



Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)  
END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2008  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2  
BOOKLET A  
PRIMARY FOUR

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Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark each = 5 marks)

Study the advertisement below and then answer the questions that follow it.



Discover the  
**BEST BARGAINS**  
at Southpoint Mall today!  
**23 October – 20 December 2008**

**Shop away at the Great Sale  
and enjoy great gifts and prizes!**

**Grand Lucky Draw**

Spend just \$50 and stand a chance to win the following attractive prizes!

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Sports Cruiser 650
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$1000 Travel Voucher to Japan
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Silverheart Jewellery Set worth \$500



*The draw will be held on 20 December 2008. Winners will be notified on the following day.*

**Great Shopping Giveaway**

A \$20 shopping voucher will be yours with every \$200 spent.

DCS Bank card members need to spend only \$150 to receive the voucher!



**Show Time!**

**1. The Puppet Show (9 – 13 November, 2pm)**  
Come join us and have a good time with the Puppet Master and his troupe of 20 puppets! Open to public.

**2. Interactive Magic Show (10 – 15 November, 7pm)**  
First 200 shoppers with minimum \$100 shopping receipts will receive tickets to the popular magic show!

Redeem your tickets at Level 1, Information Counter.

**Main Sponsor:**  
MotorSports Pte. Ltd

**Co-Sponsors:**  
Silverheart Jewellery  
Happy Holidays Travel Group

**Organised by: National Retailers Board**



For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

1. The main sponsor of the event is \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) Silverheart Jewellery
  - (2) MotorSports Pte. Ltd.
  - (3) National Retailers Board
  - (4) Happy Holidays Travel Group
  
2. The winners of the Grand Lucky Draw will be notified on \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) 13 November
  - (2) 15 November
  - (3) 20 December
  - (4) 21 December
  
3. To take part in the Grand Lucky Draw, a shopper must spend a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) \$50
  - (2) \$100
  - (3) \$150
  - (4) \$200
  
4. A DCS Bank card member who spends \$250 on 13 November 2008 will receive \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) a Sports Cruiser 650
  - (2) a \$20 shopping voucher
  - (3) a SilverHeart Jewellery Set
  - (4) tickets to the Interactive Magic Show
  
5. Which of the following shoppers will receive tickets to the Interactive Magic Show?
  - (1) The 100<sup>th</sup> shopper who spends \$70.
  - (2) The 180<sup>th</sup> shopper who spends \$50.
  - (3) The 200<sup>th</sup> shopper who spends \$150.
  - (4) The 250<sup>th</sup> shopper who spends \$200.

Section B: Grammar (10 x 1 mark each = 10 marks)

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 Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

6. A lot of time \_\_\_\_\_ wasted when our car broke down on the way to the airport.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
7. - "Please help \_\_\_\_\_ to the food," the host said to his guests.
- (1) himself
  - (2) yourself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) yourselves
8. Tommy is confined \_\_\_\_\_ bed because he is down with measles.
- (1) in
  - (2) to
  - (3) at
  - (4) with
9. The poor man has saved \_\_\_\_\_ money over the years. He could not even afford to buy his daughter a new pair of shoes.
- (1) little
  - (2) some
  - (3) a few
  - (4) a lot of
10. Kimberly is \_\_\_\_\_ at home over the weekends as she likes to meet up with her friends at the shopping mall.
- (1) often
  - (2) always
  - (3) seldom
  - (4) usually

11. While Linda \_\_\_\_\_, the telephone rang.
- (1) sleeps
  - (2) had slept
  - (3) is sleeping
  - (4) was sleeping
12. "\_\_\_\_\_ they have gone to the wrong place?" Paul wondered, after waiting an hour for his friends.
- (1) Shall
  - (2) Could
  - (3) Would
  - (4) Should
13. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ drug abuse.
- (1) stamp off
  - (2) stamp out
  - (3) stamp down
  - (4) stamp against
14. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ a job, but he is still wondering if he should take it up.
- (1) is offered
  - (2) has been offered
  - (3) had been offered
  - (4) have been offered
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Ong had been informed, he did not turn up for the meeting.
- (1) Since
  - (2) Unless
  - (3) Despite
  - (4) Although

Section C: Vocabulary (10 x 1 mark each = 10 marks)

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 Optical Answer Sheet.  
(10 marks)

16. The hawk \_\_\_\_\_ down on its prey.
- (1) soared
  - (2) flapped
  - (3) hovered
  - (4) swooped
17. We are all aware of the \_\_\_\_\_ between the two brothers. Each of them tries to outshine the other.
- (1) rivalry
  - (2) dislike
  - (3) enmity
  - (4) discord
18. My sister wants to \_\_\_\_\_ a career in music after her graduation.
- (1) aim
  - (2) realise
  - (3) pursue
  - (4) achieve
19. The motorist \_\_\_\_\_ severe injuries when his car crashed into a tree.
- (1) endured
  - (2) persisted
  - (3) sustained
  - (4) maintained
20. Mr Lim stepped on the brakes and the vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ to a halt.
- (1) shrilled
  - (2) shrieked
  - (3) squealed
  - (4) screeched

21. A camp has been set up to house the \_\_\_\_\_ who have escaped the war in their own land.
- (1) convicts
  - (2) invaders
  - (3) refugees
  - (4) prisoners
22. Florence was told to look up the telephone number of the restaurant in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) directory
  - (2) brochure
  - (3) pamphlet
  - (4) dictionary
23. He was about to walk into the room when he heard an \_\_\_\_\_ of laughter coming from within.
- (1) outcry
  - (2) outrage
  - (3) outburst
  - (4) outbreak
24. Young children are more \_\_\_\_\_ to germs and bacteria, so they tend to fall sick easily.
- (1) attracted
  - (2) receptive
  - (3) responsive
  - (4) susceptible
25. The number of tigers in the wild has \_\_\_\_\_ because of humankind's activities. They are in danger of becoming extinct.
- (1) vanished
  - (2) dwindled
  - (3) escalated
  - (4) stagnated

Section D: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark each = 5 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it.

For the past nine years, David's home was a dank and musty cell, infested with swarms of cockroaches and the occasional rat. Each night, he would cry himself to sleep.

When he was five, his parents had sold him to a cruel blacksmith as a slave. He despised his parents and knew he would never see them again. His heart-ached with pain whenever thoughts of his family flashed through his mind.

One evening, after a hard day's work, David's master beat him mercilessly and left him with neither food nor drink. David sobbed sadly for some time in the dust. His throat felt painful and dry. After what seemed like an eternity, he finally mustered enough strength to pick himself up. Utterly dejected, he decided he no longer want to be beaten and starved. He decided to run away!

Close to midnight, David scrambled to his feet and stood listening. The house was quiet, and he could hear the hoot of an owl in the distance. He crept towards the door and unlatched it. Cautiously, he closed the door behind him and hobbled his way down the street.

"I must hurry before he finds out that I'm gone!" he muttered.

Hindered by the mist, David tripped over the uneven cobbled path. He fell and went sliding down a steep slope covered with a slippery mixture of gravel and earth. By the time he reached the bottom of the slope, he was badly bruised and the pain had worsened in his arms and legs.

Just as he began to ascend the slope, he heard the voices of two men arguing. One of them sounded familiar!

"Why didn't you keep an eye on him?"

"How could I have known he would escape? I never would have thought he had the guts to do that!"

"He couldn't have gone far. Let's try looking for him down that street. Hurry!"

Fear struck his heart. Not daring to breathe, David cowered into the shadows and waited anxiously till the sound of their footsteps had faded into the night. He then trudged on slowly and painfully, relieved that he was free at last.



For each question from 26 to 30, 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.  
(5 marks)

26. David despised his parents because they had \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) abused him
  - (2) starved him
  - (3) imprisoned him
  - (4) abandoned him
27. David made his escape \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) at dusk
  - (2) at dawn
  - (3) soon after midnight
  - (4) just before midnight
28. David managed to escape from the house because \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) he had the keys
  - (2) he had been beaten and starved
  - (3) he had waited till their footsteps had faded
  - (4) the two men were not keeping an eye on him
29. David fell because \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) the path was uneven
  - (2) the ground was muddy
  - (3) he slid down the steep slope
  - (4) he heard someone approaching
30. When David heard voices arguing, he was terrified because \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) they had found him
  - (2) he would be beaten again
  - (3) he did not know one of them
  - (4) they had discovered that he was missing



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| Paper                                      | Maximum Marks | Marks Obtained |
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| <b>1. Composition</b>                      | <b>30</b>     |                |
| <b>2. Language Use &amp; Comprehension</b> | <b>85</b>     |                |
| 2.1 OAS (Booklet A)                        | 30            |                |
| 2.2 Grammar Cloze                          | 8             |                |
| 2.3 Vocabulary Cloze                       | 8             |                |
| 2.4 Editing (SPG)                          | 9             |                |
| 2.5 Synthesis Transformation               | 6             |                |
| 2.5 Comprehension Cloze                    | 10            |                |
| 2.6 Comprehension                          | 14            |                |
| <b>3. Listening Comprehension</b>          | <b>15</b>     |                |
| <b>4. Oral Communication</b>               | <b>20</b>     |                |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>150</b>    |                |

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Section E: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark each = 8 marks)

There are 8 blanks, numbered 31 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to M) in the blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| (A) <del>across</del>   | (D) <del>before</del> | (G) <del>into</del> | (K) <del>since</del>   |
| (B) <del>although</del> | (E) <del>by</del>     | (H) <del>of</del>   | (L) <del>through</del> |
| (C) <del>at</del>       | (F) <del>in</del>     | (J) <del>on</del>   | (M) <del>towards</del> |
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In a flash, the great bird had closed its claws on the field mouse. With a powerful flap of its wings, it began to fly off \_\_\_\_\_ the field. The eagle soared higher into the sky, swiftly crossing the river. It was heading \_\_\_\_\_ its home in the mountains.

"What a magnificent bird!" exclaimed Sandy, clapping her hands \_\_\_\_\_ delight. She gazed at the mountains \_\_\_\_\_ the horizon. From the corner \_\_\_\_\_ her eye, she glimpsed some movement.

A few boys were swimming in the river. \_\_\_\_\_ they were some distance away, she could see that they were having a good time. One of the boys climbed onto a rock and did a spectacular somersault, plunging \_\_\_\_\_ the water with a loud splash. Sandy was impressed \_\_\_\_\_ his daring act.



Section F: Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1 mark each = 8 marks)

There are 7 blanks, numbered 39 to 46, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to O) in the blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| (A) <del>accessible</del> | (D) <del>four</del>         | (G) <del>primary</del>    | (K) <del>rich</del>   |
| (B) <del>available</del>  | (E) <del>income</del>       | (H) <del>produces</del>   | (L) <del>salary</del> |
| (C) <del>festive</del>    | (F) <del>manufactures</del> | (J) <del>prosperity</del> | (M) <del>useful</del> |

The pineapple is probably one of the most popular fruit found in the Southeast Asia. It maybe considered as a humble fruit because it is cheap and \_\_\_\_\_ all year-round. The pineapple is nevertheless sought after as it is  
(39)  
extremely \_\_\_\_\_, versatile and delicious.  
(40)

It is a \_\_\_\_\_ source of Vitamin A and B and helps in digestion as  
(41)  
well. In Singapore, it is particularly popular during \_\_\_\_\_ seasons as both  
(42)  
the Malays and Chinese use it to make pineapple tarts. The Chinese believe that  
pineapples bring about fortune and \_\_\_\_\_ for the family.  
(43)

In Thailand, this humble fruit is indispensable as it is the \_\_\_\_\_  
(44)  
ingredient in pineapple rice. In Philippines, it is a main source of \_\_\_\_\_  
(45)  
This is because the country \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of canned pineapples and pineapple  
(46)  
juices for sales.



Section G: Editing (9 x 1 mark each = 9 marks)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is denoted by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word (in terms of usage, spelling and form) in each of the boxes.

(47)

Traffic marshals, apointed by the Land Transport Authority (LTA) to clear

(48)

accidents on expressways, will be use on all major roads from today.

(49)

Previously, these auxiliary police officers are deployed to accident scenes

(50)

only on the expressway. With more of them set to take to the roads (.) the number of traffic marshals on expressways will increase.

(51)

The job of the traffic marshals is to help prevant tailbacks caused by minor accidents. When a crash is detected, the marshals will be activated

(52)

together with towing services and are expected to arrived on the scene in eight

(53)

to fifteen minutes. They will then clear the scene by the help of the towing services and the Expressway Monitoring Advisory System.

(54)

They will also preserve the avidense in accidents that do not involve deaths or serious injuries. The traffic marshals are certified auxiliary police

(55)

officers with relevant experiences in responding to emergencies (.) said the

LTA.

Section H: Synthesis and Transformation (3 x 2 mark each = 6 marks)

For each of the questions 56 to 58, rewrite the given 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 given sentence(s).

56. The boys know the answer to the challenging question. The girl also knows it.

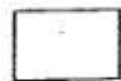
Both \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

57. The contestants were still energetic. They had been working under the blazing sun since morning.

Although \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

58. Jeremy likes to play tennis. He does not like to swim.

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



Section I: Comprehension Cloze (10 x 1 mark each = 10 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Call it a classroom cruise -- 39 students aged 16 to 19 have been learning about sea creatures while crossing the high seas. Class Afloat - a programme in which students can spend \_\_\_\_\_ four-months or a year visiting ports worldwide \_\_\_\_\_ the Concordia. The ship's latest stop is Singapore. It sailed into Raffles Marina from Bali on Valentine's Day and will leave for Penang soon.

While at sea, the students spend four hours each day in the classroom studying a subject of their \_\_\_\_\_. In addition, they have to help

\_\_\_\_\_ meals, clean the decks and do a two-hour night watch

\_\_\_\_\_ crew members are sleeping.

\_\_\_\_\_ all sailors, the students are happy when they sail into port. This is because they are \_\_\_\_\_ from the classroom,

deck duties and are given an opportunity to explore and take in the sights. In Singapore, the students were met by their counterparts \_\_\_\_\_

Anderson Junior College who took them for a ride on the MRT, brought them to Chinatown and Little India, and gave them an \_\_\_\_\_ to sample the local cuisine.

Over the next four months, the ship will sail to nine more ports such as, Phuket, Japan and ~~Russia~~ <sup>Russia</sup>, before it \_\_\_\_\_ to its home base

in Victoria, British Columbia, at the end of June.

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Section J: Comprehension (7 x 2 marks each = 14 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 69 to 75

My younger brother and I were home watching cartoons while my father was sleeping and my mother was out shopping. As I opened the fridge to get some orange juice, I heard the sound of something break. I immediately knew that it meant bad news for my brother and me. I quickly ran to see what had happened. When I went into the living room, I was shocked to see my brother 5 with a broken vase lying beside him.

"What did you do?" I gasped.

"It was an accident!" my brother answered.

Knowing that he was petrified, and not wanting him to get into trouble, I did what any brother would do. I quickly ran and got some glue. I did not know 10 what time my mother would return or when my father would wake up, so I hurried. I frantically gathered all of the broken pieces and started to glue them together. It took me an hour, but I finally fixed the vase. Then came the real disaster.

I had fixed the vase, but accidentally glued my hair to it. While my brother 15 looked at me like I was some kind of clown, I carried the vase, with my hair attached to it, into the bathroom. I looked into the mirror and was distressed by what I saw.

Realising that there was no way to pull my hair from the vase, I grabbed a pair of scissors. My hair was then ruined and the vase looked as if there was a 20 wig attached to it! As I was leaving the bathroom with my new hairdo, I heard a key turn in the front door.

Upon hearing that, my brother ran to his room and quickly pretended to be asleep, leaving me to deal with my mother all by myself. Before I could explain, my mother yelled at me and punished me. 25

That evening, while I was lying on my bed, I realised that what I had done for my brother was an act of friendship. I had made a huge sacrifice for him.

*Adapted from Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

69. What does the word "it", in line 4, refer to?

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70. Where was the writer when he heard something break?

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71. "I did what any brother would do." (Line 9-10). Explain clearly what the writer meant by this.

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72. What does the "real disaster", in line 14, refer to?

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73. Why did the vase look like "there was a wig attached to it!" (Line 20-21)?

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74. How did the writer's brother avoid getting into trouble when his mother returned?

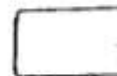
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75. What was the sacrifice the writer made?

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# ANSWER SHEET

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| 3   | 3   | 4   | 3   | 1   | 3   | 4   | 2   | 4   | 4   | 4   | 1   | 4   | A   | M   | F   | J   |

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47)appointed      48)used      49)were      50),

51)prevent      52)arrive      53)with      54)evidence

55),

56)Both the boys and the girl know the answer the answer to the challenging question.

57)Although the contestant has been working under the blazing sun since morning, they were still energetic.

58)Jeremy prefers playing tennis to swimming.

59)ether      60)ob      61)choice      62)serve

63)when      64)like      65)free      66)from

67) opportunity

68) returns

69) The word "it" refers to the sound of something break.

70) The writer was in the kitchen.

71) The writer had protected his brother when he is in trouble.

72) It refers to the writer's hair that was glued to the vase.

73) The writer cut his hair and the hair was attached to the vase.

74) The writer's brother went into his room and pretended to be sleeping.

75) He had accepted punishment for something he did not do.