



AI TONG SCHOOL

2010

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE

PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

DURATION : 1 h 50 min

DATE: 10 May 2010

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Follow all instructions.

Answer all questions.

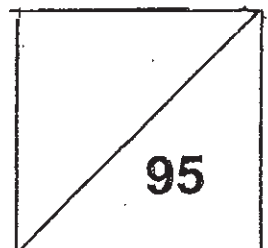
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Section A : Comprehension-Graphic Stimulus (5 marks)

Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.

First Prize
\$5000 cash
Shopping, dining, movie,
travel and book
vouchers worth \$800
10 free lessons at
Vitality Dance Studio

Second Prize
\$3000 cash
Dining, movie and book
vouchers worth \$400
8 free lessons at
Vitality Dance Studio

Third Prize
\$1000 cash
Movie and book
vouchers worth \$100
6 free lessons at
Vitality Dance Studio

Junior Dancing Contest 2010

7.30^{p.m} to 10.00 pm on Sunday, 26 August 2010
Energy & Power Dance Station

Register for an audition now!

All interested participants (between 8 and 16 years old as of 31 December 2010) must go through an audition prior to being selected for the contest. The audition will be held at Andrica Dancing School on 15 July 2010.

Registration forms can be downloaded from
<http://www.sda.org.sg/audition2010>

or obtained from: Singapore Dancing Association
100, Lorong Pemimpin,
Singapore 650100

For more information:

- Call us at 6239 2579
- Send an email to info@sda.org.sg
- visit our website at <http://www.sda.org.sg>

The closing date for registration is 20 June 2010.
Please send the registration form to the above address.

All participants must obtain parental permission.
Results will be announced via post by 25 July 2010.

Organized by Singapore Dancing Association

Sponsored by Talents Management Group

Supported by Andrica Dancing School and Vitality Dance Studio



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 event is organized by _____
 - (1) Vitality Dance Studio
 - (2) Andrica Dancing School
 - (3) Talents Management Group
 - (4) Singapore Dancing Association

2. According to the poster, anyone who wants to participate in "Junior Dancing Contest 2010" must _____
 - (1) be above 16 years old
 - (2) obtain parental permission
 - (3) call 6239 2579 for information
 - (4) email registration form to info@sda.org.sg

3. The audition for the contest will be held on _____
 - (1) 20 June 2010
 - (2) 15 July 2010
 - (3) 25 July 2010
 - (4) 26 August 2010

4. The prizes for the contest include cash, free training and _____
 - (1) travel vouchers
 - (2) movie vouchers
 - (3) ~~dining~~ dining vouchers
 - (4) shopping vouchers

5. Which one of the following statements is not true?
 - (1) Only selected participants will perform at the contest.
 - (2) The contest will be held at Energy & Power Dance Station.
 - (3) Results of the audition will be announced through telephone call.
 - (4) "Junior Dancing Contest 2010" will start at 7.30 pm and end at 9.30 pm.

Section B : Grammar MCQ (7 x 1 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. Unless Steven abides _____ the rules of the competition, he will be disqualified.

- (1) to
- (2) by
- (3) for
- (4) with

7. ~~A number of students~~, along with their parents, _____ going to our concert next week.

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

8. So you believe that my idea is workable, _____?

- (1) do you
- (2) don't it
- (3) don't you
- (4) doesn't it

9. Richard continues to run _____ experiencing a sharp pain in his right knee.

- (1) yet
- (2) unless
- (3) despite
- (4) however

10. ~~This morning~~, Penny _____ an eagle swoop down on a squirrel at the reservoir.

- (1) witness
- (2) witnesses
- (3) witnessed
- (4) witnessing

11. If it weren't for her carelessness, Cindy _____ have scored full marks for the test.

- (1) can
- (2) shall
- (3) must
- (4) would

12. Christopher and I, without the help of anyone, painted the room all by _____.

- (1) myself
- (2) himself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

Section C : Punctuation MCQ (3 x 1 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.

Vincent, pale with fright, dared not move in front of the three burly boys from another school.

"By 1.00 p.m. today," demanded one of them (13) "you have to give us \$100!"

"I know your teacher, Mr Shen Fu Tian (14) Vincent replied softly. "He is my neighbour."

"What did you say (15) another boy asked.

The three bullies ran away after realizing that Vincent knew their fierce Chinese teacher.

13. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full-stop
(4) [;] semi-colon

14. (1) [“,] inverted commas and comma
(2) [“,”] comma and inverted commas
(3) [“.”] inverted commas and full-stop
(4) [“.”] full-stop and inverted commas

15. (1) [“,”] comma and inverted commas
(2) [.“”] full-stop and inverted commas
(3) [?“”] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [!“”] exclamation mark and inverted commas

Section D : Vocabulary MCQ (5 x 1 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 two friends have _____ by apologizing to each other over their misunderstanding.
- (1) rejoined
 - (2) reunited
 - (3) rekindled
 - (4) reconciled
17. John _____ disobeyed Mrs. Yeo by talking loudly as she was teaching in front of him.
- (1) blindly
 - (2) bluntly
 - (3) bleakly
 - (4) blatantly
18. Mary fell into a _____ and lost a large sum of money to two cheats.
- (1) deception
 - (2) fascination
 - (3) superstition
 - (4) hallucination
19. Jonathan has _____ a powerful kick on the head of his opponent.
- (1) posted
 - (2) inflicted
 - (3) distributed
 - (4) expressed
20. Cindy _____ a clever strategy that enabled her team to win the game.
- (1) devised
 - (2) innovated
 - (3) concocted
 - (4) manipulated

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

The postman cycled past the house once again. Lucy felt a ⁽²¹⁾ slight sense of disappointment when nothing came for her. Since the start of the week, she had been ⁽²²⁾ looking forward to the arrival of her birthday present. The eleven-year-old girl had no ⁽²³⁾ inkling of what it would be. Her long-time Malaysian pen pal, Kar Bee, refused to ⁽²⁴⁾ reveal anything about the present. Kar Bee ⁽²⁵⁾ deliberately wanted to keep it a mystery to surprise her friend. Lucy hoped that her birthday present would arrive soon.

21. (1) tinge
(2) binge
(3) singe
(4) cringe
22. (1) predicting
(2) meditating
(3) foreboding
(4) anticipating
23. (1) fact
(2) clue
(3) myth
(4) news
24. (1) relate
(2) mention
(3) disclose
(4) highlight
25. (1) gleefully
(2) knowingly
(3) intentionally
(4) suspiciously

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

"This is sending me to heaven!" Patrick exclaimed. Overcoming his surprise, the television personality continued to savour the fried beef noodles before him. He particularly relished its well marinated meat, which even surpassed top-grade beef from Japan. None of the fried beef noodles he had tried in Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur and other Asian cities could rival the dish whipped up by an old Cambodian hawker. It astonished Patrick. He did not expect to find something so delicious in an obscure night market of Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia. 5

"Good food does exist in places not easily found," Patrick said to his Cambodian translator. As the host and producer of his award-winning television food programme, "Makando", Patrick had travelled all over the world. Everyone had been calling him "Makando", a name he created by joining "makan", the Malay word for "eat", with "-do" in the word "commando", which refers to a soldier trained for special missions. Patrick had styled himself as a "food commando", venturing to different countries and cultures on missions to introduce their best cuisines to a global audience. To establish that image, he always hosted his show wearing a red beret, the headgear of many famous commando units. 10 15

Before filming the Cambodian version of fried beef noodles, Patrick wanted to find out more about the old street hawker behind it. His translator, a young fellow who had far greater proficiency in his native language than English, introduced the hawker to him. Laughing and communicating with friendly gestures, both men, despite their language barrier, developed an understanding with each other quickly. 20

"I'm greatly impressed by the beef I had eaten," Patrick said. "Please ask the elder what breed of cattle produces it."

Patrick almost jumped in excitement. The translator conveyed that the hawker would like to show him the animals that supplied the tasty meat. After waiting for about fifteen minutes, Patrick saw the hawker return with a metal cage. It bewildered him. Under dim light, he could not make out what the cage contained. The hawker put the cage on the ground and blocking it from Patrick's view, caught one of the trapped creatures. Holding the mysterious animal in one hand, he almost shoved it into Patrick's face to show him what he had. The host, still in a curious mode, stared at the creature for a few seconds. 25 30

"A hairy bat!" a horrified Patrick realized. "Send me to the hospital now!"

For each question from 26-30, 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.

26. What was the "surprise" (line 1) that Patrick thought he had?
- (1) He met a television personality.
 - (2) He discovered good Japanese meat.
 - (3) He found very tasty fried beef noodles.
 - (4) He experienced delicious food in Bangkok.
27. The word "obscure" (line 6) tells you that the night market was _____.
- (1) about to close.
 - (2) difficult to find.
 - (3) easy to locate.
 - (4) impossible to visit.
28. According to the passage, Patrick's role was to _____.
- (1) travel all over the world to win awards.
 - (2) film the cultures of different Asian cities.
 - (3) build an image for a television programme.
 - (4) introduce good cuisines from various countries.
29. With reference to line 26, the most likely reason for Patrick to feel "bewildered" was because he could not _____.
- (1) wait for the Cambodian hawker to bring out a cage.
 - (2) believe that the Cambodian hawker kept bats in a cage.
 - (3) see the creatures trapped by the Cambodian hawker in a cage.
 - (4) understand why the Cambodian hawker came back with a cage.
30. Which of the following statements is **not** true?
- (1) Patrick could not understand the Cambodian language.
 - (2) Patrick wore a red beret to show that he was a commando.
 - (3) Patrick created the name "Makando" from two different words.
 - (4) Patrick wanted to know the Cambodian hawker before filming him.

END OF BOOKLET A

Name : _____ ()

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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.

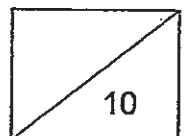
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) it	(D) in	(G) on	(K) is	(N) to
(B) up	(E) as	(H) by	(L) for	(P) are
(C) they	(F) much	(J) most	(M) apart	(Q) while

What is a seahorse? Many people are astonished (31) _____ the fact that it is a fish. This comes not (32) _____ a surprise, considering the unusual features of the seahorse.

One of the characteristics setting the creature (33) _____ from other fishes is its long and strong tail. The seahorse does not use its tail (34) _____ swim like most fishes do. In fact, it is a poor swimmer that does not move (35) _____ in water. Most of the time, the seahorse is seen in a motionless position, holding (36) _____ to seaweeds and corals with its tail.

(37) _____ the exact number of seahorse species is not known, scientists believe that (38) _____ ranges between 40 and 50 in the wild today. Sadly, all the different species (39) _____ threatened by the destruction of their living environment. Many countries have put (40) _____ place measures to protect them. Hopefully, the measures will help seahorses to increase their population.



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

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

Elaine, the fairy godmother, took pity on Andric. "My dear boy, do not cry," she
(41) (42)
comforts him. "You must have faith that I'll **defernately** send you to Princess Sheau Wei's
party."

(43)
Although her promise, Andric continued sobbing louder and louder. He soon
(44) (45)
soaked Elaine's handkerchief by his tears. "But I don't want to get into **trahber** again," he
said between his sobs.

(46)
"Shut up!" Elaine **streaked**, losing her patience with the boy. "I'll make it happen
now!"

Circling her magic wand in the air, stamping her left foot on the kitchen floor and
(47)
jaireiting her body all at the same time, the fairy godmother almost fainted before she felt
ready to cast her spell on Andric. "Yeeba Yeeba Yanderlay!"

(48)
A blinding flash of light forced Andric to **shart** his eyes. The next moment, when
(49)
he opened it, the boy found himself looking up at a starry night sky. As soon as Andric
(50)
realized that he had been tied upside down to a wooden pole, he heard a man shouted,

"Here comes the suckling pig to be roasted for Princess Sheau Wei!"

"Fairy godmother, you've played me out again!"

Section I : Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

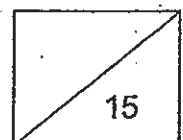
Sherman opened a bottle of chicken essence. Finishing (51) _____ in one gulp, the boy dropped the empty bottle into the dustbin and continued his revision. He (52) _____ to stop despite feeling tired. The determination to perform well at the PSLE had kept him working (53) _____ for the past six months.

To motivate himself, the hardworking boy would often think of (54) _____ the white uniform of Magnum Institution, the prestigious secondary school he hoped to join. Sometimes, Sherman would even (55) _____ himself promoting chicken essence marketed under Singapore's best-selling brand, Bright Sun. Its advertisements, located (56) _____ bus shelters all over the island, portrayed top performers of national examinations recommending the product.

"Let me get up first!" shouted Sherman, feeling the numbness of his legs from sitting for quite a while. After a quick massage to recover (57) _____ sensation in his legs, Sherman hobbled to the kitchen. His mother asked what was wrong the moment she noticed his (58) _____ in walking. "I can't walk properly because my legs are (59) _____," Sherman explained.

The boy turned pale when she told him to (60) _____ a large bowl of pig's brain soup. He (61) _____ its taste and smell. Adding his favourite chicken essence to the soup did not make it any (62) _____ revolting.

"I want to vomit," Sherman whined as his mother tried to cajole him. He eventually (63) _____ her, forcing the repulsive soup down his throat. As he stood up, he could feel the mixture of chicken essence and pig's brain soup sloshing (64) _____ in his stomach. Suddenly, the boy retched and (65) _____ up everything. Sherman could taste chicken essence in his bitter mouth.



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. Mark felt bored at home. Therefore, he visited the library.

_____ out of _____

67. The night sky was suddenly illuminated. Many people were frightened.

The sudden _____

68. You have been absent from school for almost a week. The teachers are very concerned.

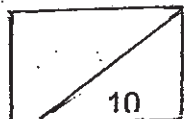
_____ over your _____

69. A strong wave struck the small boat. The small boat capsized.

_____ after _____

70. "Can you check where Michael has left his schoolbag?" Mr Sim asked me.

Mr Sim asked _____



Section K : Comprehension OE (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

"Andric Sim Hock Thiam," the receptionist called out. Hearing his full name, Andric walked slowly to the clinic counter. The flu virus had sapped him of his energy. After receiving a queue number, the lethargic boy returned to his seat.

The seasonal flu had reached its peak. A cacophony of sneezing and coughing, interspersed by the blowing of noses, filled the congested clinic. Some of the patients were complaining about the long waiting time for a consultation. 5

"Perhaps I should come back later," Andric mumbled. He felt uneasy being cloistered with people unwell for different reasons. What if something more potent were to infect him? Andric waited for his turn in the clinic only because he could not muster the energy to walk to another place. With each passing minute, he felt increasingly bored and uncomfortable. Flipping through issues of the National Geographic and other magazines made him more listless. Unable to focus on reading, he thought of playing games on his mobile phone. However, he had to dismiss the idea when his Apple iPhone showed low power on its battery indicator. Andric then attempted to solve math puzzles in a Sudoku booklet he had found. 10 15

Suddenly, the boy stopped himself from breathing. An overpowering smell of medicated oil had whiffed into his nose. Holding his breath, he looked up and realized that a middle-aged man had sat beside him. Before Andric could look away, the man turned to face him. That led to a conversation.

"How do you solve those puzzles?" the Mandarin-speaking man asked with a smile. "I hope that someone would teach me." 20

"They are not difficult," Andric replied looking down, trying to avoid eye contact. "But I'm not very good at them."

As he uttered those words, the boy took in the pungent smell again. He confirmed that it came from the man. Andric wondered if the uncle had doused a full bottle of medicated oil on himself. Disgusted by the smell, Andric squirmed in his seat and tried shifting away. He regulated his breathing to inhale slowly and lightly. 25

Andric, afraid to offend the uncle, reluctantly obliged him. His old white shirt gave Andric the impression that he came from a poor background. While explaining

the puzzles, the boy found himself surprised by how easy the other party understood them. He even amazed Andric by solving the most difficult ones. By the time it came to Andric's turn to see the doctor, the uncle had reversed his role by teaching the boy a few strategies to tackle the puzzles. 30

Walking along the road leading home later, Andric saw a luxury car, a Mercedes-Benz, stop in front of him. Its driver was the uncle he had met earlier. 35

"Is this your mobile phone?" the man asked. It struck Andric that he had lost his Apple iPhone!

"I spotted it under the seat on which you were sitting," the uncle explained. "As I had seen you holding the handphone, I decided to drive around the vicinity first to see if I could find you to return it." 40

Andric felt very grateful for the great kindness. He also realized his misjudgment of the uncle who even offered to send him home in his expensive car.

"Hock Thiam, I must also thank you for teaching me to solve Sudoku puzzles."

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Which word ~~between~~ in the first paragraph tells you that Andric felt tired and weak?

72. Explain clearly what caused the "long waiting time" in line 6?

73. Why did Andric feel "uneasy" (line 7) waiting in the clinic?

74. What did Andric try to occupy himself with while waiting in the clinic?

75. What does "that" in line 19 refer to?

76. How did Andric try to avoid smelling the medicated oil? Give two actions.

77. Which two-word phrase between lines 27 and 32 tells you that Andric agreed to the request of the man unwillingly?

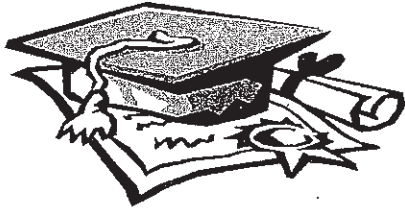
78. Explain clearly how the man had "reversed his role" (line 32). ^{line 32} (~~line 33~~).

79. Why did Andric feel that he had received "great kindness" (line 41) from the man?

80. Why did Andric ^{realize} realize that he had misjudged the man?

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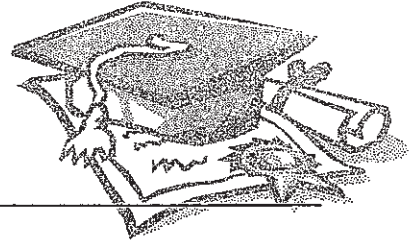


ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2010

SCHOOL : AI TONG PRIMARY
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1



Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
1	2	1	1	4	2	3	3	3	2	4	4	2	H	E	M	N

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
F	G	Q	A	P	D

- 41) comforted 42) definitely 43) Despite 44) with 45) trouble
46) shrieked 47) gyrating 48) shut 49) them 50) shouting
51) it 52) refused 53) hard 54) wearing 55) imagine
56) at 57) the 58) difficulty 59) numb 60) drink
61) hated 62) less 63) helped 64) abided 65) threw
66) Mark visited the library out of boredom at home.
67) The sudden illumination of the night sky frightened many people.
68) The teachers are very over your absence from school for almost a week.
69) The small boat capsized after a strong wave struck it.
70) Mr Sim asked me whether I could check where Michael had left his schoolbag.

71)The word is 'lethargic'.

72)The clinic was very crowded ,so it caused the long waiting time.

73)Andric was afraid of being infected with a more serious disease from other patients in the clinic.

74)He tried reading magazines and occupy himself solving maths puzzles.

75)It refers to the man turning to face Andric.

76)He tried holding his breath and shifting away from his seat.

77)The two-word phrase is 'reluctantly obliged'.

78)The man thought Andric a few strategies to tackle the puzzles instead of Andric teaching him.

79)The man tried to drive around the vicinity to see if he could find Andric to return the Apple iPhone back to him.

80)Andric thought that the man was poor, but he was rich.