



**AI TONG SCHOOL  
2008**

**SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE**

**PRIMARY 5**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2**

**DURATION : 1h 50 min**

**DATE : 6 May 2008**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

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

**Follow all instructions.**

**Answer all questions.**

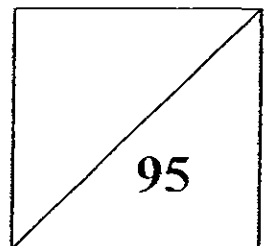
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**Section A: Comprehension-Graphic Stimulus (5x1 mark)**

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

# More Fun and Excitement At The Wild Wild Water Paradise

**Special Admission Charges:**  
Only available at the entrance ticketing  
booths from 2pm to 5pm, weekdays only.

**Adult : \$5.00 (usual \$10)**  
**Child: \$2.50 (usual \$5)**  
(12 and under)

Wild Wild Water Paradise will close on every Monday except for school and public holidays for weekly maintenance to ensure maximum safety for every water ride.

**New and Longer opening hours**

Tuesday to Thursday: 10am to 7pm  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 8am to 10pm



Watch out for our Wet and Wild Night Party, a special performance by members of the USA World Water Park Performance Group.

On every last Saturday of the month, 8pm and 9pm, from 4 March to 31 May 2008.

## So, hurry down to Singapore's coolest Theme Park!

Wild Wild Water Paradise, 56 East Coast Park, Singapore 652556. Tel: 64566258

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 Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The Wild Wild Water Paradise is a \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) theme park
  - (2) swimming pool
  - (3) seaside holiday resort
  - (4) huge swimming complex
  
2. If Peter and his family would like to enjoy the Wet and Wild Night Party in May, they should visit the Wild Wild Water Paradise \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) at 9 pm on any Sunday in May
  - (2) at 8 pm on any weekday in May
  - (3) at 8 pm on the first Saturday in May
  - (4) at 9 pm on the last Saturday in May
  
3. What is the main reason for the park's weekly closure on every Monday?
  - (1) To give the staff a full day of rest.
  - (2) To install new facilities for visitors.
  - (3) To check for mechanical faults in the rides.
  - (4) To attract more people to the park on other days.
  
4. According to the advertisement, the advantage of going to The Wild Wild Water Paradise on weekdays from 2pm to 5pm is \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) there will be free water rides
  - (2) it will be open for longer hours
  - (3) there will be Wet and Wild Night Party
  - (4) it will cost less to enter the theme park
  
5. The main purpose of the advertisement is to \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) allow more quality family time
  - (2) promote Wild Wild Water Paradise
  - (3) encourage participation of water sports
  - (4) provide information of a swimming venue

**Section B: Grammar MCQ (7x1 mark)**

For each question from 6 to 12, 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 Optical Answer Sheet.

6. My dog always wags \_\_\_\_\_ tail whenever I bring food to him.
- (1) it
  - (2) its
  - (3) it's
  - (4) itself
7. Malin eats \_\_\_\_\_ fishballs than her elder brother, Peter.
- (1) more
  - (2) most
  - (3) many
  - (4) much
8. Every festive season, my father and my eldest sister often \_\_\_\_\_ overtime in the fashion outlets to cater to the midnight crowd.
- (1) work
  - (2) works
  - (3) worked
  - (4) working
9. Take this note and give \_\_\_\_\_ to your form teacher.
- (1) it
  - (2) her
  - (3) him
  - (4) them
10. I did not buy the birthday cake \_\_\_\_\_ I did not have enough money.
- (1) as
  - (2) so
  - (3) but
  - (4) and

11. Do not lean \_\_\_\_\_ the wall. It's just been painted.

- (1) at
- (2) by
- (3) behind
- (4) against

12. All the pupils except Lihui \_\_\_\_\_ visiting the Toa Payoh Senior Citizens Healthcare Centre this weekend.

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

**Section C: Punctuation MCQ (3x1 mark)**

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

"Vacations are boring," said Amy, yawning as she spoke.

"You're bluffing," retorted her younger brother. "You are just unhappy that your good friend Linda is not with you."

"Good grief (13) exclaimed Amy, lifting her eyebrows so high that they seemed to have disappeared under her fringe. She was unhappy that her brother answered back in that manner.

Well, if Amy found the vacation boring, Ted could not do much about it anyway. He could never guess what was going on in his sister's mind. She was always surprising people. He (14) on his part, was terribly excited about the vacation. While he was seated in the back seat of the car, he could hardly wait to get to the beach resort.

"Where are we going, Dad?"

"To a resort called 'The Jumping Jack'(15) answered his father. "The food there is heavenly," added his mother.

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

**Section D: Vocabulary MCQ (5x1 mark)**

For each question from 16 to 20 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 Optical Answer Sheet.

16. The old man had to have his leg \_\_\_\_\_ as the wound in his calf had become infected.
- (1) sliced
  - (2) severed
  - (3) dissected
  - (4) amputated
17. Mary bought this colourful blouse at a \_\_\_\_\_ of 50% during the annual sale.
- (1) loss
  - (2) price
  - (3) profit
  - (4) discount
18. The Tan's cruise to Penang ended in \_\_\_\_\_ when their ocean liner sank in the South China Sea during a bad storm.
- (1) irony
  - (2) drama
  - (3) tragedy
  - (4) revenge
19. The members of the Orchid Country Club enjoy many \_\_\_\_\_ such as two complimentary tickets to The Singapore Zoological Gardens.
- (1) welfare
  - (2) bonuses
  - (3) interests
  - (4) privileges
20. The class monitor does his schoolwork so \_\_\_\_\_ that all the teachers have positive comments about his learning attitude.
- (1) continuously
  - (2) competitively
  - (3) complacently
  - (4) conscientiously

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5x1 mark)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Mrs Tan taught me the very lesson I dreaded most, Physical Education (PE). I

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have always detested PE lessons. I was severely overweight and was the example

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of laziness, always trying to cut corners and do as little as I could. I found PE lessons

especially trying. I was always self-conscious, worrying about how others would

(23)

look at me and possibly ridicule me because I was poor at sports. I was so scared

(24)

that I might humiliate myself in front of others.

All this changed when she became my PE teacher in Secondary 3. She

helped me overcome the psychological barrier I harboured towards exercise and

sport. Though she does not teach me PE anymore, she still keeps tab on my

progress and continues to influence, motivate and inspire me. She has given me

(25)

support as no one has.

*Adapted from 'She Opened Up a Whole New World For Me', Belinda Lin Mei Mei, If not for My Teacher*

21. (1) feared  
(2) fancied  
(3) desired  
(4) aspired



22. (1) hated  
(2) adored  
(3) relished  
(4) cherished
23. (1) taxing  
(2) exciting  
(3) irritating  
(4) relaxing
24. (1) snub  
(2) scold  
(3) ignore  
(4) belittle
25. (1) affect  
(2) provoke  
(3) instigate  
(4) encourage

**Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5x1 mark)**

**Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.**

When I got home from school, Father was still out at work, so I unlocked the front door and went inside and took my coat off. I went into the kitchen and made myself a raspberry milk shake. Then I went to the living room to watch one of my Blue Planet videos about life in the deepest parts of the ocean.

The video was about the sea creatures that live around sulphur chimneys, which are underwater volcanoes where gases are ejected from the earth's crust into the water. Scientists never expected any living organisms to be found there because it was so hot and so poisonous. However, there are whole ecosystems there. 5

I like this bit because it shows you that there is always something new that science can discover, and all the facts that you take for granted can be completely wrong. I also like the fact that they are filming in a place which is harder to get to than the top of Mount Everest but is only a few miles away from sea level. It is one of the quietest and darkest, and most secret places on the surface of the earth. I like to imagine that I am there sometimes, in a spherical metal submersible with windows that are 30 cm thick to stop them from imploding under the pressure. I also imagine that I can control it and move anywhere I want to on the seabed, and I can never be found. 10 15

Father came home at about 5.50 pm. I heard him come through the front door. I carried on watching the video and Father went into the kitchen. 20

I had forgotten that I had left my book lying on the kitchen table because I was too interested in the Blue Planet video. This is what is called *relaxing your guard*, and it is what you must never do if you are a detective.

Soon, Father came back into the living room. He was holding the book in his right hand and said in a low voice, "What is this?" I did not realise that he was angry because he was not shouting. 25

I looked up and replied, "It's a book I'm writing."

Without a word, Father grabbed hold of my arm really hard and bellowed, "Gerald, what did I say before? Not to go around sticking your nose into other people's business. Now you go around raking up the past and sharing it with every Tom, Dick and Harry you bump into. What am I going to do with you?" 30

*extracted & adapted from 'The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-Time' by Mark Haddon*

26. What is the Blue Planet video about?
- (1) It is about life in the whole ecosystem.
  - (2) It is about life on top of Mount Everest.
  - (3) It is about ecosystems found in the deepest parts of the ocean.
  - (4) It is about creatures found in the quietest and darkest place on earth.
27. What does 'sulphur chimneys' in lines 5-6 refer to?
- (1) sea creatures
  - (2) underwater volcanoes
  - (3) spherical metal submersible
  - (4) gases ejected from the earth's crust
28. Why did the writer enjoy watching the Blue Planet video?
- (1) He could learn about filming in the ocean.
  - (2) He could imagine being on the top of Mount Everest.
  - (3) He could move about on the seabed and hide somewhere.
  - (4) He could discover new knowledge and learn about modern science
29. What does 'relaxing your guard' in lines 22-23 mean?
- (1) becoming calmer
  - (2) becoming uptight
  - (3) becoming less alert
  - (4) becoming more vigilant
30. From the passage, why was the writer's father angry with his son?
- (1) His son dug up people's past and told others about it.
  - (2) His son came home from school and did not do his homework.
  - (3) His son forgot his reading and left his book on the kitchen table.
  - (4) His son relaxed in the living room and watched the Blue Planet video.

BOOKLET B

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Class : Pr 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Section G : Grammar Cloze ( 10 x 1 mark )

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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| <del>(A) to</del>   | <del>(D) in</del> | <del>(G) the</del>     | <del>(K) and</del>  | <del>(N) down</del>    |
| <del>(B) too</del>  | <del>(E) on</del> | <del>(H) over</del>    | <del>(L) who</del>  | <del>(P) whose</del>   |
| <del>(C) with</del> | <del>(F) as</del> | <del>(J) without</del> | <del>(M) even</del> | <del>(Q) through</del> |

A TASTE OF DROUGHT

Singapore has enough water for its population now, so it is a challenge to convince young people that their supply might be threatened

Global warming, water pollution (31) \_\_\_\_\_ the booming world population are now collectively (putting) strains (32) \_\_\_\_\_ our water sources. We are the generation (33) \_\_\_\_\_ will inherit this earth and its problems.

Yet I, for one, can be upfront: I've never lived (34) \_\_\_\_\_ a drought or water rationing. (35) \_\_\_\_\_ only times I had to be careful with my water was my army field camps when supplies had to last several days.

To truly get this technology-savvy generation involved, we cannot just tell the youth, we have to sell the idea (36) \_\_\_\_\_.

This month, we celebrated World Water Day. But will it be enough to just head (37) \_\_\_\_\_ to a reservoir and think about how we can ensure good clean water?

Issues such (38) \_\_\_\_\_ water pollution and shortages are pressing, but it is another thing (39) \_\_\_\_\_ engage the youth about them. Having grown up without experiencing water problems, we have a tough time imagining what it would be to go (40) \_\_\_\_\_ water. After all, we have always had access to clean, treated water, straight from the tap.

*extracted from THE Straits Times, Monday, 24 March 2008*

**Section H : Editing for Spelling and Grammar ( 10 x 1 mark )**

**Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.**

In the country of Papua New Guinea, you can find people who look as if

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they have not progressed in hundreds of years. They seem **premitive**, living without

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modern scierce and tecknology.

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Do not be fooled with their appearances, though. The people of Papua New

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Guinea were among the smartest in the world at solving problems.

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Unfotunetely, some of the difficulties they are facing now are very serious that they need help from other countries. Papua New Guinea is today one of the poorest

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nations in the world. It also suffered natural **desasters** and a civil war in the 1990s.

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Yet, its people has some amazing qualities, say experts. Dr Jared Diamond, an

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American professor who studied the history and **coulture** of Papua New Guinea, said

that the country was home to a very successful society for a long time. In fact, people

(50)

have been living there in harmony with nature in 46,000 years.

*Adapted from article in WHAT'S UP, Issue No 37, February 2007*

**Section I : Comprehension Cloze ( 15 x 1 mark )**

**Fill in each blank with a suitable word.**

One of the most annoying ailments is a condition that causes itching and soreness between the toes. It is commonly known as athlete's foot. It would (51) \_\_\_\_\_ it got its name because athletes frequently suffered (52) \_\_\_\_\_ this irritating, inflammatory fungal infection of the feet. Of course, the infection is not (53) \_\_\_\_\_ to athletes. Anybody can be affected.

At one time, it was thought that the condition was contracted mainly in sporting venues (54) \_\_\_\_\_ gymnasiums, swimming-pools and changing rooms. More recently, (55) \_\_\_\_\_ has been found that the fungus responsible for the disease is widespread and can be picked up (56) \_\_\_\_\_ anywhere, including off the floors and carpets (57) \_\_\_\_\_ the cleanest homes.

Nevertheless, the name "athlete's foot" continues to be used (58) \_\_\_\_\_ of the correct medical name *tinea pedis*. The infection is (59) \_\_\_\_\_ by fungi, which can also affect the scalp and other parts of the skin. Occasionally the nails, and in some extreme cases, (60) \_\_\_\_\_ the joints and bones can be affected.

When athlete's foot takes hold, it is usually on the feet, between the toes. The sensitive (61) \_\_\_\_\_ begins itching, becomes cracked and blisters, and soon the disease (62) \_\_\_\_\_. With modern treatment, the condition can be controlled but it often returns again and (63) \_\_\_\_\_.

Not everyone catches athlete's foot. Doctors are uncertain as to (64) \_\_\_\_\_ this is so. The (65) \_\_\_\_\_ form of prevention is to keep the feet clean and dry. Change footwear frequently, and try to allow the feet to get 'fresh air' regularly.

*extracted from Learners Publishing, Summary Writing by Charles Mackivi*

Section J : Synthesis / Transformation ( 5 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions from 66 to 70, rewrite the sentence(s) 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).

66. That rock concert is wildly popular in America. The same rock concert is also wildly popular in Japan.

\_\_\_\_\_ both  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. Mrs Singham's husband was injured in a car accident last year. She has resigned from her job to look after him.

\_\_\_\_\_ whose \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. My teacher said, "You have to submit the research project by tomorrow."

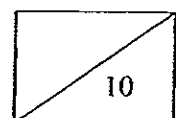
My teacher told us that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Ying Leng likes reading novels. She does not like outdoor activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ prefers \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. My sister loves animals. She does not have any pets.

Despite \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Section K : Comprehension Open-Ended (10 x 2 marks)**  
**Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.**

They are fine. They are sharp. They all have one thing in common: they can tear animals into shreds. In the wild, birds of prey are hunters which dominate the skies. The largest of them all – the Andean Condor – has a wingspan of three metres. Although rare today, the remaining population of this species inhabit the Andean mountain range of Colombia, Chile, Ecuador and 5 Peru in South America.

It is one of the seven species of American vultures in the world, which are distinct for not having feathers on their heads and necks. This enables the vultures to dip their heads with ease into carcasses while feeding. Like other birds of prey, vultures have large, strong and sharply hooked beaks, but their 10 slender legs and toes with blunt talons are not well suited for killing preys.

Instead, they are experts at soaring, and their excellent eyesight enables them to detect carrion – the decaying flesh of dead animals – from afar. Those who live in forests have a keen sense of smell, and are even able to nose out covered carcasses on the forest floor. 15

The King Vulture, another species of American vulture, lives in deep tropical forests and builds its nests high in the tree tops. It scours the forest floor for dead animals, and if it cannot find any, will kill and eat small reptiles and calves.

Vultures are often mistaken to be vicious and dirty birds because they 20 feed on carcasses. They are actually one of the cleanest birds, making sure that they wash or sun themselves after every single meal.

The Secretary Bird found in Africa has a distinctive long crest of twenty feathers. It derives its name from these feathers on its head which remind us of the olden day lawyer's secretary with a bunch of quill pens stuck behind his 25 ears.

This bird of prey prefers running on the ground to flying. When it does fly, however, it is quite graceful with its head and neck outstretched and its long legs neatly tucked beneath its tail. It is a large bird, standing more than a metre tall on powerful legs, and an impressive wingspan of two metres. Due to its 30 unique structure and appearance, it is placed in a family by itself – comprising



only one species.

Another bird of prey is the owl. Also known as the cat with wings, it is the silent hunter of the night. Most owl species are active at nightfall and only a few hunt in the day. Like hawks and eagles, owls have hooked beaks and powerful talons; but the owls keep their weapons well hidden under their feathers. 35

The size, construction and position of the owl's eyes give it its amazing eyesight – 10 to 100 times sharper than man's. Its ears are very sensitive to high-pitched sounds made by rodents, while the wing feathers of the nocturnal owl have silencing devices which ensure a completely silent flight. 40

*Extracted from Little Red Dot, Tuesday, 8 May 2007*

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

71. What does 'They' in line 1 refer to?

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72. Which bird in the passage is noted for its bald head and neck?

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73. What are the two ways mentioned in the passage that show vultures' sharp hunting skills?

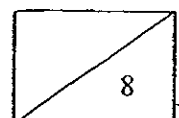
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74. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'bodies of dead animals'?

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75. What do the distinctive feathers on The Secretary Bird's head look like?

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76. Which sentence in the passage tells you that The Secretary Bird would rather run than fly?

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77. Why are owls known as the silent hunters of the night?

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78. Which three-word phrase in the passage describes owls as nocturnal creatures?

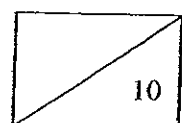
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79. What makes owls a more powerful killer of preys than vultures?

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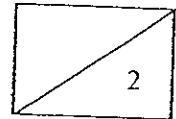
80. With reference to the passage, why do birds of prey have hooked beaks?

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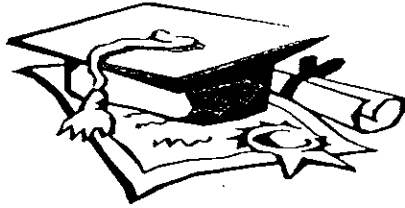
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# ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2008

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SUBJECT : PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH

TERM : SA 1

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57)in      58)instead      59)caused      60)even  
61)skin      62)spread      63)again      64)why      65)best

66)That rock concert is wildly popular in both America and Japan.

67)Mrs Singham, whose husband was injured in a car accident last year, has resigned from her job to look after him.

68) My teacher told us that we had to submit the research project by the next day.

69) Ying Leng prefers reading novels to outdoor activities.

70) Despite the fact that my sister loves animals, she does not have any pets.

71) It refers to birds of prey.

72) The bird is the Andean condor.

73) Their excellent eyesight helps to detect carrion from afar and their keen sense of smell helps to nose out covered carcasses on the forest floor.

74) The word is "carcasses."

75) They look like the olden day lawyer's secretary with a bunch of quill pens stuck behind his ears.

76) The sentence is "This bird of prey prefers running on the ground to flying."

77) Their wing feathers have silencing devices which allow them to approach their preys unnoticed.

78) The phrase is "active at nightfall."

79) Owls have powerful talons which are suited for killing preys but vultures have blunt talons.

80) The hooked beaks enable the birds of prey to tear the flesh of dead animals into shreds or small pieces so as to make chewing easier.