



**AI TONG SCHOOL  
2007**

**SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO**

**PRIMARY 4**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2**

**BOOKLET A**

**DURATION : 1h 45 min**

**DATE : 24<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

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

**Follow all instructions.**

**Answer all questions.**

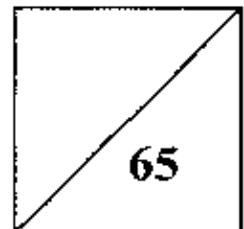
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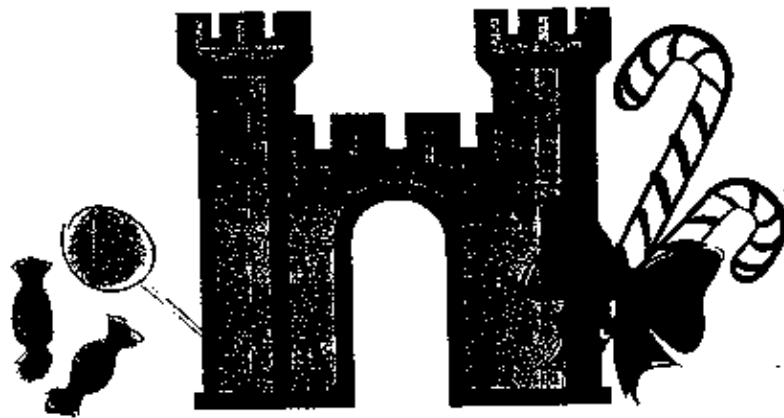
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**Section A : Graphic Stimulus ( 4 × 1 mark )**

Study the following advertisement and then use it to answer questions 1 to 4.

# Candyland Tour



Your tour begins in the basement where the candies are manufactured. Your guide will explain how the different candies are made. You can also try some of the more popular and unusual candies. You will also receive a goodie-bag filled with our delicious candies!

Tour prices: \$7 (Adults)                      \$3 (Children)

Tour times: Daily - 9:30 am, 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 12:30 pm  
Additional tour at 1:30 pm for Fridays and Saturdays

Organised by:



Sweet Tooth INC

Sponsored by:



Gumball Pte Ltd

Buy your tickets online at  
[www.candyland.com.sg](http://www.candyland.com.sg) or at  
the entrance of :

Candyland  
100 Platinum Hill Drive  
Singapore 123456

For each question from 1 to 4, 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.

1. What kind of tour is this?

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| (1) An online tour       | (2) A guided tour    |
| (3) A free and easy tour | (4) An unguided tour |

2. Where can you purchase the tickets for this tour?

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| (1) From a shopping mall | (2) From Sweet Tooth INC |
| (3) From a website       | (4) From Gumball Pte Ltd |

3. How many tours are there on Fridays?

- |          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| (1) Four | (2) Five  |
| (3) Six  | (4) Seven |

4. Who is the organiser of this tour?

- (1) Sweet Tooth INC
- (2) Gumball Pte Ltd
- (3) Candyland Tour
- (4) [www.candyland.com.sg](http://www.candyland.com.sg)

**Section B : Grammar MCQ ( 5 x 1 mark )**

**For each question from 5 to 9, 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. Stanley has \_\_\_\_\_ the glass of fruit punch.
- |           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| (1) drink | (2) drinks |
| (3) drank | (4) drunk  |
6. You should think twice \_\_\_\_\_ you accuse your classmate of stealing.
- |           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| (1) as    | (2) before  |
| (3) while | (4) because |
7. Did you see the frog croaking \_\_\_\_\_ the lily pad?
- |           |             |
|-----------|-------------|
| (1) on    | (2) under   |
| (3) along | (4) between |
8. Cherie missed the bus although she ran as quickly as she \_\_\_\_\_ to catch it.
- |         |           |
|---------|-----------|
| (1) may | (2) might |
| (3) can | (4) could |
9. Most of the tickets for the football match \_\_\_\_\_ sold out last night.
- |          |          |
|----------|----------|
| (1) are  | (2) were |
| (3) have | (4) had  |

**Section C : Punctuation MCQ ( 3x 1 mark )**

For each question from 10 to 12, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Make your choice ( 1, 2, 3 or 4 ). Shade your answer ( 1, 2, 3 or 4 ) on the OAS.

“What has happened?” Mr De Silva stared in disbelief at the smashed plant pots and scattered soil along the corridor. Ernest looked at his neighbour guiltily. “Mr De Silva, I’m sorry. I didn’t want this to happen. I had released Blacky from his leash and before I knew what was happening (10) he leapt at your potted plants and smashed them.”

Mr De Silva sighed, “I warned you about Blacky. This is not the first time he had smashed my plant pots. He had also toppled my shoe racks before (11) Mr De Silva was truly unhappy. Looking Ernest straight in the eyes, he asked, “Can you make a promise not to release Blacky from his leash (12)

“I’m truly sorry. I promise not to take his leash off,” Ernest replied softly. After Ernest apologised to Mr De Silva, he took a broom and started to sweep the dirty soil along the corridor.

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



**Section E : Vocabulary Cloze MCQ ( 4x 1 mark )**

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

An Australian man stumbled into a crocodile territory and was forced to scurry up a tree where he stayed for seven days before he was rescued by an army helicopter. Mr David George's problems began after he fell off his horse while riding in the countryside. Dazed and bleeding, he climbed back on his horse hoping it would lead him home. It was only later that he realized it had wandered into a swamp infested by crocodiles.

Mr George was stalked by two crocodiles which would sit at the bottom of the tree every night. "All I could see were two sets of red eyes about 6m away from the tree," said Mr George.

Mr George survived on two meat sandwiches. He also had to tie himself to the tree so that he would not fall into the swamp while sleeping. His ordeal came to an end when an army helicopter took him to safety.

Adapted from The Straits Times, 15 August 2007

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|-----|-----------------|---------------|
| 17. | (1) Annoyed     | (2) Angered   |
|     | (3) Excited     | (4) Shocked   |
| 18. | (1) skipped     | (2) marched   |
|     | (3) roared      | (4) slithered |
| 19. | (1) accompanied | (2) monitored |
|     | (3) trailed     | (4) hounded   |
| 20. | (1) stuffed     | (2) lived     |
|     | (3) maintained  | (4) continued |

**Section F : Comprehension MCO ( 5x 1 mark )**

Read the passage below and answer questions 21 to 25.

Parrots are brilliantly feathered, screamingly noisy and clever in the use of their beaks and claws. Each bird has a large and arched upper beak. It has two toes pointing forward and two backward. Some parrots have the power of mimicking speech and can be trained to speak a few words. Parrots are skilful climbers but clumsy walkers. In the wild, they usually nest in hollow trees. They live long, some living beyond fifty years.

One species of parrot, the tiny African parrots called 'lovebirds', are no larger than a common house sparrow. They get their name from the affection they show to birds of their kind. These are often kept as pets. Another species, the kea, from New Zealand, attacks and kills sheep. They do so by thrusting their powerful beaks into the fat which surrounds the kidneys of their prey.

In many bird parks and zoos, parrots have been trained to perform numerous acts. These shows have helped to draw great crowds to patronise the bird parks and zoos. There is an admission charge for each visit. The proceeds of this go towards the upkeep of these bird and animal sanctuaries.

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 your answer ( 1, 2, 3 or 4 ) on the OAS.

21. Parrots are unable to walk \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) at all
- (2) with grace
- (3) short distances
- (4) without training

22. The African parrots are called 'lovebirds' because of the way they \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) are kept as pets
- (2) love all other birds
- (3) look like house sparrows
- (4) show love to their own species



23. The kea species kills by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) using its toes
  - (2) using its beaks
  - (3) using its claws
  - (4) using its wings
24. What draws people to the bird parks and zoos?
- (1) Watching parrots perform tricks.
  - (2) Watching parrots nest in hollow trees.
  - (3) Watching the kea species attack sheep.
  - (4) Watching the African parrots show affection.
25. The bird and animal sanctuaries are maintained by using money from \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) the sale of parrots
  - (2) the sale of parrot feathers
  - (3) the sale of house sparrows
  - (4) the sale of admission tickets

BOOKLET B

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

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Section G : Grammar Cloze ( 6 x 1 mark )

There are 6 blanks, numbered 26 to 31 in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter ( A to K ) in the blanks. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

(A) <del>our</del>	(B) <del>over</del>	(C) <del>into</del>	(D) <del>that</del>	(E) <del>to</del>
(F) <del>around</del>	(G) <del>by</del>	(H) <del>than</del>	(J) <del>with</del>	(K) <del>their</del>

A space tourism company, Galactic Suite, is expected to open the first hotel in space in 2012. The hotel can only accommodate six guests at a time. It will go (26) \_\_\_\_\_ the Earth every 80 minutes, allowing guests to see the sunrise eighteen times a day.

However, the rooms do not come cheap. A three-day stay at the hotel costs approximately S\$6 million. At the hotel, guests will have to wear special suits to crawl around (27) \_\_\_\_\_ rooms and stick themselves to the walls like Spiderman.

Galactic Suite's director, Mr Xavier Claramunt, said that the three-bedroom hotel will be built (28) \_\_\_\_\_ joining up individual units in orbit. Each unit will be taken (29) \_\_\_\_\_ space inside a rocket.

Mr Claramunt revealed that there are more (30) \_\_\_\_\_ 40,000 people in the world who can afford to stay at the hotel. He hoped (31) \_\_\_\_\_ the experience of seeing Earth from a distance would inspire guests to value and protect our aging planet.

Adapted from The Straits Times, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2007

Section II : Editing for Spelling and Grammar ( 8 x 1 mark )

For each question from 32 to 39, correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

(32)

Visitors to India often show a keen interest in the Taj Mahal. This ~~magnificent~~ monument which is made entirely of white marble is located in Agra, a state in Northern India.

(33)

The Taj Mahal was built by Emperor Shah Jahan as a symbol of ~~luv~~ for his wife, Mumtaz

(34)

Mahal. The name Taj Mahal means "Crown of the Palace". It was a title ~~give~~ to Empress Mumtaz when she was alive.

(35)

Empress Mumtaz died after giving birth to their ~~forteenth~~ child. Emperor Shah was so

(36)

heartbroken that he orders the court to be in a state of mourning for two years. Sometime after her

death, he undertook the task of erecting the beautiful monument. The construction of the Taj Mahal

(37)

(38)

took twenty-two years but involved the labour of twenty thousand workers which worked on it daily.

Inside the Taj Mahal, lies the white marble tomb of Empress Mumtaz. Today, Taj Mahal is

(39)

a **populer** tourist attraction. In addition, this beautiful monument is also considered as one of the

Seven Ancient Wonders of the World.

Section 1 : Comprehension Cloze ( 8 x 1 mark )

Passage 1

There are 6 blanks, numbered 40 to 43 in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter ( A to K ) in the blanks. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

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|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| (A) <del>thought</del>   | (B) <del>worried</del> | (C) <del>taught</del> | (D) <del>cage</del> | (E) <del>learnt</del>    |
| (F) <del>terrified</del> | (G) corner             | (H) <del>place</del>  | (J) <del>end</del>  | (K) <del>enclosure</del> |

Zookeepers, Roy and Mali, looked at each other in bewilderment when they heard yelping from the polar bears' den. They quickly raced to the (40) \_\_\_\_\_, Sheba was lying there with her newborn baby cub sleeping on her outstretched paws.

"The first polar bear born in captivity!" shouted Roy as his friend nodded in agreement. At first, the keepers were (41) \_\_\_\_\_ that the cub might not survive. Mother polar bears often eat their cubs or reject them by refusing to suckle them. However, Sheba proved to be a loving mother. She took good care of the cub which the zookeepers named Inuka.

Sheba (42) \_\_\_\_\_ Inuka how to swim. At first, Inuka was too afraid to go into the water by himself, so he rode piggyback on his mother. He soon overcame his fear of water and was able to swim into the deep (43) \_\_\_\_\_ of the pool by himself. Inuka has become Singapore's pride and joy as it is the only successful polar bear born in captivity.

Source : Adapted from PSLE Booklet

## Passage 2

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

On 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007, a teenage girl was caught damaging a seat of a SBS transit bus. The girl was so bold that she drew on the seat of a double-decker in full view of other passengers. Despite being stared at by other passengers, the girl just (44) \_\_\_\_\_ them as she continued to draw on the seat (45) \_\_\_\_\_ a green whiteboard marker. Finally, four boys decided to report the girl's irresponsible behaviour to the bus driver. The girl was detained and her case was referred (46) \_\_\_\_\_ the police for further action.

According to SBS Transit, the biggest public bus operator here, about twenty buses are damaged by teenagers daily. Apart from the drawings found on the back of bus seats, there have also been occasions where teenagers slashed rows of cushioned seats. It is unfortunate that SBS Transit has to (47) \_\_\_\_\_ almost \$1 million every year to clean and repair the damaged bus property.

Adapted from The New Paper, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2007

**Section J : Synthesis ( 4 x 2 marks )**

**For each of the question from 48 to 51, 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).**

48. Guangxi left the living room. He switched off the fan and light.

\_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

49. The boys climbed the tree. They wanted to pluck the rambutans.

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

50. The soccer match was postponed. The sky was getting dark.

Since \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

51. Darren has to be at the stadium at eight o'clock. Hamzah has to be at the stadium at eight o'clock too.

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

**Section K: Comprehension Open Ended ( 5 × 2 marks )**

**Read the passage below and answer Questions 52 to 56.  
Your answers must be based on the passage.**

25 Jalan Bunga Raya  
Bukit Gelugor  
11700 Gelugor  
Pulau Pinang  
Malaysia.

8 October 2007

Dear Jack,

I have not written to you for a long time. How are you and your family? I hope all of you are well. We are very busy at the moment preparing for Hari Raya.

My mother and aunts have been baking cakes this past week. They have prepared 'dodol', 'kuih bahulu', jam tarts and my favourite, 'kuih bangkit'. I am also helping out by weaving 'ketupat' cases. My mother taught me how to do it.

I have started fasting and my parents allowed me to try fasting for a full day. I found it very tiring so I fast for only half a day now. My mother has bought me two new sets of clothes while my grandmother sewed one for me. That is the one I like best as it has bright yellow flowers on it.

My friends from school will be coming to visit me on the first day of Hari Raya. My family and I will go visiting too.

Well, I hope that you will have an enjoyable celebration in Singapore.

Yours Sincerely,

Hasnah

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

52. Which country was the letter from?

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53. Why had Hasnah not written to Jack for so long?

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54. How did Hasnah help in the Hari Raya preparations?

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55. Why was Hasnah unable to fast for a full day?

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56. How many new outfits did Hasnah receive?

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~ End of Paper ~

~ Please check your work carefully ~





# ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

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|-------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. 2  | 31) D                                     | 41) B                         |
| 2. 3  | 32) magnificent                           | 42) C                         |
| 3. 2  | 33) love                                  | 43) J                         |
| 4. 1  | 34) given                                 | 44) ignored                   |
| 5. 4  | 35) fourteen                              | 45) with                      |
| 6. 2  | 36) ordered                               | 46) to                        |
| 7. 1  | 37) and                                   | 47) spend                     |
| 8. 4  | 38) who                                   |                               |
| 9. 2  | 39) popular                               |                               |
| 10. 1 | 40) k                                     |                               |
| 11. 1 |   |                               |
| 12. 3 | 48) Guangxi                               | 48) He turned off the fan and |
| 13. 3 |   | he left the living room.      |
| 14. 3 |   |                               |
| 15. 4 | 49) The boys climbed the tree to pick     |                               |
| 16. 4 | the rambutans.                            |                               |
| 17. 4 |   |                               |
| 18. 3 | 50) Since the school is getting dark, the |                               |
| 19. 3 | sports match was postponed.               |                               |
| 20. 2 |   |                               |
| 21. 2 | 51) Both Darren and Hamzah have to be     |                               |
| 22. 4 | at the stadium at eight o'clock.          |                               |
| 23. 2 |   |                               |
| 24. 1 | 52) The letter was from Malaysia.         |                               |
| 25. 4 |   |                               |
| 26. F | 53) Hasnah was very busy at the moment    |                               |
| 27. K | preparing for Hari Raya.                  |                               |
| 28. G |   |                               |
| 29. C | 54) Hasnah helped to weave 'Ketupat'      |                               |
| 30. H | cases.                                    |                               |
|       | 55) Hasnah found fasting for a full very  |                               |
|       | tiring.                                   |                               |
|       | 56) Hasnah received three new outfits.    |                               |