



AI TONG SCHOOL

2011

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

Total Time For Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open the booklets until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

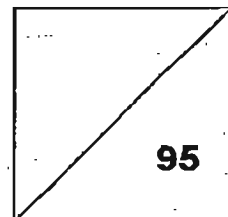
Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary _____

Date: 10 May 2011

Parent's Signature: _____

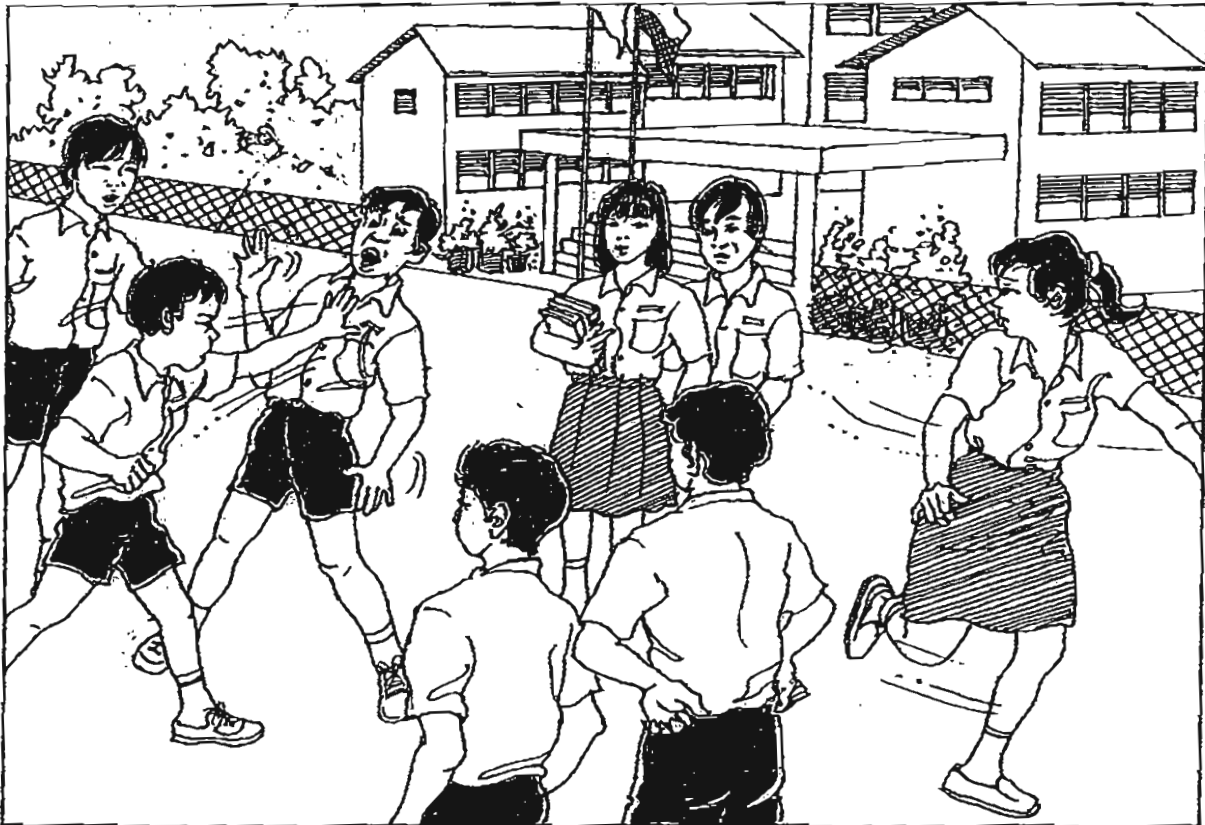
Total Marks:



Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

There are two questions in Part 2.
Answer only one of them.

(2) Write a story based on the situation in the picture below. Your story should be at least 150 words long.



For your story, make use of the points below:

- what the two boys were trying to do
- what happened next
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 marks)

Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.



Growing Up



Winner of the 2011 Singapore Film Festival Awards for Best Picture

Bond with your family over the movie event of the year!

Join us on 3 June 2011 at the brand new Kuthey Cinema at Thomson Mall from 5p.m. to 9p.m.

\$15 per ticket only



Promotional Ticket Packages:

Family Package: 4 tickets for 2 adults and 2 children - \$40

Group Package for Family and Friends: 10 tickets - \$80

Admission is free for all grandparents!

**Win a Family Trip
to Tokyo Disneyland!**

Exchange your movie ticket stubs for a lucky draw coupon at the Thomson Mall Customer Service Counter. Fill in your particulars and drop the coupon in the allocated boxes at the entrance of the cinema.

Stand to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland or 'Lucy and Sherman' soft toys.

Take Pictures with the Stars



Lucy and Sherman, the main characters of 'Growing Up', will be at the lobby area (5p.m. to 6p.m.) to take pictures with you! Each photograph with your favourite star taken by our professional photographer will only cost \$5! Proceeds will go to charity.

Family Snack Pack at Only \$12!

Enjoy your movie with a Family Snack Pack at the Snack Bar which consists of:

- 2 large bags of popcorn
- 4 bottles of Fizzy Lime Juice
- 2 bags of 'Pow' Potato Chips
- 4 cups of 'Snowy' ice-cream



Free Goodie Bag

A 'Lucy and Sherman' goodie bag will be given out at the cinema entrance to those 12 years or younger. The goodie bag includes an exclusively designed 'Growing Up' T-shirt and 'Lucy and Sherman' stickers.

For enquiries, you can contact Thomson Community Club at 66554433.
For a sneak preview of the movie, log on to www.thomsoncc.com.sg.

Brought to you by:
Thomson Community Club

Sponsored by:
Kuthey Holdings

Supported by:
Ministry of Community
Development, Youth and Sports

For each question from 1 to 5, 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 Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The movie event is organised by _____
 - (1) Thomson Mall
 - (2) Kuthey Holdings
 - (3) Thomson Community Club
 - (4) Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports

2. Children who attend the event will get _____
 - (1) a free T-shirt
 - (2) a Family Snack Pack
 - (3) a 'Lucy and Sherman' soft toy
 - (4) a pair of tickets to Tokyo Disneyland

3. If you have a question about the movie event, you can _____
 - (1) log on to www.thomsoncc.com.sg
 - (2) call Thomson Community Club at 66554433
 - (3) ask Lucy and Sherman at the lobby of Thomson Mall
 - (4) approach the Customer Service Counter at Thomson Mall

4. Which of the following statements is not true of the 'Growing Up' movie event?
 - (1) 'Growing Up' is an award-winning movie.
 - (2) One may have a chance of winning soft toys in the lucky draw.
 - (3) You do not need a ticket to watch the movie if you are a grandparent.
 - (4) All who have bought tickets for the event are entitled to a goodie bag.

5. The main aim of the 'Growing Up' movie event is to _____
 - (1) raise money for charity
 - (2) promote family bonding
 - (3) advertise for Tokyo Disneyland
 - (4) celebrate the opening of Kuthey Cinemas at Thomson Mall

Section B: Grammar MCQ (7 marks)

For each question from 6 to 12, 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 Optical Answer Sheet.

6. He is the boy from _____ I borrowed the 'Artemis Fowl' novel from.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
7. Most of the pepper _____ used up. I need to buy some more from the grocery store.
- (1) are
 - (2) were
 - (3) has been
 - (4) have been
8. The young boy will only _____ if he can find a blood donor with the same blood group.
- (1) survive
 - (2) survived
 - (3) survives
 - (4) surviving
9. Raymond usually _____ in the shower after work but he did not last night.
- (1) sing
 - (2) sang
 - (3) sung
 - (4) sings
10. Margaret chased after the snatch thief _____ she knew that she was putting her life in grave danger.
- (1) since
 - (2) so that
 - (3) however
 - (4) although

11. The bank robber made _____ with two bags containing ten thousand dollars.

- (1) of
- (2) on
- (3) up
- (4) off

12. Neither the teacher nor the students _____ present at the National Science Challenge Award Ceremony yesterday.

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

Section C: Punctuation MCQ (3 marks)

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Timothy enjoyed nothing more than eating for hours.

"I especially love hamburgers, ice-cream and fried chicken (13) ~~he~~^{he} said excitedly when asked about food.

One night during dinner at a restaurant (14) Timothy stuffed himself with so much food that he fell ill. All he could do was to lay in bed.

At four o'clock in the morning, he woke up with an intense pain in his stomach.

Upon seeing this, his mother exclaimed worriedly, "We must take him to the hospital at once (15)

From that day on, ~~Timmy~~^{Timothy} vowed never to be greedy again.

Adapted from Readers' Digest

13. (1) [?] question mark
(2) [!] exclamation mark
(3) [,] comma and inverted commas
(4) [.] full stop and inverted commas
14. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [!] exclamation mark
15. (1) [,] comma and inverted commas
(2) [.] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [?] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [!] exclamation mark and inverted commas

Section D: Vocabulary MCQ (5 marks)

For each question from 16 to 20, 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 Optical Answer Sheet.

16. The restaurant was asked to close down as it was _____ with rats and cockroaches.

- (1) infected
- (2) infested
- (3) inhibited
- (4) ingested

17. "Do not believe everything he says. He often _____ the truth," said Nicole angrily.

- (1) bends
- (2) distorts
- (3) modifies
- (4) deviates

18. My form teacher only starts talking after the noise in the classroom _____.

- (1) dies out
- (2) dies back
- (3) dies away
- (4) dies down

19. My English teacher has a strong _____ on me. I listen to whatever she says.

- (1) impact
- (2) feeling
- (3) influence
- (4) impression

20. As soon as the rally ended, the crowd _____ and only a few supporters were left.

- (1) disrupted
- (2) dispersed
- (3) dislodged
- (4) disengaged

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

For decades, the white rhinoceros could be easily spotted in Africa and several parts of Asia. However, in recent years, their ability to live and exist has been threatened by mankind.

(21)

The greatest danger to the dwindling population of the white rhinoceros is poaching followed by natural habitats becoming smaller in size as forests are cleared for timber to make way for new buildings.

(23)

Some immediate measures have been carried out to protect these species which are speedily decreasing in numbers by the minute. The white rhinoceros is now an endangered and protected species.

(24)

(25)

Adapted from National Geographic

21. (1) fate
(2) living
(3) survival
(4) livelihood
22. (1) threat
(2) menace
(3) warning
(4) ultimatum
23. (1) fading
(2) shrinking
(3) declining
(4) minimising
24. (1) achieved
(2) discharged
(3) implemented
(4) accomplished
25. (1) hastily
(2) rapidly
(3) gradually
(4) constantly

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

"I cannot wait for tomorrow!" said Alice excitedly to her sister. Having emerged first in the school's art competition, Alice had won a pair of admission tickets to the opening ceremony of the Youth Olympic Games. She was looking forward to it since the day the tickets landed in her hands.

However, when Alice woke up bright and early the next morning, something felt amiss. She was shivering uncontrollably and suspected that she had a fever. "Oh no, this cannot be happening now," she mumbled to herself. Knowing that there were some tablets in the medicine cabinet at home, she decided to self-medicate to bring down the fever. Just as she was about to pop the medicine into her mouth, her father walked into the room. Immediately, he stopped her.

"I think it's best that we visit the doctor," Alice's father told her. Alice groaned in dismay. She had not wanted to alarm her parents so that she could still make it for the event. Left with no choice, she followed her parents to the clinic where the doctor diagnosed her with a high fever.

Alice's heart sank. She was going to miss the event she had been highly anticipating. She was consumed with disappointment just thinking about it. Seeing how disheartened Alice was, her father decided to make it up to her.

Later that night, Alice's father came home with a smile on his face. "Look at what I have here," he told Alice, holding out his hand. Alice did not think that anything could cheer her up. Nonetheless, she sighed and looked up from her bed. Her eyes widened in surprise and her mood was instantly changed. There, in her father's hand, were four tickets to the closing ceremony of the Youth Olympic Games! She grabbed the tickets from her father and gave a squeal of delight before thanking him profusely. She then marked the date on her calendar and counted down till the day of the event.

The day finally arrived. Alice headed to the National Stadium with her family to witness the closing ceremony of one of the most important events in Singapore's history. She could not believe that she was actually part of the momentous event. The crowd screamed and cheered for the athletes as the event came to a close. It was an amazing spectacle, one that people would keep talking about for months. Alice looked at her father gratefully and said, "Thank you, dad!"

Adapted from Channel NewsAsia

For each question from 26 to 30, 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 Optical Answer Sheet.

26. Alice was excited as she _____.

- (1) could skip school since she was ill
- (2) had won the art competition in school
- (3) was going to participate in the Youth Olympic Games
- (4) was going to attend the opening ceremony of the Youth Olympic Games

27. Why was Alice reluctant to visit the doctor?

- (1) She did not want to miss school.
- (2) She did not like to take medicine.
- (3) She had a fear of visiting the doctor.
- (4) She knew that she would have to miss the opening ceremony.

28. What caused Alice to have a change in mood?

- (1) She was resigned to her fate.
- (2) She recovered from her fever.
- (3) She could attend the opening ceremony of the Youth Olympic Games.
- (4) She had tickets to attend the closing ceremony of the Youth Olympic Games.

29. The word "it" in line 16 refers to _____.

- (1) having to rest in bed
- (2) being diagnosed with a fever
- (3) missing the opening ceremony
- (4) not receiving tickets to the Youth Olympic Games

30. The word "momentous" in line 27 indicates that the event was _____.

- (1) exciting
- (2) significant
- (3) memorable
- (4) spectacular

End of Booklet A

Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 marks)

There are 10 blanks numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

| | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| (A) a | (D) also | (G) from | (K) in | (N) shall |
| (B) an | (E) but | (H) how | (L) of | (P) will |
| (C) as | (F) by | (J) if | (M) on | (Q) why |

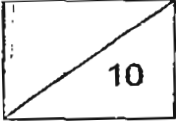
Whale-watching is fast becoming a popular tourist trend. This activity can be enjoyed (31) _____ anyone who has a basic knowledge of whales and knows (32) _____ to look for them. Many people choose to observe whales by going on whale-watching cruises because there (33) _____ be experts on board to assist them.

However, (34) _____ whale-watchers can find a good viewing spot on land, they can whale-watch on dry land instead of going out to sea. The best viewing spots are usually found (35) _____ the peaks of the hills along the coastline.

Whale-watching requires patience, a good pair of binoculars and an awareness (36) _____ the weather conditions. Early mornings and late afternoons are the best viewing times. The low, slanting light highlights the splashing water and the whales definitely seem more active then. Cloudy days are (37) _____ good for viewing the whales. The glare of the sun on a clear day makes sighting the whales difficult (38) _____ most watchers would have to squint their eyes (39) _____ order to catch a glimpse of the whales. When the wind is strong, the white cap on every wave can be mistaken for a whale.

Serious whale-watching is time consuming. Sometimes, it takes about (40) _____ hour or more for a whale to pass a particular spot. However, this provides excellent photographic opportunities for whale-watching enthusiasts.

Adapted from Tourism New Zealand, Whale-watching.com



Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 marks)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Mrs Mekani planted a sapling at Marina Bay last Saturday. This was part of the

(41)

recently launched Tree Planting **campane** championed by her.

(42)

Mrs Mekani who has been heavy involved in green volunteerism since the early

(43)

(44)

1990s, said she wanted to encarage all Singaporeans to take a leaf out from her own

(45)

book and care for our green enviromant.

(46)

Her entuciasm convinced the Singapore Green Council (SGC) to adopt her idea of allowing anyone to plant a tree in parks and nature reserves.

(47)

"When I could not have my own garden after I moving here from India in 1988, I

(48)

(49)

begun to see every park as my garden." said Mrs Mekani, who sucesfully lifted the SGC

out of dormancy in 1992 as its first executive director. "I want

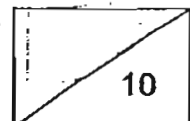
(50)

everyone to enjoy the 300 parks in Singapore. What better way than if everyone own a part

of these gardens?"

Mrs Mekani hopes that more Singaporeans will get involved in green volunteerism.

Adapted from AsiaOne news



Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

"Stay close together!" Mr Chong reminded his class. They were at Labrador Park as part of the Total Defence Programme (51) _____ by the school. The pupils buzzed with excitement. Having studied about the history of Singapore, they were eager to (52) _____ more about the war relics located at the park. (53) _____ the exception of Jonathan and Ken, the class (54) _____ the guide closely along the marked trail, marvelling in (55) _____ at the machine guns and ~~canons~~.

"What is so interesting about these? They are merely some old displays!" Jonathan complained to Ken.

Noticing that Mr Chong and the rest of the group were engrossed in the tour, both boys decided to sneak (56) _____ from the group and explore the area on their (57) _____. Not long after, their initial euphoria soon (58) _____ into anxiety. They had not seen anyone along that path for the past twenty minutes. "What do we do now?" asked Ken worriedly. At that moment, Jonathan fished out his mobile phone to call for help. "Oh no! There is no reception here!" The usually calm boy felt a wave of (59) _____ sweep over him.

Just then, the rustling of leaves was (60) _____. The boys turned hoping to see someone. However, no one emerged from the trees. Then, as (61) _____ rehearsed, the boys jumped as something furry scurried past their feet. Scared out of their wits, they sprinted down the path.

"Where have you boys been?" The familiar voice (62) _____ Jonathan and Ken dead in their tracks.

"Mr Chong!"

(63) _____ in their lives had the boys been so glad to see their teacher. Seeing their pale faces, Mr Chong guessed that the pair had (64) _____ their way after wandering off. Jonathan and Ken (65) _____ their actions and apologised to Mr Chong. It was an experience that they did not want to relive again.

Written by: Elaine Zheng, April 2011

Section J: Synthesis / Transformation (10 marks)

For each of the questions from 66 to 70, rewrite the sentence(s) 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).

66. We were playing board games. We finished two tubs of ice-cream.

_____ while

67. The pupils were given an extended recess. They jumped with joy.

_____ as

68. They have a presentation due the next day. They have been playing soccer the entire morning.

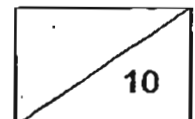
_____ although

69. John enjoys eating a chicken sandwich everyday. I enjoy eating a chicken sandwich on special occasions.

_____ whereas

70. Mrs Lim discovered that her home had been broken into. Mrs Lim was horrified.

Upon _____



Section K: Comprehension OE (20 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Mr Lim was only an odd-job labourer without a stable income. However, being kind and humble, he was dear to all around him. Unfortunately, his only child, Jason, saw him differently. With a small allowance and having to wear old clothes discarded or donated by others, Jason resented that his family was not well off. It was to the extent that he would ignore Mr Lim whenever he saw him in public. "It is too embarrassing!" Jason retorted when asked. Upset as he was, Mr Lim wished fervently that his relationship with his only child would improve eventually.

5

While buying groceries one day, Mr Lim noticed a crowd gathering outside the supermarket. An intense argument was going on between an old lady and a group of teenagers. Being the sort of person who could not stand aside and watch others being treated unfairly, he decided to find out what was happening. "How ill-mannered can these kids be these days?" he shook his head disapprovingly. To his astonishment, he saw Jason among the group shouting at the old lady. Totally oblivious to the scene they had created, the teenagers insisted that the lady had bumped into one of them and demanded an apology from her. At that juncture, Jason reached out and shoved the old lady to the ground.

10

15

Mr Lim rushed forward indignantly. "Stop your nonsense! How could you treat an elderly without respect?" he burst out, glaring at Jason who looked away in shame. Mr Lim helped the old lady up as onlookers chided the group. Knowing that they were outnumbered, the unruly teenagers left. Mr Lim could not believe that his son had turned from a well-mannered boy to a hooligan.

20

That night, Mr Lim waited for Jason to return home. He questioned Jason's involvement with the group and urged him to leave it. A heated conversation ensued. Jason refused to listen to his father's advice. He argued that he felt a sense of belonging with the group. "They also give me expensive gifts which you can't afford. It is my choice!" With that, he left without another word.

25

For the next few months, Mr Lim and his wife did not get to see their son. The worry and distress resulted in their severe weight loss. Mr Lim regretted scolding Jason. "Had I known that he would leave home, I wouldn't have forced him to leave his friends." Chinese New Year was around the corner and the couple hoped to see Jason then as they missed him dearly.

30

Their wish did come true on the eve of Chinese New Year. Jason appeared in the news due to his involvement in a gang fight where an innocent bystander was killed. After that incident, Jason saw the true colours of his friends. They had escaped and left him at the scene to face the consequences. Mr and Mrs Lim were devastated. With a heavy heart, they visited Jason in prison. Tears rolled down their eyes when they saw him. It had almost been a year since he left home. Remorsefully, Jason held their hands. "Dad, mom, I'm sorry."

35

Written by Elaine Zheng, April 2011

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What qualities did Mr Lim possess that made him well-liked by others?

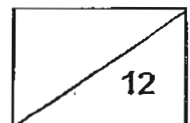
72. Why was Jason embarrassed about his family background?

73. Which two-word phrase shows that Mr Lim wanted very much to be on better terms with his son?

74. Why was Mr Lim astonished when he saw Jason in the crowd?

75. How did Mr Lim feel when the old lady was "shoved to the ground"? Why did he feel that way?

76. Explain clearly why Jason was reluctant to leave his group of friends.

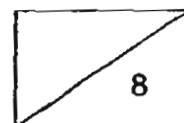


77. Why did Jason leave home?

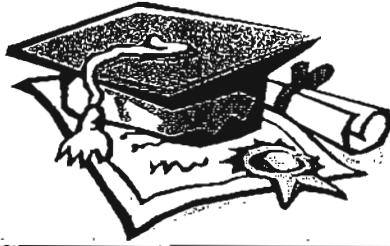
78. What does "it" in line 25 refer to?

79. Which sentence in the last paragraph in the passage shows that Jason realised he had misjudged his friends?

80. Did Jason realise his mistake? How do you know?



End of Booklet B

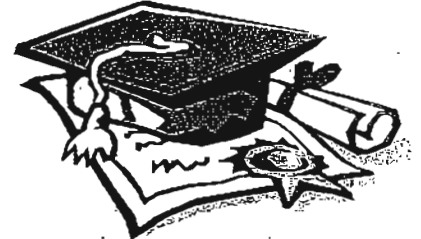


ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2011

SCHOOL : AITONG
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1



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

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Q18 | Q19 | Q20 | Q21 | Q22 | Q23 | Q24 | Q25 | Q26 | Q27 | Q28 | Q29 | Q30 | Q31 | Q32 | Q33 | Q34 |
| 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | F | H | P | J |

| | | | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Q35 | Q36 | Q37 | Q38 | Q39 | Q40 |
| M | L | D | C | K | B |

41)campaign 42)heavily 43)encourage 44)of 45)environment

46)enthusiasm 47)moved 48)began 49)successfully 50)owns

51)organised 52)learn 53)With 54)followed 55)awe

56)away 57)own 58)turned 59)anxiety 60)hard

61)if 62)stopped 63)Never 64)lost 65)regretted

66)We finished two tubs of ice-cream while playing board games.

67)The pupils jumped with joy as they were given an extended recess.

68)They have been playing soccer the entire morning although they have a presentation due the next day.

69)John enjoys a chicken sandwich everyday whereas I enjoy eating on special occasions.

70)Upon discovering that her home had been broken into, Mrs Lim was horrified.

71)Mr Lim was kind and humble and that made him well-liked by others.

72)He thought that his allowance was small and had to wear old clothes that are discarded or donated by others, he thought that his family was not well off and his father is only an add-job laborer.

73)The phrase is "wished fervently".

74)He could not believe Jason was part of the group shouting at the old lady.

75)Mr Lim felt angry. He thought that the boys were showing no respect to the elderly and he glared at Jason.

76)Jason argued that he felt a sense of belonging with the group and they would also give him expensive gifts which Mr Lim could not afford.

77)Jason did not listen to his fathers advice to and decided to joined the group.

78)It refers to staying with his friends.

79)The sentence is "After that incident, Jason saw the true colours of his friends".

80)Yes, Jason did realise his mistake. When his parents went to visit him, Jason apologised to them.