



**AI TONG SCHOOL
2010**

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO

PRIMARY 3

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

DURATION : 1 hour 30 minutes
DATE : 27 October 2010

INSTRUCTIONS

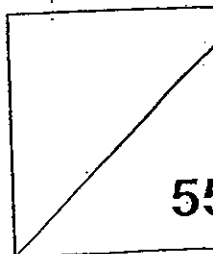
Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions.
Answer all questions.

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Parent's Signature : _____

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Section A: Grammar (5 x 1mark)

For each question (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. All the kids _____ quiet while their mother was scolding them.
(1) kept
(2) keep
(3) keeps
(4) keeping

2. Peter is _____ very neat but this piece of work of his is so untidy.
(1) never
(2) rarely
(3) hardly
(4) usually

3. Considerate people always think _____ others.
(1) of
(2) to
(3) with
(4) without

4. My pet dog, Barny _____ I brought to see the veterinarian, has recovered.
(1) who
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) whose

5. Emma has only _____ cents left in her wallet.
(1) any
(2) less
(3) little
(4) a few

6. He _____ sleeping when the fire broke out.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (4 × 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) for each question and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS provided.

7. Kenneth had been training to be an Olympic gymnast since _____.

- (1) old
- (2) small
- (3) young
- (4) beginning

8. The shipwreck was found in the cold _____ of the Pacific Ocean.

- (1) tides
- (2) winds
- (3) waves
- (4) waters

9. Andy cannot _____ having met you before.

- (1) recall
- (2) regain
- (3) report
- (4) recognise

10. My father had to pay a _____ for parking his car illegally.

- (1) bill
- (2) fee
- (3) fine
- (4) change

Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) for each question and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS provided.

No two snowflakes are ever identical. The mystery behind the design of snowflakes excited Wilson Bentley enough to dedicate his life to "saving" every snowflake he could.

Wilson loved snow. He was fascinated by the intricate designs of each snowflake. He wanted to find a way to save them, so that others could enjoy their beauty too. He tried drawing snowflakes but they always melted before he could finish his picture. When he was seventeen, his parents bought him a special camera with a microscope so that he could photograph snowflakes.

Wilson's first tries at photographing snow ended in failure but he finally succeeded after years of practise.

Now everyone can see the beauty of each unique snow crystal. When he was sixty-four, his collection of photographs was published into a book. Many say that Wilson Bentley had given a great gift to the world of Art.

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11. Bentley loved snow because _____
- (1) of their unique design
 - (2) all snowflakes are identical
 - (3) he could use his special camera
 - (4) it was his hobby to draw snowflakes
12. Wilson could not capture snowflakes through his drawings because _____
- (1) his camera was old
 - (2) the snowflakes melted very quickly
 - (3) he did not succeed in catching the snowflakes
 - (4) he did not know how to take pictures of the snowflakes
13. Wilson wanted to preserve snowflakes so that _____
- (1) others could enjoy their beauty
 - (2) he could study its intricate design
 - (3) others could play with the snowflakes
 - (4) he could practise drawing snowflakes
14. The phrase 'ended in failure' in paragraph three showed that Wilson _____
- (1) had damaged his camera
 - (2) gave up taking photographs of snowflakes
 - (3) did not manage to take good pictures of snowflakes
 - (4) did not enjoy practising taking photographs of snowflakes
15. What gift did Wilson give to the art world?
- (1) He created snowflakes.
 - (2) He preserved the snowflakes during winter.
 - (3) He photographed the snowflakes for all to see.
 - (4) He designed models of snowflakes in his book.

End of Booklet A

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Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letters (A to G) in each blank.

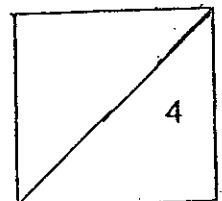
Passage One

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) how	(B) on	(C) through	(D) was
(E) were	(F) what	(G) where	

Peter was whizzing down a red slide. He was running so quickly that everything (16) _____ a giant blur. Plop! He landed on (17) _____ appeared to be a deserted beach. He put his hand down to help himself up. He marvelled at the strange feel of the sand. He sifted the sand (18) _____ his fingers, trying to decide (19) _____ it was different from regular sand. It felt more like powdered sugar than sand. "Wait a minute," he thought. He tentatively placed a finger in his mouth. It was powdered sugar!

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Passage Two

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) can	(B) could	(C) for	(D) of
(E) on	(F) over	(G) with	

Terrence looked at the sky one last time. He then carefully closed the blinds
(20) _____ the black and swirling clouds. Then, he hurried into the hallway
(21) _____ his parents where his father said the walls were strongest. In the hallway,
Terrence (22) _____ still hear the wind howling. While they were waiting
(23) _____ the storm to pass, Terrence's father told him about hurricanes.

Section E: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (3 x 1 mark)

For each question from 24 to 26, correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined> word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

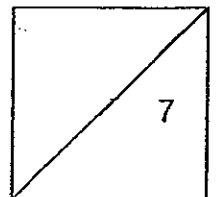
(24)

Long ago, a young man sat under an apple tree. While he were day-
dreaming, an apple suddenly fell from the tree and hit his head. It was at this

(25)

(26)

momment that this young man, Newton, began to **wannder** why things fall to the ground.



Section F: Comprehension Cloze

Passage 1 (5 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. The helping words are only for Passage 1

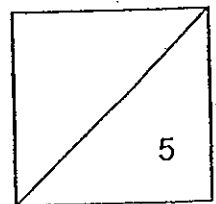
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| (A) drenched | (B) flocked | (C) flooded | (D) followed |
| (E) lasted | (F) nobody | (G) somebody | (H) sunk |

It was a sunny morning on the third of June this year. As the school vacation had just begun, many youngsters, (27) _____ to the beach to have their picnics.

(28) _____ expected any rain that day as the weather forecast had been good.

At noon, the sky suddenly began to darken. There were repeated flashes of lightning (29) _____ by claps of thunder. Then, there was a downpour. It rained so heavily that by 4.00p.m., several areas in Singapore were (30) _____. The rain (31) _____ almost twenty hours. What a miserable day it was!



Passage 2 (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Aaron was at the bus-stop waiting for the bus. He (32) _____ the bus when it arrived. As he was about to get to the nearest seat, the bus lurched forward, almost causing Aaron to lose his (33) _____. He sat down quickly (34) _____ he could fall.

At the next bus-stop, a frail old woman got up. She was (35) _____ a bag of groceries. Aaron quickly (36) _____ her his seat. The old lady smiled and thanked him.

Section G: Synthesis (2 x 2 marks)

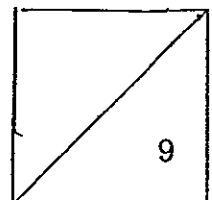
Rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

37. This is the bracelet. Aunt Jenny bought it for me.

_____ which

38. The little boy screamed. The lifeguard jumped into the pool immediately.

_____ when



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Section H: Comprehension OE (5 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions that follow.

"There's a good wind today," my father said one Saturday morning. "Just right for flying a kite. Let's make a kite, Danny."

So, we made a kite. He showed me how to tie four thin sticks together in the shape of a star. Then, we cut up an old blue shirt of his and stretched the material across the frame of the kite. We added a long tail made of thread. We found a ball of string in the workshop and he showed me how to attach the string to the frame so that the kite would be properly balanced in flight.

Together we walked to the top of the hill behind the petrol station to release the kite. I found it hard to believe that this object, made only from a few sticks and a piece of old shirt, would actually fly. I held the string while my father held the kite, and once he let it go, it caught the wind and soared upward like a huge blue bird.

"Let out some more of it, Danny!" he cried. "Go on! As much as you like!"

Higher and higher soared the kite. It was thrilling to stand there holding on to something that was so far away and so very much alive.

"Tie it to the steps," my father said.

"Will it still stay up?" I asked.

"It will if the wind doesn't drop," he said.

It was bright and beautiful when I woke up the next day. I was amazed to see the blue dot still dancing in the sky. After breakfast, I hauled it down and hung it carefully on a wall in my bedroom for another day.

Adapted from "Danny the Champion of the World" by Roald Dahl

39. Who showed Danny how to make a kite?

40. List two materials used to make the kite.

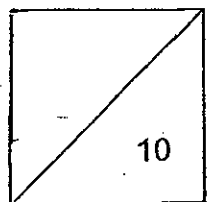
41. Where did Danny fly the kite?

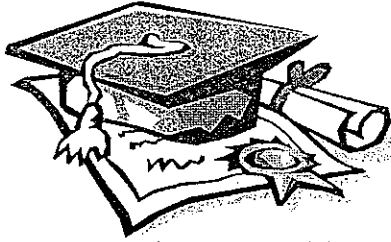
42. What does 'it' in paragraph four refer to?

43. Which sentence tells you that the wind did not stop blowing during the night?



Please check your answers carefully.



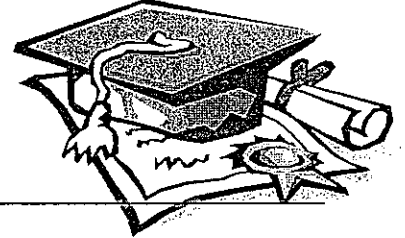


ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2010

**SCHOOL : AITONG PRIMARY
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH**

TERM : SA2



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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23
C	A	E	G	B	C

- 24)was 25)moment 26)wonder 27)B 28)F 29)D 30)C
- 31)E 32)boarded 33)balance 34)before 35)carrying 36)gave
- 37)This is the bracelet which Aunt Jenny bought for me.
- 38)The lifeguard jumped into the pool immediately when the little boy screamed.
- 39)Danny's father showed Danny how to make a kite.
- 40)The two materials were thread and string.
- 41)Danny flew the kite on the top of the hill behind the petrol station.
- 42)It refers to the string of the kite.
- 43)The sentence is "I was amazed to see the blue dot still dancing in the sky".

