

TAO NAN SCHOOL

Primary 4 English Language End-of-Year Examination

Name: _____ ()

Date: 26 October 2010

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 L _____ / 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)

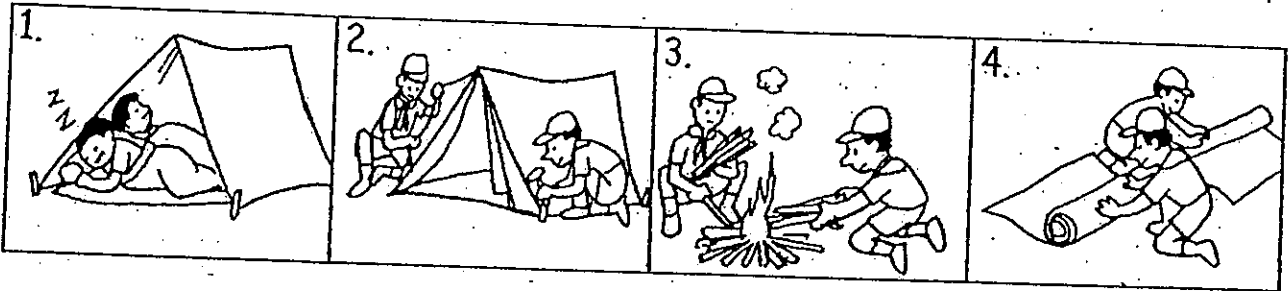
Picture Matching

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.

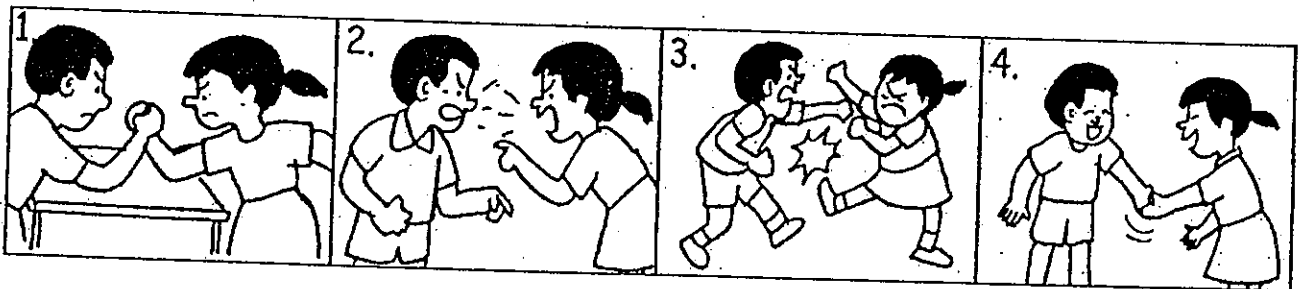
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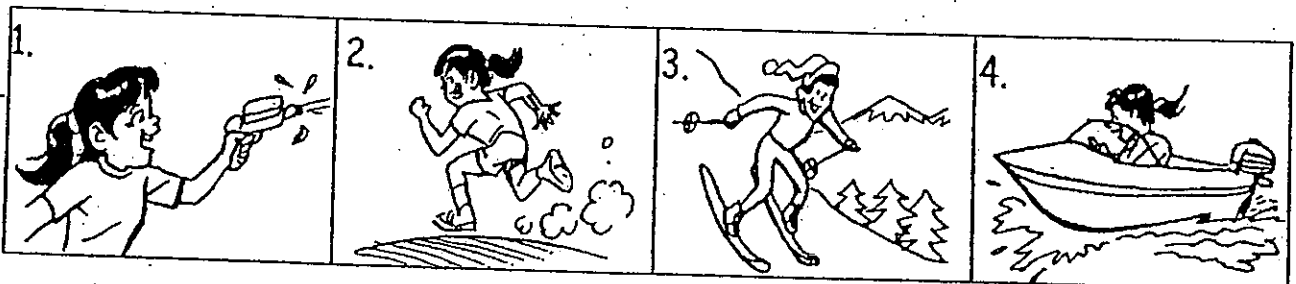
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Section B (6 x 1m)

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. Hassan and I helped _____ to the delicious food.

- (1) myself
- (2) himself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

6. Neither Vanessa nor her brothers _____ good at sports when they were in school.

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

7. "Look! The cat _____ the cockroach!" Martin shouted excitedly.

- (1) chase
- (2) chased
- (3) is chasing
- (4) was chasing

8. The team _____ to finish the project last night.

- (1) manage
- (2) managed
- (3) are managing
- (4) were managing

9. When I visited my aunt last night, she _____ cookies.

- (1) bakes
- (2) is baking
- (3) was baking
- (4) were baking

10. All of them tried to win a prize but _____ was successful.

- (1) all
- (2) one
- (3) both
- (4) none

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.

Joe looked around him and was surprised that the hotel was entirely occupied by elderly women. There were half a dozen of them sitting at the reception area reading magazines or nodding off.

Then (11) Joe overheard a conversation.

"Anne!" an elderly woman called out.

"Evelyn, I haven't seen you since 1942 (12) cried Anne excitedly.

"Over sixty-six years ago, Anne! You haven't changed," said

Evelyn.

"Haven't I, Evelyn dear (13) asked Anne.

Evelyn replied, "No! You're still wearing the same dress."

Joe tried his best to stifle his laughter and moved towards the hotel lift to his room.

Adapted from *Granny* by Anthony Horowitz

11. (1) [.] full-stop
(2) [,] comma
(3) [!] exclamation mark
(4) [?] question mark
12. (1) [."] full-stop and inverted commas
(2) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas
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 your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

14. From the top of the Singapore Flyer, we can have a good _____ of Singapore's skyline.
- (1) view
 - (2) vision
 - (3) scene
 - (4) glimpse
15. My father always _____ his sweater over his armchair before he sleeps.
- (1) drapes
 - (2) bundles
 - (3) dangles
 - (4) balances
16. Joanne said that we would not understand the _____ pain that she experienced when she fell.
- (1) vast
 - (2) eternal
 - (3) massive
 - (4) excruciating

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.

There was nowhere to run. Graham and the men looked on in horror as the thick black smoke billowed from the volcano. They stood (17) only three kilometres away and it seemed close enough for them to touch the hot lava.

The black cloud grew quickly and soon the (18) entire island was covered in smog. Graham felt a burning sensation at the back of his throat.

Out in the bay, seawater met the hot lava rising up through an under-water volcano. There was a whoosh and the men turned around in time to see a (19) powerful jet of water and steam shoot high into the sky.

Graham could feel intense heat engulfing him. One after another, jets of steam forced its way upwards, (20) spewing out water vapour and smoking rocks. Graham felt like he was in a nightmare.

Adapted from *The Day The Island Exploded* by Alexandra Pratt

17. (1) slightly
(2) merely
(3) reasonably
(4) adequately

18. (1) full
(2) total
(3) intact
(4) whole

19. (1) large
(2) striking
(3) mighty
(4) gigantic

20. (1) taking
(2) letting
(3) shifting
(4) coming

Section F (5 x 1m)

Comprehension MCQ

Read the passage below and answer questions 21 to 25 based on the passage.

When Fariza, my daughter, was a little girl, we would play a game called 'Are-You-Sleeping?'. I do not know who came up with it. It might have been Fariza because she was always very creative. The game was enough to keep both of us entertained for the half an hour that my wife, Naimah, required to prepare our dinner. We played it at about six 5 o'clock, just as the sun was setting.

Our game was very simple. I would leave the bedroom for a few seconds, returning silently while Fariza pretended to be asleep on her bed. As she watched me through half-closed eyes, I would tiptoe to her bedside. If I managed to tickle her on the stomach before she could 10 'catch' me, I would win. If I did not then she would win. It was not particularly complicated yet we both enjoyed it. She trusted me so much that one night I turned the light out in the room and she was not frightened at all. I guess all daughters adore their fathers and **Fariza was no exception.** 15

Fariza would squeal with delight whenever I managed to tickle her. In between the laughter, she would cry out, "Daddy, daddy, you win! You win!" Sometimes, she would be so animated she would scream out loud. Fariza is very precious to me. **The memory still makes me shake my head.** In those innocent days, I would rush home to spend all my time 20 with her.

Adapted from *Heroes* by Karim Raslan

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. The author played the game 'Are-You-Sleeping?' with his daughter

- (1) at dawn
- (2) at night
- (3) in the evening
- (4) in the morning

22. Which of the following about the game "Are-You-Sleeping" is false?

- (1) It was played by the author and his daughter.
- (2) The author thought the game was simple and fun.
- (3) It was played by the author, his wife and their daughter.
- (4) The author and his daughter played it as they waited for dinner.

23. How would Fariza win the game?

- (1) She would have to tickle her father first.
- (2) She would have to prevent her father from tickling her.
- (3) She would have to leave the room for a few seconds to hide.
- (4) She would have to fall asleep as soon as her father left the room.

24. In lines 14 -15, what does the author mean by "Fariza was no exception" ?

- (1) Fariza loved her father.
- (2) Fariza was a filial daughter.
- (3) Fariza was creative at inventing new games.
- (4) Fariza enjoyed letting her father win the game.

25. "The memory still makes me shake my head." (lines 19 - 20) shows that the author is _____.

- (1) upset over the memory
- (2) confused over his daughter's actions
- (3) appreciative of the precious memory
- (4) worried that he could not make it home on time every day

BOOKLET B

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Section G (5 x 1m)

Note-Taking.

For each question from 26 to 30 listen carefully to an advertisement and fill in the blanks with the correct answers:

(26) Name of the product : _____

(27) Freshly squeezed _____ are used to make this juice.

(28) This drink contains _____ and fruit pulp.

(29) The drink is packed in _____.

(30) This product is made in _____.

Section H (4 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

There are 4 blanks, numbered 31 to 34, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter (A to H) in the blank.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) to	(B) of	(C) between	(D) in
(E) when	(F) for	(G) by	(H) as

Many people are surprised when they learn of Singapore's badminton history and its contributions to world badminton. Most are not even aware (31) _____ the recognition given to our badminton pioneers.

Badminton was first introduced to Singapore (32) _____ the late 1920s. The sport became immensely popular among the youths in this colony of less than half a million inhabitants, even though it was yet to be recognised (33) _____ world sports organisations. Nevertheless, in a period of less than ten years, Singapore players changed the way badminton was played and that surprised many observers.

Past records showed that during the early years, our young players were not influenced by any styles of play. Thus, they were free (34) _____ pursue their potential and develop new styles of play. In fact, our youth sustained a reputation of being excellent players.

Adapted from: *Upholding the Legacy: Singapore Badminton* by Tan Chong Tee

Section I (5 x 1m)

Editing for Spelling and Grammar

For each question from 35 to 39, correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

I was eight when I had a gaping hole in one of my molars. This was a result of consuming lots of sweet cakes and not practising dental hygiene.

(35)

My mother tried all the old-fashioned remedies to eased my suffering.

(36)

When the pain became **unbareable**, my mother had no choice but to take me to the dentist. As far as I could recollect, there were few certified

(37)

dentists then in private **praktise**. In any case, we could not afford their treatment.

(38)

My mother takes me to the 'alternative' dentists operating in a row of shophouses along Tanjong Pagar Road. Though my family was very poor, my

(39)

mother chose one that looked the most **imprasive** from the outside – the one with swinging doors.

Adapted from Wee Kim Wee, *Glimpses and Reflections*

Section J (8 x 1m)

Comprehension Cloze

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 H) in the blank.

-EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) opposite	(B) affection	(C) polluted	(D) infested
(E) attention	(F) swerved	(G) stopped	(H) beside

The trishaw carried Scott away from the train station and immediately turned left in front of an oncoming taxi. Thankfully, it (40) _____, missing the trishaw.

Out of the blue, a young boy ran (41) _____ the trishaw and asked for money. Scott did not give him any. He knew that if he were to give money to one boy, a hundred more would follow. He did not want that kind of (42) _____.

The trishaw driver laboured against the pedals of the bicycle as they crossed a bridge over a heavily (43) _____ canal. The canal was clogged with rubbish. Scott saw how murky the water was and wished he was miles away.

Adapted from *Kyuden* by Jonathan Holburt

Passage 2

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

As the December holidays approached, I became happier and more excited each day. My uncle who lived in Ipoh had (44) _____ my family to spend a weekend with him. My parents accepted the invitation and I could (45) _____ wait for the day to arrive.

It was seven in the morning when my family and I left for Ipoh. We reached our destination in the afternoon. My uncle welcomed us and volunteered to be our tour guide. He took us to a few places of (46) _____. We visited a tin mine at Batu Gajah and spent the afternoon learning about the mining industry. We also explored the famous cave temples of Ipoh. These amazing caves were made of limestone. I was awestruck by their magnificence.

Beside the caves, I saw a lotus pond full of pink and white lotuses. It was such a beautiful sight. I (47) _____ myself to visit it the next time I visited Ipoh. I was most reluctant to leave this scenic spot at the end of the day.

Section K (4 x 2m)

Synthesis and Transformation

For each of the questions 48 to 51, 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 sentence(s).

48. Peter had the room to himself. His elder brother had moved to a new flat in Marine Parade.

After _____

49. All the pupils are going to Kampong Glam. Their teacher is also going to Kampong Glam.

_____ as well as

50. Orchard Road was flooded. Many shops in Orchard Road were closed.

_____ due to

51. "I will cook dinner tonight," Mrs Tan said to her son.

Mrs Tan told her son that _____

Section L (5 x 2m)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 52 to 56.

Your answers must be based on the passage.

Mother left her four children in the car. She put her face against the window of the car. "Be good," she said. "You'd better listen to what Kelly tells you. I'm going to buy some lozenges for your Grandpa who's having a sore throat," she added.

"Yes, Mum," the children responded in unison. Mother disappeared into the crowd of Saturday morning shoppers. She walked through the sliding doors of the shopping centre and headed towards a pharmacy. 5

Kelly, the eldest, was sitting in the front passenger seat. She was thirteen and she liked to read maps. It had become her hobby recently. The three younger children leant forward onto the front seat. 10

"Why must Mum park here, Kelly?" asked James. "We're not at Grandpa's place yet," James said. He was only ten and wanted everything to have a reason. "Kelly?" James persisted to get a response from his sister.

"I don't know. You heard everything she said. Why don't you tell May and Sammy a story? Tell them Hansel and Gretel," said Kelly. 15

"I want Hansel and Gretel," Sammy said from the back seat.

"Again?" James sighed and ruffled Sammy's hair. It was easier to give in to Sammy than to argue with him. Kelly turned around to look at them. May sat hunched in a corner, big-eyed. Kelly smiled at her and May smiled back.

"Once upon a time," James began. Kelly slid further down on the seat and closed her eyes. James was describing the witch's cottage, listing the kinds of candy used for various parts of the building. This was the part James liked best in Hansel and Gretel, and he always did it a little differently from the previous time. Picturing the almond roof and the shutters made of honey sticks, Kelly soon fell fast asleep. 20

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Adapted from *Homecoming* by Cynthia Voigt

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

52. Who was in charge of the children when Mother left?

53. Why did Mother go to a pharmacy?

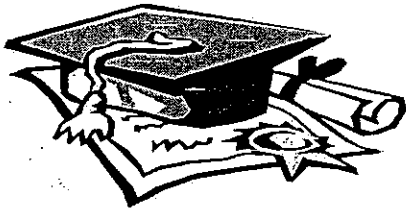
54. What does 'It' in line 9 refer to?

55. Which sentence shows that Sammy was a quarrelsome boy?

56. Explain clearly how James kept the part of the story that he liked best interesting whenever he told the story.

End of Paper



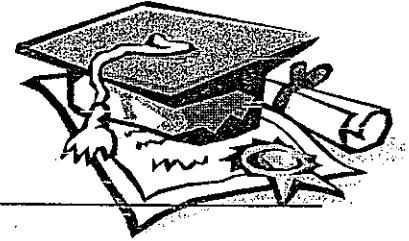


ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2010

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25
4	3	2	3	3	2	1	3

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Answer Key

Section G		Section H		Section J	
26	Super Goodness Drink	31	B (of)	40	F (swerved)
		32	D (in)	41	H (beside)
		33	G (by)	42	E (attention)
27	lemons	34	A (to)	43	C (polluted)
28	Vitamin C / vitamin C	Section I		44	invited / asked
29	bottles Brunei	35	ease	45	hardly / not / barely / only
		36	unbearable	46	interest
30	Brunei	37	practice	47	promised/ told/ reminded
		38	took		
		39	impressive		

48. After his elder brother had moved to a new flat in Marine Parade, Peter had the room to himself.
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49. All the pupils, as well as their teacher, are going to Kampong Glam.
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50. Many shops in Orchard Road were closed due to the flood.
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51. Mrs Tan told her son that she would cook dinner that night. (2m)
52. Kelly was in charge of her siblings.
53. She wanted to get some lozenges for her father who had a sore throat.
54. It refers to the reading of maps.
55. The sentence is "It was easier to give in to Sammy than to argue with him."
56. ~~He always changed the part about the witch's cottage and the kinds of candy used for various parts of the building.~~