



AI TONG SCHOOL
2007

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE
PRIMARY 4
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2

DURATION : 1 hour 45 minutes
DATE : 10 May 2007

INSTRUCTIONS

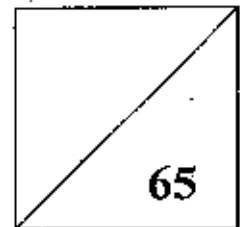
Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions.
Answer all questions.

Name : _____ ()

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Part 1

Section A: Graphic Stimulus (4 × 1 mark)

Study the following advertisement and then use it to answer questions 1 to 4.

***Sunshine Body Cleansing Gel
has a gentle moisturizer that
leaves your skin silky soft
and smooth.***



Easy to Enter! Easy to Win!

Simply paste the Sunshine Logo contest sticker found on the back of any 300ml pack on the official entry form. Answer a simple question and send in your entry.

PRIZES

- 1st Prize: Trip for 2 to Sydney, Australia worth \$3800
- 2nd Prize: Trip for 2 to Bangkok, Thailand worth \$1200
- 3rd Prize: Trip for 2 to Bali, Indonesia worth \$500
- 20 consolation prizes: 1 spa treatment worth \$80 each

Rules and Regulations

1. This contest is open to all except staff and families of Sunshine(S) Pte Ltd.
2. You may submit as many entries as you wish but each entry must be on an official entry form with the Sunshine logo attached.
3. Closing date for entries is 15 May 2007.
4. The draw will be held on 1 June 2007 at Sunshine(S) Pte Ltd.
5. All winners will be notified by post.
6. Prizes are not exchangeable for cash.
7. Judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entertained.

**Buy
Sunshine
Body
Cleansing
Gel now
and win
fabulous
prizes!**

For each question from 1 to 4, 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 OAS.

1. The moisturizer in the cleansing gel makes the skin _____.

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|-----------|------------|
| (1) fair | (2) smooth |
| (3) shiny | (4) gentle |

2. The closing date for entries is _____.

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|-----------------|------------------|
| (1) 1 May 2007 | (2) 15 May 2007 |
| (3) 1 June 2007 | (4) 15 June 2007 |

3. The top prize for the contest is a trip for 2 to _____.

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|---------------|---------------|
| (1) Japan | (2) Thailand |
| (3) Australia | (4) Indonesia |

4. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) All prizes are worth more than \$500.
- (2) Participants can only submit one entry each.
- (3) Winners cannot exchange their prizes for money.
- (4) Participants must call the company to find out the results of the draw.

Section B: Grammar MCQ (5 × 1 mark)

For each question from 5 to 9, 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 OAS.

5. When water _____, it changes into ice.

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|-----|---------|-----|-------------|
| (1) | froze | (2) | freeze |
| (3) | freezes | (4) | will freeze |

6. They won't be meeting us at the museum, _____?

- | | | | |
|-----|------------|-----|-------------|
| (1) | are they | (2) | will they |
| (3) | won't they | (4) | aren't they |

7. "Did you both enjoy _____ at the carnival?" my father asked Rick and me.

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|-----|-----------|-----|------------|
| (1) | itself | (2) | yourself |
| (3) | ourselves | (4) | yourselves |

8. Mei Ying is very good _____ Mathematics. She always obtains the highest score in the subject.

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|-----|-----|-----|------|
| (1) | for | (2) | in |
| (3) | on | (4) | with |

9. I will not be able to buy you that toy. I have only _____ dollars left.

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| (1) | some | (2) | much |
| (3) | a few | (4) | a little |

Section C: Punctuation (3 × 1 mark)

For each question from 10 to 12, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

One day, the doorbell rang when I was reading a book in the living room. Mother asked me to see who it was (10) I pretended not to hear her.

“Thomas!” Mother raised her voice. “Did you hear what I said (11)

“Yes, Mum,” I answered reluctantly and half rose from my seat. My eyes were still glued to the story book.

“Thomas!” Mother’s voice had become louder. I quickly put down my book and looked out of the window to see who was at the door. Since I saw no one (12) I went back to my book.

10. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark
11. (1) [, ”] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. ”] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [? ”] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! ”] exclamation mark and inverted commas
12. (1) [-] dash
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [!] exclamation mark

Section D: Vocabulary (4 × 1 mark)

For each question from 13 to 16, 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 OAS.

13. We heard the loud _____ of brakes on the road.
- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| (1) banging | (2) breaking |
| (3) crashing | (4) screeching |
14. Patrick does not enjoy jogging, so he jogs only _____.
- | | |
|------------------|----------------|
| (1) daily | (2) frequently |
| (3) occasionally | (4) regularly |
15. I _____ my heavy luggage to the nearest taxi.
- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| (1) hauled | (2) placed |
| (3) managed | (4) directed |
16. Food with _____ colouring should be avoided as they are harmful to health.
- | | |
|------------|----------------|
| (1) no | (2) light |
| (3) bright | (4) artificial |

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (4 × 1 mark)

For each question from 17 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

In the 15 January raid, four men were arrested and 25,300 packets of duty-unpaid cigarettes seized.

Customs officers found contraband cigarettes in a specially-constructed compartment of a lorry in Jalan Halus. (17)

A total of 205 peddlers at Chua Chu Kang Industrial Estate were apprehended between January and August last year.

Whoever is discovered to be storing, possessing and dealing in contraband cigarettes can be jailed, fined up to a maximum of 20 times the amount of duty evaded, or both. (18)

During the same period, 153 people were arrested and fined for buying illegal cigarettes. Those caught with duty-unpaid cigarettes face a minimum fine of \$200 or prosecution. (19)
(20)

Adapted from The New Paper, 24 March 2007

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|-----|--------------|-----------------|
| 17. | (1) boot | (2) engine |
| | (3) section | (4) department |
| 18. | (1) stored | (2) avoided |
| | (3) cheated | (4) accumulated |
| 19. | (1) fake | (2) harmful |
| | (3) unlawful | (4) tax free |
| 20. | (1) held | (2) found |
| | (3) trapped | (4) summoned |

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 × 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 21 to 25.

“Roald Dahl is without question the most successful children’s writer in the world,” wrote Brian Appleyard in “The Independent” in 1990. Roald himself said, “I’m probably more pleased with my children’s books than with my adult short stories. Children’s books are harder to write. It’s tougher to keep a child interested because a child doesn’t have the concentration of an adult. The child knows the television is in the next room. It’s tough to hold a child’s attention, but it’s a lovely thing to try to do.”

He first became interested in writing children’s books by making up bedtime stories for his daughters Olivia and Tessa. This was how “James And The Giant Peach” came into being. The book was published in America in 1961 and the UK in 1967.

His second book, “Charlie And The Chocolate Factory” also debuted in the USA (in 1964) before being published in the UK (in 1967). It was a significant success on both sides of the Atlantic.

Adapted from <http://www.roalddahlclub.com/>

For each question from 21 to 25, 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 OAS.

21. Which of the following sentence best describes Roald Dahl as “the most successful children’s writer”?
- (1) Roald Dahl is the richest writer in the world.
 - (2) Roald Dahl’s children’s books are the best sellers in the world.
 - (3) Roald Dahl wrote the most number of children’s books in the world.
 - (4) Roald Dahl is the only person who can write difficult children’s stories.
22. According to Roald Dahl, why are children’s books harder to write?
- (1) Children prefer to watch television.
 - (2) Children only read stories at bedtime.
 - (3) Children’s books are longer in length.
 - (4) Children cannot concentrate as well as adults.
23. How did Roald Dahl become interested in writing children’s books?
- (1) He was always interested in writing books.
 - (2) His daughters enjoyed writing children’s books.
 - (3) He was always telling stories to his own children.
 - (4) He wanted to be successful on both sides of the Atlantic.
24. The “Charlie And The Chocolate Factory” story was published in the UK _____ it was published in America.
- (1) four years after
 - (2) four years before
 - (3) three years after
 - (4) three years before
25. Children enjoy Roald Dahl’s books because _____
- (1) he is a successful writer.
 - (2) his stories are interesting.
 - (3) his daughters loved his books.
 - (4) his books are both published in the USA and the UK.

Part 2

Name: _____ ()

Date: _____

Class: Pr 4 _____

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Section G: Grammar Cloze (6 × 1 mark)

There are 6 blanks, numbered 26 to 31, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) can	(B) up	(C) in	(D) for	(E) of
(F) until	(G) to	(H) from	(J) with	(K) as

Ever wish you could be as muscular as a superhero or your favourite professional athlete?

Big muscles are not impossible (26) _____ children.

Boys, especially, might wish for bigger muscles, but their bodies cannot build that kind of grown-up muscles (27) _____ they are older. On the bright side, both boys and girls can do a lot (28) _____ build strong muscles. Playing, running, jumping and riding your bicycle (29) _____ make your muscles stronger. Any physical activity you like to do can make you stronger. Push-ups, sit-ups and chin-ups also help build strong muscles.

You might think you need a lot of foods that contain protein (such as meat and eggs) or foods that contain iron (30) _____ order to have strong muscles. There is, however, no one magical food that helps build muscles. Your muscles and your entire body will be strong and healthy if you eat a variety (31) _____ nutritious foods.

Adapted from <http://www.kidshealth.org>

Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (8 × 1 mark)

For each question from 32 to 39, correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Getting children to take part in sports activities is not just about making sure they
(32)
have enough exercises. For the good workout, the children also learn about getting along with
(33)
others and getting to know themselves better. That is how more sports clubs and classes in
Singapore are now open to kids.

At the Kallang Tennis Club, the Singapore Tennis Association runs a youth training
(34)
programme. Players between 6 and 18 years old get to compete ageinzt other youngsters
from the region.

(35)
The Singapore Tennis Association saw the secondary school education system as
stifling players. By the time the players are 14 years old and in Secondary Two, they will be
(36)
too busy to work to train and play.

(37)
Still, it is clear that clubs are the breeding ground of futche players. Só the Singapore
Sports Council is working with the Ministry of Education to start a new programme which
(38)
aims to increase interzt in sports in schools.

So getting your child into sports could mean you are grooming the next big star. But even
if that is not the end objective, the process of getting there would help the child develop
(39)
valuable physikal and social skills.

Adapted from <http://www.channelnewsasia.com>, 18th March 2007

Section I: Comprehension Cloze (8 × 1 mark)

Passage 1

There are 4 blanks, numbered 40 to 43, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) located	(B) prevented	(C) enjoying	(D) remained	(E) built
(F) holidaying	(G) recorded	(H) resumed	(J) damaged	(K) retained

Rescue workers on Sunday searched for survivors after a flash flood killed at least 35 holidaymakers bathing in two waterfalls in southern Thailand. Authorities (40) _____ the hunt at dawn after a torrent of water poured over the two waterfalls on Saturday afternoon in Trang, a seaside province, south of Bangkok.

"Seven more dead bodies were brought to hospital this morning, bringing the death toll up to 35," said Sinchai Rongdej, hospital director at Yantakhao district where the waterfalls are (41) _____.

He said that 15 of the victims were children. "Of the 35 victims, one was a Laos national, while the rest were Thai," Sinchai said.

Police said about 10 holidaymakers (42) _____ missing.

About 100 people, who were (43) _____ the five-day holiday weekend celebrating the Buddhist New Year, were swimming at the Sainung and Prai Sawan waterfalls, which are about five kilometres apart, when the flood struck.

Adapted from The Straits Times, 15 April 2007

Passage 2

There are 4 blanks numbered 44 to 47, in the passage below. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The Tan family consists of four members. They are Mr Tan, Mrs Tan, Martin and Mark. They live in a five-room flat.

Mr Tan works in a hospital. His work requires him to work till the wee hours of the (44) _____. As such, his family members seldom see him at (45) _____. However, during the weekends, he would spend most of his time at home if possible.

Mrs Tan is a housewife. She takes good care of the family. Her husband and children love her very much.

Martin and Mark are twins. They are ten years old. They (46) _____ studying at a school near their flat. They are even in the same class. Their teachers have problems telling them (47) _____ because they look very alike.

Section J: Synthesis (4 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions 48 to 51, rewrite the given sentences 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).

48. I was completely exhausted. I went home straight after work.

_____ so

49. You do not hand in your work on time. You will be punished.

If _____

50. I gave Paul a push. Paul fell into the water.

_____ and

51. The singer sang out of tune. She was embarrassed.

_____ when

Section K: Comprehension Open Ended (5 × 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer Questions 52 to 56.
Your answers must be based on the passage.

Much has been said about the dog being man's best friend, but it does not seem to be the case when a dog bit a man's girlfriend.

In this case, the man retaliated by hitting the dog – which belonged to his girlfriend's brother with a broken pole.

As the owner and the victim are siblings, it blew up into a big family row.

Mr Wee Tong Soon, 32, was sentenced yesterday to a week in jail and was fined \$2000.

He had been reported to the Agri-Food Veterinary Authority (AVA) by the Australian Alsatian's owner, Mr Amos Tay, 29, for hitting it with a broken bamboo pole.

Mr Wee Tong Soon is the boyfriend of Mr Tay's sister, Miss Juliana Tay, 27.

Miss Tay recounted yesterday that, on 16 May last year, the couple were at her parents' home in Eunus Crescent. Mr Wee was sitting with his two friends on a bench opposite the house when Miss Tay was bitten while feeding the dog, Rodney, at the car porch.

"I tried to pull back my hand and when Rodney released it, I rushed to clean the wound. I broke out in cold sweat and then I felt faint," said Miss Tay.

Adapted from The Straits Times, 6 March 2007

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

52. Who was the dog's owner?

53. Why did Wee Tong Soon hit the dog?

54. What was his penalty for hitting the dog?

55. What was Miss Tay doing when she was bitten?

56. Why do you think Miss Tay broke out in cold sweat?

~ End of Paper ~

~ Please check your work carefully ~



ANSWER SHEET

AI TONG PRIMARY SCHOOL - PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH 2007
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

1. 2 31) E 41) A
2. 2 32) a 42) D
3. 3 33) why 43) C
4. 3 34) against 44) morning
5. 3 35) sees 45) home
6. 2 36) with 46) are
7. 4 37) future 47) apart
8. 2 38) interest
9. 3 39) physical
10. 2 40) H
11. 3
12. 2 48) I was so exhausted so I
13. 4 went straight after work.
14. 2
15. 4 49) If you do not finish your home
work on time, you will be punished.
16. 4
17. 3
18. 2 50) He gave her a push and he fell into
19. 3 the sea.
20. 2
21. 2 51) She was embarrassed when she sang
22. 4 out of tune.
23. 3
24. 3 52) It was Mr Amos Tay (Miss Joanna's
25. 2 Tay brother).
26. D
27. F 53) The dog bit his girlfriend/Miss Tay
28. G
29. A 54) He was in jail for a week and fined
30. C \$2000.
55) Mrs Tay was bitten while she was
feeling the dog.
56) This was because the dog had
frightened her and also her wound
was painful.