

Ai Tong School
Semestral Assessment One (2010)
Primary Four English Language
Paper 1

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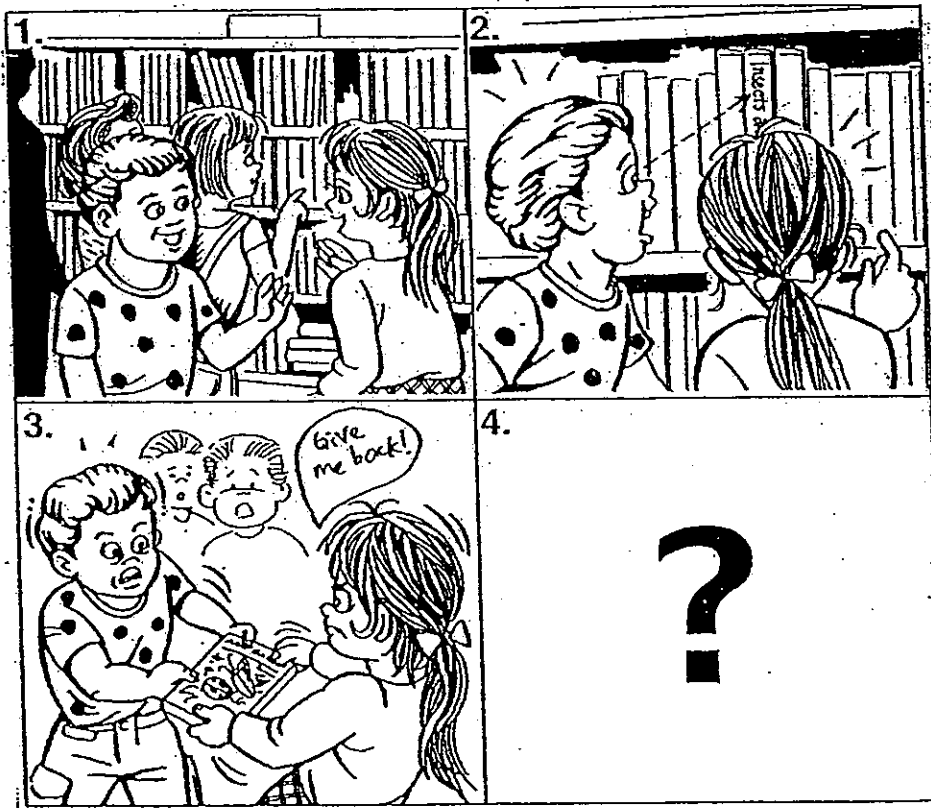
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Date: 5th May 2010

There are two questions in this paper. Choose to write either Question 1 or Question 2. Write the question number at the top left corner of your foolscap paper.

Question 1: Picture Series

Write a story of at least 120 words based on the pictures below. Give the story your own ending. You may use the words and phrases in the box. You are encouraged to include other relevant words and phrases to make your composition interesting.



project
peace and quiet

research
a ripping sound

browsing
frowned

book shelves
stared in horror

Question 2: Situation with Outline

Write a composition of at least 120 words based on the situation in the box below. Give the story your own ending.

One day, you woke up with a start. You looked at the alarm clock and realised that you were late for something very important.

Make use of the following phrases in your composition. You may re-order the points. You are encouraged to include other relevant phrases to make your composition interesting.

- alarm clock was not set
- dashed to the bathroom
- heart was racing
- flagged for a taxi
- activity had already started



**AI TONG SCHOOL
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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

DURATION : 1h 45 min.

DATE : 10 May 2010

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Follow all instructions.

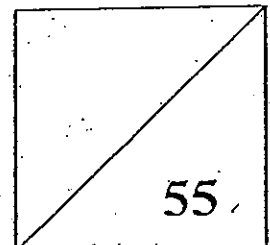
Answer all questions.

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Booklet A

Section A : Grammar MCQ (6 X 1 mark)

For each question from 1 to 6, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

1. The magician made his assistant _____ into thin air.
- (1) disappear (2) disappeared
(3) disappears (4) disappearing
2. Has anyone _____ my wallet which I placed on the dining table?
- (1) see (2) sees
(3) saw (4) seen
3. The pizza has been cut _____ six slices so that it can be shared among the children.
- (1) into (2) until
(3) along (4) between
4. A few volleyball players _____ absent from practice this morning.
- (1) are (2) was
(3) were (4) have
5. I shouted for help when the robber snatched my handbag but _____ came to my rescue.
- (1) anybody (2) nobody
(3) somebody (4) everybody
6. The children were _____ outdoors when lightning struck.
- (1) play (2) played
(3) plays (4) playing

Section B : Vocabulary MCQ (4 X 1 mark)

For each question from 7 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

7. The angry customer _____ his fist and shook it at the rude stall owner.

(1) folded

(2) twisted

(3) closed

(4) clenched

8. Jillian's hopes of studying overseas was _____ when her father became bankrupt.

(1) deleted

(2) dashed

(3) disbanded

(4) dissolved

9. The school in the old estate may soon have to close down since its enrolment is _____.

(1) slimming

(2) contracting

(3) dwindling

(4) descending

10. The American tourists find the smell of durians _____ and avoid getting near the fruit at all costs.

(1) indecent

(2) unsuitable

(3) repulsive

(4) inappropriate

Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 11 to 15.

I searched everywhere but I could not find Darren; my three-year-old nephew. My sister had left Darren in my care while she went to buy some groceries from the supermarket. I told my sister that I would take good care of Darren.

I was playing Lego blocks with him when the telephone rang. After answering the phone, I returned to the living room but Darren had disappeared. I looked all over the house, calling his name loudly, but there was no sign of him. I did not hear the usual cheerful voice calling me "Aunty Lin".

"Darren, come quickly! I've got an ice-cream for you!" I yelled. Darren loved ice-cream and if he was hiding somewhere, I was sure that he would come to me with a big smile on his face. I waited for a few minutes but Darren did not appear. It was then that I noticed that the gate at the door was slightly open. Suddenly, I had a frightening thought. Perhaps, Darren had run out of the flat, took the staircase on his own and got lost. My flat was on the fourth floor and facing the staircase.

Pale with fright, I rushed out of the house. "Darren!" I called. This time, my voice was so loud that a few neighbours came out to see what was happening. Among them was a middle-aged woman. I was so relieved to see her carrying Darren in her arms.

"He followed my cat into my flat. He's such a cute little boy," she said. I thanked the woman and took Darren back. I was so glad that Darren was safe. I gave him a hug and took him back to the house.

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

11. Who was the writer?

- (1) She was Darren's aunt.
- (2) She was Darren's maid.
- (3) She was Darren's cousin.
- (4) She was Darren's neighbour.

12. The writer offered to give Darren an ice-cream to _____

- (1) lure him out
- (2) take him home
- (3) make him smile
- (4) keep him playing

13. The writer went out from her flat because _____

- (1) she could not find Darren in the living room
- (2) she failed to make Darren appear from hiding
- (3) she saw Darren take the staircase by himself
- (4) she thought Darren had slipped out of the house

14. Which of the following statements is not true?

- (1) The writer found Darren with a female neighbour.
- (2) A middle-aged woman found Darren outside his house.
- (3) Several neighbours heard the writer calling out for Darren.
- (4) Darren went into the house of a neighbour by following a cat.

15. How did the writer feel during the incident?

- (1) She felt angry.
- (2) She felt curious.
- (3) She felt nervous.
- (4) She felt relieved.

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Section D : Grammar Cloze (8× 1 mark)

There are 8 blanks, numbered 16 to 23, in the poem below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

- | | | | | |
|----------|------------|------------|----------|----------------|
| (A) them | (B) around | (C) on | (D) over | (E) in |
| (F) from | (G) our | (H) behind | (J) of | (K) throughout |

The day I was born
I was such a cutie
Mom and Dad called me
Their own Little Beauty.

My parents were so happy
To welcome baby me.
They planned a birthday party (16) _____
Apartment suite 3D.

They made sure that the cheery news
Was spread (17) _____ the town.
"Just take a bus or train,
And you're welcome to come down."

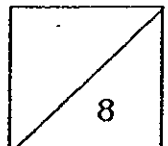
All (18) _____ friends and relatives
Came to the celebration.
But the witch (19) _____ down the block
Did not receive an invitation.

The evening of the party
She showed up nonetheless.
Rats and mice played hopscotch
In the pockets (20) _____ her dress.

The guests crowded our apartment.
The witch didn't seem to mind (21) _____
She simply pushed through to the front,
Though she started way (22) _____ them.

She came (23) _____ to my cradle
And she gave me a big kiss.
She said, "Here is my present
For the pretty little miss."

Extracted from "Sleepless Beauty" by Frances Minters



Section E : Editing for Spelling and Grammar (3× 1 mark)

For each question from 24 to 26, correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

A deer was killed after being hit by a car yesterday. The driver of the car

(24)

was on his way home when he thinks he saw something ahead of him. It was too

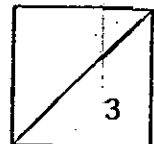
(25)

late when he realised that a deer had emerged from the bushes on the

(26)

expressway. The force of the **kerlision** seriously injured the animal. Efforts to save

it were in vain.



Section F : Comprehension Cloze (10 × 1 mark)

Passage 1

There are 5 blanks, numbered 27 to 31, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

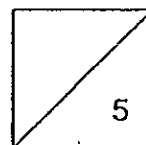
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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|-------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|--------------|
| (A) clearly | (B) strangely | (C) grope | (D) withdrew | (E) brightly |
| (F) realise | (G) accident | (H) threw | (J) experiment | (K) machines |

Most of us associate candles with birthday cakes. They are seemingly unimportant until there is a power failure, causing all the lights to go out. That is usually the time when we (27) _____ how important candles are.

The first candle might have come about by (28) _____. A primitive hunter was roasting the carcass of an animal. Using a stick, he poked the meat to see if it was cooked. When he (29) _____ the stick, he noticed it had a thick coat of animal fat. The hunter then discovered how easy it was to light the stick and how (30) _____ it burnt.

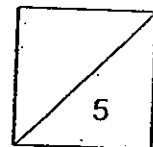
For a long time, candles were made by hand. Now, there are (31) _____ that can make hundreds of candles at a time. The steps involved in making candles by both methods are quite the same.



Passage 2

There are 5 blanks numbered 32 to 36 in the passage below. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Astronauts are weightless in space. Once they leave planet Earth and enter space, they have to do almost everything in a (32) _____ way. As the environment has completely changed, astronauts cannot eat, move or sleep like (33) _____ they do on the planet. It is amazing to (34) _____ from television the floating life of astronauts. (35) _____ meal times, for example, may seem weird to many people. Instead of (36) _____ with forks and spoons, astronauts have to squeeze food stored in tubes into their mouths. Adjusting to life in space is definitely not easy.



Section G : Synthesis (2 x 2 marks)

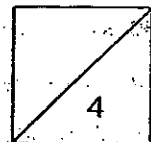
For each of the questions 37 to 38, rewrite the given sentences using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

37. Saleemah did not know the way to the MRT Station. She asked a passer-by for directions.

Since _____

38. Edward was not chosen for the role in the upcoming performance. Gordon was not chosen too.

Neither _____



Section H : Comprehension Open Ended (5 × 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer Questions 39 to 43.
Your answers must be based on the passage.

Kirsten was doing her homework when the telephone rang. Her mother answered the call. She heard her mumbling a few words before her face turned red. After she hanged up, she told Kirsten that the caller was the Principal of her brother's school. The unruly boy had fought again, hurting a classmate badly.

Kirsten was not at all surprised to hear the news. The violent temper of her brother, Mark, had gotten him into many brawls in school. At the request of the Principal, her mother had to go to the school to discuss the penalty. Kirsten followed her. 5

"I really don't know how to handle your brother!"

While driving, Kirsten's mother repeatedly told her how angry and helpless she felt. The girl listened quietly, not knowing what to tell her mother. She knew that her mother was very worried. The Principal had warned her that he would not give another chance to Mark should he misbehaved again. With the latest incident, the boy could be expelled from school as what the Principal had said. 10

Kirsten and her mother headed straight to the Principal's office upon reaching the school. They saw Mark sitting in the office. Afraid of his mother, the boy looked down and dared not raise his head. He also started rubbing his hands to ease the fear. Then, unable to control herself, Kirsten's mother lashed out at the boy. She stopped only when the Principal asked her to simmer down and listen to him. 15

As expected, the Principal explained that he had to expel the boy. He pointed out that Mark did not deserve another chance. Moreover, Mark had caused a serious injury by punching a classmate in his eye. Kirsten's mother wept and pleaded the Principal for leniency. She could not bear to see Mark lose his place in school. Suddenly, she went on her knees. That shocked the Principal. He quickly told her to get up. Deeply touched by her love for Mark, the Principal changed his decision to expel the boy. 20
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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

39. What was the "news" (line 5) that Kirsten heard?

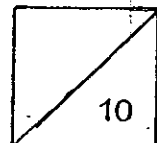
40. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "punishment"?

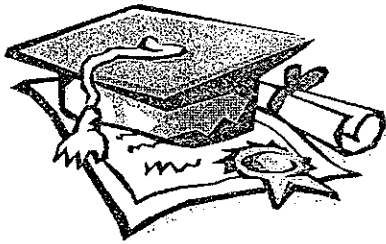
41. Why was Kirsten's mother "very worried" (line 12)?

42. How did Mark react when his mother saw him?

43. What does "that" in line 24 refer to?

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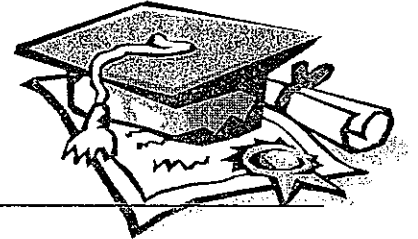


ANSWER SHEET

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23
G	F	J	A	H	D

- 24)thought 25)along 26)collision 27)F 28)G
29)E 30)K 31)K 32)different 33)how 34)watch
35)Their 36)eating

37)Since Saleemah did not know the way to the MRT Station, she asked a passer-by for directions.

38)Neither Edward nor Gordon was chosen for the role in the upcoming performance.

39)The "new" Kristen heard was that her brother fought in school again, hurting the classmate badly.

40)The word is "penalty".

41)Kirsten's mother was very worried because the Principal had warned that he would not give Mark another chance if he misbehaved again and he could be expelled.

42)mark looked down, not daring to raise his head and rubbed his hands to ease his fear.

43)"That " refers to Kirsten's mother going down on her knees before the Principal.