



AI TONG SCHOOL
2013
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE
PRIMARY FOUR

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Total Time For Parts 1 and 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.

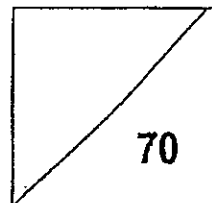
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Class: Primary _____

Date: 14 May 2013

Parent's Signature: _____

Total Marks:



Paper 1 (20m)	Paper 2 (70m)	Paper 3 (16m)	Paper 4 (20m)	Total (126m)

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 the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. In order to move on to the next round of the competition, _____ of the contestants has to complete the obstacle course in as little time as possible.
 - (1) all
 - (2) both
 - (3) each
 - (4) none

2. While we _____ outdoor cooking at the field, the lightning risk alert was activated and everyone had to stop the activity and go indoors.
 - (1) did
 - (2) are doing
 - (3) have done
 - (4) were doing

3. After recess, Dennis discovered that his collection of Beano magazines _____ missing from his bag.
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

4. I am afraid of dogs. _____ you take your dog away, I will not enter your house.
 - (1) If
 - (2) As
 - (3) Until
 - (4) Since

5. If you want to win the championship, you _____ put in more hours of training per week.

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

6. Liam is working as _____ animal trainer at _____ Singapore Zoological Gardens.

- (1) a ... a
- (2) an ... a
- (3) a ... the
- (4) an ... the

Section B: Punctuation MCQ (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.

Ben and Geri were excited about their grandson's wedding. When asked what she was wearing for the occasion (7) Geri chirped, "I am wearing a pale blue dress and white shoes to match."

Ben glanced at her head of white curls and teased (8) White shoes to go with your hair, I suppose."

Geri was upset with that comment. She stared at Ben's head, which was as bald as an egg, and replied, "So then, are you going barefoot (9) Ben flushed red in embarrassment.

Adapted from a short story by Robert Hanusa

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

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 swindler and his _____ were arrested and charged with five counts of fraud.
- (1) partner
 - (2) colleague
 - (3) accomplice
 - (4) shareholder
11. The drunken man _____ the busy street, knocking into passers-by accidentally every now and then.
- (1) paced about
 - (2) limped along
 - (3) strutted along
 - (4) staggered down
12. The puddle of water on the classroom floor _____ dried up after some time.
- (1) recently
 - (2) instantly
 - (3) gradually
 - (4) occasionally
13. Pete _____ an ankle injury after being tackled and brought down by two opponents during the football match.
- (1) relieved
 - (2) incurred
 - (3) sustained
 - (4) encountered

14. The tennis star hoped nobody would recognise him at the beach resort but his coach unintentionally shouted his name and _____.

- (1) took him for a ride
- (2) gave the game away
- (3) started the ball rolling
- (4) put the ball in his court

15. Rihanna felt _____ because she was not invited to her best friend's birthday party.

- (1) put off
- (2) put out
- (3) put away
- (4) put down

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Section D: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

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

Last Sunday, my sister, Daisy, decided to help out in the garden. She was merrily watering the plants when a bee flew into it. It buzzed and danced among the flowers before resting on one, probably to collect nectar. Being curious, Daisy put her face close to the insect to observe it. However, the bee, having been interrupted at work, retaliated by stinging Daisy's left cheek.

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"Argh!" her scream shattered the peace of that lazy afternoon. Everyone rushed before a wailing Daisy. Wincing in pain, she clutched her cheek. When Mom finally prised her hand away, we could see part of the bee's sting sticking out of her skin. The cheek that had been stung was red and swollen. Her face looked just like a misshapen peach with one side larger than the other! She looked so funny that I burst out laughing. Even Mom and Dad could not help smiling at her sight. Poor Daisy! She could only shoot daggers at me.

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The next day, Daisy and I were walking across a grassy patch on our way home from school. It had rained earlier and the ground was slippery. Suddenly, I lost my footing. "Whoa!" I yelled, falling headlong into a puddle of mud.

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"Are you alright, Donald?" Daisy asked, looking concerned.

"Do I look fine to you?" I snapped, spitting out bits of mud as I spoke. My white uniform was dirty, with blotches of wet mud all over. Daisy giggled.

"You look like a mud cake!" she exclaimed as I picked a lump of mud off my face.

Then the giggles turned into guffaws. That was the last straw. I was about to scold her for teasing me when I remembered having laughed at her swollen face the previous day. Now, the joke was on me. "Well, I'm more like a marshmallow dipped in chocolate," I joked. We burst into laughter again as we made our way home. Indeed, laughing at ourselves is a good way to manage any situation. I had learnt this lesson that day.

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Written by Julia Ho

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. Which of the following sentences was true about Daisy?

- (1) She had disturbed the bee while it was resting.
- (2) She wanted to find out how the bee collected nectar.
- (3) She was given the job of watering the plants on Sundays.
- (4) She enjoyed watching the bee buzz and dance among the flowers.

17. What was one possible reason why Daisy had clutched her left cheek?

- (1) She was embarrassed about being stung by a bee.
- (2) She dared not show her red and swollen cheek to everyone.
- (3) She was trying to relieve the pain of the sting by pressing on it.
- (4) She did not want Donald to burst out laughing on seeing the sting.

18. The phrase "shoot daggers" in line 11 tells us that Daisy was feeling _____ towards Donald.

- (1) hurt
- (2) angry
- (3) humiliated
- (4) threatened

19. In line 20, "the last straw" refers to _____.

- (1) Donald's uniform being muddied
- (2) Donald falling into a puddle of mud
- (3) Donald eating bits of mud by accident
- (4) Donald being laughed at by Daisy for looking funny

20. From the passage, we know that Donald learnt _____.

- (1) not to laugh at Daisy anymore
- (2) not to disturb a bee when it was collecting nectar
- (3) to show concern for the person who had been hurt
- (4) to laugh at himself when he was caught in a funny situation

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English Language Paper 2
Part 2

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Date : _____

Class : Pri. 4 _____

Marks : _____/45

Section E: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passages 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

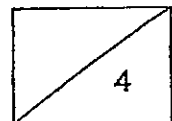
(A) him	(B) his	(C) I	(D) me
(E) my	(F) our	(G) their	(H) we

Abdul Samad's youngest son was struggling in school. So, he made a deal. If 14-year-old Hafiq did well for (21) _____ year-end examinations, the 49-year-old manager would run a full marathon. Both father and son passed (22) _____ "examinations" with flying colours; Hafiq progressed to Secondary Three and Samad completed his first 42.195km run.

Samad had trained at least three times a week even in heavy rain. "Every time I feel like giving up, I think of Hafiq and our deal – that keeps (23) _____ going," he said.

Hafiq said, "Due to my father's age, (24) _____ didn't think he could run a marathon. But he's so determined. He's an inspiration to me and my brothers."

Adapted from The Sunday Times, 18 November 2012



Passage 2

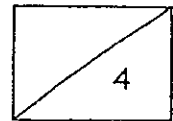
(A) an	(B) by	(C) for	(D) from
(E) into	(F) off	(G) on	(H) with

Dear Diary,

This morning, I witnessed a terrible incident on the MRT train. A woman was standing (25) _____ the doors of the train. At Little India Station, three people who were exiting the train pushed her (26) _____ behind to get out. She fell and her left leg slipped (27) _____ the platform gap. Commuters near her helped her get her leg out. Then, I offered her my seat to rest. She thanked us (28) _____ our help.

I cannot imagine what would have happened if the train doors had closed before her leg was freed.

Adapted from The Straits Times



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.

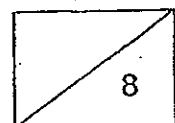
(A) adjusting	(B) carried	(C) excitedly	(D) gestures
(E) held	(F) loud	(G) placing	(H) restlessly
(J) silence	(K) sizzle	(L) smoulder	(M) strides

Long ago, the Incas, an ancient people of Peru in South America, worshipped the sun. It gave them light and heat, and life. Many festivals were (29) _____ in honour of the sun. Some of these are still (30) _____ out today.

On that festive day, everyone gets up early to watch the sun rise. Then, huge crowds swell the temple of the sun. They chat (31) _____ as they wait in anticipation for the celebration to begin. Suddenly, a man stands up, and with large (32) _____, moves towards a great heap of cotton. In his hand is a huge mirror. A hush falls over the crowd as they wait in (33) _____.

The man, who is the priest, stops some distance away from the heap of cotton. (34) _____ his mirror, he reflects the light of the sun on the cotton. The anxious crowd gasp as they watch the cotton (35) _____, and then starts to burn. There is clapping and (36) _____ whistles. Everyone cheers the powers of the sun.

Adapted from Special Occasion, Bookworm Club



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.

Get paid to test out water slides around the world! Travel companies want to find

out what resorts have the best pools. They can then recommend them as family-friendly
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travel destinations to potential customers. Water slide testers must possess the ability to

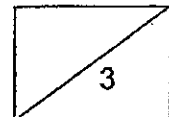
have fun while spot details about the pool. They need to check the height, speed,
(38)

water quantity, and landing of the flumes, as well as all safety aspects of the ride in order

to rate it aqeurately. A sense of adventure and some really thick skin are also required to
(39)

test the water slides in the colder months of the year!

Adapted from "Cool Jobs You Have Never Heard Of" in Present Perfect, 2010 Issue 2



Section H : Comprehension Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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

Long ago in ancient China, there was a magistrate named Wang. One day, he set his three daughters-in-law a task. They were to (40) _____ to their parents' homes and bring back two items: a flame wrapped in paper and a fabric wind-maker. Whoever (41) _____ do so would be the head of the household.

Two days later, two of Wang's daughters-in-law came back empty-handed. (42) _____, the third daughter-in-law, Ling, brought back a paper lantern and a fabric fan. Wang was impressed (43) _____ her intelligence. He thought, "She may be plain-looking but she is certainly (44) _____ of managing the household."

When the emperor heard about Wang's clever daughter-in-law, he decided to (45) _____ her to the test.

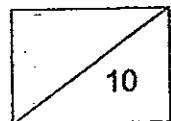
"Bad news!" said Wang. "The emperor has ordered me to turn all the water in the sea into wine within a month. If I (46) _____ to do so, I will be imprisoned!"

"Don't worry, Father. Tell the emperor that I can easily do that!" Ling replied, brimming with (47) _____.

The emperor then summoned Ling before his court and demanded to know her method of changing seawater into wine. She answered, "If Your Majesty is able to measure the volume of seawater in 'dou', the same unit of measurement for dry grains, I shall replace that same volume with wine! If Your Majesty is unable to do that, then (48) _____ can I."

The emperor thought, "Although Ling looks ordinary, she is actually (49) _____ smart." He then turned to his officials and said, "You can't judge a person by outward appearance, just as you can't measure the volume of seawater by the 'dou'."

Adapted from "Judging a Book by its Cover" in Popular Chinese Proverbs



Section J: Synthesis (3 X 2 marks)

For each of the questions 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 meaning of the given sentence(s).

50. Gigi practised daily. She sat for the piano examination.

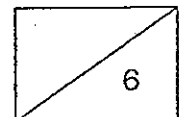
Before _____

51. Jonas was studying in America. Jonas formed a rock band.

While _____

52. The children played outdoors. They stopped when it started to rain.

_____ until



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

Read the passage below and answer questions 53 to 57.

One day, I went to the food centre with my parents. I noticed an old man, all wrinkly and hunched, going round the tables, lugging a huge bag. At our table, he held out three packets of tissue paper in his bony hand and mumbled under his breath. Mom felt sorry for him and paid a dollar for them. He nodded appreciatively at us and left. I crinkled my nose and rolled my eyes at the back view of the old man as he hobbled away. "Old people are useless!" I muttered in disgust. 5

A week later, I was walking through a park to go home. I was unhappy with my teacher, Miss Tan. Pretending to be a judge, I said, "You, Miss Tan, are found guilty of giving the ten-year-olds under your charge too much homework! By the power vested in me, I order you to adopt a no-homework policy ..." 10

Suddenly, loud barking broke the calm of the park. I turned around to see two brown dogs charging in my direction. I emptied my lungs and started running for dear life. My legs quickly burnt from the sudden exertion. Soon I was gasping for breath. The dogs were closing in. Then I fell. Thinking that my pursuers would pounce on me and sink their teeth into me, I squeezed my eyes shut, bracing myself for their bites. 15

Instead, I heard growling. I opened my eyes and saw a boy around my age waving at the dogs with a big tree branch. The dogs' attention had been diverted from me. Now, they were snarling at him and poised for an attack. I picked up another branch on the ground and helped the boy fight off the dogs. We battled courageously. However, we were no match for the dogs. After a while, our backs were against a tree with the salivating dogs just a metre away. Then, we heard the sweetest words ever. "Here doggies, come to Grandpa!" an old man shouted as he laid some chicken bones on the ground. Immediately, the dogs lost interest in us and bounded to the food. We almost collapsed with relief. The old man then gave us a wink and smiled. 20

That day, I saw old age in a new light. The elderly could also be resourceful and helpful towards others. I started to have a sense of respect for them. 25

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

53. How did the old man make a living?

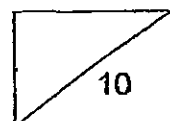
54. Why was the writer unhappy with Miss Tan?

55. Which two-word phrase in paragraph three tells you that the dogs were steadily approaching the writer?

56. Why did the boy wave at the dogs with a big tree branch?

57. How did the writer's opinion of old people change after the encounter with the dogs?

End of Paper
Please check your work carefully



ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013

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SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

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

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Q18	Q19	Q20
2	4	4

Section E

Q21) B

Q22) G

Q23) D

Q24) C

Q25) B

Q26) D

Q27) E

Q28) C

Section F

Q29) E

Q30) B

Q31) C

Q32) M

Q33) J

Q34) A

Q35) L

Q36) F

Section G

Q38) which

Q39) spotting

Q40) accurately

Section H

Q41) go

Q42) could

Q43) with

Q44) good

Q45) put

Q46) fail

Q47) confidence

Q48) neither

Q49) very

Section J

Q50) Before Gigi sat for the piano examination, she practiced daily.

Q51) While Jonas was studying in America, he formed a rock band.

Q52) The children played outdoors until it started to rain.

Section K

Q53) He made a living by selling packets of tissue papers

Q54) Miss Tan gave the writer too much homework

Q55) It is "closing in".

Q56) He wanted to divert the dogs attention away from the writer.

Q57) He no longer thought that old people were useless but were resourceful and helpful.