



AI TONG SCHOOL  
2008

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO

PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

DURATION : 1 hour 45 minutes

DATE : 22 October 2008

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Follow all instructions.

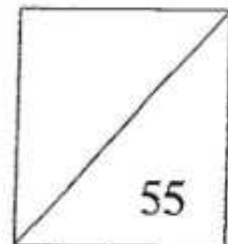
Answer all questions.

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

Class : Primary \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

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Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (4 × 1 mark)

For each question from 7 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.

7. Mary was \_\_\_\_\_ to learn that she had passed her Science test.
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| (1) sorry    | (2) furious |
| (3) relieved | (4) worried |
8. Peter joined the queue of \_\_\_\_\_ at the cashier.
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|-----------------|-----------------|
| (1) witnesses   | (2) customers   |
| (3) competitors | (4) pedestrians |
9. "Mom, I'm sorry to have broken your favourite vase," Zhirong \_\_\_\_\_.
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|---------------|----------------|
| (1) boasted   | (2) apologised |
| (3) suggested | (4) complained |
10. The old houses on that piece of land were \_\_\_\_\_ so that new ones could be built there.
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|----------------|-----------------|
| (1) preserved  | (2) renovated   |
| (3) demolished | (4) refurbished |

Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 × 2 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 11 to 15.

To: [minghua@hotmail.com](mailto:minghua@hotmail.com)

Subject: Good news

Date: 21 October 2008

Dear Cousin Minghua,

I have good news for you. Do you remember helping me with the crossword puzzle on birds when you visited me? We had certainly done a great deal of research to find the answers. We spent hours at the library reading up on birdlife. We put up with insect bites to watch birds in their natural habitats. We even interviewed bird owners on the training of songbirds. Well, all our efforts have paid off!

We won the first prize – a one-year supply of bird seeds delivered to my doorstep! Go on, have a good laugh! Dad jokingly suggested that we create quizzes on birds and post them on our blog for bird lovers. Now, that's a thought!

What shall we do with the carton of bird seeds? Mom wants me to get rid of it by the end of the week. What do you say if we sell the bird seeds? Or how about exchanging them for birds at a pet shop? Of course, if you want your share of the prize, I would gladly send it to you in Malacca. Do you have any other ideas?

Please reply soon.

Regards,

Lenny

For each question from 11 to 15, 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.

11. When Minghua visited Lenny, he helped to \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) get rid of the prize
  - (2) feed insects to birds
  - (3) train songbirds to sing
  - (4) complete a crossword puzzle on birds
12. The last sentence in paragraph 1, "Well, all our efforts have paid off!" means that Lenny and Minghua had \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) wasted their efforts
  - (2) paid for the bird seeds
  - (3) learnt to create quizzes on birds
  - (4) been rewarded for their hard work
13. The first prize was \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) a bird at the pet shop
  - (2) a blog on birds
  - (3) a one-year supply of bird seeds
  - (4) a free trip to watch birds in their natural habitats
14. When Lenny said, "Go on, have a good laugh", he was thinking that Minghua \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) enjoyed his joke
  - (2) found the prize amusing
  - (3) liked the prize they had won
  - (4) was laughing at Dad's suggestion
15. Lenny wanted Minghua to help \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) take back his share of the prize
  - (2) sell the bird seeds to bird owners
  - (3) decide on what to do with the prize
  - (4) exchange the bird seeds for birds at a pet shop

Part 2

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: P 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Marks: \_\_\_\_\_/35

Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

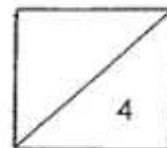
Passage 1

There are 4 blanks, numbered 16 to 19, in the passage below. Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) he	(B) they	(C) we
(D) it	(E) she	(F) I

My family was excited about our camping trip. Tim, my younger brother, and (16)\_\_\_\_\_ packed our haversack two days before we set off. (17)\_\_\_\_\_ were expecting great fun for the next few days. However, (18)\_\_\_\_\_ rained heavily on the second day. We were caught in a downpour and drenched from head to toe. That night, Tim fell seriously ill. (19)\_\_\_\_\_ had to be taken to the hospital. Disappointedly, we headed back home.



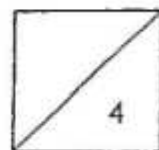
Passage 2

There are 4 blanks, numbered 20 to 23, in the passage below. Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) out	(B) up	(C) for
(D) on	(E) with	(F) by

The alarm clock rang. It was six o'clock in the morning. Jane got (20) \_\_\_\_\_ of bed and went to the bathroom to wash up. Then she put (21) \_\_\_\_\_ her uniform and went back to the bedroom to wake her sister (22) \_\_\_\_\_. Mother prepared a delicious breakfast for the girls. There were boiled eggs and bread (23) \_\_\_\_\_ peanut butter and jam. After breakfast, they headed for school.



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.

The Greeks had a legend about the Great Sphinx. She lived on a rock and killed every

(24)

traveller who could not answer this riddle: "What walks on four legs, on two legs and on three

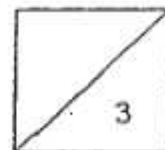
legs at different phases of its life?" Oedipus replied that it was man, who crawled on all fours

(25)

as a baby, walked upright on two legs as an adult and walked by a cane when he was old.

(26)

Oedipus was correct, so the Great Sphinx throws herself down from the rock in rage and died.





Section F: Comprehension Cloze ( 6 x 1mark)

There are 6 blanks, numbered 27 to 32, in the passage below. Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

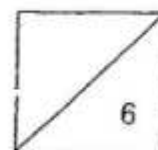
USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) task	(B) tamed	(C) risk	(D) mistakes
(E) dedication	(F) harmful	(G) coordination	(H) audience

A circus offers fun and excitement to every member of the family. Acrobats, jugglers and magicians amaze the (27)\_\_\_\_\_.

It is not an easy (28)\_\_\_\_\_ to perform in a circus. Strength, (29)\_\_\_\_\_ and excellent timing are some of the abilities that are needed by the performers. There is little room for (30)\_\_\_\_\_ as many acts are dangerous. Hence, the tough training requires a tremendous amount of (31)\_\_\_\_\_ and patience. Many who perform in circuses start training at a very young age. Even the animals that perform in circuses are (32)\_\_\_\_\_ and trained from young.

Today, circuses still awe and capture the hearts of people all over the world.



Section G: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1mark)

There are 4 blanks, numbered 33 to 36, in the passage below. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The villagers were fuming mad. The shepherd boy had fooled them twice. He had raised false alarm by crying wolf.

"That naughty boy had better stop his practical jokes. He had carried them too far!" yelled an (33) \_\_\_\_\_ farmer.

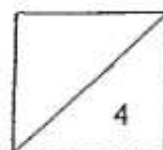
"He is delaying my harvest by playing tricks," grumbled another farmer as he returned to his field.

"Help! Wolf! Help! Please..." The two farmers looked at each other and frowned. Little did they know that the shouts were for (34) \_\_\_\_\_ this time.

"Ha! That boy's trying his trick again! Now, I'm not going to (35) \_\_\_\_\_ him again!" exclaimed one of the farmers.

"Yes!" replied the other. Both of them were determined not to be fooled a third time. Hence, the two farmers (36) \_\_\_\_\_ the cries and continued with their work.

The shepherd boy's sheep were attacked by the wolf. He had learnt a painful lesson.



Section H: Synthesis (2 x 2 marks)

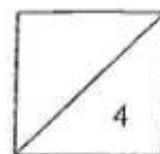
For each of the questions 37 to 38, rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

37. I went to bed early. I was tired.

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

38. The pupils were still feeling warm. The fan was turned on.

\_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Section I: Comprehension (5 x 2marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 39 to 43.

Today, many animals are pushed to the brink of extinction by habitat destruction and global warming. The future for many endangered animals lies in the wildlife parks and zoos found across the world.

Zoos provide endangered animals with a safe haven where they can survive and reproduce. The enclosures for the animals are specially designed to look like their homes in the wild in order for them to feel at ease and lead a natural lifestyle. The result is healthy and happy animals which can be encouraged to breed. It is important for the endangered animals to reproduce for species survival so that future generations may one day return to the wild.

The Singapore Zoological Gardens is one of the world's leading zoos. It houses 2530 animals, including 50 endangered ones, from 315 species. Visitors at the zoo are able to learn about the natural world and wildlife conservation.

Children can help to spread the conservation message by visiting the zoo and signing up to be trained as either a Wildlife Buddy or a Volunteer Zookeeper. Who knows? A chimpanzee, lion or python could be their next best friend.

*Adapted from The Straits Times, 6 November 2007*

All answers must be in complete sentences.

39. With reference to the passage, state two factors that push animals to the brink of extinction?

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40. How are the enclosures for animals designed to make them feel at ease?

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41. Which word in the passage tells you that The Singapore Zoological Gardens is one of the best zoos in the world?

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42. How can children help in wildlife conservation?

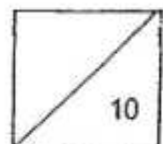
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43. Why do you think it is important for animals born in zoos to return to the wild one day?

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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
2	4	3	3	3	1	3	2	2	3	4	4	3	2	3	F	C

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23
D	A	A	D	B	E

24)answer      25)with      26)threw      27)H      28)A

29)G      30)D      31)E      32)B

33)angry      34)real      35)help      36)ignored

37)Since I was tired, I went to bed early.

38)The fan was turned on but the pupils were still feeling warm.

39)They are by habitat destruction and global warming.

40)The enclosures were specially designed to look like their home in the wild so they can made them feel at ease.

41)The word is "leading."

42)They can help to spread the conversation message by visiting the zoo and signing up to be trained as a wildlife Buddy or Volunteer Zookeeper.

43)So that the animals can be independent.