

TAO NAN SCHOOL

PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH LANGUAGE MID-YEAR EXAMINATION – 2011

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Name: _____ ()

Date: **10 May 2011**

Class: Primary 3 _____

Time: **8.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.**

Duration: **1 hour 30 minutes**

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

	SCORE	MARKS
Section A - D		30
Section E - I		40
Total		70

Parent's Signature: _____

Section A (5 x 1m)

Graphic Stimulus

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

Dancing @ Coral Community Club

135 Coral Lane Singapore 447 369

www.coralcc.pa.sg

Ballroom Dancing



Day: Every Tuesday
Time: 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Venue: Dance Studio 1
Commence Date: 24 May 2011

- Minimum of 6 couples for class to begin
- No more than eight couples for each class
- Participants are advised to find their own partners

Fee for each class is \$100 per person for 5 lessons.

Tap Dancing

Day: Every Saturday
Time: 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
Venue: Dance Studio 2
Commence Date: 21 May 2011

Group A: Children aged 6 to 12 years
Group B: Teenagers aged 13 to 19 years

Ballet

Day: Every Sunday
Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Beginners)
4 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Intermediate)
Venue: Dance Studio 2
Commence Date: 22 May 2011



Free trial lesson for Beginners on 15 May 2011, 2 p.m. @ Dance Studio 2

- Classes are strictly for residents of Coral Constituency.
- Registration forms are available at the General Office of the community club.
- Starting date for registration : 10 May 2011
- Closing date for registration: 20 May 2011
- Contact person: Call Sheila, 6321 6321 (during office hours) or e-mail sheila@coralcc.pa.sg

All instructors are from Tinklebell Dancing School

For each question from 1 to 5, 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 OAS.

1. This advertisement is meant for _____.
(1) adults only
(2) children and teenagers only
(3) residents of Coral Constituency
(4) dancers of Tinklebell Dancing School

2. For the Ballroom Dancing lessons to start, there must be a minimum of _____ couples.
(1) six
(2) five
(3) eight
(4) fourteen

3. On 21 May 2011, Sally turned up for her Tap Dancing class at 10 a.m. However she could not find anyone at Dance Studio 1. Sally had got the _____ mixed up.
(1) day
(2) date
(3) time
(4) venue

4. Betty is hesitant about joining the Ballet class. She should give it a try on _____ before signing up.
(1) 15 May 2011
(2) 21 May 2011
(3) 22 May 2011
(4) 24 May 2011

5. The dancing lessons are taught by _____.
(1) Sheila
(2) residents of Coral constituency
(3) staff of Coral Community Club
(4) teachers of Tinklebell Dancing School

Section B (10 x 1m)

Grammar

For each question from 6 to 15, 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 OAS.

6. In her rush to reach the airport on time, Miss Sim _____ not remember if she had turned off the stove.

- (1) must
- (2) could
- (3) should
- (4) would

7. Molly _____ because she was feeling cold in the air-conditioned room.

- (1) shiver
- (2) shivers
- (3) shivered
- (4) shivering

8. The cook of that stall has a special recipe for frying fritters so they _____ crispy.

- (1) remain
- (2) remains
- (3) remained
- (4) remaining

9. "Look at _____ tadpoles in my hand!" exclaimed my younger brother.

- (1) this
- (2) that
- (3) these
- (4) those

10. That road is experiencing heavy traffic. There are _____ vehicles caught in the jam.

- (1) much
- (2) a few
- (3) a little
- (4) a lot of

11. The audience gave the children a thunderous round of applause for putting _____ a great show at the annual concert.

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

12. Siti, together with her parents, _____ arriving from America next Sunday.

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

13. "Have you _____ your name?" the teacher asked her pupils

- (1) write
- (2) writes
- (3) wrote
- (4) written

14. Mrs Lim took John and _____ to the carnival.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) my
- (4) mine

15. _____ there was a delay in the singer's flight, the concert at his next destination was cancelled.

- (1) Unless
- (2) When
- (3) Since
- (4) While

Section C (10 x 1m)

Vocabulary

For each question from 16 to 25, 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 OAS.

16. Eddie looked up the meaning of the difficult word in the _____.
- (1) atlas
 - (2) directory
 - (3) dictionary
 - (4) thesaurus
17. "The tall boy sitting in front of me is _____ my view. I cannot see!" Tania complained.
- (1) masking
 - (2) disrupting
 - (3) obstructing
 - (4) interrupting
18. The little girl, who was lost in the shopping centre, asked for _____ to the information counter.
- (1) orders
 - (2) directions
 - (3) instructions
 - (4) demonstrations
19. "Don't _____. You should read aloud," the teacher encouraged Sally.
- (1) gasp
 - (2) moan
 - (3) groan
 - (4) mumble
20. The police are still _____ the matter. The culprit has not been caught.
- (1) checking
 - (2) analysing
 - (3) examining
 - (4) investigating

21. Mike was so _____ when his beloved pet puppy died that he cried for days.
- (1) worried
 - (2) depressed
 - (3) discouraged
 - (4) disappointed
22. The judges were impressed by the talented girl who danced as gracefully as a _____.
- (1) dove
 - (2) swan
 - (3) parrot
 - (4) peacock
23. After the car accident, a group of onlookers _____ at the scene.
- (1) grouped
 - (2) gathered
 - (3) assembled
 - (4) surrounded
24. Sarah looked out of her window and used her _____ to look at the bird's nest that was in a tree at the far end of the garden.
- (1) camera
 - (2) telescope
 - (3) binoculars
 - (4) microscope
25. Tina fell at the parade square and grazed her knees badly. She _____ to the General Office to get some medication.
- (1) strutted
 - (2) sprinted
 - (3) hobbled
 - (4) swaggered

Section D (5 x 1m)

Comprehension MCQ

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30. Your answer must be based on the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

In ancient Persia, there lived an old merchant whose name was Kasim. He was the wealthiest of all the merchants but he was a miser. His robe was torn and tattered. However the worst were his slippers. He had bought the brown leather slippers ten years ago. Now, the slippers were full of patches that had been stiched on by countless of cobblers. 5

One day, Kasim went to a public swimming pool. As he was swimming, his friend, Rahim, advised him, "You should throw away those slippers. You are the laughing stock of the village." Kasim ignored Rahim and continued to swim.

Just as Kasim was getting ready to go home, he found a new pair of expensive slippers at the same spot where he had left his old slippers. "Hmm... They must be presents from Rahim," he mused. Unfortunately for Kasim, the slippers belonged to the Village Chief. When the Chief found out that his slippers were missing, he ordered his servants to search for **them**. Soon, they found out who the culprit was. To punish him, Kasim was fined heavily for stealing the slippers. His old slippers, which were found at the swimming complex, were returned to him. 10 15

At home, the miser was raging with anger. Unable to control his temper, he threw his slippers out of his window and they fell into the drain. They floated into the main drain pipe and clogged up the drains of the village. Dirty water overflowed into the streets. After some investigations, Kasim's slippers were found to be the cause. He was given another fine for all the trouble he had caused. 20

What an expensive lesson Kasim had learnt. As the saying goes, 'Penny wise, pound foolish'. Kasim disposed of his slippers in an appropriate manner and bought himself a new pair. 25

Adapted from 'The Magic Carpet Tales'

26. Kasim was a miser because he _____.

- (1) stole the Chief's slippers
- (2) owned a pair of leather slippers
- (3) wore slippers made by countless of cobblers
- (4) refused to buy a new pair of slippers for himself

27. Kasim was often teased by the villagers because he _____.

- (1) went to a public swimming pool
- (2) did not listen to his friend's advice
- (3) was an old and wealthy merchant
- (4) wore slippers that had been mended umpteen times

28. The word '**them**' in Line 14 refers to _____.

- (1) the Chief's servants
- (2) the presents from Rahim
- (3) Kasim's old pair of slippers
- (4) the new pair of expensive slippers

29. Which of the following statements is **not** true?

- (1) Kasim had to pay two fines.
- (2) Kasim finally got rid of his old slippers.
- (3) Kasim deliberately wore the Chief's slippers.
- (4) Kasim's slippers clogged up the drain pipes.

30. The most suitable title for this story is _____.

- (1) The Angry Miser
- (2) The Miser's Slippers
- (3) The Magic Slippers
- (4) The Thrifty Merchant

Section E (5 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

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

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) herself	(B) worriedly	(C) nothing	(D) of	(E) which
(F) again	(G) when	(H) down	(J) anything	(K) at

It was past seven in the evening. Jack was always home by six

o'clock. Pacing up and (31) _____ the living room, Jack's mother, Mrs Sim,

grew more and more worried. She thought to (32) _____, "Where is that boy?

Why is he so late? I hope (33) _____ has happened to him."

Then the sudden ring (34) _____ the doorbell jolted her. Mrs Sim

ran to open the door. She heaved a sigh of relief when she saw her son. Jack then

explained to his mother that the bus (35) _____ he was on, was involved in

a minor accident. Mrs Sim hugged her son. She was just glad that he was all right.

Section F (8 x 1m)

Comprehension Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words below in the box. Write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'l' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) schools	(B) us	(C) by	(D) fast	(E) of
(F) accidents	(G) speed	(H) reminder	(J) drivers	(K) unsupervised

The next time you are near a school, look around. You will notice that the roads near most schools are paved with red bricks instead (36) _____ the normal black tar. This is done to improve safety awareness on the roads near (37) _____. This coloured area alerts the drivers that they are approaching a school zone. Many (38) _____ do not realise that they are driving too (39) _____ when they are near a school. This often results in (40) _____ involving school children.

Young school children may cross at the zebra crossings (41) _____. The red zone acts as a (42) _____ to the drivers to slow down and not (43) _____. This new move by the Land Transport Authority has increased road safety near schools.

Adapted from: The Straits Times

Section G (4 x 2m)

Synthesis and Transformation

For each of the questions 44 to 47, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentences must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

44. The fish curry was delicious. The fish curry was spicy.

Though _____

45. Jenny queued up outside the shop for five hours. Jenny wanted to buy the limited edition bag.

As _____

46. That trophy belongs to my brother. That trophy is in the display shelf.

_____ which

47. Miss Lee said to Mr Tan, "I will bake a cake for you tonight."

Miss Lee told Mr Tan that _____

Section H (7 x 1m)

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical mistake. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in the box.

(48)

Kerry enjoyed the cool breeze blowing at her face. It was so reefrashing.

(49)

It was their first time in a sailboat.

(50)

"Look there!" screamed Kerry actsitedly when she spotted a school of

dolphins in the water. "Is it true that when you see dolphins, whales are also

(51)

swimming nearby ○ " she asked her mother, Mrs Lim.

"Maybe. Let me check," replied Mrs Lim, straining her eyes to look far ahead.

(52)

She hoped to caught sight of some whales in the distance. "Sorry dear, I do not see

(53)

any whales ○ " Kerry's mother said, ruffling her daughter's hair.

(54)

Just then, the duo caught the most makneficent sight of a school of

rainbow coloured fish swimming past the boat. They seemed to glide through

the water effortlessly. Kerry was overjoyed!

Section I (6 x 2m)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 55 to 60.

Your answer must be based on the passage.

Mutu lived with his son, daughter-in-law and their eleven-year-old grandson, Dan. Frail and old, Mutu's hands often trembled, his vision was poor and his knees hurt with every step he took. "I'm really useless," he thought miserably, shaking his head and sighing.

The family ate together every night at the dinner table. As Mutu ate, bits of food would spill out of his bowl. "I've had enough of **this!**" grumbled Mrs Taj, the daughter-in-law

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So the heartless son ordered Mutu to sit in a corner of the dining room. While the rest of the family had their dinner, Mutu ate his food alone which was piled into a wooden bowl. He had on several previous occasions broken many plates and bowls, so Mr Taj resorted to making his father use a wooden bowl instead. Dan stole a glance at his grandfather and saw tears welling up in his eyes.

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One evening, Mr Taj noticed his son making something. "What are you doing, my dear?" he asked.

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"Oh, I'm making a little bowl for you, Dad. It'll come in handy when you're old," Dan replied. The words struck Mr Taj like a spear through his heart. That evening, Mr Taj took his father's hand and gently led him back to the dining table.

Adapted from http://www.indianchild.com/wooden_bowl.htm

Answer in complete sentences.

55. Besides having bad eyesight, what other problems did Mutu have?

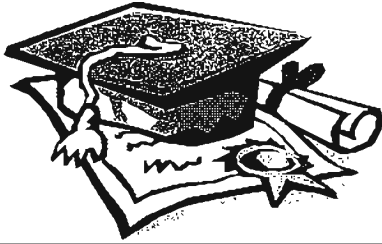
56. What does 'this' in Line 6 refer to?

57. What did Mr Taj do after his wife complained about Mutu?

58. Why did Mutu cry?

59. Why did Dan make a bowl?

60. Which sentence tells you that Mr Taj felt remorseful about the way he treated his father?

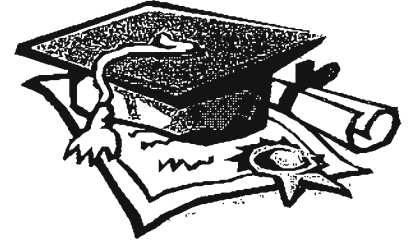


ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2011

**SCHOOL : TAO NAN
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH**

TERM. : SA1



Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
3	1	4	1	4	2	3	1	3	4	2	1	4	2	3	3	3

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
2	4	4	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	4	3	2	H	A	C	D

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40	Q41	Q42	Q43
E	E	A	J	D	F	K	H	G

44) Though the fish curry was delicious, it was spicy.

45) As Jenny wanted to buy the limited edition bag, she queued up outside the shop for five hours.

46) That trophy which is in the display shelf belongs to my brother.

47) Miss Lee told Mr Tan that she would bake a cake for him that night.

48) refreshing 49) her 50) excitedly 51)? 52) catch

53), 54) magnificent

55) His hands often trembled and his knees hurt with every step he took.

56) This' refers to the mess that Mutu will make as eats his dinner.

57) After his wife complained about Mutu, Mr Taj ordered Mutu to sit in a corner of the dining room.

58) While the rest of the family had their dinner, Mutu ate his food alone which was piled in a wooden bowl.

59) He made a bowl for Mr Taj in preparation for his old age just like how Mutu was made to use a wooden bowl.

60) The words struck Mr Taj like a spear through his heart.