



AI TONG SCHOOL  
2006

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 3

PAPER 2

BOOKLET A

DURATION : 1hr 30 min

DATE : 8 MAY 2006

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Follow all instructions.

Answer all questions.

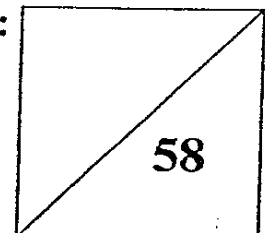
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Marks :



**Section A: Grammar MCQ (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. Jane borrowed some books \_\_\_\_\_ the library.  
(1) to (2) from  
(3) near (4) for
  
2. Did you \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves at the party?  
(1) enjoy (2) enjoys  
(3) enjoying (4) enjoyed
  
3. She will not go to sleep \_\_\_\_\_ you sing her a lullaby.  
(1) if (2) when  
(3) because (4) unless
  
4. Singapore is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ cities in South-east Asia.  
(1) busy (2) busier  
(3) busiest (4) most busiest
  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ did you feel when you won the first prize in the lucky draw?  
(1) What (2) Why  
(3) How (4) When
  
6. It is considerate of Jane to offer \_\_\_\_\_ seat to the old lady.  
(1) hers (2) his  
(3) theirs (4) her

**Section B: Vocabulary MCQ ( 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.

7. The girl from 3J was \_\_\_\_\_ by the principal for being honest.  
(1) approved (2) commended  
(3) respected (4) requested
8. "Wow! What a splendid-looking car!" \_\_\_\_\_ Ahmad.  
(1) sighed (2) groaned  
(3) grumbled (4) exclaimed
9. The accident \_\_\_\_\_ four lives.  
(1) ate (2) claimed  
(3) killed (4) hit
10. Many people heard the poor girl's cries for help. However, they \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
(1) ignored (2) heeded  
(3) neglected (4) scolded
11. The king \_\_\_\_\_ himself as a clown.  
(1) cheated (2) disguised  
(3) pretended (4) displayed
12. To set up the computer, you must follow the \_\_\_\_\_ in the manual.  
(1) methods (2) instructions  
(3) contents (4) advice

**Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)**

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the most suitable answer for each question and shade its number 1, 2, 3 or 4 on the OAS provided.

"Mariam, it's time to go to the clinic now," called her mother.

"Oh, must we? I thought I have just had my teeth checked last month," Mariam answered.

"Last month? You must have lost count of the days. It was six months ago that you had your last check-up. It's the second of April today," declared her mother.

Mariam and her mother took a bus to the dental clinic. Mariam was worried that the dentist might find a decayed tooth and extract it. She had not always taken good care of her teeth. Sometimes, she had even gone to bed without brushing her teeth. She felt guilty.

Dr Lim was a friendly man. He knew that Mariam was nervous and he tried to calm her. He talked about the puppy he had just bought and asked her whether she liked dogs. He told her the food his pet ate and how he taught it to perform tricks. While he was speaking, he was examining Mariam's teeth at the same time.

"No cavities," he declared after ten minutes. Mariam heaved a sigh of relief. She vowed to take better care of her teeth so that she would not be so anxious when she goes for her next dental appointment.

13. Mariam's \_\_\_\_\_ accompanied her to the dental clinic.

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|-------------|------------|
| (1) dentist | (2) father |
| (3) mother  | (4) dog    |

14. Mariam was reluctant to go to the clinic because she \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) did not like the dentist
  - (2) was afraid of the dentist
  - (3) was afraid of tooth extraction
  - (4) had never been to the dentist before
15. Dr Lim tried to make Mariam comfortable by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) telling her stories
  - (2) talking about his pet
  - (3) giving her a soft toy
  - (4) asking about her pet
16. Mariam was anxious because she had \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) not taken a lot of fruit
  - (2) never rinsed her mouth
  - (3) taken good care of her teeth
  - (4) not brushed her teeth regularly
17. Which one of these statements is **NOT** true?
- (1) Mariam did not have any cavities.
  - (2) Mariam visited the dentist once every six months.
  - (3) Mariam never brushed her teeth before going to bed.
  - (4) Mariam's mother accompanied her to the dental clinic.

**BOOKLET B**

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

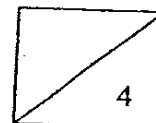
Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letters (A to H) in each blank.

**Passage One**

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

<del>(A)</del> under	<del>(B)</del> in	<del>(E)</del> along	<del>(D)</del> on
<del>(H)</del> through	<del>(F)</del> at	<del>(G)</del> to	<del>(H)</del> behind

How are trees useful to us? Trees (18) \_\_\_\_\_ the roads provide shade and beautify the surroundings. Have you ever noticed that on a hot day, it is cooler (19) \_\_\_\_\_ the trees than in the shade of a building? Yes, trees are like huge outdoor air-conditioners – a single tree (20) \_\_\_\_\_ the city can produce the same effect as five air-conditioners running 20 hours a day! On a hot day, a tree may take in about 200 litres of water (21) \_\_\_\_\_ its roots. Most of this water escapes through its leaves, cooling the surrounding air.



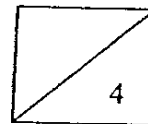
Passage Two

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

<del>(A)</del> him	<del>(B)</del> them	<del>(C)</del> yourselves	<del>(D)</del> his
<del>(E)</del> her	<del>(F)</del> she	<del>(G)</del> we	<del>(H)</del> themselves

Loud wailing of sirens filled the air. John looked up and saw a fire engine racing past him. He also noticed plumes of thick black smoke. He quickened (22) \_\_\_\_\_ footsteps as curiosity got the better of (23) \_\_\_\_\_.

Nearing a block of HDB flats, he saw one of the units had caught fire. Many people were talking among (24) \_\_\_\_\_ at the foot of the block. John also noticed a woman crying loudly and some women were trying to comfort (25) \_\_\_\_\_. It was then that John realized that a boy was trapped in the unit.



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

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

**Passage One**

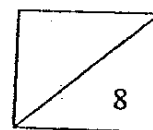
**USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A) lend	(B) head	(C) pushing	(D) train
(E) bus	(F) borrow	(G) reprimanded	(H) lift
(J) encouraging	(K) hands	(L) escalator	(M) playing

After watching my favourite cartoon programme, I decided to go to the National Library to (26) \_\_\_\_\_ some books for my reading pleasure.

I made my way to the MRT station. After purchasing my ticket, I took the (27) \_\_\_\_\_ up to the platform. When I looked at the screen, I found that the next (28) \_\_\_\_\_ would only arrive in seven minutes. The platform was rather quiet as it was a working day for most people.

I was enjoying the view when I heard some laughter. Two boys were running up from the escalator. They were (29) \_\_\_\_\_ one another and laughing loudly. I shook my (30) \_\_\_\_\_ in disgust at the way they were behaving. I was taken aback when I saw one of them trying to (31) \_\_\_\_\_ the fire extinguisher off its holder. The other boy was laughing and (32) \_\_\_\_\_ him. Just then, the station master came and (33) \_\_\_\_\_ the boys for their misbehaviour.

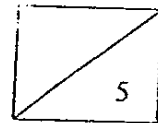




**Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with suitable words of your own.**  
( 5 x 1 mark)

**Passage Two**

Gerald enjoys playing soccer. When his father (34) \_\_\_\_\_ him a soccer ball on his birthday, he was so (35) \_\_\_\_\_ that he played everyday after he had completed his homework. Gerald (36) \_\_\_\_\_ to play at the field in front of his house. He would always invite his neighbours to play (37) \_\_\_\_\_ him. He practises a lot and now he plays (38) \_\_\_\_\_ his school team. Gerald's soccer coach is very proud of him as he is the best player in his team.



**Section F : Synthesis/Transformation ( 5 x 2 marks)**

For each of the items 51 to 55, rewrite the given sentences 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).

39. Jack enjoys swimming. His cousin enjoys swimming.

Both \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

40. Jill did not turn up at the party. She was ill.

\_\_\_\_\_ because  
\_\_\_\_\_

41. The children were feeling hungry and tired. They decided to take a break.

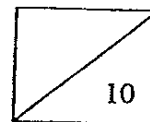
\_\_\_\_\_ so  
\_\_\_\_\_

42. He read a chapter of his book. He was travelling to Bishan on the MRT train.

\_\_\_\_\_ while  
\_\_\_\_\_

43. I did not answer my mum. She screamed at me.

\_\_\_\_\_ until  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Section G : Comprehension Open-Ended ( 5 x 2 marks)**

**Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 44 to 48.**

The Dragon Boat Festival, which was originally celebrated in China, takes place yearly during the fifth month of the lunar calendar.

Every year in Singapore, many people gather together at the riverside to watch the interesting dragon boat race. Many organisations such as the local banks and schools send their representatives to take part in this race. The race is usually held on a Sunday morning, because that is the time when most people are free to watch the race.

The dragon boats used in the race are usually very beautifully painted in various colours. Each boat has the carving of a dragon's head at its bow. The drummer stands at the dragon's head, facing his team members while beating the drum. The rhythm and the pace of the oarsmen rowing the boat depend very much on the drummer's beat. It is very exciting to hear the loud boom of the drum as each of the dragon boats taking part in the race gathers speed towards the finishing line. The spectators add more noise by cheering and shouting for their favourite team as they watch the race.

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

44. How often is the Dragon Boat Festival celebrated?

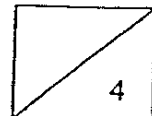
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45. Where was the festival first celebrated?

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46. Which organisations take part in the race?

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47. Which sentence in the passage tells us that the dragon boats are colourful?

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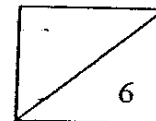
48. Why do the spectators make a lot of noise as they watch the race?

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**END OF PAPER TWO -**

*~ Have you checked your answers carefully? ~*



**Answer Sheets**  
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| 1) 2  | 2) 1  | 3) 4  | 4) 3  | 5) 3  |
| 6) 4  | 7) 2  | 8) 4  | 9) 2  | 10) 1 |
| 11) 2 | 12) 2 | 13) 3 | 14) 3 | 15) 2 |
| 16) 4 | 17) 3 | 18) C | 19) A | 20) B |
| 21) E | 22) D | 23) A | 24) H | 25) E |
| 26) F | 27) L | 28) D | 29) C | 30) B |
| 31) H | 32) J | 33) G |       |       |
- 34) **bought**    35) **happy**    36) **likes**    37) **with**    38) **for**

- Q39. Both Jack and his cousin enjoy swimming.
- Q40. Jill did not turn up at the party because she was ill.
- Q41. The children were feeling hungry and tired so they decided to take a break.
- Q42. He read a chapter of his book while he was traveling to Bishan on the MRT train.
- Q43. I did not answer my mum until she screamed at me.
- Q44. It is often celebrated yearly during the fifth month of the lunar calendar.
- Q45. It was first celebrate in China.
- Q46. Organizations such as local banks and schools send in their representatives to take part in the race.
- Q47. The sentence "The dragon boats used in the race are usually very beautifully painted in various colours" tells us that the dragon boats are colourful.
- Q48. They make a lot of noise because they are cheering and shouting for their favourite team as they watch the match.