

**AI TONG SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO (2010)
PRIMARY FOUR
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 1**

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Date: _____

There are two questions in this paper. Choose to write on either Question 1 or Question 2. Write the question number at the top left corner of your foolscap paper.

Question 1: Picture series

Write a story of at least 120 words based on the pictures below. Give the story your own ending. You may use the words and phrases in the box. You are encouraged to use other relevant points and phrases to make your composition interesting.



hide-and-seek
panic

pond
gasped for breath

accidentally
waved desperately

struggled frantically

Question 2: Situation with Outline

Write a composition of at least 120 words based on the situation in the box below.
Give the story your own ending.

You were playing captain's ball at a field. The ball rolled away to the bushes and one of your friends ran to retrieve it. Suddenly, the friend screamed.

Make use of the following points in your composition. You may re-order the points. You are encouraged to include other relevant points to make your composition interesting.

- why your friend screamed
- what he saw
- what the children did
- what happened in the end



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DURATION : 1h ⁴⁵~~30~~ min

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INSTRUCTIONS

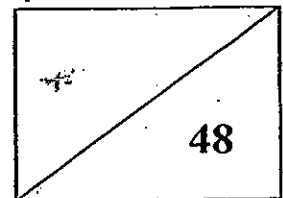
Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions.
Answer all questions.

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Section A: Grammar MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

For each question from 1 to 6, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. At the cooking competition, the judge tasted the dishes before _____ her comments.
- (1) give
 - (2) gave
 - (3) given
 - (4) giving
2. The teacher had to put _____ with many mischievous pupils in her class.
- (1) in
 - (2) up
 - (3) off
 - (4) out
3. The boat trips were cancelled _____ the sea was so rough.
- (1) but
 - (2) yet
 - (3) and
 - (4) since
4. It is an offence to _____ a motorcycle without a helmet.
- (1) ride
 - (2) rode
 - (3) riding
 - (4) ridden

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5. The crowd _____ cheering for their favourite teams throughout the exciting soccer match last night.

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

6. Neither Jane nor Linda _____ Peter. They find him irritating.

- (1) like
- (2) likes
- (3) liked
- (4) liking

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Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 X 1 mark)

For each question from 7 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

7. The magician waved his magic wand and the rabbit in the cage _____ into thin air.
- (1) faded
 - (2) withered
 - (3) vanished
 - (4) evaporated
8. The _____ of this book is famous for drawing vivid and beautiful pictures.
- (1) artist
 - (2) author
 - (3) novelist
 - (4) illustrator
9. Being spiteful, Sue decided to spread _____ rumours about her good friend.
- (1) indecent
 - (2) malicious
 - (3) miserable
 - (4) pessimistic
10. The garbage truck _____ a very unpleasant smell.
- (1) emits
 - (2) permits
 - (3) transmits
 - (4) illuminates

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11. Sam was so tired that he _____ into the chair when he returned home from his basketball training.

- (1) sat
- (2) perched
- (3) slumped
- (4) hunched

12. Peter was _____ from school for two weeks as he was caught fighting with his friend in class.

- (1) expelled
- (2) cancelled
- (3) postponed
- (4) suspended

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Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 13 to 17.

The alien lay unconscious in his spacecraft. Unknown to him, his spacecraft had made a big hole in a farmyard when it landed. Mr Chua, the farmer, was awakened by the loud barking of his dog. "It must be the naughty boy next door out to steal my chickens again," he muttered to himself as he got out of bed.

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When Mr Chua stepped into the farmyard with his dog, he saw a shiny saucer-shaped object just outside his tool shed. He shone his torchlight at it and walked towards the unknown object cautiously.

Just then, the alien regained consciousness. From the window of the spacecraft, he was shocked to see a creature so unlike himself walking towards the craft. The **strange creature** had two eyes and a nose. There was another tiny creature with a tail running beside it.

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Mr Chua was stunned when he saw the alien and realised that the shiny object was a spacecraft. In his excitement, he dropped his torchlight and rushed back to the house to call the police. He told them that a spacecraft had just landed on his farm. While he was doing that, the alien activated the machine and the spacecraft speedily took off into the night. By the time the police arrived, all that Mr Chua could show them was the pit in his yard.

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For each question from 13 to 17, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

13. Mr Chua was _____ when the spacecraft landed in his farmyard.

- (1) sleeping
- (2) digging a hole
- (3) playing with his dog
- (4) feeding his chickens

14. When Mr Chua first saw the shiny object, he _____.

- (1) ran away from it
- (2) called the police immediately
- (3) knew that it belonged to an alien
- (4) did not know that it was a spacecraft

15. The 'strange creature' in paragraph three refers to the _____.

- (1) dog
- (2) alien
- (3) farmer
- (4) neighbour's son

16. According to the passage, which of the following statements is true?

- (1) The police were searching for the alien.
- (2) The farmer helped the alien fix his spacecraft.
- (3) The farmer had had his chickens stolen before.
- (4) The alien fainted when he saw the farmer and the dog.

17. When the police arrived at the scene, all they saw was _____.

- (1) an alien
- (2) a spacecraft
- (3) a shiny object
- (4) a hole in the ground

End of Booklet A

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Booklet B

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Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

There are 8 blanks numbered 18 to 25 in the passages below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter (A to G) in the blank.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

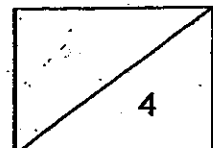
Passage 1

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| (A) after | (B) also | (C) before | (D) for |
| (E) from | (F) however | (G) to | |

The Mid-Autumn Festival, commonly known as the Mooncake Festival, is celebrated extensively by the Chinese in Asia. Mooncakes and lanterns are already on sale one month (18) _____ the festival.

The Chinese buy mooncakes as gifts (19) _____ friends and relatives during this festival. The pomelo fruit is (20) _____ a popular gift for the festival.

Family gatherings often take place in the evening as it is the best time for the whole family to get together (21) _____ spend quality time with one another. Everyone makes an effort to be home early for the gathering that evening.



Passage 2

(A) helping

(B) helps

(C) is helping

(D) was helping

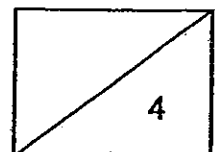
(E) help

(F) helped

(G) helpful

Suzy is well-liked by all her classmates and friends. They are always full of praises for her as she is a (22) _____ girl. She likes to (23) _____ others.

Once, she (24) _____ an old lady cross the road at the zebra crossing just outside school. She felt elated as she had done a good deed by (25) _____ the old lady. The old lady later wrote a letter to the Principal of Ai Tong School to commend Suzy on her exemplary behaviour.



Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

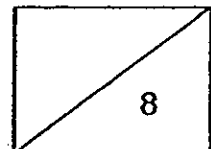
There are 8 blanks numbered 26 to 33 in the passages below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter (A to M) in the blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) refreshments	(B) grateful	(C) energetic	(D) staggering
(E) wandering	(F) exhausted	(G) pitied	(H) sympathised
(J) decide	(K) souvenirs	(L) hands	(M) blankly

It was the last day of the holidays. No matter how hard Ethel tried, she could not (26) _____ how she should spend her time today. Ethel stared (27) _____ out of the window as she started to daydream. Just then, she saw Miss Kong (28) _____ down the street. Miss Kong was carrying a lot of heavy shopping bags in her hands. She looked (29) _____ and seemed out of breath. "Hmmm... I think she needs an extra pair of (30) _____ to help her," she said to herself.

Ethel decided to walk up to Miss Kong. She (31) _____ with Miss Kong as she was old and lived all alone in a huge, old house. Ethel then approached Miss Kong and assisted her by carrying her groceries. Miss Kong was very (32) _____ for her kind gesture and invited Ethel to her place for some (33) _____. Ethel was pleased that she had done something meaningful that day.



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

Read the passage below and answer Questions 34 to 38.

Tales of the magic turtle statue in the temple had travelled far and wide. Bamboo was dying to catch a glimpse of this famous statue but, unfortunately, children were forbidden in this sacred temple. It was sheer torture for Bamboo as he lived just down the street from the temple. One day, curiosity got the better of him and Bamboo decided to risk being caught by the vigilant temple guards and sneak into the temple grounds. 5

Bamboo could not believe his luck as he stealthily approached the temple gates. The usually occupied guard post was vacant! Fearing every second that someone would notice the open gates and close them before he could enter, he dashed into the temple. As he could not see clearly in the dark, Bamboo tripped and fell in a little heap on the floor which was covered inch-deep with dust. Upon hearing noises outside, he crawled under an ugly stone beast and crouched in his narrow hiding-place, as still as a mouse. 10

"There, there! See what you've done!" said a deep voice above him. "I'm going to sneeze from all the dust you've kicked up!" 15

Bamboo looked up at the statue he was hiding under in disbelief. Hearing the turtle speak made him tremble with fear. Bamboo suddenly regretted his actions.

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Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

34. Why did Bamboo sneak into the temple?

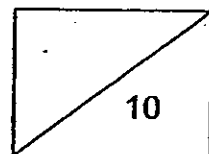
35. Why did Bamboo feel that luck was on his side as he approached the temple gates?

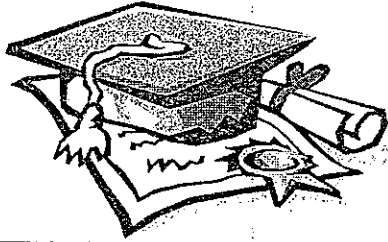
36. What does the phrase 'inch-deep with dust' (line 11) tell us about the condition of the temple?

37. Which phrase in paragraph two tells us that that Bamboo did not dare to move?

38. What made Bamboo regret his actions?

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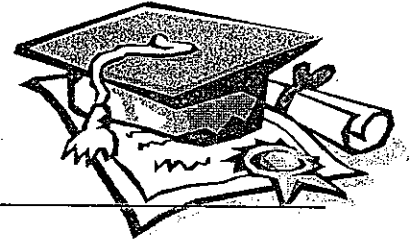


ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2010

**SCHOOL : AITONG PRIMARY
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH**

TERM : SA2



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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
C	D	B	G	G	E	F	A	J	M	D	F	L	H	B	A

34) Bamboo wanted to catch a glimpse of the famous magic turtle statue that he heard many tales from.

35) Bamboo saw that the usually occupies guard post was vacant, so there was nobody to stop him from entering the temple and the gates were opened.

36) The phrase tells us that the temple was dirty and had not been cleaned for a long time.

37) The phrase is "as still as a mouse".

38) The speech of the turtle statue made Bamboo regret his actions.