

**TAO NAN SCHOOL**

**PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH LANGUAGE END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION – 2006**

**PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)**

Date: 12 October 2006

Class: Primary 3

Time: 1.45 – 3.30 p.m.

**Total Time: 1 hour 45 minutes**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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

**Follow all instructions carefully.**

**Answer all questions.**

	<b>SCORE</b>	<b>MARKS</b>
<b>Section A – D</b>		<b>30</b>
<b>Section E – I</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>70</b>

Section A (5 x 1m)

Graphic Stimulus

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

# THE SELFISH GIANT



**5 - 30 July 2006**  
**DBS Arts Centre**

A play for 3-8 year-olds  
Based on the story by Oscar Wilde  
Adapted and directed by Mark Waite

Brought to you by:

The  
**Little**  
Company

**Show Times**

From 5 July 2006

Tue - Fri 10 a.m.  
Sat 12 noon, 3 p.m., 7.00 p.m.

From 22 July 2006

Tue - Fri 10 a.m.  
Sat 12 noon, 3 p.m., 7.00 p.m.  
Sun 12 noon, 3 p.m., 5.00 p.m.

Duration: 45 minutes

\$18 per ticket \* (child or adult)

Family package

\$62 for 2 adults and 2 children

Family package includes The Little Company CD worth \$77 (CD features all your favourite show songs from past TLC productions)

Tickets are only available through SISTIC

\* Additional charge for water ticket

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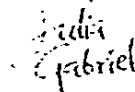
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Join our school!

Audience participation required!

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Write your option (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. The play is performed at \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) SISTIC
- (2) DBS Arts Centre
- (3) The Little Company
- (4) the National Arts Council

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2. The Selfish Giant is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) acted by Oscar Wilde
- (2) rewritten by Mark Waite
- (3) produced by Julia Gabriel
- (4) organised by Hock Cheong Printing Pte Ltd

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3. Miss Lee works on Saturdays from 12.00 noon to 8.00 p.m. She should watch the play on \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Saturday, 8 July
- (2) Sunday, 16 July
- (3) Saturday, 22 July
- (4) Sunday, 30 July

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4. Which statement is true?

- (1) The play lasts more than an hour.
- (2) Each ticket costs more than \$18.
- (3) You must pay \$77 for The Little Company's CD.
- (4) Only those below nine years of age can watch the play.

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5. The audience is expected to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) join The Little Company
- (2) take part in the performance
- (3) sign up for the Julia Gabriel School
- (4) buy the family package for a group of four

( )

**Section B ( 10 X 1 m )**

**Grammar**

**Choose the most suitable answer for each of the following questions and write your option ( 1, 2, 3 or 4 ) in the brackets provided.**

6. A few flats in this neighbourhood were recently broken into. The police will look \_\_\_\_\_ the matter.
- (1) up
  - (2) for
  - (3) into
  - (4) after
- (     )
7. You \_\_\_\_\_ not run across the road as it is very dangerous.
- (1) could
  - (2) might
  - (3) would
  - (4) should
- (     )
8. My mother \_\_\_\_\_ in the kitchen when the doorbell rang.
- (1) cooked
  - (2) is cooking
  - (3) was cooking
  - (4) had cooked
- (     )
9. Mr Tan, \_\_\_\_\_ daughter is my best friend, is a friendly man.
- (1) who
  - (2) whom
  - (3) which
  - (4) whose
- (     )
10. Minah has only \_\_\_\_\_ mangoes left in the basket.
- (1) any
  - (2) a few
  - (3) many
  - (4) much
- (     )

11. Jane and her sister washed the car all by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) herself
- (2) yourself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

( )

12. The farmer works \_\_\_\_\_ dusk to dawn on his farm.

- (1) at
- (2) from
- (3) during
- (4) between

( )

13. Jerry was thirsty because he \_\_\_\_\_ too much bread.

- (1) eats
- (2) is eating
- (3) has eaten
- (4) had eaten

( )

14. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ his examinations next month. He is studying very hard now.

- (1) takes
- (2) will take
- (3) has taken
- (4) will be taken

( )

15. My aunt took \_\_\_\_\_ to the zoo last Sunday.

- (1) my cousins and I
- (2) I and my cousins
- (3) me and my cousins
- (4) my cousins and me

( )

Section C (10 x 1m)

Vocabulary

Choose the most suitable answer for each of the following questions. Write your option (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

16. Beng Huat and his friends are training hard for their \_\_\_\_\_ to the North Pole.

- (1) trail
- (2) hike
- (3) vacation
- (4) expedition

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17. Madam Zarah's diamond ring \_\_\_\_\_ brilliantly as she showed it to her friends.

- (1) glowed
- (2) sparkled
- (3) glistened
- (4) shimmered

( )

18. Animals of the zoo are kept in different \_\_\_\_\_ according to their species and living habits.

- (1) hideouts
- (2) partitions
- (3) enclosures
- (4) compartments

( )

19. A \_\_\_\_\_ of onlookers gathered at the scene of the road accident.

- (1) pack
- (2) gang
- (3) troop
- (4) crowd

( )

20. Muthu promised Ali he would keep the secret to himself and not \_\_\_\_\_ to others.

- (1) eat his words
- (2) mince his words
- (3) honour his word
- (4) breathe a word

( )

21. Devi took one week to \_\_\_\_\_ her strict parents to let her go on a camping trip.

- (1) advise
- (2) remind
- (3) persuade
- (4) encourage

(    )

22. Hui Ling has to get her parents' written \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the competition as she is only a child.

- (1) permit
- (2) licence
- (3) consent
- (4) summon

(    )

23. Sally \_\_\_\_\_ across the room and jumped onto a chair at the sight of a cockroach.

- (1) soared
- (2) scurried
- (3) slithered
- (4) swooped

(    )

24. There was a huge \_\_\_\_\_ at the bus stop when two groups of pupils got into an argument.

- (1) condition
- (2) confusion
- (3) congestion
- (4) commotion

(    )

25. Bala threw a pebble into the pond which sent \_\_\_\_\_ across the water.

- (1) ripples
- (2) trickles
- (3) gushes
- (4) streaks

(    )

**Section D (5 x 1m)**

**Comprehension MCQ**

**Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30. Your answer must be based on the passage.**

Roald Dahl, the famous children's book writer, was born to Harald and Sofie Magdalene Dahl on 13 September 1916. He was named after the explorer, Roald Amundsen, their national hero in Norway at that time.

In 1920, when Dahl was four, his father died at the age of fifty-seven. Rather than moving back to Norway to live with her relatives, his mother decided to remain in Britain. It had been her husband's wish to have their children educated in the best school in the world. 5

At the age of eight, Dahl and four of his friends were caned by the headmaster after putting a dead mouse in a jar of sweets at the local candy store owned by an old woman they found mean and loathsome. Throughout his childhood, Dahl was sent to several boarding schools. Driven by homesickness, he wrote to his mother almost every day. Only when she died did he find out she had saved every single one of his letters. 10

Young Dahl used to dream of inventing a chocolate bar that would win the praise of the owner of the chocolate company, Cadbury. This later became the inspiration for him to write his third book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. 15

Adapted from: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roald\\_Dahl](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roald_Dahl)



For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Write your option (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

26. Why was Roald Dahl named after the explorer?

- (1) The Dahls were related to him.
- (2) The explorer was also born on 13 September.
- (3) Roald Dahl's parents wanted him to be an explorer.
- (4) Roald Dahl's parents were proud that the explorer was from their country. ( )

27. Roald Dahl's father felt that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) his family should return to Norway
- (2) Roald Dahl should live in his birthplace
- (3) Britain had the best schools in the world
- (4) his wife's relatives could not take care of his family ( )

28. Which statement is false?

- (1) The candy store owner was an unpopular person.
- (2) Roald Dahl and his father spent less than five years together.
- (3) Roald Dahl wrote to his mother because he missed his family.
- (4) Roald Dahl was sent to a boarding school because he was mean to the candy store owner. ( )

29. The phrase *she had saved every single one of his letters* (Line 13) shows that Roald Dahl's mother \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) had not read the letters
- (2) loved and missed him dearly
- (3) loved writing letters to Roald Dahl
- (4) sent him to a boarding school willingly ( )

30. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* was based on \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Roald Dahl's childhood ambition
- (2) a dream Roald Dahl had one night
- (3) the encouragement of Cadbury's owner
- (4) Roald Dahl's working experience with Cadbury ( )

Section E (5 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words in the box. Write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

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|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------------|
| (A) under | (B) caught | (C) catch | (D) to   | (E) <del>on</del> |
| (F) into  | (G) by     | (H) with  | (J) from | (K) above         |

It was 2.18 p.m. The Singapore Civil Defence received a call about a burning car and sent a fire truck (31) \_\_\_\_\_ the scene. The blaze was brought (32) \_\_\_\_\_ control within ten minutes. However, the car was already badly burnt. Luckily, no one was injured.

Miss Situ, who worked in a shop across the road, saw how the car (33) \_\_\_\_\_ fire. She told the reporter, "The fire started from the front and there was a lot of smoke. I was stunned (34) \_\_\_\_\_ the strong flames and quickly called for help."

Miss Situ also saw a man running away (35) \_\_\_\_\_ the car as it started to burn. He returned to pick up some belongings after the fire had been put out and left the scene with the police.

**Section F (8 x 1m)**

**Comprehension Cloze**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words below in the box. Write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

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|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| (A) loud   | (B) in      | (C) silent | (D) produces | (E) rumbling |
| (F) hungry | (G) produce | (H) off    | (J) muffles  | (K) down     |

It is almost dinner time. You have not eaten and you are feeling (36)\_\_\_\_\_. Then you hear a low (37)\_\_\_\_\_ in your belly, as if there is an angry "little monster" trapped in there. How does that funny gurgling noise come about?

It is actually the sound of gas and liquids moving (38)\_\_\_\_\_ your stomach or small intestine. The job of your stomach and small intestine is to break (39)\_\_\_\_\_ your food and turn it into the energy and nutrients the body needs.

It can be sometimes embarrassing if your stomach decides to make all this noise at the wrong time. Unfortunately there is no way to guarantee it will stay (40)\_\_\_\_\_ as the noise can happen even when your stomach is full. However, having food in there (41)\_\_\_\_\_. The sound and the noise is usually softer.

When there is no food in your stomach, your body will (42)\_\_\_\_\_ hunger contractions. This action can set (43)\_\_\_\_\_ a symphony of sounds. These hunger contractions may continue for ten to twenty minutes and then repeat until you eat again.

Adapted from "The Little Red Dot!"

**Section G (4 x 2m)**

**Synthesis**

For each of the questions 44 to 47, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

44. My baby sister is hungry. My baby sister is not crying.

\_\_\_\_\_ but  
\_\_\_\_\_

45. Ali had a fever. Ali's mother took him to the doctor.

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

46. We went to the supermarket. We bought two tubs of ice cream there.

\_\_\_\_\_ where  
\_\_\_\_\_

47. Mary told me, "I will wait for you at the library."

Mary told me that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Section H ( 7 X 1 m )

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPG)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical mistake. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in the box.

Mr Gopal and his colleagues were cycling along East Coast Park when they came across scores of tiny newborn turtles. These turtles were crawling inland onto

(48)

the jogging and cycling tracks instead of out to sea



Mr Gopal and his

(49)

colleagues quickly went to their rescu. They borrowed buckets from a nearby

(50)

sailing club and began catch the turtles and putting them into buckets.

Mr Gopal said, "Many of these newborn turtles were in distress, having

fallen into the drains. When we discovered these turtles on the cycling track, many

(51)

of them had already been crush." His colleague nodded in agreement and

(52)

added, "We simply could not leave them there, could we



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Mr Gopal called the police and the officials from National Parks Board as

(53)

there apeeted to be hundreds of turtles. Soon, even volunteers from the various

(54)

environmental groups came to help too. The turtles were eventually releasing at the

nearby Changi Reclamation Beach. They swam with the tide out into the open sea.

Section I (6 x 2 m)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 55 to 60. Your answer must be based on the passage.

Once, Matt found a cocoon of a moth. The life cycle of a moth had always fascinated him, so he took the cocoon home to satisfy his curiosity.

One day, there was a small opening in the cocoon. Matt sat and watched as the moth struggled to force its body through the little hole.

Several hours later, it stopped struggling and looked as if it was stuck. Anxious, Matt took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon.

The moth then crawled out easily. Strangely, it had a swollen body and small, crumpled wings.

Matt continued to observe the moth, expecting its wings to expand and its body to shrink. Nothing happened after much waiting. In fact, the moth spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and small wings. It never flew.

Matt did not realise that right from the beginning, the moth had to struggle through the tiny opening as a way of forcing liquid from its body into its wings. Only then will its wings be ready for flying.

This is an important lesson for us. Sometimes, we need struggles in our life. Without them, we would not improve but remain weak.

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

55. Matt took the cocoon home to satisfy his curiosity. What was he curious about?

56. Which **word** in the second paragraph shows that Matt was eager to free the moth?

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57. Why was the moth unable to fly?

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58. Why did Matt continue to observe the moth after it had crawled out of the cocoon?

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59. What happens when a moth squeezes through the tiny opening of its cocoon?

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60. How do struggles in life help us?

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**Answer Sheets**  
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| 1) 2  | 2) 2                | 3) 4                | 4) 2               | 5) 2  |  |
| 6) 3  | 7) 4                | 8) 3                | 9) 4               | 10) 2 |  |
| 11) 4 | 12) 2               | 13) 4               | 14) 2              | 15) 4 |  |
| 16) 4 | 17) 2               | 18) 3               | 19) 4              | 20) 4 |  |
| 21) 3 | 22) 3               | 23) 2               | 24) 4              | 25) 1 |  |
| 26) 4 | 27) 3               | 28) 4               | 29) 2              | 30) 1 |  |
| 31) D | 32) A               | 33) B               | 34) G              | 35) J |  |
| 36) F | 37) E               | 38) B               | 39) K              | 40) C |  |
| 41) J | 42) G               | 43) H               |                    |       |  |
| 48) . | 49) <b>rescue</b>   | 50) <b>catching</b> | 51) <b>crushed</b> |       |  |
| 52) ? | 53) <b>appeared</b> | 54) <b>released</b> |                    |       |  |

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Q45. Ali had a fever so his mother took him to the doctor.  
Q46. We went to the supermarket where we bought two tubs of ice-cream.  
Q47. Mary told me that she would wait for me at the library.
- Q55. He was curious about the life cycle of a moth.  
Q56. It is "**anxious**".  
Q57. It had a swollen body and small crumpled wings.  
Q58. He expected the wings to expand and its body to shrink.  
Q59. It forces the liquid in its body into its wings.  
Q60. It helps us to improve and not remain weak.