



AI TONG SCHOOL
2012
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO
PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (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.

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary _____

Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Paper 1 (20 m)	Paper 2 (50 m)	Listening Comprehension (14 m)	Oral (16 m)	Total (100 m)

Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

For each question from 1 to 8, 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 father told his ~~sons~~, "Do take care of _____ at the camp."
(1) himself (2) yourselves
(3) ourselves (4) themselves
2. Mr Tan _____ in the library with his class ~~now~~.
(1) is (2) are
(3) was (4) were
3. The ~~parents~~ _____ worried ~~when they found~~ their missing child.
(1) is (2) are
(3) was (4) were
4. "Pay attention. The ~~teacher~~ _____ the rules and regulations of the storytelling contest right now," said the prefect.
(1) gave (2) gives
(3) is giving (4) has given
5. Last night, the clumsy actor _____ and fell ^{he} when ~~he~~ was coming down the stage.
(1) slips (2) slipped
(3) has slipped (4) was slipping

6. As everyone _____ the school, it ~~began~~ to rain heavily.

(1) leaves

(2) will leave

(3) has left

(4) was leaving

7. _____ boys standing there are my classmates.

(1) This

(2) These

(3) That

(4) Those

8. This cup of coffee is too bitter. It has too _____ sugar in it.

(1) few

(2) much

(3) little

(4) many

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

For each question from 9 to 14, 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.

9. All the pupils in class felt _____ as they waited anxiously for the results of the competition to be announced.
- (1) dizzy (2) nervous
(3) depressed (4) frightened
10. In poor countries, it is _____ to see beggars on the streets.
- (1) public (2) unusual
(3) common (4) widespread
11. The _____ of the award went up on stage to shake the principal's hand.
- (1) recipient (2) participant
(3) successor (4) beneficiary
12. Jerry was fined for driving under the _____ of alcohol.
- (1) impact (2) influence
(3) control (4) motivation
13. The burglar _____ through all the drawers looking for valuable items.
- (1) groped (2) disturbed
(3) gripped (4) rummaged
14. Once the ambulance left, the crowd of onlookers _____.
- (1) faded (2) dispersed
(3) scurried (4) disbanded

Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

My four friends and I had come across a loose floor board at the back of the classroom. One day, we forced it up with the blade of a pocket knife and discovered a big hollow space underneath. This, we decided, would be our secret hiding place for sweets and other small treasures. Every afternoon, when the last lesson was over, the five of us would wait until the classroom had emptied. Then, we would lift up the floor board and examine our secret collection, perhaps adding to it or taking something away.

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One day, when we lifted it up, we found a dead mouse lying among our treasures. It was an **exciting discovery**. Tom took it out by its tail and waved it in front of our faces. "What shall we do with it?" he cried.

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"It stinks!" someone shouted. "Throw it out of the window quick!"

"Hold on a tick," I said. "Don't throw it away."

Tom hesitated. They all looked at me. That was when I shared my idea on the great and daring Mouse Plot. It was my moment of brilliance and glory.

"Why don't we," I said, "slip it into one of Mrs Pratchett's jars of sweets? Then when she puts her dirty hand in to grab a handful, she'll grab a stinky dead mouse instead."

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The other four stared at me in wonder. Then, as the idea began to sink in, they all started grinning. They cheered me and danced around the classroom.

Adapted from 'Boy: Tales of Childhood' by Roald Dahl

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

15. The writer and his friends' secret hiding place was _____.
- (1) a mouse hole under the floor boards
 - (2) a floor board at the back of the classroom
 - (3) a hollow space beneath a loose floor board
 - (4) in a dark corner at the back of the classroom
16. Why did the writer and his friends only examine their "secret collection" after their classmates had left?
- (1) They were not allowed to use a pocket-knife in class.
 - (2) They were always the last few pupils to leave the class.
 - (3) They did not want their classmates to discover their secret hiding place.
 - (4) They were worried that their classmates would be frightened by the dead mouse.
17. The "exciting discovery" in line 9 refers to _____.
- (1) a dead mouse
 - (2) sweets and other small treasures
 - (3) a hidden treasure under the floor board
 - (4) the hollow space underneath a loose floor board
18. Which sentence tells you that the writer was the mastermind behind the 'Mouse Plot'?
- (1) "Hold on a tick," I said.
 - (2) The other four stared at me in wonder.
 - (3) It was my moment of brilliance and glory.
 - (4) That was when I shared my idea on the great and daring Mouse Plot.
19. The 'Mouse Plot' refers to the idea of _____.
- (1) throwing the dead mouse out of the window
 - (2) placing the dead mouse into Mrs Pratchett's dirty hand
 - (3) putting the dead mouse into one of Mrs Pratchett's jars of sweets
 - (4) keeping the dead mouse in the hollow place under the loose floor board

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Part 2

Name: _____ () Date: _____

Class: Primary 4 _____ Marks: _____/26

Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Passage 1

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) I

(B) me

(C) us

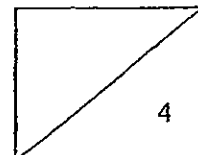
(D) we

(F) he

(F) them

Dear Diary,

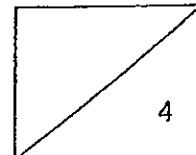
Today began just like any other day, but it did not end that way. Physical Education lesson was fun as Mrs Lee allowed (20) _____ to play volleyball. While (21) _____ was running backwards to hit the ball, I collided into Ronald. (22) _____ could not get out of the way quickly enough as he was distracted. I fell and landed right on my shoulder. Realising how serious my injury was, Mrs Lee called my parents to inform (23) _____ that I needed to be sent to the hospital for treatment.



Passage 2

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Do you know? Christmas Island, a small island to the north of Western Australia,
(24) _____ (has / have) a small human population but a red crab population of
of more than 50 million! These land crabs inhabit the forest but once a year, they
(25) _____ (return / returns) to the sea to (26) _____ (mate / mates)
and lay their eggs. Just before Christmas, the mass migration (27) _____
(begin / begins). This is indeed an amazing wonder of nature.



Section E: Comprehension Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

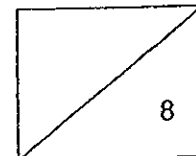
There are eight blanks numbered 28 to 35. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Police have arrested three Mongolian men for theft and misuse of credit or debit cards. The three men are aged (28) _____, 24 and 34. Police said they (29) _____ several reports of theft committed between 26 and 30 July at Sentosa.

The alleged culprits then went on to (30) _____ the stolen credit and debit cards to (31) _____ unauthorised purchases of expensive goods. The three men were arrested by the police on Sunday when they were attempting to (32) _____ Singapore. Some of the stolen loot, which were (33) _____ in their luggage, were seized.

The three suspects will be charged in court on Wednesday. If convicted, they may be imprisoned (34) _____ to a maximum of 10 years and (35) _____ a fine of \$5,000. Low crime does not mean no crime. Vigilance is the solution to avoid being a victim of crime.

Adapted from <http://www.channelnewsasia.com/stories/singaporelocalnews>



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

Read the passage below and answer Questions 36 to 40.

Alex woke up at half past twelve and found it difficult to go back to sleep. This was the result of not doing anything vigorous the whole day to make him tired. He was not allowed to leave without the doctor's permission and it had been one week. Nevertheless, Alex put on a pair of slippers and left his room. The thought of going to the convenience store across the street uplifted his mood.

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There was no sign of anyone along the way. Alex was determined to reach the main reception counter with its sliding glass doors. Beyond the glass panels was the street with people and cars. As it was late, there was just a receptionist named James at the counter.

Alex chose to use the staircase instead. He was afraid that the noise of the bell from the elevator as it arrived would give him away. He walked down the stairs to the first floor. From where he was, Alex could see James sitting behind his desk. Alex was about to walk down the last few steps when suddenly, the front doors slid open.

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Taking a step back, Alex hid in the shadows. Now he could watch everything that was happening, unobserved. Four men in their late twenties came in. Alex wondered who could possibly be visiting the hospital at that time of the night. From where he was, Alex could not make out their faces very clearly, but he felt there was something strange about them. He waited patiently as James attended to the four men.

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Adapted from 'Ark Angel' by Anthony Horowitz

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

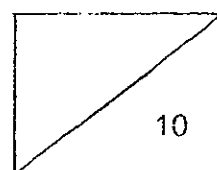
36. Why did Alex find it difficult to sleep at the hospital?

37. Where did Alex want to go when he could not get back to sleep?

38. Which sentence in the passage shows why Alex avoided using the elevator?

39. What did Alex do when the “front doors slid open” (line 14)?

40. Why do you think Alex was suspicious of the four visitors?



ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : SA2

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23
4	3	C	A	E	F

24)has 25)return 26)mate 27)begins 28)between

29)received 30)use 31)make 32)leave 33)packed

34)up 35)pay

36)He was not doing anything vigorous the whole day to make himself tired.

37)He wanted to go to the convenience store across the street.

38)The sentence is "He was afraid that the noise of the bell from the elevator as it arrived would him away".

39)Alex took a stop back and hid in the shadows.

40)It was already half past twelve in the night to be visiting someone in the hospital.

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