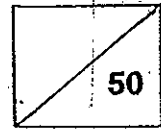




HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2010 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION TWO  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PRIMARY 3



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Duration of Paper: 1h 15min

**Section A: Vocabulary (8 x 1 mark)**

Choose the most suitable answer and shade your answers on the OAS provided.

1. "That newspaper report is very well-written. Can you look at the \_\_\_\_\_  
and tell me who wrote it?" Miss Ong asked.
  - 1) byline
  - 2) caption
  - 3) quote
  - 4) headline ( )
  
2. Each member of the Tan family carried a \_\_\_\_\_ during their hiking  
trip.
  - 1) briefcase
  - 2) suitcase
  - 3) haversack
  - 4) package ( )
  
3. He is quite \_\_\_\_\_ by what had happened.
  - 1) answered
  - 2) puzzled
  - 3) questioned
  - 4) interrogated ( )

4. We sat along the \_\_\_\_\_ of our chalet and watched the sunset.  
1) apartment  
2) bunk  
3) lobby  
4) verandah  
( )
5. Peter said that Tim was the one who stole the handphone but Tim \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
1) admitted  
2) confessed  
3) denied  
4) explained  
( )
6. The two astronauts are on an important \_\_\_\_\_ to explore and find out more about distant galaxies.  
1) experiment  
2) interview  
3) launch  
4) voyage  
( )
7. At the zoo, the foal approached Andrew \_\_\_\_\_ and cautiously as he held out some hay to feed it.  
1) angrily  
2) carelessly  
3) kindly  
4) slowly  
( )
8. Mr Tan Tock Seng was a very \_\_\_\_\_ man because he worked hard towards the success of Singapore.  
1) lucky  
2) honest  
3) patriotic  
4) stern  
( )

**Section B: Grammar (8 x 1 mark)**

Choose the most suitable answer and shade your answers on the OAS provided.

9. "Can you boys \_\_\_\_\_ to me what exactly took place yesterday," Mum said angrily.

- 1) explain
- 2) explains
- 3) explained
- 4) explaining

( )

10. \_\_\_\_\_ does the giant squid get its food from?

- 1) Who
- 2) What
- 3) Where
- 4) How

( )

11. There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ sugar left in the container. Mum has used most of it to bake cookies yesterday.

- 1) any
- 2) few
- 3) little
- 4) much

( )

12. Everybody \_\_\_\_\_ sad when Mrs Teo left the school last year.

- 1) is
- 2) are
- 3) was
- 4) were

( )

13. Walk \_\_\_\_\_ this path and turn left when you reach the traffic junction.

- 1) by
- 2) of
- 3) along
- 4) over

( )

14. "Please pour the lemonade \_\_\_\_\_ three glasses," Mum said to Annie.

- 1) of
- 2) to
- 3) onto
- 4) into

( )

15. In his letter, Paul wrote that Siti had met a space creature on Planet Ig. He also mentioned how \_\_\_\_\_ made friends with it.

- 1) he
- 2) she
- 3) we
- 4) they

( )

16. "I have an appointment \_\_\_\_\_ four o'clock," Raja said to his friend.

- 1) at
- 2) in
- 3) on
- 4) to

( )

## Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the information report and answer the questions that follow. Shade your answers on the OAS provided.

# POLAR BEARS

## **Characteristics**

Polar bears spend much of their lives around water. They are excellent swimmers and have an average lifespan of around 30 years.

The polar bear's yellowish white appearance is caused by a reflection of light. Its fur has no white pigment at all but is translucent and hollow. Under its fur, the polar bear's skin is entirely black. They have a dense coat and a layer of fat to enable them to adapt to harsh temperatures.

## **Habitat**

Polar bears are found in the Arctic regions. They are always on the sea ice as it provides a platform from which they can breed and hunt easily. They dig big dens to shield themselves from extreme weather conditions.

## **Diet**

In winter, polar bears typically need a daily intake of about two kg of fat. Their prey includes seals, walruses, beached whales, fish, seabirds and their hatchings and even other polar bears. In summer, they eat berries, roots and kelp.

## **Breeding**

Mating takes place around April and May. The female bears will go into deep dens for about four months. One to three cubs are born each time. The mothers will care for them and teach them to hunt for two years before they leave the cubs to go their separate ways.

## **Survival**

Research has shown that more than a quarter of polar bear populations are in decline. Climate change is their biggest threat. They are specialised for a life on sea ice, which leaves them vulnerable to changes in their habitat.

*Adapted from: WWF for a living planet – [www.wwf.org.uk/polarbear](http://www.wwf.org.uk/polarbear)*

17. What do the polar bears have to help them survive the cold?

The polar bears have \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) black skins
- 2) dense coats
- 3) translucent furs
- 4) white appearances

( )

18. Polar bears spend a lot of time on the sea ice because \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) it is colder there
- 2) it is easier for them to catch their prey
- 3) they enjoy playing with the ice
- 4) they can spot each other easily on the ice

( )

19. How long will the cubs remain with their <sup>mothers</sup> mother?

They will remain with their mothers \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) for four months
- 2) from April to May
- 3) for thirty years
- 4) for a couple of years

( )

20. What does the polar bear's diet consist of in winter?

Their diet consists of \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) whales and seaweed
- 2) seabirds and berries
- 3) seals and fish
- 4) whales and roots

( )

21. Polar bear populations are decreasing because they \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) like to go into hiding
- 2) are not able to obtain food
- 3) have to leave their mothers after two years
- 4) cannot adapt to the drastic changes in the climate

( )

**Section D: Vocabulary Cloze ( 5 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage below. Choose the most suitable word from the box and fill in the blanks. Use each word ONCE only.

fire	damage	smoke	residents
smell	reporters	temperature	dust

Sunday, 19 June 2010, The News Times

## **Bushfire Again!**

by Roger Tan

Many passers-by witnessed the bushfire at the open field that started around 9.30 a.m. yesterday. The (22) \_\_\_\_\_ spread quickly across the dried grass.

“The hot weather must have dried up the plants and grass. This probably caused the fire,” said one concerned resident.

The (23) \_\_\_\_\_ surrounded a block of flats bringing with it a very nasty (24) \_\_\_\_\_. The thick smoke affected visibility and the (25) \_\_\_\_\_ caused breathing problems for the (26) \_\_\_\_\_ living there.

Fire fighters managed to put out the fire after a prolonged period of time. Police are still investigating the cause of the fire.



**Section E: Grammar Cloze**

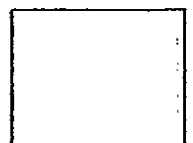
**Part I – (5 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage below. Choose the most suitable word from the box and fill in the blanks. Use each word ONCE only.

why	which	how
where	what	when

Last Thursday, the police arrested a woman for abusing a stray cat. The police questioned her about the exact location (27)\_\_\_\_\_ she had captured the cat. The woman admitted that she had captured the cat (28)\_\_\_\_\_ she was wandering around the neighbourhood. When asked (29)\_\_\_\_\_ she abused the cat, she explained that she had tied the cat to a lamp post and hit it several times.

The woman has not been charged and people are still debating about (30)\_\_\_\_\_ her punishment should be. In most cases, animal abusers are either jailed or fined heavily. However, many cannot decide (31)\_\_\_\_\_ punishment would be most suitable for pet abusers like her. Pet owners are now keeping their pets at home.





**Part II: (5 x 1 mark)**

**Read the following passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word.**

Long ago, there was a cruel king called Knan who ruled the island of Ryu. Every year, he (32) \_\_\_\_\_ the people in his conquered lands to send him seven young men and women to be sacrificed to a monster.

The monster, Minta, which was (33) \_\_\_\_\_ in a dark dungeon below the castle was King Knan's beloved pet. The unfortunate victims were then brutally (34) \_\_\_\_\_ with a sword and fed to Minta.

The people of the lands could not do anything to (35) \_\_\_\_\_ King Knan from his act of cruelty. They lived in constant fear, so they (36) \_\_\_\_\_ hard every day. They hoped the Gods would send them a brave warrior to save them from the monster.



**Section F: Synthesis (5 x 2 marks)**

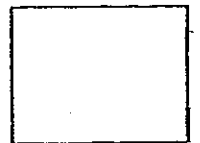
**Rewrite the following pairs of sentences as one sentence without changing the original meaning.**

37. The children had given the old beggar some money. He was happy.

\_\_\_\_\_ since  
\_\_\_\_\_

38. Alice is being punished for vandalism. Tom is being punished too.

Both \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Section G: Comprehension Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions in complete sentences.**

Long ago, when the world was very new, Elder Tao walked around Earth to enjoy its beauty. Everywhere on Earth, children were playing happily. But as he watched, Elder Tao was concerned that one day these children would be sad, lonely or sick. Elder Tao had an idea. He took a big bag and filled it with red flowers and yellow leaves. He put in some blue feathers, some blades of green grass and some golden corn too. He added a bit of sunshine and finally, before he closed the bag, he added some bird songs.

He shook the bag and called out to the children. He asked them to open the bag. When the children opened the bag, out flew thousands of colourful creatures with wings. Each creature sang a beautiful song.

The children were delighted to see these creatures.

"These new creatures are called butterflies. Whenever you are sad, look at them and they will cheer you up," Elder Tao said.

However, the birds were unhappy. They felt that it was not fair for the butterflies to have their songs. They reminded Elder Tao that at the beginning, colours were given to all living things but songs were given only to birds.

Elder Tao thought about it and knew that the birds were right.

"From now on, the songs belong only to you," Elder Tao assured the birds.

So, to this day, butterflies dance and fly and make children happy, but they are silent.

39. Why did Elder Tao walk around Earth?

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40. What does the word 'it' in the fourth line of paragraph 1 <sup>refer</sup> refer to?

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41. What happened when the children opened the big bag?

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42. When did Elder Tao want the children to look at the butterflies?

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43. Why were the birds unhappy?

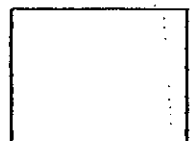
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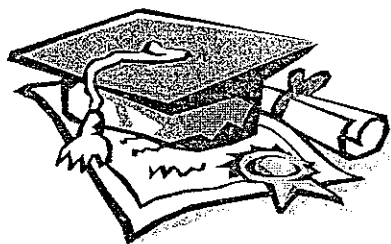
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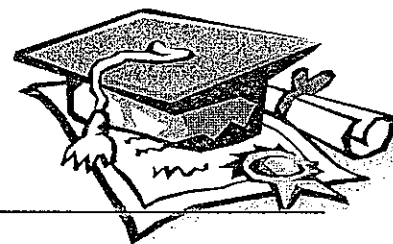


# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2010**

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**TERM : SA2**



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1	3	2	4	3	4	4	3	1	3	4	3	3	4	2	1	2

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21
2	4	3	4

22)fire            23)smoke            24)smell            25)dust            26)residents

27)where            28)when            29)how            30)what            31)which

32)ordered            33)kept            34)stabbed            35)stop            36)prayed

37)The beggar was happy since the children had given him some money.

38)Both Alice and Tom are being punished for vandalism.

39)Elder Tao walked around Earth so he could enjoy the beauty of Earth.

40)The word is " refers to the big bag."

41)Thousands of butterflies flew out and each butterfly.

42)He wanted them to look at the butterflies when they were sad or needed something to cheer themselves up.

43)They were unhappy because they thought they should be the only ones that could sing.

