

TAO NAN SCHOOL

PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH LANGUAGE MID-YEAR EXAMINATION – 2010

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Name: _____ ()

Date: 10 May 2010

Class: Primary 3 _____

Time: 7.45 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.

Total Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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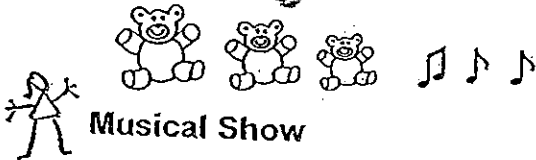
Answer all questions.

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

Parent's Signature: _____

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

Caring Bear Special Promotion!




Musical Show

Watch it 'live' from 1 to 5 June 2010

Catch Sunshine Bear and

Lovey Bear dancing and singing

to the tunes of the limited edition

of Caring Bear CDs. 

Where: Ground Floor

Time: 11 a.m. to 12 noon

Fabulous Offers

- Free balloons for everyone
- Special lucky draw – with every \$50 spent, you get a chance to instantly win these prizes: plasma TV, air tickets to Japan, gift vouchers, skateboards
- Buy 2 bears and get the 3rd one free. Hurry! Limited to first 100 customers.


Main Attraction! Fun Photos with Caring Bears


Buy \$30 worth of Caring Bear products and you'll get to take photographs with the performing bears. Don't forget your camera!

Where: Fun Photos Counter, Level 2

When: Monday to Wednesday, 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Tea with Tender Heart Bear (limited to 30 children)

 Spend more than \$20 on Caring Bear accessories and you'll have a great time with the most caring bear!

 Tuesday and Friday, 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Don't miss this School Holiday Treats at Parkwade Parade Shopping Centre!

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. The main aim of this advertisement is to _____.

- (1) promote the sale of Caring Bears
- (2) attract people to visit Parkwade Shopping Centre
- (3) encourage children to watch the musical live show
- (4) keep the children occupied during the school holidays

2. The highlight of this advertisement is _____.

- (1) Musical Show
- (2) Fabulous Offers
- (3) Tea with Tender Heart Bear
- (4) Fun Photos with Caring Bears

3. In order for Jane to watch Caring Bears dance and sing, she has to _____.

- (1) buy two Caring Bears first
- (2) spend at least thirty dollars
- (3) own a copy of the limited edition of the Caring Bear CD
- (4) arrive at the ground floor of Parkwade Parade by 11 a.m.

4. Which of the following statements is ~~not~~ true about the advertisement?

- (1) The musical show is pre-recorded.
- (2) The promotion includes a lucky draw.
- (3) You get three Caring Bears for the price of two.
- (4) Only one of the bears will have tea with the children.

5. Everyone who attends Caring Bear Special Promotion will get a _____.

- (1) balloon
- (2) Caring Bear
- (3) skateboard
- (4) Caring Bear CD

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. "I _____ keep my promise," Alice assured her brother.

- (1) will
- (2) may
- (3) might
- (4) should

7. _____ cat in my arms wants to catch the rat in the kitchen.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) These
- (4) Those

8. We waited for Jack _____ he had finished his project.

- (1) as
- (2) until
- (3) when
- (4) because

9. I love jogging _____ the stream.

- (1) in
- (2) by
- (3) over
- (4) against

10. Ali got up with a start. Frightened, he decided _____ under his bed.

- (1) hid
- (2) hide
- (3) hides
- (4) hiding

11. While touring Sabah, Mr Lee got lost _____ he bought a map.

- (1) so
- (2) but
- (3) since
- (4) because

12. "~~Sally~~ is a very kind girl. ~~She~~ always _____ her friends solve their ~~problems.~~" Mrs Tan ~~praised~~ her pupil during the Meet-The-Parent session.

- (1) helps
- (2) helped
- (3) is helping
- (4) was helping

13. ~~Rajiv~~ _____ chicken wings for dinner ~~last weekend.~~

- (1) grill
- (2) grills
- (3) grilled
- (4) grilling

14. The teacher _____ her story as soon as all her pupils had ~~gathered~~ on the floor in front of her.

- (1) begin
- (2) begins
- (3) began
- (4) begun

15. The coach told the athlete that the _____ he trained, the _____ he could run.

- (1) more...faster
- (2) more...fastest
- (3) most...faster
- (4) most...fastest

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. David ~~stopped~~ his soccer practice as he had a cold. His illness ~~was~~ _____ so he could not be with his teammates.
- (1) risky
 - (2) unsafe
 - (3) infectious
 - (4) poisonous
17. "You are not allowed to elbow your opponent! I am disqualifying you!" the referee _____ across the field.
- (1) hissed
 - (2) yelled
 - (3) muttered
 - (4) grumbled
18. While watching a horror movie, Janet was so frightened that she felt a _____ running down her spine.
- (1) shiver.
 - (2) tremor.
 - (3) quaver.
 - (4) vibration.
19. James ~~cried~~ in pain as he ~~had~~ _____ his left shoulder during a game of hockey.
- (1) flexed
 - (2) prodded
 - (3) bounced
 - (4) wrenched
20. The audience ~~gave~~ a round of thunderous applause as the singer's voice _____.
- (1) as sweet as honey
 - (2) as gentle as a dove
 - (3) as light as a feather
 - (4) as delicate as a flower

21. When all the sunflowers bloomed gloriously, Sarah was astounded. It was truly an _____ sight!
- (1) ordinary
 - (2) amazing
 - (3) annoying
 - (4) outrageous
22. Rubbing his head, Tom cried as blood oozed from his wound. He could not believe that the class bully had _____ his head with a sharp pencil.
- (1) poked
 - (2) patted
 - (3) injected
 - (4) crumbled
23. The Gruffalo used its _____ to rip off the bark of the tree.
- (1) spiky prickles
 - (2) terrible claws
 - (3) poisonous wart
 - (4) turned-out toes
24. Mike was arrested for torturing cats in this neighbourhood. He should be punished for his _____ act.
- (1) fearless
 - (2) wicked
 - (3) irritating
 - (4) dishonest
25. Mrs Tan _____ her daughter to the Botanic Gardens during the school holidays.
- (1) sent
 - (2) took
 - (3) fetch
 - (4) brought

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 a village in Zimbabwe, Max, a young boy, lived in misery with his aunt, Aunt Lily, because she constantly nagged at him. One day, Aunt Lily asked Max to go deep into the forest to hunt some animals for dinner. Max shook with fear as it was believed that a strange creature, which enjoyed eating human flesh, roamed the forest freely.

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With a thumping heart, Max made his way to the forest. Upon reaching it, he cast furtive glances at his surroundings. Suddenly, a clump of nearby bushes rustled. Then, there it was, the strange creature. It had a humongous mouth, a big belly and really bad breath! The creature's breath was so bad that every time he roared, the insects near him died!

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Max ran as fast as he could but the creature was gaining on him. Thankfully, he brought along a drum. He beat it at once to signal for help.

A peculiar thing happened. The strange creature started to dance! Fascinated, Max kept on beating the drum, until the sun went down. Dog-tired, Max stopped beating the drum. The creature stopped dancing and looked at him. He beat the drum again and it danced again. He beat faster and it danced faster.

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"This is strange! He follows my rhythm!" Max cried in bewilderment. As the creature had been dancing for hours, it collapsed in exhaustion. Max took the opportunity to dash home.

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"I can't imagine what could have happened to me if I had not brought my drum along!" Max exclaimed, heaving a sigh of relief. He dreamt of having Aunt Lily with him on his next trip to the forest. "Aunt Lily doesn't have a drum," Max thought, laughing off the wild idea.

Adapted from 'The Strange Creature – A Story From Zimbabwe'

(http://www.spiritoffrees.org/folktales/mccarty/the_strange_creature.html)

26. Why was Max unhappy living with his aunt?

- (1) He disliked living in a village.
- (2) She always told him what to do.
- (3) She told him to enter a dangerous forest.
- (4) He preferred to spend time with the strange creature.

27. The strange creature _____.

- (1) liked to eat insects.
- (2) could kill with his breath
- (3) enjoyed playing drums loudly
- (4) was in charge of guarding the forest

28. Max entered the forest **with a thumping heart** (line 6) as he was _____.

- (1) thrilled
- (2) curious
- (3) terrified
- (4) excited.

29. The word 'This' in line 18 refers to the strange creature _____.

- (1) dancing quickly
- (2) enjoying the music
- (3) moving to the beat of the drum
- (4) dancing with Max until the sun went down

30. Which of the following statements is **NOT** true?

- (1) Max used his drum to call for help.
- (2) The strange creature was a wild beast.
- (3) The strange creature enjoyed eating people.
- (4) Max stopped beating the drum so that the beast could rest for a while.

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) to	(B) or	(C) that	(D) the	(E) and
(F) at	(G) on	(H) as	(J) around	(K) into

Starfish, also known as sea stars, are not fish. They have no eyes, noses, ears (31) _____ heads. However, they do have mouths and enjoy feasting on shellfish, such (32) _____ oysters, clams and mussels. It is interesting to note that their stomachs are kept in their mouths.

To digest an oyster, a starfish would wrap its arms (33) _____ the oyster to pry it open. Once there is a crack in the oyster shell, the jelly-like stomach of the starfish will move out of its mouth. The starfish will then insert its stomach (34) _____ the shell of the oyster. The digestive juices move from the stomach into the crack of the oyster shell to digest the oyster.

In order to fully digest an oyster, a starfish can take up (35) _____ a day. Only when the oyster is completely digested does the starfish's stomach return to its mouth.

Adapted from Reader's Digest

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 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) scoffed	(B) believe	(C) nowhere	(D) beside	(E) suspect
(F) bending	(G) shade	(H) swept	(J) shadow	(K) air

A big tree stood at the edge of a forest. Its branches spread out majestically and so did its roots. It shielded people from the sun under its (36) _____ and provided shelter to countless birds. Right (37) _____ the tree grew a little plant. It was delicate, (38) _____ over at the slightest breeze.

One day, the big tree and the little plant had a chat. "Well, little one," said the tree, "why don't you plant your feet deeply into the ground, and raise your head boldly in the (39) _____ as I do?"

"I see no need to do so," said the little plant with a smile. "I (40) _____ I am actually safer this way," the plant added.

"How ridiculous! Are you saying that you're stronger than me? Who could possibly pluck me by the roots or bow my head to the ground?" the tree (41) _____

One evening, a storm (42) _____ through the area and uprooted most of the trees in the forest, including the big tree. It was hurled away with great force.

When the hurricane ended, the little plant stood upright again. The big tree was (43) _____ to be seen. Sighing sadly, the plant swayed gently in the breeze.

Adapted from <http://www.pitara.com/talespin/folktales/>

Section G (4 x 2m)

Synthesis

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 sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

44. The boys were drenched. The boys were fired.

_____ and

45. Janet could not go to school. Janet was ill.

_____ because of

46. Julie said to Tim, "My mother is waiting for me at the canteen."

Julie told Tim that _____

47. Mark is not allowed to watch a show. Mark has not completed his homework.

As _____

Section H (7 X 1m)

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPG)

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)

There ~~was~~ an old apple tree in Farmer Lee's garden. It is so old that it ~~had~~ ~~stopped~~ bearing fruit a long time ago. However, it ~~provided~~ sparrows, grasshoppers

(49)

and squirrels with a biutiful home.

One day, Farmer Lee ~~decided~~ to chop the tree down. He ~~wanted~~ to use the

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wood to make some furniture. So, taking a sharp axe in his hand, the farmer struck on the roots of the tree. At once, the grasshoppers, the sparrows and the squirrels begged the farmer to spare the tree.

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"Sir o please spare this tree. It is our only home," the creatures begged

(52)

Farmer Lee pityfuli. Unfortunately, the farmer ~~continued~~ to chop the tree.

Suddenly, something in the hollow of the tree ~~caught~~ the farmer's

(53)

attention. "A beehive o" the farmer ~~yelled~~. Before he could react, thousands of

(54)

bees flew out of the hive and stung him all over. He threw his axe away and free. The

grasshoppers, the sparrows and the squirrels laughed and thanked the bees for their

help.

Adapted from <http://www.pitara.com/talespin/folktales/onlin>

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.

Patrick never did his homework as he found it very dull. "I hate homework! I'd rather watch television!" he thought to himself. His teachers urged him to hand in his work but he refused to.

One day, Patrick saw his cat, Tom, playing with a cute toy. Upon a closer look, he realised that Tom was not tossing a toy, but an elf!

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"Save me, Giant! Save me! I'll do anything for you. I promise you that," the elf pleaded. Patrick could not believe how lucky he was! He had found the answer to his problem.

At lightning speed, Patrick grabbed the elf and ordered Tom to leave. Grinning away mischievously, he said, "Please, oh please do all my homework for me."

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The elf replied, "Sure, I'll do your homework right away. I'll vanish once I have completed all of it." True to his word, the elf began to do Patrick's homework.

"Help me! Help me! I don't know this word. Please look up the dictionary for me," the elf begged Patrick desperately. As the elf was very persistent, Patrick stopped watching television for a while and helped the elf complete the English homework.

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Minutes later, the elf started doing Patrick's Mathematics homework. "What are times tables, addition and subtraction?" the elf shrieked. "We elves never need that. Please sit beside me. You simply must guide me," the elf said, tugging Patrick's sleeve frantically.

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"Stop disturbing me! I want to watch my favourite show!" Patrick complained. However, the elf just could not solve the sums. Patrick had no choice but to do his homework.

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Every day after school, the elf nagged at Patrick to help him. Patrick had never worked so hard before. When he handed in all his homework, his teachers were pleasantly surprised and praised him for being a responsible boy. Patrick was elated!

One afternoon, Patrick reached home and found a note that read, "Goodbye my friend. I've done my part and you have certainly done yours."

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Adapted from <http://www.magickeys.com/books/patrick/index.html>

55. Why did Patrick hate doing his homework?

56. How did the elf manage to get Patrick to save him?

57. When could the elf leave Patrick?

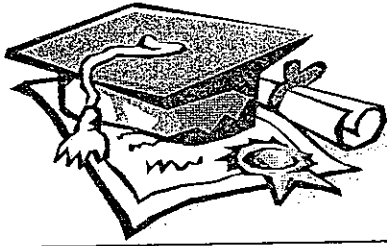
58. Which sentence tells you that Patrick had to solve the sums himself?

59. Why was Patrick elated (line 29)?

60. Referring to the phrase 'you have certainly done yours' in line 31, what exactly did Patrick do?

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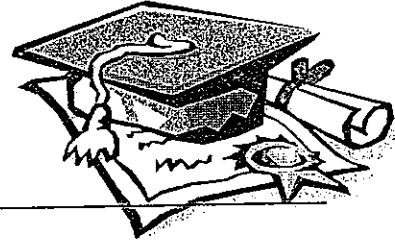


ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2010

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

TERM : SA1



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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
1	4	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	4	E	H	J	K

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40	Q41	Q42	Q43
A	G	D	F	K	B	A	H	C

44) They boys were drenched and tired.

45) Janet could not go to school because of her illness.

46) Julia told Tim that her mother was waiting for her at the canteen.

47) As Mark has not completed his homework, he is not allowed to watch a show.

48) was 49) beautiful 50) at 51), 52) pitifully

53)! 54) fled

55) He found it very dull.

56) The elf promised to do anything for Patrick if he saved him.

57) The elf could leave Patrick once he had completed all his homework.

58) The sentence is "Patrick had no choice but to do his homework".

59) When he handed in all his homework, his teacher praised him for being a responsible boy.

60) Patrick did all his homework himself.

