

TAO NAN SCHOOL

Primary 4 English Language End-of-Year Examination 2008

Name: _____ ()

Date: 14 October 2008

Class : Pr 4 _____

Duration: 1 hour 45 minutes

Time: 8.00 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.

Marks:

Booklet A

Section A to F _____ / 25

Booklet B

Section G to K _____ / 40

Total _____ / 65

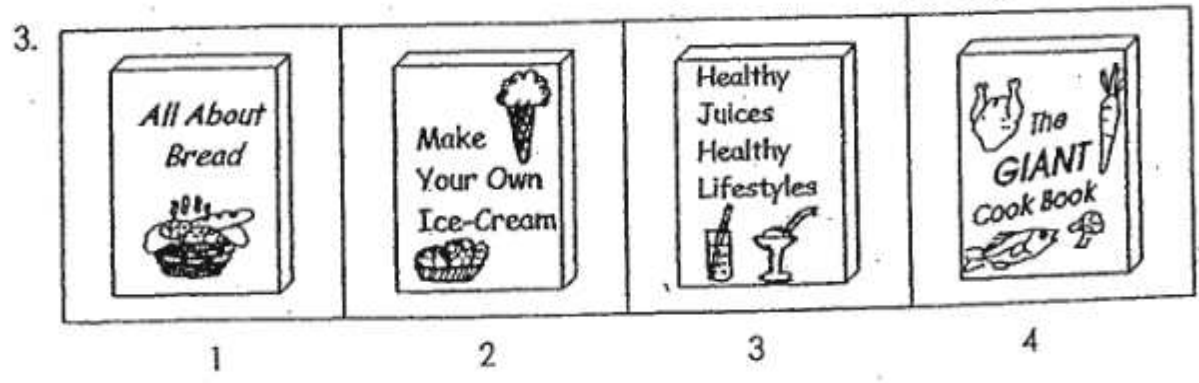
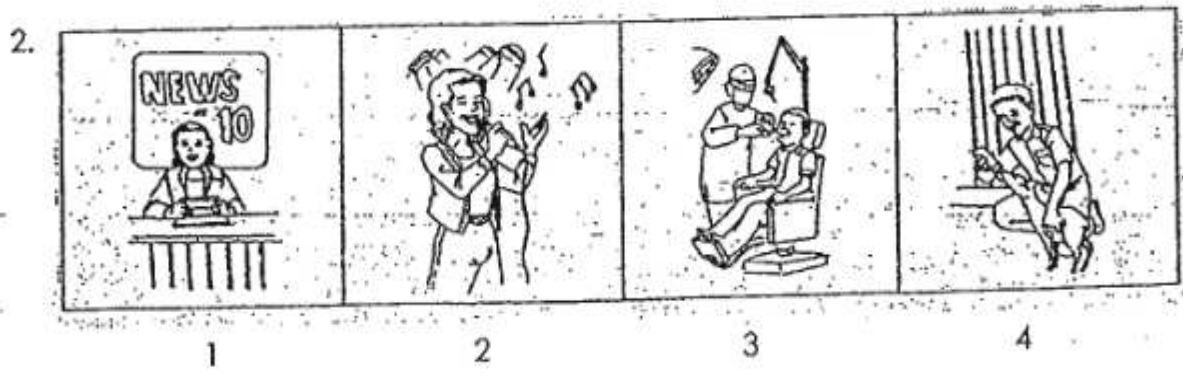
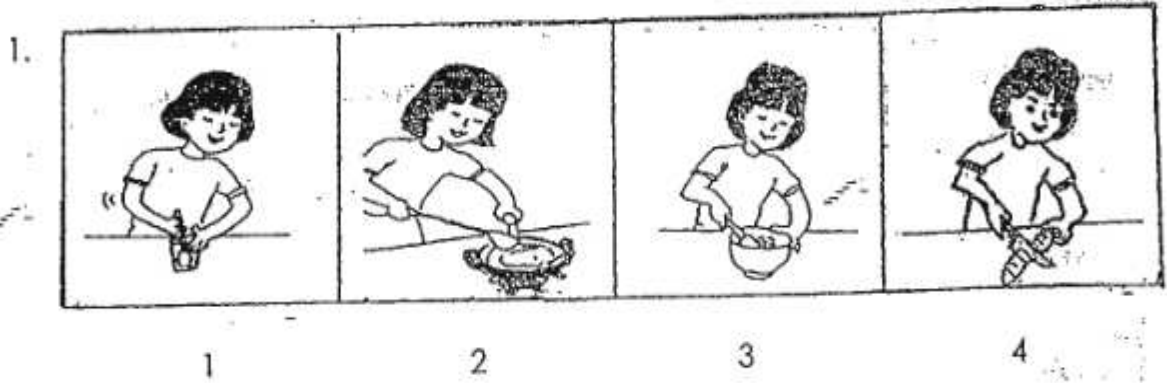
DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.
FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.
ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

Parent's Signature: _____

Section A (4 x 1m)

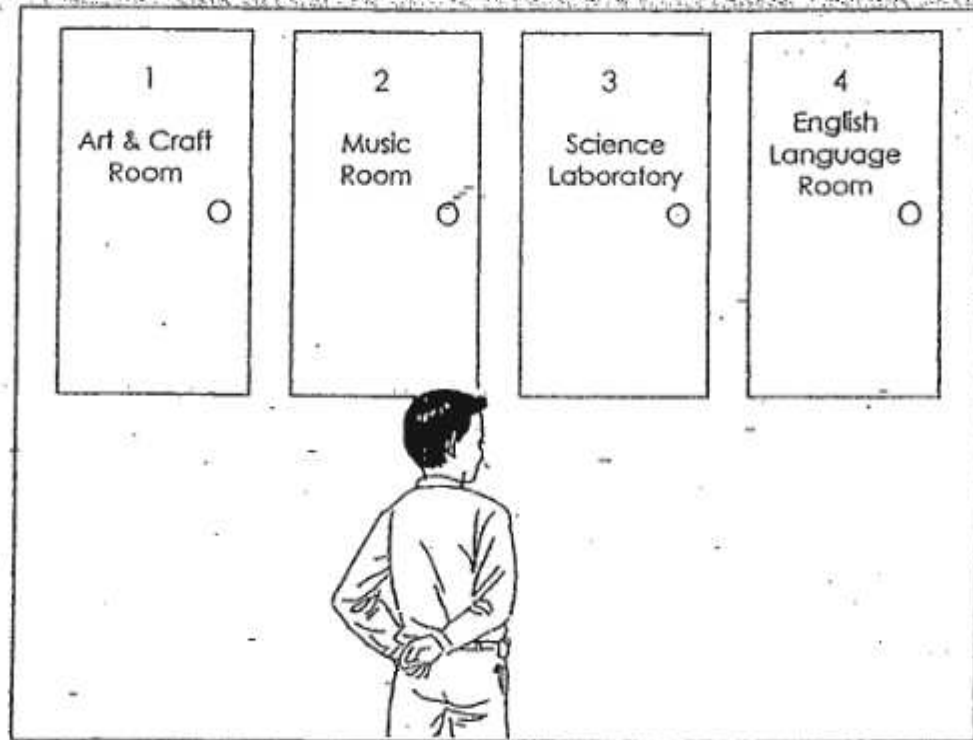
Picture Matching

Listen carefully to the teacher. Choose the picture that describes the teacher's statement. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.



Listen carefully to the teacher. Choose the part of the picture that describes the teacher's statement. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

4.



Section B (6 x 1m)

Grammar

For each question from 5 to 10, 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. He has used up all the sugar. There is _____ left.

- (1) any
- (2) little
- (3) none
- (4) some

6. Just now, Mrs Tan _____ in the kitchen when the phone rang.

- (1) cooks
- (2) is cooking
- (3) was cooking
- (4) were cooking

7. Ahmad and his parents _____ excited about the concert which they are going to watch tomorrow.

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

8. _____ books on the table over there belong to Sifi.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) These
- (4) Those

9. "Look! The monkey _____ a magic trick now!" exclaimed Daniel.

- (1) performs
- (2) performed
- (3) is performing
- (4) has performed

10. Last night, the police _____ the suspect's house because they believed the stolen goods were hidden there.

- (1) search
- (2) searched
- (3) have searched
- (4) were searching

Section C (3 x 1m)

Punctuation

For each question from 11 to 13, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

I crept among the bushes, trying to make as little noise as possible. So far (11) we did not have much luck. The grasshoppers were too quick for us.

"Joey," I whispered (12) look over there. There's a yellow one." She nodded at me and we went off. Suddenly, my foot tripped over something and I fell into a pond with a loud splash.

"How do you expect to catch anything if you make so much noise (13) asked Joey angrily.

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

Section D (3 x 1m)

Vocabulary

For each question from 14 to 16, 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 OAS.

14. Mr. Koh _____ my comic book as I was reading it while he was teaching.

- (1) robbed
- (2) collected
- (3) separated
- (4) confiscated

15. You need a _____ in order to drive a bus.

- (1) report
- (2) licence
- (3) certificate
- (4) document

16. Henry was _____ that his schoolwork had worsened despite his hard work.

- (1) careful
- (2) pleased
- (3) thankful
- (4) concerned

Section E (4 x 1m)

Vocabulary Cloze

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

River pollution is common in developing countries. This problem can be seen in India's fight to clean River Ganges.

Indeed, River Ganges seems (17) destined to suffer at the hands of humans. They are perhaps unaware of the fact that polluting the water will (18) badly affect the well-being of every living creature in the area.

Years ago, everyone thought that the river could not be polluted at all. Its water was so (19) enormous in volume that River Ganges seemed to wash away the waste very quickly. Many environmentalists hope that the people in India would (20) realise the importance of the conservation of this precious life support system before it is too late.

Adapted from Readers' Digest

17. (1) fated
(2) obliged
(3) intended
(4) predicted
18. (1) wrongly
(2) adversely
(3) incorrectly
(4) imperfectly
19. (1) rich
(2) lavish
(3) massive
(4) generous
20. (1) accept
(2) respect
(3) approve
(4) recognise

Section F (5 x 1m)

Comprehension MCQ

Read the passage below and answer questions 21 to 25.

There are over three hundred different species of sharks. However, the shark population around the world is under serious threat because humans are hunting sharks in great number for their fins.

Shark fin soup is a very popular dish among Asians as it shows their wealth. In most parts of Asia, people pay over a hundred dollars for a bowl of top grade shark fin soup. This prized Asian delicacy is prepared by adding boiled shark fin to chicken broth. 5

The way in which shark fins are obtained is very cruel. Sharks are only caught for their fins. With their fins sliced off, the wounded sharks are then thrown back to the sea. Without their fins, the sharks soon drown as they have lost the ability to swim. They sink to the bottom of the ocean and bleed to death most of the time. 10

Shark fin hunting is also a wasteful fishing activity as most other useful parts of the sharks are discarded. For example, the flesh of the sharks is an excellent food source. Their skin can also be used as leather as well as fine sandpapers. 15

If governments around the world do not control the activity of shark hunting, most sharks will be in danger of extinction.

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 the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

21. People in Asia like shark fin soup because they think it _____.

- (1) is rare
- (2) is very expensive
- (3) improves their health
- (4) shows that they are wealthy

22. The shark population around the world is under serious threat because sharks are _____.
- (1) eaten by other sharks
 - (2) popular among the Asian
 - (3) hunted in large numbers for their fins
 - (4) big in size and their flesh is an excellent food source
23. The word "prized" in line 6 has the same meaning as _____.
- (1) valued
 - (2) approved
 - (3) respected
 - (4) established
24. Sharks sink to the bottom of the ocean after their fins are cut off because they are _____.
- (1) in great pain
 - (2) unable to swim
 - (3) losing too much blood
 - (4) hiding from other predators
25. Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) There is a widespread sale of shark fin soup all over the world.
 - (2) Fine sandpapers and leather can be made from the skin of a shark.
 - (3) Hunting sharks in great number in Asia has caused sharks to become extinct.
 - (4) All governments are stopping the activity of shark hunting to protect the shark population.

BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ()

Date: 14 October 2008

Class: Pr 4

Marks: / 40

Section G (5 x 1m)

Note-Taking

For each question from 26 to 29, listen carefully and fill in the blanks with the correct answers.

(26) Date of the Social Studies trip: _____

(27) Time to set off : _____

(28) Place of visit : _____

(29) Things to bring : _____

Section H (4 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

There are 4 blanks, numbered 30 to 33, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter (A to F) in the blank.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) he	(B) her	(C) them
(D) they	(E) us	(F) we

Every Saturday, my grandfather and I walked to the nursing home a few blocks away from our house. (30) _____ went there to visit the old and sick people who lived there because (31) _____ could not take care of themselves anymore.

One of them was Mrs Sollee. She always greeted the two of (32) _____ with a big smile. Mrs Sollee liked to talk about the time when she was a well-known cook. She recalled how people would travel all the way just to taste (33) _____ famous chicken soup. My grandfather and I enjoyed chatting with Mrs Sollee.

Adapted from Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul

Section I (5 x 1m)

Editing for Spelling and Grammar

For each question from 34 to 38, correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

I have an elder sister named Meena. She is currently studying in

(34)

England to be a lawyer. She has wanted to be a lawyer when she was

seven. She works really hard as she believes that hard work is the key to

(35)

sukses.

(36)

Meena has never failed to impress others with her **Intelligens**.

She is quick-witted and speaks fluently. She is also very good with words.

(37)

Even when she was young, she was able to put out her ideas convincingly.

We are confident that she will make a good lawyer one day. Everyone at

home misses her because she only comes back to Singapore twice a year,

(38)

during her holidays. Sometimes, she will used her holidays to travel around

Europe. That means we only see her once that year.

Section J (8 x 1m)

Comprehension Cloze

Passage 1

There are 4 blanks, numbered 39 to 42, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to H) in the blank.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) amputate	(B) disconnect	(C) after	(D) later
(E) on	(F) price	(G) prize	(H) under

Mr Lim was pulled to safety exactly eighty hours after the quake struck Sichuan province. His relatives heard him crying out from under a building and alerted the rescuers. Mr Lim paid a high (39) _____ for his life because in order to free him from the rubble, doctors had to (40) _____ one of his arms and one of his legs.

Several hours (41) _____, a sniffer dog discovered three girls who were trapped under the rubble. Although the girls were trapped for eighty-six hours, they survived the ordeal. Rescuers quickly drilled holes through the collapsed ceiling above them so that they were able to receive water.

The three girls were smart as they got (42) _____ the tables to survive the collapsed walls which killed sixty other students in the class. These girls have shown amazing resilience and strength.

Adapted from The Straits Times

Passage 2

There are 4 blanks, numbered 43 to 46, in the passage below. Fill in each blank with a suitable word of your own.

People often say that the sky is the limit. However, to the Russians and the Americans, this is not quite true. In 1957, the Russians launched the first satellite, Sputnik I, to (43)_____ space. That marked the beginning of the Space Age. Although no bigger (44)_____ a football, Sputnik I was able to orbit earth. Since then, many astronauts have gone to space. In 1969, the Americans landed on the moon.

One reason for space exploration has been to find out (45)_____ life does exist on other planets. Astronauts found out that there is no living thing on the moon as there is no air to support life. Thus far, no proof of life has been found on any planet in the solar system. Some scientists, (46)_____, still believe that there are other living things in the mysterious Milky Way. Therefore, the search goes on.

Section K (4 x 2m)

Synthesis

For each of the questions 47 to 50, rewrite the given sentence(s) 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.

47. This is the restaurant. Taufik celebrated his birthday here.

_____ where

48. Sulin boiled some water. Then Sulin made a cup of coffee.

_____ before

49. You cannot take the pencil. The pencil is not yours.

Unless _____

50. Amir did not receive the letter. Brandon had posted the letter.

Although _____

Section L (5 x 2m)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 51 to 55.

Your answers must be based on the passage.

Sifi glared at Mr Wong and screamed furiously at him. Mr Wong, expecting a heated argument if he attempted to reason with Sifi, decided to remain silent instead. This tactic worked. Sifi soon began to wear herself out with her own torrent of angry words as usual.

Mr Wong's thoughts drifted to the day when Sifi had been brought to the orphanage. He recalled that he had taken an instant liking to the gentle and bubbly five-year-old girl who had been brought in by her old aunt. After learning Sifi's background from her aunt, he felt terrible about the sudden arrangement for her to stay in the orphanage. 5

"Poor child, I wonder if she understands that her parents are dead in the recent tragic car accident," he thought, frowning. 10

Suddenly, without warning, Sifi stormed towards the door. Mr Wong was jolted out of his thoughts when he saw Sifi leaving the room. It pained him to see how she had changed over the years. The little sunshine had turned into a quick-tempered spitfire. 15

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

51. Why did Mr Wong choose not to reason with Sifi?

52. How old was Sifi when she was taken to the orphanage?

53. Who took Sili to the orphanage?

54. How did Sili's parents die?

55. Which sentence in the passage best summarises how Sili had changed over her stay in the orphanage?

End of Paper



ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2008

SCHOOL : TAO NAN PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA 2

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
2	3	4	4	3	1	2	2	/	/	/	/	F	D	E	B

- 34)since 35)success 36)intelligence 37)across
38)use 39)F 40)A 41)D
42)H 43)outer 44)than 45)whether
46)however
47)This is the restaurant where Taufik celebrated his birthday.
48)Sulin boiled some water before marring a sup of coffee.
49)Unless the pencil is yours, you cannot take it.
50)Although Brandon the letter, Amir did not receive it.
51)He did want to argue with Siti.
52)Siti was five years old when she was taken to the orphanage.

53) Siti's aunt took her to the orphanage.

54) They died in a recent terrible car accident.

55) The litter sunshine had turned into a quick-tempered.