungry if it was seriously  
14) 2            injured.  
15) 2  
16) 3  
17) 3  
18) F  
19) E  
20) J  
21) D  
22) A  
23) K  
24) M  
25) B  
26) A  
27) E

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