

Tao Nan School
Primary 3 Mid-Year English Language Examination - 2004

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Class: Pr 3 ()

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Section A: Vocabulary (8 × 1 mark)

Part I

Choose the most suitable answer for each of the following questions and write its number (1, 2, 3 and 4) in the brackets provided.

1) John read the instructions in the _____ before operating his new digital camera.

1. atlas
2. manual
3. dictionary
4. encyclopedia

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2) Did you watch the _____ film "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"? It was about the magical experience of a young wizard.

1. horror
2. fantasy
3. educational
4. documentary

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3) Alice prefers _____ games like playing chess to swimming.

1. physical
2. academic
3. traditional
4. intellectual

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4) David has enjoyed skydiving ever since he was a teenager. He is _____.

1. as sly as a fox
2. as fast as a deer
3. as brave as a lion
4. as timid as a mouse

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5) Singapore has a tropical _____ . It is warm throughout the year.

1. climate
2. weather
3. temperature
4. atmosphere

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Part II

Choose the most suitable answer to replace the underlined word(s).

6) That group completed their project without putting in much hard work.

1. lightly
2. carelessly
3. effortlessly
4. irresponsibly

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7) The teacher asked the monitor to go with the injured classmate to the General Office.

1. fetch
2. direct
3. follow
4. accompany

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8) Paul arrived home soaked to the skin because he was caught in the thunderstorm.

1. drained
2. bloated
3. drenched
4. saturated

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Section B: Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer for each of the following questions and write its number (1, 2, 3 and 4) in the brackets provided.

9) Zoe enjoys _____ in the evenings.

1. swim
2. swims
3. swam
4. swimming

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10) Michael always promises to behave but he has never _____ it.

1. do
2. did
3. does
4. done

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11) Soon Hoe _____ a file in the assembly area. It is now in the Lost and Found corner.

1. found
2. finds
3. is finding
4. was finding

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12) Is there _____ milk left in the bottle?

1. any
2. many
3. a few
4. a little

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13) _____ anyone seen Andy's book?" asked Mrs Tam.

1. Do
2. Does
3. Has
4. Have

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14) One of the contestants will surely _____ the crystal trophy.

1. win
2. won
3. wins
4. winning

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15) Minh and her friend, Mary, _____ going to the library tomorrow to do some research for their project.

1. is
2. are
3. had been
4. have been

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16) Samad will inform May Ling about the good news _____ he sees her.

1. so
2. or
3. if
4. just

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17) I _____ have performed better in the examinations had I been more careful.

1. will
2. may
3. must
4. could

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18) Candy _____ her schoolwork when the phone rang.

1. revise
2. revises
3. revised
4. was revising

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Section C: Editing (5 x 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in each box.

Mr Watson went to see a show last week. During the screening, a boy

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sitting next to him keep coughing. Mr Watson tried to ignore it at first.

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However, his patient ran out when the coughing got loudier.

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Mr Watson raised his voice ○ " Have you got a handkerchief?"

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"Oh yes, but I don't lend it to stangers," the boy replied.

Section D: Grammar Cloze (6 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to J) in each blank. The letter 'Y' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) away	(B) around	(C) where
(D) when	(E) along	(F) who
(G) which	(H) but	(J) and

Mr Seah Yam Keng moved out of Kampung Lorong Buang Kok 15 years ago. However, he never gave up his house and still visits his former neighbours every day. He spends a few hours at his wooden kampong house to laze _____ (24) because he enjoys being surrounded by nature and animals.

The kampong hit the headlines recently _____ (25) it was flooded. Its laid-back charm has attracted film crews and students on school excursions.

Its only amenity is a provision shop selling dried goods. About a 10-minute walk _____ (26) is a Shell petrol station and a bus stop. Chickens and ducks keep the residents company as they walk _____ (27) the mud-and-stone path.

However, there are regular intruders _____ (28) disturb the peace and quiet, including students working on land conservation projects _____ (29) TV crews shooting dramas.

Adapted from The Straits Times March 23 2004

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (6 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to J) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) incidents	(B) maintain	(C) narrowly
(D) hardly	(E) accidents	(F) responsible
(G) residents	(H) contractors	(J) keep

A window fell off a Housing Board flat yesterday. It _____ (30) missed a female cleaner who was doing her rounds in Clementi Avenue 4.

The _____ (31) of the unit were out when the window came crashing down around noon yesterday.

Window _____ (32) said that the rivets securing the window had become loose because they were worn out.

It was announced last month that a law would likely be passed by September, making home owners _____ (33) for ensuring that their windows are safe. Owners who do not _____ (34) their windows to meet safety standards will risk fines or even a jail term.

In the final four months of last year, there were more than three _____ (35) of falling windows a week on average.

Adapted from The Straits Times March 25 2004

Section E: Comprehension MCQ (5 X 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Then choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

One afternoon, after school, I was on my way home. As I was passing by a park, something caught my attention. Right before my eyes, a small green bag laid beside a bush. Out of curiosity, I stepped forward and unzipped it. To my astonishment, I saw bundles of notes and coins inside.

I glanced around to look for its rightful owner. However, there was no one in sight. I carried the bag to my apartment which was only a hundred metres away. It was heavier than I had expected. When I dragged the bag along the gravelled footpath, it made noises. As I was approaching my block, some people stopped and stared at me. An elderly man even offered to help me. I declined his kindness politely and insisted that I would be able to handle the load myself.

Finally, my efforts paid off. I reached my apartment. As no one was at home, I hid the green bag in the storeroom and covered it with a large piece of cloth. Just at that moment, the doorbell rang. It was my father. What a relief! He would surely know what to do.

36) The writer was _____.

1. on his way to attend class
2. on his way to play in a park
3. able to carry the bag home
4. on the lookout for green objects

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37) Upon seeing the little green bag, the writer was _____.

1. nervous
2. amused
3. filled with wonder
4. frightened but happy

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38) The writer declined the old man's help because he _____.

1. did not know the old man
2. did not want the old man to tire himself out
3. was afraid that his find would be discovered
4. wanted to show that he could handle the load

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39) The writer had an _____ day.

1. unusual
2. uncertain
3. uneventful
4. unprofitable

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40) By hiding and covering the bag, the writer probably needed _____.

1. to keep it a secret
2. time to find the owner
3. to find a way to keep the money safely
4. his family to help him decide on what to do

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Section G: Comprehension - Open- Ended (5 X 2 marks)

Read the following passage. Then answer the questions that follow.

Ants can usually carry things twice their body size, sometimes, even thrice. Willy was never as strong as his friends. However, he never gave up.

Willy would follow his friends when they gathered food for the colony. Although he could not carry many things, he still helped them. Whenever there were crumbs of food on the ground, he would pick up the bits and pieces.

His friends did not like him as they thought that he was a burden to the colony. Willy knew this and he was waiting for a chance to prove himself.

Unknown to his friends, Willy had a unique talent. He could whistle like no other ant. All the bugs in the garden enjoyed his beautiful whistling. Sometimes, birds from nearby parks would stop by to listen to him.

One day, he was helping his friends to collect food as usual. Suddenly, he noticed a dark and big shadow behind him. He turned. To his horror, it was an anteater! He had to warn his friends who were in front of him. He gave a loud whistle. They turned when they heard Willy's whistle and then they saw the anteater! They dropped their food and ran in all directions to save themselves.

When they reached the colony safely, Willy's friends told the Queen what had happened. The Queen rewarded him with a pair of golden gloves for his alertness and his friends presented him with a silver whistle. Willy was happy because he had saved his friends and gained their friendship.

41) Why did Willy walk behind his friends as they were collecting food?

42) Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "special"?

43) Who were Willy's 'audience' whenever he whistled?

44) How did Willy save his friends?

45) What did the Queen give Willy?

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| 2) 2 | 29) J |
| 3) 4 | 30) C |
| 4) 3 | 31) G |
| 5) 1 | 32) H |
| 6) 3 | 33) F |
| 7) 4 | 34) B |
| 8) 3 | 35) A |
| 9) 4 | 36) 3 |
| 10) 4 | 37) 3 |
| 11) 1 | 38) 3 |
| 12) 1 | 39) 1 |
| 13) 3 | 40) 4 |
| 14) 1 | 41) He walked behind his friends to pick up bits and pieces of crumbs that they dropped. |
| 15) 2 | 42) The word is "unique". |
| 16) 3 | 43) His audience were the bugs and sometimes the birds from nearby parks. |
| 17) 4 | 44) He whistled loudly to inform his friends that there was an anteater behind them. |
| 18) 4 | 45) The Queen gave Willy a pair of golden gloves. |
| 19) kept | |
| 20) patience | |
| 21) louder | |
| 22) , | |
| 23) strangers | |
| 24) B | |
| 25) D | |
| 26) A | |
| 27) E | |