AI TONG SCHOOL

2011

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Total Time For Part 1 and Part 2: 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.

Name: _____ ( )

Total Marks:

Class: Primary _____

70

Date: 10 May 2011

Parent's Signature: _____

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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. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

1. There is a traffic congestion along the road _____ the accident happened.

(1) who
(2) when
(3) where
(4) which

2. A troop of monkeys _____ feeding high up in the trees right now.

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

3. You cannot reach him at home any longer as he _____ overseas.

(1) goes
(2) is going
(3) was going
(4) has gone

4. Barry, _____ parents work till late at night every day, spends a lot of time with his grandparents.

(1) who's
(2) whose
(3) whom
(4) which

5. I saw the boy take the candy and _____ it into his pocket before he hurried out of the store.

(1) slip
(2) slips
(3) slipped
(4) slipping

6. Neither Ali nor John _____ to school every day.

(1) walk
(2) walks
(3) walked
(4) walking

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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 OAS.

Tom, Alan and Jack were in high spirits as it was the start of their school holidays. All along the way to the library (7) the boys were laughing and joking with one another. Alan was especially amused and kept telling silly jokes. Upon reaching the library, Tom and Jack stopped chatting and told Alan to lower his voice (8) However, Alan refused.

"Sshh (9) a few readers turned angrily to silence Alan. His two friends were left red-faced from all the unwanted attention they were receiving.

7. (1) [,] comma
   (2) [.] full stop
   (3) ["] inverted commas
   (4) [!] exclamation mark

8. (1) [,] comma
   (2) [.] full stop
   (3) [?] question mark
   (4) [!] exclamation mark

9. (1) ["] inverted commas
   (2) [.] full stop
   (3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
   (4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

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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 OAS.

10. Sally has a bad _____ of biting her fingernails whenever she is nervous.

(1) action
(2) habit
(3) practice
(4) routine

11. The children did not dare _____ out into the jungle at night as it was too dark and dangerous.

(1) advance
(2) explore
(3) parade
(4) venture

12. Jeremy _____ to be an astronaut when he is older.

(1) aspires
(2) expires
(3) inspires
(4) respires

13. Sunlight _____ into the room as Debbie drew the curtains.

(1) gushed
(2) slithered
(3) sparkled
(4) streamed

14. We must have the courage to _____ to our enemies so that they do not continue to hurt us.

(1) back down
(2) come up
(3) stand up
(4) take off

15. John pinched his nose when he walked into the kitchen as the _____ from the food that was left over night was too intense.

(1) aroma
(2) stench
(3) flavour
(4) fragrance

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Section D: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

When Indonesia's Tambora volcano exploded in 1815, it caused widespread destruction. The ash falling from the sky was so thick that it ruined crops and more than 80,000 people died from famine and disease. The gases and dust released into the atmosphere hid the sun from view and this affected countries as far away as the United States of America.

In Japan, all 4,000 residents of Miyake Jima Island were evacuated from their homes in July and August 2000 after Mount Oyama erupted several times. **Most** were given such short notice that they had to leave all their belongings behind. More than a year later, some residents were allowed to return to the island to inspect their homes. However, they were informed that they would not be able to move back in.

Despite such reports, volcanic power can also be a positive force. When volcanic ash breaks down, it forms a rich soil in which crops are able to flourish. These same crops provide food needed for human beings to survive. Volcanic steam is used to generate power and heat homes in some countries, while volcanic rocks often contain precious metals such as gold.

Adapted from 'The Awesome Power of Volcanoes', Reader's Digest

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16. When Tambora volcano erupted in Indonesia, crops were ruined because of _____.

(1) famine
(2) disease
(3) thick ash
(4) toxic gases

17. What does the word '**Most**' in line 8 refer to?

(1) The homes of the residents.
(2) The belongings of the residents.
(3) The eruptions from Mount Oyama.
(4) The residents of Miyake Jima Island.

18. More than a year after the volcanic eruption, the residents of Miyake Jima Island were told that they were still not allowed to _____.

(1) stay in Japan
(2) live in Miyake Jima
(3) inspect their homes
(4) collect their belongings from their homes

19. When volcanic ash breaks down, the soil _____.

(1) generates power
(2) forms precious metals
(3) becomes contaminated
(4) enables crops to grow healthily

20. Which of the following statements is **not** a result of volcanic eruption?

(1) It causes air pollution.
(2) It may cause a severe food shortage.
(3) It may allow for precious metals to be formed in volcanic rocks.
(4) It produces volcanic steam that is used to heat homes worldwide.

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Part 2

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Class: Pr 4 _____ **Marks:** _____ / 45

Section E: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Passage 1

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

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) at	(B) by	(C) from	(D) in
(E) into	(F) onto	(G) out	

It was raining cats and dogs. Nelly was waiting (21) _____ the bus-stop for her bus to arrive. Just then, a lorry drove (22) _____ and sent puddles of water splashing (23) _____ the people at the bus-stop. Nelly shrieked as she was drenched from head to toe by a huge spray of water. She tried desperately to wring the water (24) _____ of her clothes before she caught a cold.

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Passage 2

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

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) how	(B) when	(C) where	(D) which
(E) who	(F) whom	(G) whose	

We were making our way happily to Tampines Mall for dinner in Father's car. My sister, Jemma, (25) _____ had just returned from camp, was telling us about a strange incident (26) _____ happened the previous week. Suddenly, a cat dashed across the road. Father jammed the brakes hard (27) _____ it ran right in front of our car.

"(28)_____ did the cat come from?" my sister asked. Though we did not know the answer, we were relieved that the cat was safe.

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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 K) in the blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) excitedly	(B) filled	(C) finding
(D) gently	(E) heard	(F) looking
(G) poured	(H) splashed	(J) struggling
(K) thankful	(L) thoughtful	(M) turned

The morning dawned bright and sunny. Alex and Bob had taken the opportunity to go for a swim at the beach. After changing into their swimming trunks and (29) _____ for a shady spot to place their belongings, they dived into the cool water (30) _____. They had fun as they (31) _____ water at each other. As the day progressed, more visitors arrived.

Suddenly, screams of "Help! Help!" (32) _____ the air. Alex and Bob, who were still in the water, (33) _____ their heads in the direction of the screams. They saw a girl not too far away (34) _____ to stay afloat. Without hesitation, Alex, who was a strong swimmer, swam towards the girl.

Trying not to hurt the girl, Alex put his arm (35) _____ around her neck and swam to the shore. Other than feeling slightly shaken, the girl was not hurt as Alex had reached her in the nick of time. She was truly (36) _____ to Alex for saving her life. Alex was just glad that she was safe and that a tragedy had been avoided.

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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 hotel bed felt wonderfully soft and cool. The pillows were **plump** and of

(37) [ ]

just the right thickness. The sheets were freshly iron and had a subtle scent.

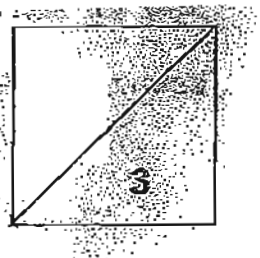
(38) [ ]

I **snargled** under the warm, cosy blanket and closed my eyes. Within minutes, I

(39) [ ]

was fast asleep. I slept right **thruh** the night and did not awaken even once until the

alarm rang the next morning. It was the best night's sleep I ever had!



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Section H : Comprehension Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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

Dogs are very sociable animals. When owners go out and (40)_____ their dogs alone, the dogs get worried and agitated. Dogs should be trained to be on their own while still (41) _____ instead of when they are older and set in their ways. When owners are not around, they should provide some chewable (42) _____ for their dogs to play with. Leaving the radio or television turned (43)_____ might also provide soothing background noise and help reduce their anxiety.

Howling is a form of communication. Dogs do it to tell one (44)_____ where they are. Some dogs howl when they are lonely, while others do it when greeting strangers whom they are seeing for the (45)_____ time. Some even howl to music and do this (46)_____ it is fun.

When it comes to training dogs, giving rewards is a far better way than using (47)_____. Food makes an excellent reward, and if they do not respond to this, owners should try touching them. A simple pat (48)_____ stroke is all that is needed. Words of praise work well too, (49)_____ not as well as food or touch. It helps if owners spend more time with their dogs.

Adapted from "Do I Bark Too Much?", Reader's Digest

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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 meaning of the given sentence(s).

50. You do not play with your old toys anymore. Give them away to the Salvation Army.

Since _____

_____

51. We can go out to play. Finish your homework.

_____ so that

_____

52. You can have ice-cream for dessert. You can have cake for dessert.

_____ either _____ or

_____

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Section K : Comprehension OE (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer Questions 53 to 57.

Sammy was an eleven-year-old boy who was good in his studies and kind to everyone. Grown-ups as well as children liked him very much.

Sammy had a classmate named Timmy. Unlike Sammy, he performed poorly in his studies and often bullied his classmates. He even ill-treated Sammy by teasing him constantly about his weight as he was chubby.

On his twelfth birthday, Sammy got a beautiful pen as a gift from his parents which he brought to school. When Timmy saw it, he was overwhelmed with jealousy and decided to steal Sammy's pen. When everyone had left the classroom for recess, Timmy opened Sammy's bag and took out the pen. He then hid it inside his own bag and ran out of the classroom.

When Sammy came back and could not find his pen, he informed his teacher, Mr Shan, about it. Mr Shan decided to search the bag of every pupil in the class for the missing pen. The pen was soon found in Timmy's bag and the furious teacher reprimanded Timmy for having stolen it. Timmy ended up in tears.

Seeing Timmy cry, Sammy took pity on him. Despite what Timmy had done, he had no ill-feeling against his classmate. He requested Mr Shan not to punish Timmy. This opened Timmy's eyes. He could now see what a kind-hearted boy Sammy was. From that day, he became friends with Sammy and gradually turned over a new leaf.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

53. Why was Sammy well-liked by others?

_____

_____

54. How did Timmy ill-treat Sammy?

_____

_____

55. What does 'it' in line 7 refer to?

_____

_____

56. Why did Mr Shan search every pupil's bag?

_____

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57. What made Timmy eventually see that Sammy was a kind-hearted boy?

_____

_____

End of Paper
Please check your work carefully.

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Answer Ke

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
2	4	4	A	B	F	G	E	D	B	C	F	A	H	B	M	J

35)D **36)K** **37)ironed** **38)snuggled** **39)through**

40)leave **41)young** **42)toys** **43)on** **44)another**

45)first **46)because** **47)punishment** **48)or** **49)but**

50) Since you do not play with your old toys anymore, give them away to the Salvation Army.

51)Finish your homework so that we can go out play.

52)You can have either ice-cream or cake for dessert.

53)Sammy was good in his studies and was kind to everyone.

54)He teased Sammy about his weight because he was chubby.

55)"It" refers to Sammy's pen.

56)He wanted to find out who stole Sammy's pen.

57)Sammy requested Mr Shan not to punish Timmy, this opened Timmy's eyes seeing that Sammy was a kind hearted boy.

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