



AI TONG SCHOOL  
2012  
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1  
PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION

Total Time for Part 1 and Part 2: 1 hour 45 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Do not open the booklets until you are told to do so.  
Follow all instructions carefully.  
Answer all questions.

Paper 1 (20 m)	Paper 2 (70 m)	Listening Comprehension (16 m)	Oral (20 m)	Total (126 m)

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

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

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

**Section A: Grammar MCQ (6 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 1 to 6, 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 Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The plane which Grandma was on \_\_\_\_\_ at Changi Airport a few minutes ago.

- (1) land
- (2) lands
- (3) landed
- (4) will land

2. If we \_\_\_\_\_ that musical box for Kelly, she would be over the moon.

- (1) bought
- (2) are buying
- (3) were buying
- (4) have bought

3. The commander ordered his soldiers to \_\_\_\_\_ the bridge when he saw the enemies advancing.

- (1) blow at
- (2) blow up
- (3) blow off
- (4) blow out

4. Ben and his classmates \_\_\_\_\_ in the field when the bell rang, signalling that recess was over.

- (1) ran
- (2) are running
- (3) were running
- (4) have been running

5. Jenny \_\_\_\_\_ have told Mrs Lee the truth about the incident. If she had done so, she would not have been punished.

- (1) might
- (2) ought
- (3) would
- (4) should

6. Father called to say that he \_\_\_\_\_ home for dinner this evening.

- (1) came
- (2) comes
- (3) will come
- (4) was coming

**Section B: Punctuation (3 X 1 mark)**

For each question from 7 to 9, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Andrew could not wait for the whistle to be blown. He had been training every evening for the physical fitness test. Setting the gold award as his target (7) he was determined to do his best.

"Ready, set, go (8) the teacher commanded, raising his voice and blowing his whistle at the same time.

Immediately, Andrew took off from the starting line. He maintained at a consistent pace throughout the run. Approaching the finishing line, he wondered, "Did I come in first (9)"

7. (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full-stop  
(3) [ ? ] question mark  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark

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

9. (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full-stop  
(3) [ ? ] question mark  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark

**Section C: Vocabulary MCQ (6 X 1 mark)**

For each question from 10 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 Optical Answer Sheet.

10. The police conducted a thorough search at the crime scene, hoping to find evidence which will help them \_\_\_\_\_ the criminal.

- (1) seize
- (2) conquer
- (3) confiscate
- (4) apprehend

11. The \_\_\_\_\_ stood by the roadside, waiting for the green signal to come on before crossing the road.

- (1) spectators
- (2) commuters
- (3) passengers
- (4) pedestrians

12. John walked \_\_\_\_\_ into the house, not wanting to wake his parents and be reprimanded by them for reaching home past midnight.

- (1) gently
- (2) stealthily
- (3) amicably
- (4) peacefully

13. Pupils of the Drama Club \_\_\_\_\_ a play during assembly to commemorate Earth Day.

- (1) staged
- (2) produced
- (3) organized *organised*
- (4) composed

14. That \_\_\_\_\_ driver gave my mother a shock when he beat the red lights and sped past her at the traffic junction.

- (1) impolite
- (2) reckless
- (3) hopeless
- (4) insensitive

15. Grandmother prepared a sumptuous dinner with the \_\_\_\_\_ that my neighbour had shared with her.

- (1) list
- (2) recipe
- (3) manual
- (4) instructions

**Section D: Comprehension MCQ (5 X 2 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Alan had heard so much about 'Only Delicacies', the restaurant that was just a few streets from his house. It was well-known for its good service and reasonable prices but most of all, for their buffet spread. The images of the dishes, pastries and desserts that came to Alan's mind was enough to whet his appetite. He could not contain his excitement as he made his way to 'Only Delicacies' for dinner. 5

Alan gazed at the inviting buffet spread before he started to pile his plate high enthusiastically. Round after round, he devoured what was on his plate like a hungry bear. Finally, he ended the feast with a platter of desserts, all by himself. 10

That night, he felt <sup>a</sup> pain in his stomach. The unbearable pain caused him to writhe helplessly in bed. Alan soon broke out in cold sweat and let out uncontrollable groans of discomfort which alerted his elder brother who shared the same room.

Immediately, his brother informed their parents about Alan's condition and he was rushed to the hospital. The doctor examined his stomach and gave him an injection to stop the pain. He diagnosed it as a viral attack and asked Alan if he had eaten anything that might have landed him in that state. 15

Embarrassed, Alan nodded and told the doctor about his feast that evening. From this incident, he learnt a lesson to consume food in moderation and be more mindful about his diet. 20

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. Alan was delighted to have dinner at 'Only Delicacies' as \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the prices were reasonable
- (2) the staff provided great service
- (3) there was a great variety of food
- (4) the restaurant was near his house

17. What did Alan do at the buffet?

- (1) He took only a plate of food.
- (2) He merely gazed at the buffet spread.
- (3) He shared a platter of desserts with his family.
- (4) He filled his entire plate with food and consumed everything.

18. Which one of the following is true about Alan's discomfort?

- (1) He broke out in tears.
- (2) He felt pain in his chest.
- (3) He groaned in discomfort.
- (4) He alerted his elder brother.

19. At the hospital, the doctor \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) examined Alan's heart
- (2) prescribed Alan some medicine
- (3) gave Alan a diagnosis of his condition
- (4) asked Alan's parents what he had eaten

20. From this experience, Alan learnt that he has to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) go on a diet
- (2) avoid overeating
- (3) eat less desserts
- (4) avoid going to buffets



**Ai Tong School**  
**2012 Primary 4 SA1**  
**English Language Paper 2**  
**Part 2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 9 May 2012

Class: Pri. 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Marks: \_\_\_\_\_ /45

**Section E: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)**

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.

**Passage 1**

(A) any	(B) besides	(C) between	(D) both
(E) by	(F) each	(G) except	(H) many
(J) on	(K) our	(L) up	(M) with

Dear Auntie May,

I am writing to invite you to my school's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. We are commemorating the founding of (21) \_\_\_\_\_ school with a concert on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June at the Kallang Theatre. We will be putting (22) \_\_\_\_\_ a musical and I am going to be part of it too! The musical will start at 7p.m. and (23) \_\_\_\_\_ ticket costs \$10.

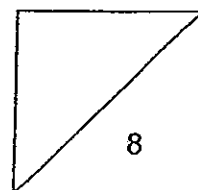
The musical will be the highlight of the day. My friends and I have spent (24) \_\_\_\_\_ weeks preparing and rehearsing for it. (25) \_\_\_\_\_ the musical, you will also get to watch performances (26) \_\_\_\_\_ various co-curricular activity groups. The dance

groups will showcase (27) \_\_\_\_\_ a Chinese dance and an International dance. The Wushu team will display a series of energetic moves that will certainly bedazzle you.

A short interval has been arranged in (28) \_\_\_\_\_ the performances and light refreshments will be provided. I really hope you can join us in the celebrations. Please let me know if you are able to make it.

Your loving nephew,

Bill



**Section F: Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1 mark)**

There are eight blanks numbered 29 to 36, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter (A to M) in the blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

Use each word **ONCE ONLY**.

(A) against	(B) bothered	(C) breath	(D) darkness
(E) impatiently	(F) interrupted	(G) jerked	(H) moved
(J) onto	(K) pressed	(L) silence	(M) watered

Fred whistled as he strolled towards the lift. Delighted that school was over, Fred looked forward to playing the games on his new PSP console.

(29) \_\_\_\_\_, he tapped his leg on the ground and repeatedly

(30) \_\_\_\_\_ the button for the lift. As he thought about the fried chicken wings his mother had promised to cook for him, his mouth

(31) \_\_\_\_\_.

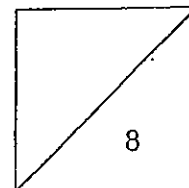
“Ting! Ting!” the beep that announced the arrival of the lift

(32) \_\_\_\_\_ his thoughts. Fred stepped into the lift and leaned

(33) \_\_\_\_\_ the wall as the lift started to move up. All of a sudden,

the lift (34) \_\_\_\_\_ to a stop and the lights went out. There was total (35) \_\_\_\_\_!

“Oh dear! A lift breakdown! Why must this happen to me?” Fred mumbled under his (36) \_\_\_\_\_. He took out his handphone and dialled his mother’s number. Before the line could get through, the screen blacked out. He had forgotten to charge it the previous night! This was certainly an unlucky day for him.



**Section G: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (3 X 1 mark)**

For each question from 37 to 39, correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

An Australian marathon runner, Pat Farmer, completed an epic run from

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the North Pole to the South Pole. The aim of this run was to raised money to help

The Red Cross in their water and sanitation projects.

38)

In the midst of his run, he had endured snow blizzards, **dorged** polar

bears, snakes, crocodiles and armed bandits. He had also narrowly avoided

being knocked down by a truck that had gone out of control. Running an

39)

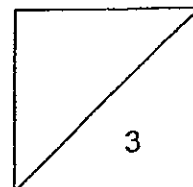
incredible average distance of 80 km every day, he suffered **dihydration** and

other physical injuries.

Mr Farmer has overcome many similar challenges before. He is certainly

an inspiration to all, with his strong perseverance and great fighting spirit.

Adapted from The Straits Times, *Aussie ultra-marathon man finishes pole-to-pole run*



**Section H: Comprehension Cloze (10 x 1 mark)**

There are ten blanks numbered 40 to 49, fill in each blank with a suitable word.

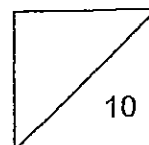
Cases of animal cruelty have gone up over the last five years, according to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). Pet (40) \_\_\_\_\_ may have failed to provide adequate care for their pets. Cats could have been caged while dogs may have been leashed for long periods of (41) \_\_\_\_\_. Some pets may have been left outdoors unattended, at the mercy of the (42) \_\_\_\_\_ and rain.

Many people want to enjoy the fun experience of owning a pet but they may not take on the (43) \_\_\_\_\_. During routine inspections, dogs were found to have little shelter or have no access to water. This (44) \_\_\_\_\_ in dogs having to bear with the weather or suffer from prolonged (45) \_\_\_\_\_.

The SPCA wants to change the law to (46) \_\_\_\_\_ the animal even before it goes through (47) \_\_\_\_\_ pain or suffering. Severe penalties should also be in place to deal (48) \_\_\_\_\_ any form of animal cruelty or abuse.

A meeting has been (49) \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss the above issues. Anyone who has something to say or suggest can attend this meeting at Chong Pang Community Centre.

Adapted from The Straits Times, *Animal Cruelty On The Rise*



**Section J: Synthesis (3 X 2 marks)**

For each question from 50 to 52, rewrite the given sentences 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).

50. You must water the plant regularly. It will grow in two weeks.

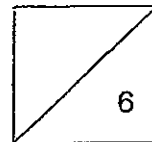
\_\_\_\_\_ if  
\_\_\_\_\_

51. Carrie could not enter the house. She lost her keys.

\_\_\_\_\_ so  
\_\_\_\_\_

52. Dan had a stomachache. Dan finished two tubs of ice-cream.

\_\_\_\_\_ after  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Section K: Comprehension Open-Ended (5 x 2 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer Questions 53 to 57.

"Sunday is always the most enjoyable day for me. I do not have to go to school, neither do I have to go for tuition lessons. It is simply the best day to do anything I want." At that moment, a knock disrupted my thoughts. Mother barged in to say that she was going to the supermarket. Before shutting the door, she reminded me to turn off the fire on the stove after the water in the kettle had boiled. 5

Answering her with a wave of my hand, I continued to toss and turn in the warmth of my bed. Soon, I fell back into a deep slumber. Not long after, I was awoken by a waft of smoke. Without delay, I rushed into the living room and then to my parents' room, hoping to find the source of the smell, but to no avail. 10

Instinctively, I rushed to the kitchen. Seeing the fire caused by the burning kettle, my legs turned to jelly. I had forgotten about Mother's reminder for me to turn off the stove. For a brief moment, I was clueless about how I should react. Panic-stricken, I threw pails of water on the fire, attempting to put it out. 15

After splashing numerous pails of water at the fire, the flames were reduced to a sizzle. Seeing that it had worked, I heaved a huge sigh of relief and slumped to the floor, exhausted by my efforts to extinguish the fire. Just when I thought the worst was over, the door opened, followed by a familiar greeting, "Lucy! Lend me a hand with the groceries!" 20

"It is time to face the music," I thought to myself, worriedly.

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

53. Why does the author like Sundays?

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54. What did Mother ask the author to do?

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55. In paragraph 3, which word tells you that the author did not know what to do?

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56. What does "it" in line 18 refer to?

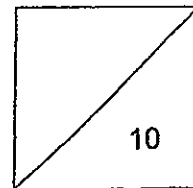
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57. In line <sup>23</sup>~~22~~, what was the "music" that the author had to face?

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**End of Paper**  
**Please check your work carefully.**



# ANSWER SHEET

## EXAM PAPER 2012

SCHOOL : AITONG  
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
3	3	2	K	L	F	H	B	E	D	C	E	K	M	F	A	G

35)D      36)C      37)raise      38)dodged      39)dehydration

40)owners      41)time      42)sun      43)responsibility      44)resulted

45)thirst      46)protect      47)any      48)with      49)arranged

50)The plant will grow in two weeks if you water it regular.

51)Carrie lost her keys so she could not enter the house.

52)Dan had a stomachache after he had finished two tubs of ice-cream.

53)They author liked Sundays because she does not have to go to school, neither does she have go for tuition and it was the best day to do anything she wanted.

54)Mother told the author to turn off the fire on the stove after the water in the kettle had boiled.

55)The word is "clueless".

56)It refers to splashing numerous pails of water at the fire.

57)She had to face the scolding of her mother.

