

TAO NAN SCHOOL

Primary 4 English Language Mid-Year Examination 2010

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Date: 10 May 2010

Class : Pr 4

Duration: 1 hour 45 minutes

Time: 8.00 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.

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Booklet A

Section A to F _____ / 25

Booklet B

Section G to L _____ / 40

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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

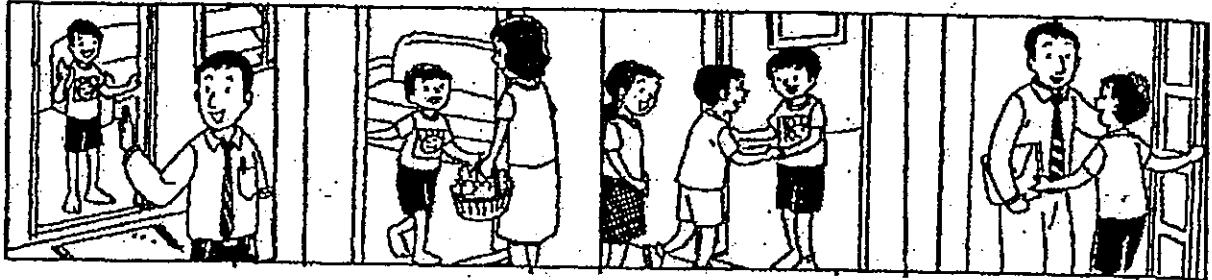
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Section A (4 x 1m)

Picture Matching

Listen carefully to the teacher. Choose the picture that describes the teacher's statement. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

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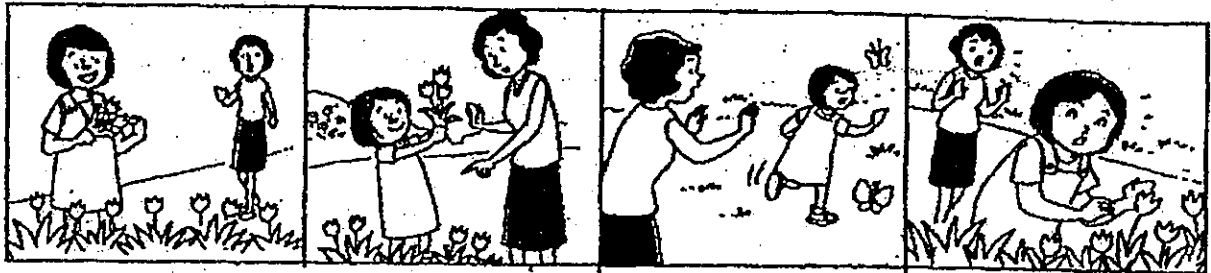
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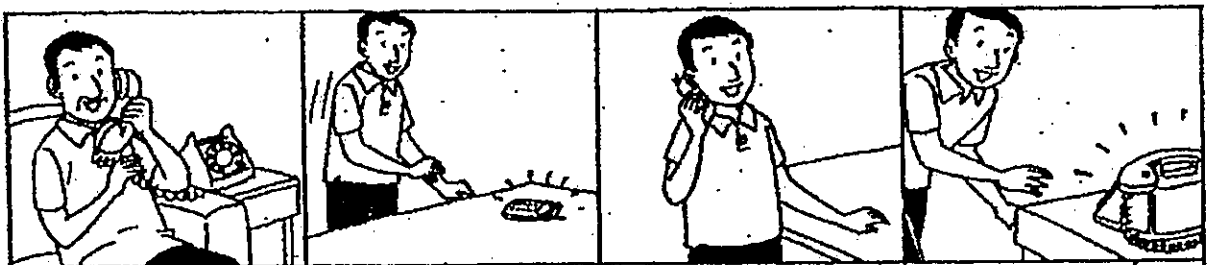
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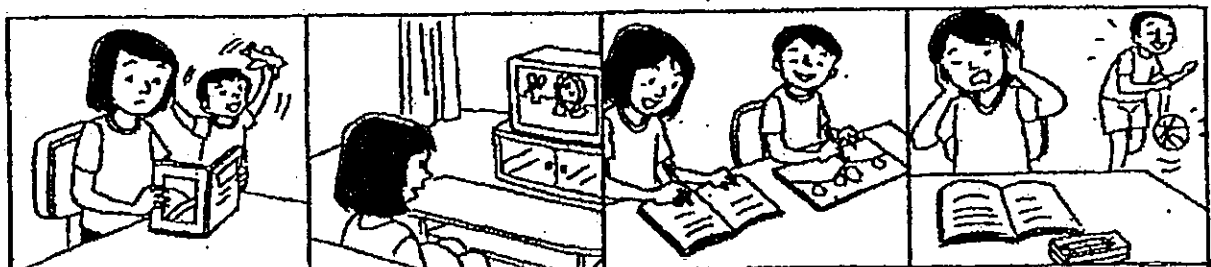
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Section B (6 x 1m)

Grammar

For each question from 5 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

5. Jim, Diana and _____ visited the Night Safari last Sunday.

- (1) I
- (2) us
- (3) me
- (4) you

6. "Help! The shark _____ towards me!" shouted the boy frantically, flailing his arms in the air.

- (1) swims
- (2) swam
- (3) is swimming
- (4) was swimming

7. "He hasn't finished his homework, _____ he?" Mrs Lee asked.

- (1) has
- (2) hasn't
- (3) does
- (4) doesn't

8. Every child _____ given a packet of sweets at the party last night.

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

9. Tommy _____ his aunt. Both of them like to play the violin.

- (1) takes on
- (2) takes up
- (3) takes over
- (4) takes after

10. _____ help is needed in countries suffering from famine and poverty.

- (1) Little
- (2) Many
- (3) Much
- (4) A few

Section C (3 x 1m)

Punctuation

For each question from 11 to 13, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

Haslinda dared not tell her parents that the words on the board appeared blur to her. She did not want to wear glasses as she thought her classmates would laugh at her.

"Haslinda, why are you squinting (11) Miss Sim, her form teacher, asked. She advised her to have her eyes checked. Haslinda had no choice but to tell her parents about it.

The very next day, Haslinda's parents took her to an optician. Much to her disappointment (12) she needed a pair of glasses.

The next day, the bespectacled Haslinda went to school (13). She heaved a sigh of relief as nobody laughed at her.

11. (1) [."] full-stop and inverted commas
(2) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas
12. (1) [.] full-stop
(2) [,] comma
(3) [!] exclamation mark
(4) [?] question mark
13. (1) [.] full-stop
(2) [,] comma
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

Section D (3 x 1m)

Vocabulary

For each question from 14 to 16, 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.

14. Cindy was on the _____ of tears when she was scolded by the discipline master.

- (1) rim
- (2) edge
- (3) verge
- (4) border

15. At the football match, the _____ cheered when their favourite team scored a goal.

- (1) witnesses
- (2) audience
- (3) spectators
- (4) competitors

16. Janet caused her father to see red when he found out that she had broken his favourite vase.

- (1) be angry
- (2) feel lucky
- (3) become prosperous
- (4) become embarrassed

Section E (4 x 1m)

Vocabulary Cloze

For each question from 17 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

Mrs Lee was at the police station to report that her wallet had been picked. She told the police that when she entered a busy shopping centre, she was (17) pushed by a man behind her. The man did not apologise and left hurriedly.

A few minutes later, as Mrs Lee was about to pay for her purchase, she was shocked to realise that her wallet was missing! She was so (18) upset that she started crying. Soon after, she decided to make a police report. (19) Apparently, the man who had bumped into her had picked her wallet.

Mrs Lee described the suspect to the police. They advised her to be more (20) vigilant in crowded public places. Mrs Lee nodded and hoped that the thief would be caught soon.

17. (1) tapped
(2) shoved
(3) blocked
(4) knocked
18. (1) distracted
(2) distressed
(3) discouraged
(4) disappointed
19. (1) Quietly
(2) Suddenly
(3) Obviously
(4) Unknowingly
20. (1) alert
(2) diligent
(3) attentive
(4) concerned

Section F (5 x 1m)

Comprehension MCQ

Read the passage below and answer questions 21 to 25.

Ah Meng, Singapore Zoo's most famous and well-loved orang utan, passed away today due to old age. She was forty-eight years old. Born in Sumatra, Indonesia around 1960, Ah Meng came to the Zoo at the approximate age of seven in 1971. She was rescued from a Chinese family who had kept her as an illegal pet.

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In 1982, the Zoo introduced 'Breakfast with an Orang Utan' programme and Ah Meng was the star. She shot to fame instantly and became a celebrity both at **home** and overseas. By 1986, she was featured in almost thirty travel films and appeared in more than 270 articles in newspapers and travel magazines.

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For her outstanding contributions in promoting the Zoo as a tourist attraction, Ah Meng was conferred the 'Special Tourism Ambassador' award by the then Singapore Tourism Promotion Board in 1992. She was celebrated as the first and only non-human recipient of this award. A celebrity in her own right, Ah Meng had met many famous faces and important people.

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A devoted mother, Ah Meng left behind two sons, two daughters and six grandchildren. As a tribute to Ah Meng, the next newborn orang utan to be born at the Zoo will be named Ah Meng Junior.

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Adapted from <http://news.asiaone.com/News/AsiaOne> and
<http://www.mfa.gov.sg/london/Spring2008.pdf>

For each question from 21 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

21. Ah Meng came to Singapore in _____.

- (1) 1960
- (2) 1971
- (3) 1982
- (4) 1986

22. Which of the following statements about Ah Meng is **false**?

- (1) She was an illegal pet.
- (2) She had four children.
- (3) She was born in the Zoo.
- (4) She died when she was forty-eight years old.

23. In line 8, the word '**home**' refers to _____.

- (1) Sumatra
- (2) The Zoo
- (3) Singapore
- (4) The Tourism Promotion Board

24. Ah Meng received the "Special Tourism Ambassador" Award **mainly** because she _____.

- 1 ~~(2)~~ acted in many travel films
- 2 ~~(3)~~ appeared in many newspapers and travel magazines
- 3 ~~(4)~~ starred in the "Breakfast with an Orang Utan" programme
- 4 ~~(5)~~ contributed greatly to making the Zoo a tourist attraction

25. The Zoo remembers Ah Meng by _____.

- (1) featuring her in thirty travel films
- (2) making her the 'Special Tourism Ambassador'
- (3) putting her in the 'Breakfast with Orang Utan' programme
- (4) naming the next orang utan born in the zoo 'Ah Meng Junior'

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BOOKLET B

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Section G (5 x 1m)

Note-Taking

For each question from 26 to 30, listen carefully to an advertisement and fill in the blanks with the correct answers.

(26) Name of the product : _____

(27) The special pen can make beautiful _____ pieces.

(28) This product is suitable for children who are above _____ years old.

(29) Close the nozzle so that the _____ will not dry up.

(30) What are not included : _____

Section H (4 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

There are 4 blanks, numbered 31 to 34, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter (A to H) in the blank.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) over	(B) of	(C) on	(D) in
(E) from	(F) for	(G) by	(H) with

The theme song of the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) was penned in Singapore. It will be heard far and wide by a global audience. The song, 'Everyone', will be sung by five singers (31) _____ all corners of the world.

One of the singers is an American singer named Sean Kingston. He is thrilled to be part (32) _____ the YOG. The other singers are Steve Appleton representing Europe, Jody Williams from the African continent and Jessica Mauboy from Oceania. The song is composed and produced (33) _____ Singaporean songwriter, Ken Lim. The organisers are confident that the song and music video, to be released by May, will hit the right notes.

Mr Teo Ser Luck, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Community Development, Youth and Sports, said, "More people will take notice of the YOG (34) _____ this catchy theme song. We need that excitement and publicity for this important event to be successful."

Adapted from 'YOG theme song to be sung by stars from around the world' By Patwant Singh

Section I (5 x 1m)

Editing for Spelling and Grammar

For each question from 35 to 39, correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Eddy loved fried food. When he was walking home from school, he
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saw a hawker sells curry puffs along the roadside. Although there were many

houseflies flying around the curry puffs, Eddy bought three of them. His

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stomach was rumbling, so he **gorbled** the curry puffs greedily.

A few hours later, Eddy suddenly felt an acute pain in his stomach.

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He felt dizzy and could not stand straight. He bent down and vornit. When his

mother saw that he was as pale as a sheet, she panicked. She took him to the

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nearest hospital **immidiefly**.

At the hospital, the doctor examined Eddy. He was treated for food

(39)

poison. Eddy promised his mother that he would never let greed get the better

of him again. He recovered after two days of rest.

Section J (8 x 1m)

Comprehension Cloze

Passage 1

There are 4 blanks, numbered 40 to 43, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to H) in the blank.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) receiver	(B) which	(E) attract	(D) decreased
(H) who	(F) lightened	(G) promote	(H) recipient

An increasing number of people are communicating with one another by e-mail and short message service, a popular trend in countries around the world. Therefore, the number of postage mails, also known as 'snail mail', has (40) _____ greatly.

As the term 'snail mail' suggests, sending a letter by post takes a longer time to reach its (41) _____. Not only so, it requires senders to physically paste stamps on the envelopes and walk to the nearest post-office or post box. Using e-mails, (42) _____ is faster, is hence a preferred choice.

To (43) _____ senders to use snail mail, many post offices guarantee prompt one-day delivery. Post boxes are also conveniently located. Now, there are even envelopes with readily pasted stamps. Hopefully, this will encourage more people to send their mails the traditional way.

Adapted from www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Snail_mail

Passage 2

There are 4 blanks, numbered 44 to 47, in the passage below. Fill in each blank with a suitable word of your own.

The traffic light turned red but Hong Wen's father, Mr Foo, could not stop his car in time. Just as he was passing the junction, a motorcycle came within sight. Mr Foo was shocked and hurriedly slammed on (44) _____. He swerved his car to avoid a collision. The car screeched to a (45) _____ before hitting the motorcyclist.

Both Hong Wen and his father staggered out of the car with minor cuts. The motorcyclist lay motionlessly on the ground. His legs were covered with blood. The excruciating (46) _____ made him groan in agony. Meanwhile, a crowd had gathered and the traffic came to a standstill as the accident had blocked the vehicles on the road.

When the paramedics arrived, they rushed the motorcyclist to the (47) _____. After receiving intensive medical treatment, the motorcyclist was out of critical condition. As for Mr Foo, he was later charged by the Traffic Police for reckless driving.

Section K (4 x 2m)

Synthesis and Transformation

For each of the questions 48 to 51, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word 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).

48. The coffee was very hot. She scalded her tongue.

As _____

49. The magician tapped his magic wand on the table. Then, he cast a spell on the witch.

Before _____

50. I have not seen a panda. My father has not seen a panda too.

Neither _____ nor

51. "Can I watch television after completing my homework tonight?" Sally asked her father.

Sally asked her father _____

Section L (5 x 2m)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 52 to 56.

Your answers must be based on the passage.

Mr Hartman was pacing the corridor of The Animal Hospital. I removed my gloves as I walked towards him. "It is a success," I said, smiling. "Sage is going to be just fine."

I studied Mr Hartman's response as I sat next to him, feeling glad that the operation went smoothly. It took him a moment to contain the tremble in his lips. 5
Mr Hartman then gave a sigh of relief. I patted his shoulder, hoping it would offer him comfort.

I assured him that Sage had awoken and was in the intensive care unit. It had survived a three-hour operation to correct the 'bloat'. Bloat happens when the stomach keeps expanding, squashing the lungs. It hinders blood flow and a dog 10
can die in a matter of hours.

Mr Hartman leant forward, hand clamped across his mouth. Tears welled up in his eyes as he mouthed the words "Thank you". Then, I returned the lucky charm which he had given me before I operated on Sage.

"You should be getting home," I said. "It's late and your German Shepherd 15
will be expecting his master tomorrow morning."

Mr Hartman nodded, got to his feet and insisted that I keep the lucky charm. "For your other patients, Doctor. They might need the lucky charm. Also, it's my way of showing my gratitude," he said. After adjusting his cap, Mr Hartman eased towards the automatic doors. 20

Adapted from Reader's Digest, *A Dog's Life* by Doctor Nick Tout

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

52. Where was Mr Hartman?

53. What does 'It' in line 2 refer to?

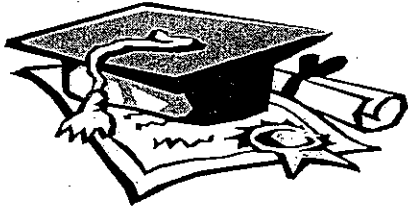
54. Why did the doctor pat Mr Hartman?

55. What was Sage?

56. How did Mr Hartman show his appreciation to the doctor?

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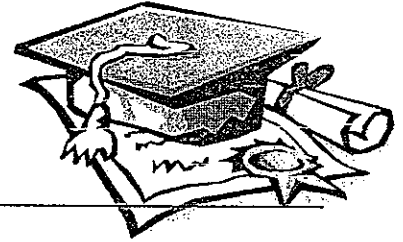


ANSWER SHEET

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
2	3	1	2	3	3	4	4	E	B	G	H

35)selling 36)gobbled 37)vomited 38)immediately 39)poisoning

40)D 41)A 42)B 43)C 44)brake 45)halt 46)pain

47)hospital

48)As the coffee was very hot, she scalded her tongue.

49)Before casting a spell on the witch, the magician tapped his magic wand on the table.

50)Neither my father nor I have seen a panda.

51)Sally asked her father if she could watch television after completing her homework that night.

52)He was at the corridor in the Animal Hospital.

53)"It" refers to the operation on Sage.

54)The doctor hoped that patting Mr Hartman would give him comfort.

55)Sage was a German shepherd.

56)He gave the doctor his lucky charm.