



AI TONG SCHOOL
2013
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE
PRIMARY SIX

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

Total Time For Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

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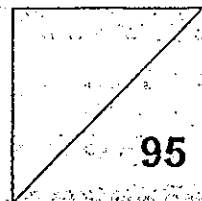
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Total Marks:



Paper 1 (55m)	Paper 2 (95m)	Paper 3 (20m)	Paper 4 (30m)	Total (200m)

Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

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

CYBERWELLNESS DAY

A National Campaign to promote cyberwellness



Jointly organised by Media Development Agency and Kidzsmart Net Club

Date : 20 June 2013

Time : 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Venue : Singapore Expo, Hall 3

Exhibition Zone

Poster Gallery

View winning posters on Cyberwellness for both primary and secondary school categories.

Video Gallery

View an array of creative video productions on Cyberwellness by our winners.

Interactive Gallery

Play interactive cyberwellness games and participate in quizzes to find out how you can have safe and constructive online experiences.

Skit Competition

Ten primary schools will compete in the final round of the Skit Competition.

Audiences will have a chance to choose three winning schools by participating in the online voting.

The Skit Competition will start at 10.00 a.m.



Cyber Safety Seminar for Parents

How can you protect your child from strangers online?

How can you stop cyberbullying?

How can you prevent gaming addiction?

Join our guest speaker, Mr Peter Lim, a renowned family counsellor, as he talks about the negative effects of internet usage on a child.

Details of Seminar :

Registration fee : \$30 per person (including notes)

Time and Venue : 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Pisces Room

Registration will start at 11.00 a.m. outside Pisces Room. All participants will receive a poster on cyberwellness tips and a mousepad.

** Limited places available on a first-come-first-served basis.*

For more information, please call our Customer Service Hotline at 6443 8044 (operating hours : 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., Mondays to Fridays), visit Media Development Agency's website at www.mda.sg or email Mr Edmund Tan at edmundtan@kidznet.com.sg.

Sponsors : FSI Counselling Services Insafe Internet Centre Razer Stationery

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 main aim of the campaign is to _____.
 - (1) introduce cyberwellness games to children
 - (2) raise awareness about the importance of cyberwellness
 - (3) encourage parents to take part in the Cyber Safety Seminar
 - (4) support the schools which are taking part in the Skit Competition

2. Mrs Lee is concerned about her son who spends an excessive amount of time playing computer games. She should go to the _____ to find out more about the danger of online gaming.
 - (1) Video Gallery
 - (2) Skit Competition
 - (3) Interactive Gallery
 - (4) Cyber Safety Seminar for Parents

3. To find out more about the event, Rachel has to _____.
 - (1) call Mr Edmund Tan
 - (2) log on to www.mda.sg
 - (3) visit the office of Media Development Agency
 - (4) call the Customer Service Hotline on weekends

4. One of the organisers of Cyberwellness Day is _____.
 - (1) Razer Stationery
 - (2) Kidzsmart Net Club
 - (3) Insafe Internet Centre
 - (4) FST Counselling Services

5. According to the poster, which one of the following statements is true?
 - (1) Audiences are able to choose the winners of the Skit Competition.
 - (2) Registration for the seminar will start at noon outside Pisces Room.
 - (3) Each participant for the seminar will only receive notes and a mousepad.
 - (4) All submissions for the competitions will be displayed at the Exhibition Zone.

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. The royal wedding cost more than two million dollars, _____?
- (1) did it
 - (2) isn't it
 - (3) didn't it
 - (4) doesn't it
7. Adele cannot keep pace with all of the trekkers in the group as she is not as fit as _____.
- (1) they
 - (2) their
 - (3) them
 - (4) theirs
8. If you _____ the concert tickets earlier, we would have gotten the seats nearer to the stage.
- (1) bought
 - (2) had bought
 - (3) were buying
 - (4) have bought
9. Joshua has to furnish his group members _____ details of the Health Education project.
- (1) by
 - (2) on
 - (3) for
 - (4) with
10. Try as he _____, Daniel could not remember the password for his Facebook account.
- (1) might
 - (2) would
 - (3) ought
 - (4) should

11. The number of patients at Dr Chan's clinic steadily _____ over the past week as words about his charitable deeds spread.

- (1) increase
- (2) increases
- (3) increased
- (4) increasing

12. John, as well as his family members, _____ at the neighbourhood Sports Club every Sunday morning.

- (1) swim
- (2) swam
- (3) swims
- (4) has swum

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.

Working at the post office, I am used to dealing with disgruntled customers. One day, an irate customer stormed towards my counter. In a calm voice, I responded, "How can I help you (13)

"I went out this morning," she began (14) and when I came home, I found a note saying that the postman had tried to deliver a parcel but no one opened the door. My husband was at home all morning. He never heard a thing!"

After apologising to her (15) I gave her the parcel.

"Oh, good," she gushed. "We've been waiting for this for ages."

"What is it?" I asked.

"My husband's new hearing aid."

Adapted from Reader's Digest

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

14. (1) [,] comma
(2) [;] semi-colon
(3) [,] comma and inverted commas
(4) [.] full stop and inverted commas

15. (1) [-] dash
(2) [:] colon
(3) [,] comma
(4) [.] full stop

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 female shoplifter has to _____ the attention of the sales assistant so that her accomplice can steal the jewellery.

- (1) avert
- (2) divert
- (3) convert
- (4) subvert

17. Mr Lee _____ the situation by insulting the female driver although he was clearly at fault for driving in a reckless manner.

- (1) provoked
- (2) managed
- (3) worsened
- (4) challenged

18. The delinquent has _____ to his fate of being expelled from school and will not plead for leniency from the principal.

- (1) adapted
- (2) resigned
- (3) conceded
- (4) accustomed

19. Aunt Susan's business had been so _____ that she was able to retire at a young age of thirty-five without worrying about her finances.

- (1) lucrative
- (2) precious
- (3) priceless
- (4) beneficial

20. Cynthia _____ such great confidence during the interview that she was offered the job immediately.

- (1) exuded
- (2) flaunted
- (3) revealed
- (4) transmitted

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

The children of Koh Panyee, a poor fishing village, had a strong passion for football.

They loved watching football matches on television and aspired to start their own team.

(21)

However, how does one play football on a small rocky island built mostly on stilts?

Not letting the unfavourable physical conditions dampen their spirits, the children

(22)

collected scrap wood and constructed a floating wooden platform to serve as their 'field'.

(23)

The skills the children acquired through practice on such an unusual 'field' was the start of

history. The team began to take part in tournaments and their repeated successes turned

(24)

them into one of southern Thailand's most indomitable football clubs. The team has won the

(25)

'Youth Champions of Southern Thailand' competition for the last seven years.

Adapted from <http://www.designboom.com/design/tmb-history-of-the-panyee-fc/>

21. (1) aimed
(2) craved
(3) struggled
(4) attempted
22. (1) dull
(2) shake
(3) control
(4) decline
23. (1) framed
(2) erected
(3) compiled
(4) connected
24. (1) occasional
(2) continuous
(3) coincidental
(4) overwhelming
25. (1) active
(2) popular
(3) enduring
(4) formidable

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

I have always loved horses. For some time, I have been looking for a volunteering opportunity in my new neighbourhood. As such, I could not contain my excitement when I saw an advertisement in the newspaper. It was about a search for volunteers at a nearby riding centre for handicapped children. It offered an invaluable opportunity for me to pursue both interests at once.

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As I had worked as a horse trainer before, I was readily accepted as a volunteer at the centre. My job required me to help physically-handicapped children to ride a horse. It was a form of therapy, a treatment whereby the children learnt to improve their social and motor skills through close interaction with the horses.

I arrived at the stable in time to groom Stripe, the chosen therapy horse for nine-year-old Katie. I had to ensure that Stripe was calm and ready for his young rider. It was quite an easy task as he had a gentle temperament.

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Curly hair framing her delicate, pale face, Katie arrived at the stable in a wheelchair. She suffered from muscular dystrophy, a disease which had caused her muscles to weaken. It had also affected her growth and she had to move around with the aid of a wheelchair. Her small frame made her look like she was not more than six years old. Being shy, she greeted me softly.

15

Katie's mother helped her up and steadied her before I introduced myself to her. "Hi, I'm Vera. I will be your trainer for today." My eyes met Katie's – **an exchange full of shared excitement and anticipation.** "Katie has been waiting impatiently for this first riding lesson," her mother explained with a smile.

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We set about preparing for the ride. I fitted and attached Katie's safety helmet before helping her mount the horse. She gave a triumphant grin as she settled onto the saddle. I led Stripe around the arena during the class, quietly coaching both rider and horse. We walked, trotted and moved together for an hour.

25

In silent awe, I watched the interaction between Katie and Stripe. Even though Katie was unable to use the verbal commands that Stripe was trained to recognise, he was readily cooperative. He would trot slowly whenever she moved uncomfortably on the saddle. He was calm and responded patiently to Katie's sense of hesitancy, fear and delight.

30

At the end of the class, I helped Katie dismount. She smiled radiantly and arched her thin arms around Stripe's lowered neck. He kept his head down. Burying her face in his mane, she murmured softly, "I love you, Stripe." I stood motionless, touched by the bond between the two of them.

*Adapted from 'Pegasus' Wings' by Vera Nicholas-Gervais
Chicken Soup for the Volunteer's Soul*

For each question from 26 to 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. With reference to paragraph one, why did the writer feel that the advertisement offered her an invaluable opportunity?

- (1) The writer might get a job at the riding centre.
- (2) The writer did not need to travel that far to get to her work place.
- (3) The writer might have a chance to work with handicapped children.
- (4) The writer might have a chance to pursue her interests in horses as well as voluntary work.

27. The word 'It' in line 8 refers to _____.

- (1) working as a horse trainer
- (2) volunteering at the riding centre
- (3) improving one's social and motor skills
- (4) horse riding by the physically-handicapped children

28. Which of the following is not the result of Katie's disease?

- (1) Her muscles were weakened.
- (2) Her physical growth was stunted.
- (3) Her movements were adversely affected.
- (4) Her speech was reduced to inaudible murmurs.

29. Referring to lines 19 – 20, 'an exchange full of shared excitement and anticipation' suggests that Katie _____.

- (1) was confident of her riding ability
- (2) was eager to start her riding lesson
- (3) liked having the writer as her trainer
- (4) was thinking of doing something mischievous

30. The main idea in paragraph seven (lines 26 – 30) is _____.

- (1) Katie's successful therapy ride
- (2) Stripe's supportive nature during the ride with Katie
- (3) the writer's sense of awe as she observed Katie's first ride
- (4) Katie's ability to empower Stripe despite her physical disability

End of Booklet A



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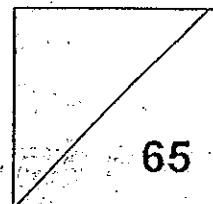
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Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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 during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) after	(D) by	(G) if	(K) over	(N) to
(B) an	(E) for	(H) instead	(L) that	(P) why
(C) at	(F) from	(J) off	(M) though	(Q) with

Six years before the Japanese conquered Singapore, Pa took his family to China. Ma was only 23 years old (31) _____ three young children in tow. However, Pa had to leave (32) _____ Singapore shortly after with the hope of seeking greater fortunes.

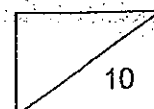
Pa returned to Singapore alone to open his own jewellery shop. He had explained to Ma (33) _____ the start-up years would be difficult. "I was willing to go through the hardships with your Pa," Ma often told me. She felt duty-bound to be by the side of the man she loved, but Pa was adamant. "I'll bring the family back once the time is right," he promised her.

Ma consoled herself that it was the best arrangement (34) _____ minding three children alone in a foreign land was difficult for her. With Ma in China, Pa devoted himself (35) _____ bringing together business partners and loyal customers. It was not mere sweetness of tongue that won customers (36) _____ ; it was trust. He was supremely adept (37) _____ winning the trust of his customers. His business reputation had made him a brand name, so he named his shop Tong Hin Goldsmiths & Diamond Dealers, (38) _____ himself.

Pa's business took (39) _____ faster than expected, but he did not bring his family back. (40) _____ he gave one excuse after another, until Ma's China stay was forcibly prolonged by the Japanese Occupation of Singapore.

"Ten years..." Ma gave a long and deep sigh, whenever she recalled being abandoned by Pa.

Adapted from 'Even When She Forgot My Name - Love, Life and My Mother's Alzheimer's' by Wong Chai Kee



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

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

The sight of poorly fed and badly treated bears forced to dance on the streets of
(41)

India is a thing of the past. The campaign started by activists to wipe off the practice has
(42)
finally bear fruit.

(43)

The tradition of forcing bears to dance for **enterteinmern** dates back to the thirteenth
(44)

century while trainers from the Kalandar tribe had royal patrons and often staged elaborate
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peformences for them. Descendents of the tribe had kept the tradition alive. They bought
(46)

bears from poachers and then hammered a heating iron rod through their snouts. After
(47)

removing the animal's teeth and claws, the trainer threaded a rope through their snout and

headed for the streets where onlookers would pay a fee to watch the bear sway and dance.
(48)

The success of the campaign in bringing an end to animal cruelty can be **atributed**
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to the Kalandars' willingness to be retrained in other job **profeshens**. Mr Khan, a former

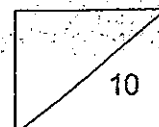
(50)

trainer, recounted the meeger income and constant harassments from the police. "It was a

hard life. You are always worried about the police harassing you for bribes," said Mr Khan

who now earns a living as a driver.

Adapted from Agence France-Presse (2012, December 3). Curtain comes down on India's dancing bears ecl. The Straits Times.



Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Fingers covered with glue and dirt, a small group of traditional cobblers sit, hunched forward, mending the worn-out shoes belonging to Singaporeans.

They work quietly and diligently under the (51) _____ of large makeshift umbrellas at Cobbler Square in Chinatown. There (52) _____ to be twenty-two of them when they first started (53) _____ their business there in the 1980s, but now just seven of them (54) _____ in this vanishing trade.

"The rest have died and this business will die too when we go," said Mr Poh, a skilled cobbler with more than twenty years of (55) _____. As working long hours in an open area such as the bus interchange is also a challenging task, few people are (56) _____ to take over these cobblers.

Although modern cobbling services offered by chain stores such as Mister Minit and Master Fix Services initially threatened to take (57) _____ these cobblers' customers, many of them still flock to Cobbler Square. They (58) _____ the cobblers' kiosks to the chain stores due to the low fees they are (59) _____. For (60) _____ the price of replacing heels is still \$2 - the same as thirty years ago. In (61) _____ the same service is priced at \$11 or more at the chain stores.

(62) _____ to the cobblers, their profits are largely dependent on the number (63) _____ customers they attend to. They do not see the need to be overly competitive one another (64) _____ they share the same pool of customers. They serve approximately thirty customers and mend more than twenty (65) _____ of shoes a day.

The traditional cobblers are an important part of our cultural heritage which we must preserve.

Adapted from Zaccheus, *et al.* (2013, January 25). Cobbler Square. *The Straits Times*.

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. Celeste enjoys playing board games with her friends. She does not like to play computer games with them.

_____ would rather _____
than _____

67. Priscilla must practise her dance steps regularly. Only then will she be selected to represent the school in the dance competition.

Unless _____

68. Both Bryan and Ernest are medically unfit to take part in the marathon.

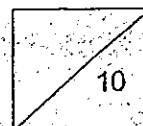
Neither _____ nor _____

69. "I will ask Mrs Lim's permission to leave school early tomorrow," said Megan.

Megan said _____

70. Candice was displeased. Her proposal was rejected by her superior.

Much to _____



Section K: Comprehension OE (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

My father worked as a lighthouse keeper on a small island. When I was young, I often accompanied him during his three-day shift work. I enjoyed those moments when I had to tag along with my father as he performed his routine but essential duties which included surveying the weather and tide conditions and cleaning the big windows of the lighthouse. Occasionally, he would conduct an informal tour around the island for unexpected visitors who had come to visit the lighthouse. 5

Although I was marooned on the island with no playmates, I managed to keep boredom perpetually at bay. I was never short of toys because the ocean swept up a lot of interesting things. I liked going to the shore to see the treasures the tide had brought during the night. My precious collection included a toy car with missing wheels and a boat with a transparent plastic sail. 10

One day, I was floating my boat on the water when I heard my father calling my name. When I reached out to get the boat, a soft wind caught the sail and pushed it away from me. That was the last thing I wanted as I heard the growing urgency in my father's voice. I took a couple of steps towards it, but the ripples that my movements created kept propelling the boat further away. I watched in horror as my boat floated out of reach. I was determined not to lose my prized possession. In one huge step, I stretched my right arm to grab the boat but I missed and plummeted into the ocean. I could not swim! Instinctively, I paddled and kicked furiously to reach the surface of the water but I remained submerged in the cold murky water. Within minutes, my energy was sapped. 15 20

Suddenly, I felt a strong arm hook over my chest and pull me to the surface of the water. Even though I was relieved to see my father, I was too weak to utter a single word. When we were back on the shore, my father calmly reassured me, his only son, that everything was fine.

I was so traumatised by my near-death experience that I had recurring nightmares. So terrifying were the nightmares that I had to sleep with my father. I would also not go near the water in the days that followed. My little boat was gone but I did not miss it. My father was worried about me. Refusing to let one moment of terror leave an emotional scar on me, he decided to take me to the shore so that I could overcome my fear of water. Though I was scared, I went into the water with him because I trusted him. After all, he had saved me from drowning. I stayed close to him as he tried to show me how to relax when I was in the water. 25 30

In the following weeks, my father taught me how to swim. When I was confident enough, he took me to the jetty and challenged me to jump into the water. I knew that the water was deep but I was not looking at it. I was looking at my father who showed great faith in me. I was hesitant but he told me that I could do it, and in my heart I believed him. I dived into the ocean and swam back to shore. I was exhilarated. As my father looked on proudly, I knew I had gotten over my fear of water. 35

I grew up loving the ocean like never before.

*Adapted from 'My Father's Gift' by Harry Villalonga
Reader's Digest, August 2005*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What non-routine task did the writer's father do as a lighthouse keeper?

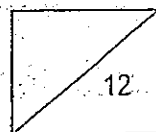
72. Quote the five-word phrase from paragraph two which shows that the writer was able to keep himself occupied on the island.

73. What does 'That' in line 14 refer to?

74. Why was the writer determined not to lose his boat?

75. Which word from paragraph three has the same meaning as 'plunged'?

76. Explain clearly why the writer was 'too weak to utter a single word' (line 22)?



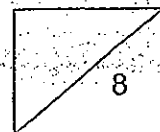
77. What did the writer's father do to rescue him ?

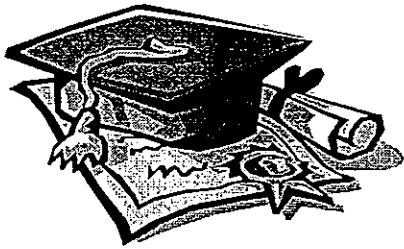
78. Which two actions of the writer show that he was traumatised by his near-death experience?

79. What was the main intention of the writer's father when he took him to the shore?

80. With reference from lines 21 to 39, how did the writer's feeling towards the ocean change ?

End of Booklet B





ANSWER SHEET

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41)out 42)borne 43)entertainment 44)when 45)performances

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71) He would conduct an informal tour around the island for unexpected visitors who had come to visit the lighthouse.

72) The phrase is "keep boredom perpetually at bay".

73) It refers to the boat being pushed away by the wind.

74) The boat was the writer's prized possession.

75) The word is "plummeted".

76) The writer paddled and kicked furiously to try to reach the surface until his energy was sapped.

77) The writer's father hooked his strong arm over the writer's chest and pulled him to the surface of the water.

78) The writer would not go near the water in the days that followed and slept with his father.

79) It was to help to overcome the writer's fear of water and remove the emotional scar on the writer caused by the writer's near death experience.

80) At first, the writer was fearful of the ocean, but later he got over his fear of it and loved the ocean.