



AI TONG SCHOOL

2013

CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1

PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Total Time For Booklets A and B: 1 hour 45 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

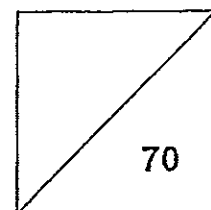
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Class: Primary \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 4 March 2013

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Marks:



**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. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Daniel's parents were pleased \_\_\_\_\_ the marks he scored in the examination.  
(1) by (2) of  
(3) for (4) with
  
2. Deepavali is \_\_\_\_\_ the Indians celebrate their new year.  
(1) when (2) where  
(3) which (4) whom
  
3. All but Betty \_\_\_\_\_ invited to attend the concert last week.  
(1) is (2) are  
(3) was (4) were
  
4. We are very hungry. There must be a restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ around here!  
(1) nowhere (2) anywhere  
(3) somewhere (4) everywhere
  
5. There is not \_\_\_\_\_ work left for me to do.  
(1) one (2) much  
(3) more (4) a few
  
6. Some of the courses that the school provides \_\_\_\_\_ very enriching.  
(1) is (2) are  
(3) was (4) were

**Section B: Punctuation (3 X 1 mark)**

For each question from 7 to 9, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Amazingly, no one was killed when a bus driver passed out at the wheel yesterday and plowed into at least 20 cars.

"It looked like a scene out of a movie (7) said a tow truck driver who estimated the damage at over \$250,000.

Residents rushed outside to witness the wreckage where cars were piled on top of each other (8)

"I'm just more grateful for my life," said the owner of a damaged car (9) "You can always get back a car!" he exclaimed.

Only the driver and a bus passenger were reported injured and both were hospitalised in fair-to-serious condition. A medical emergency was said to have caused the driver's blackout.

Adapted from <http://www.newser.com/story/159779/chicago-bus-driver-plows-into-20-cars.html>

7. (1) [ , ] comma and inverted commas  
(2) [ . ] full stop and inverted commas  
(3) [ ; ] inverted commas and full stop  
(4) [ ? ] question mark and inverted commas
8. (1) [ : ] colon  
(2) [ , ] comma  
(3) [ . ] full stop  
(4) [ ? ] question mark
9. (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ ? ] question mark  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark

**Section C: Vocabulary MCQ (6 X 1 mark)**

For each question from 10 to 15, 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 Optical Answer Sheet.

10. The cunning man \_\_\_\_\_ the old lady out of her life's savings with his foolproof scheme.

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| (1) swindled | (2) betrayed   |
| (3) deceived | (4) victimised |

11. Mrs Lee did not like the food so she made a \_\_\_\_\_ to the manager of the restaurant over its poor quality.

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| (1) remark    | (2) curse   |
| (3) complaint | (4) comment |

12. Recently, Gilbert has \_\_\_\_\_ wearing a cap when he goes outdoors.

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| (1) taken up    | (2) taken to  |
| (3) taken after | (4) taken off |

13. This amusing story is full of \_\_\_\_\_. You will definitely laugh when you are reading it.

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|------------|---------------|
| (1) grief  | (2) horror    |
| (3) humour | (4) merriment |

14. I have \_\_\_\_\_ and cannot remember what you had told me just now.

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) a brain drain        | (2) a brain teaser          |
| (3) a brain like a sieve | (4) to pick someone's brain |

15. Adam, who is an arrogant boy, is \_\_\_\_\_ over winning the competition.

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| (1) aping   | (2) crowing |
| (3) kidding | (4) ducking |

**Section D: Comprehension MCQ (5 X 2 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Ancient Civilisations did not have scientific information to explain the causes of earthquakes. Instead, they made up stories to explain why earthquakes occur. One belief was that the earth was carried on the backs of animals.

Some Native Americans thought a giant sea turtle held up the earth. They believed that when the turtle moved, the earth moved. When the turtle moved more, the earth moved more, causing cracks in the earth's surface. 5

In India, it was believed that four elephants held up the earth. They stood on the back of a mountain tortoise. The mountain tortoise, in turn, balanced on the back of a snake. If any of these animals moved, the earth would shake and cause an earthquake. The greater the animal's movement, the greater the earthquake. 10

The ancient Greeks thought earthquakes showed the gods' wrath. A giant, named Atlas, had rebelled against the gods. As punishment, he had to hold the world on his shoulders. The Greeks believed that anytime Atlas adjusted the earth's weight on his shoulders, an earthquake followed. When Hercules sought Atlas' help to get the golden apples, Atlas agreed on the condition that Hercules carried the world for him. When Atlas returned with the apples, he told Hercules he was tired of holding the world so Hercules had to take over. Hercules agreed but said that he needed to put a pad on his shoulders first. Atlas foolishly agreed and took the world back. Having outsmarted Atlas, Hercules went on his way. 15

Even after scientists came up with explanations as to why earthquakes happen, many still held on to these age-old beliefs. 20

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. Why did Ancient Civilisations make up stories to explain the causes of earthquakes?

- (1) They liked to create stories to explain their beliefs.
- (2) They lacked the scientific knowledge to explain the causes of earthquakes.
- (3) They wanted others to know that earthquakes were caused by god's wrath.
- (4) They wanted others to know that earthquakes were caused by the movement of animals.

17. The Native Americans believed that an earthquake was caused by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the sea turtle losing strength
- (2) the movement of the sea turtle
- (3) cracks appearing on the sea turtle's shell
- (4) the sea turtle's inability to hold up the earth

18. The Ancient Indians believed that the biggest animal holding up the earth was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the snake
- (2) the elephant
- (3) the sea turtle
- (4) the mountain tortoise

19. The 'he' in line 12 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Atlas
- (2) Hercules
- (3) a Greek god
- (4) an ancient Greek

20. Why was Atlas made to hold the world on his shoulders?

- (1) The gods disliked Atlas.
- (2) The gods vented their anger on Atlas.
- (3) Atlas was punished for rebelling against the gods.
- (4) Atlas was a giant so he could carry the weight of the world.

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**2013 Primary 4 CA1**  
**English Language Paper 2**  
**Part 2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 4 March 2013

Class: Pri. 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Marks: \_\_\_\_\_ / 45

**Section E: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

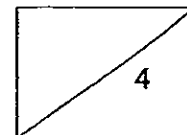
**Passage 1**

(A) he	(B) his	(C) I	(D) it
(E) they	(F) us	(G) we	(H) you

His father Harald was, as Roald Dahl recalled in his book 'Boy', a tremendous diary-writer. "(21) \_\_\_\_\_ still have one of his many notebooks from the Great War of 1914-18. Every single day during those five war years, (22) \_\_\_\_\_ would write several pages of comment and observation about the events of the time."

Dahl himself kept a secret diary from the age of eight. "To make sure that none of my sisters got hold of it and read it, I used to put it in a waterproof tinbox tied to a branch at the very top of an enormous tree in our garden. I knew (23) \_\_\_\_\_ could not climb up there. Then every day I would go up myself and get (24) \_\_\_\_\_ out and sit in the tree and make the entries for the day." Therefore, Dahl was able to recall many of the incidents that happened during his childhood vividly.

*Adapted from <http://www.us.penguin.com/nf/Author/AuthorPage/0,1000008184,00.html>*



Passage 2

(A) from	(B) in	(C) of	(D) off
(E) out	(F) over	(G) under	(H) up

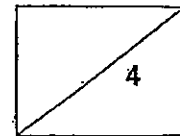
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My dog knocked a \*meter-reader (25) \_\_\_\_\_ his bike and messed all the cards up. A policeman said we must keep the dog (26) \_\_\_\_\_ control and asked how long it had been injured. My mother said it was not lame, and examined it. There was a tiny model pirate trapped in its left front paw.

The dog was pleased when my mother took the model pirate out and it jumped (27) \_\_\_\_\_ the policeman's uniform with its muddy paws. My mother fetched a cloth (28) \_\_\_\_\_ the kitchen but it had strawberry jam on it where I had wiped the knife so the uniform was worse than ever. The policeman was so angry that he stormed off after giving us a stern warning.

\* a person who visits your house to read a gas or electricity meter

Adaption of an extract from *The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 ¾* by Sue Townsend





**Section F: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)**

There are eight blanks numbered 29 to 36, in the passage 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.

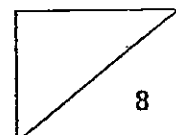
Use each word ONCE ONLY.

(A) colour	(B) known	(C) observed	(D) odours
(E) seen	(F) size	(G) smells	(H) thickness
(J) thinness	(K) typical	(L) unusual	(M) weight

Rafflesia is the world's largest single flower. Rafflesia looks like a (29) \_\_\_\_\_ flower with five petals, but the difference lies in the fact that this flower can have a maximum diameter of 100 centimetres (one metre) and a (30) \_\_\_\_\_ of around seven to ten kilograms. The petals of this flower have a (31) \_\_\_\_\_ of one inch.

Apart from the giant (32) \_\_\_\_\_, Rafflesia has certain other characteristic features that cannot be (33) \_\_\_\_\_ in the usual flowers. It is red in (34) \_\_\_\_\_ with five leathery petals that sport whitish speckles. The center of the flower has a well-like structure and inside that well, you can find a central disc with many vertical spines. Rafflesia is stinky and it (35) \_\_\_\_\_ like rotten flesh. Thus, it is also (36) \_\_\_\_\_ as corpse flower or meat flower. All species of Rafflesia are currently endangered.

*Adapted from <http://www.buzzle.com/articles/rafflesia-flower-facts.html>*



**Section G: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (3 X 1 mark)**

For each question from 37 to 39, correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

The Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) officers rescued three people who were trapped in a burning three-room flat in Block 619, Hougang Avenue 8 yesterday. The

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officers had to nevegate a cluttered corridor filled with potted plants, a bicycle and

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even a wheelchair to get to the third-storey unit at the end of the corridor. Make their way

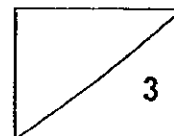
through the pitch-dark apartment, some officers put out the fire in the living room while

(39)

others looks for the trapped victims. One of the victims, a 17-year-old boy, cut his hand

when breaking the glass of a window to call for help.

Adapted from <http://www.dctech.com/eureka/short-stories/newton.php>



**Section H: Comprehension Cloze (10 X 1 mark)**

There are ten blanks numbered 40 to 49. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

In Northern China, there once lived a very wise man called Sai Wong. He had few possessions but owned a horse that (40) \_\_\_\_\_ both strong and fast. One day, a violent storm struck the land. Terrified, the horse escaped (41) \_\_\_\_\_ the night. One by (42) \_\_\_\_\_, the people came to comfort Sai Wong for his (43) \_\_\_\_\_. "You know, it may not be such a bad thing," he told them.

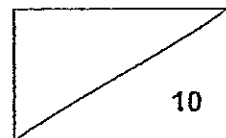
To the people's surprise, the horse (44) \_\_\_\_\_ a few days later with a mare, equally fast and strong. When the people came to (45) \_\_\_\_\_ him on his good fortune, he replied, "Perhaps, it is not such a good thing."

The next month, Sai Wong's son decided to take the mare for a (46) \_\_\_\_\_. Along the way, the horse threw him (47) \_\_\_\_\_ and he broke his leg. When people came to console Sai Wong, again he said, "This might not be such a bad thing after all."

Later that year, hostile enemies invaded China's northern border. All able-bodied men took up arms to (48) \_\_\_\_\_ their homes and keep their families safe. Though peace followed, many did not return. Due to his (49) \_\_\_\_\_, Sai Wong's son survived the war because he did not have to join the army. His leg also recovered over time. It was only then that Sai Wong's neighbours discovered the wisdom hidden in his words.

The moral of the story is as follows: Many things in a person's life are predestined. Everything may be a blessing or a misfortune in disguise.

*Adapted from <http://www.pureinsight.org/node/1887>*



**Section J: Synthesis (3 X 2 marks)**

For each question from 50 to 52, 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 given sentence(s).

50. Sam woke up very late this morning. Sam had to run all the way to school

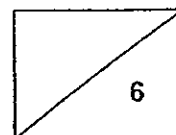
\_\_\_\_\_ that  
\_\_\_\_\_

51. Lisa could not find her keys. She searched high and low for them.

\_\_\_\_\_ but  
\_\_\_\_\_

52. Ali made a list of all the items for his canoe trip. He did not want to forget anything.

Since \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Section K: Comprehension OE (5 X 2 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer Questions 53 to 57.

When we were children, Hassan and I used to climb the trees in the driveway of my father's house. We annoyed our neighbours by reflecting sunlight into their homes with a shard of mirror. The bright beams of light irritated and hurt their eyes. We would sit across from each other on a pair of high branches, our feet dangling, our trouser pockets filled with peanuts and rambutans. We took turns with the mirror as we ate 5  
peanuts, pelted each other with them, giggling.

Hassan was deadly with his slingshot. Sometimes, up in those trees, I talked him into firing rambutans using a slingshot at the neighbour's one-eyed dog, a huge German Shepherd. He never wanted to, but if I requested really nicely, he would do it. Hassan never denied me **anything**. 10

Hassan's father, Ali, used to catch us and get mad at our pranks. He would wag his finger and wave us down from the tree. **Hassan never told on me**. No one ever knew that the various acts of mischief were always my ideas.

*Adapted from The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

53. Explain fully why the writer's neighbours were annoyed with him.

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54. What was the writer and Hassan's act of mischief against their neighbour's German Shepherd?

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55. Quote the four-word phrase which suggests that Hassan was very good at using his slingshot.

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56. What does "anything" in line 10 refer to?

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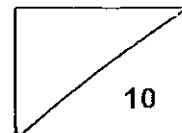
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57. Explain clearly what the writer meant by "Hassan never told on me." (line 12).

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# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2013**

**SCHOOL : AI TONG**

**SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH**

**TERM : CA1**

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
I	I	3	C	A	E	D	D	G	H	A	K	M	H	F	E	A

Q35	Q36
G	B

Q37) navigate

Q38) making

Q39) looked

Q40) was

Q41) into/during

Q42) one

Q43) loss/misfortune

Q44) returned/appeared

Q45) congratulate

Q46) run/ride

Q47) off

Q48) protect

Q49) injury

- Q50) Sam woke up so late this morning that he had to run all the way to school.
- Q51) Lisa searched high and low for her keys but she could not find them.
- Q52) Since Ali did not want to forget anything for his canoe trip, he made a list of all the items (for it).
- Q53) The writer and Hassan reflected sunlight with a shard of mirror into their homes and hurt their eyes.
- Q54) The writer asked Hassan to fire rambutans at the German Shepherd with his slingshot.
- Q55) It is "deadly with his slingshot".
- Q56) It refers to whatever the writer asks Hassan to do.
- Q57) Hassan never revealed that the writer was the mastermind behind the pranks.