



AI TONG SCHOOL
2005

CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT (1)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 4

DURATION : 1hr 30 min

DATE : 28 February 2005

INSTRUCTIONS

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

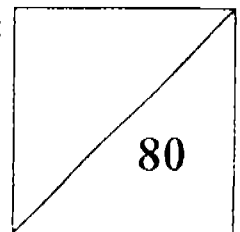
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Section A : Vocabulary (10 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer for each question and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The purpose of the new _____ is to promote frequent usage of the Chinese Language.
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| (1) story | (2) form |
| (3) campaign | (4) recipe |
2. Millions of people died during the recent _____ in Asia.
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| (1) experience | (2) catastrophe |
| (3) emergency | (4) calling |
3. The burglar _____ that he had indeed committed the crime.
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| (1) confessed | (2) denied |
| (3) contradicted | (4) reported |
4. Miki's mother is going to _____ a tutor to help her with her Chinese.
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| (1) purchase | (2) engage |
| (3) borrow | (4) loan |
5. The old man _____ through the litter bins to look for empty cans.
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| (1) ransacked | (2) rummaged |
| (3) touched | (4) flipped |
6. The meeting is _____ at ten o'clock in the morning, please be punctual.
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| (1) happening | (2) on |
| (3) programmed | (4) scheduled |

7. It is a pity that a talented and _____ actor like Bruce Lee died at such a young age.

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| (1) renowned | (2) unknown |
| (3) anonymous | (4) notorious |

8. There are many _____ of this story, which one do you like the most?

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| (1) varieties | (2) descriptions |
| (3) versions | (4) transformations |

9. Do not go near that _____ black dog as it may bite you.

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| (1) gentle | (2) ferocious |
| (3) serene | (4) difficult |

10. The drought in India last year caused many people to die of _____.

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| (1) diseases | (2) flooding |
| (3) accident | (4) dehydration |

Section B: Grammar (15 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer for each question and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

11. We will go shopping on Saturday, _____ we?
- (1) shall (2) won't
(3) must (4) wouldn't
12. Susie does not _____ the house keys with her today.
- (1) had (2) has
(3) have (4) having
13. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed _____ in Bangkok last year.
- (1) themselves (2) himself
(3) herself (4) yourselves
14. The host and hostess _____ their guests till midnight last night.
- (1) entertain (2) entertains
(3) entertained (4) will entertain
15. Kelly always _____ with her friend on how the project should be done.
- (1) disagree (2) disagrees
(3) disagreeing (4) has disagreed
16. The pile of magazines _____ very untidy. John was asked to sort them out.
- (1) look (2) looks
(3) looked (4) will look

17. Susan's father is _____ university lecturer in Canada.
- (1) the (2) an
(3) one (4) a
18. Do you _____ any money with you?
- (1) has (2) have
(3) had (4) having
19. Chinatown _____ always bustling with activities during the Chinese New Year period.
- (1) is (2) are
(3) will (4) were
20. Ken's parents constantly remind him and his siblings to help and look out for _____.
- (1) each other (2) one another
(3) everyone (4) himself
21. Mary claimed that this is the _____ movie she had ever seen.
- (1) good (2) bad
(3) better (4) best
22. Every now _____ then, Betty visits her grandparents with their favourite food.
- (1) but (2) since
(3) and (4) till

23. Everyone except Dawn and Bala _____ ice-cream.

(1) likes

(2) like

(3) had liked

(4) was liking

24. We need to tidy up the house as Tracy and Sam _____ us tonight.

(1) visit

(2) visits

(3) is visiting

(4) are visiting

25. Last year, I studied French and this year I _____ Japanese.

(1) studies

(2) am studying

(3) studied

(4) studying

Section C : Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer for each question and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Penguins are stout-bodied, short-legged, flightless birds but they are very good swimmers. Their wings resemble flippers and their bodies are covered with short, scaly feathers. Most penguins have black upper bodies and their lower bodies are white. Penguins swim underwater with powerful strokes of their wings and use their webbed feet and stiff tail as rudders. Although penguins feed mainly on small shrimps, fish and squid near the surface of the sea, the emperor penguin may descend up to 260 metres in search of food. On land, penguins waddle erect, climb steep slopes, or toboggan on their bellies over the snow.

Penguins gather into large colonies to breed. The colonies are noisy with harsh calls as they find themselves a mate. The female penguin lays her egg in May and then goes to sea to feed while the male looks after the egg continuously for two months without eating. He holds the egg on his feet under a fold of abdominal skin. When the female returns to care for the newly hatched chick, the male goes to sea to regain his lost weight.

26. Penguins do not have _____ .
- (1) wings
 - (2) fins
 - (3) webbed feet
 - (4) tail
27. All penguins are _____ .
- (1) blackish above and white below
 - (2) short but fly very well
 - (3) meat eaters
 - (4) plant eaters
28. According to the passage, the chicks usually hatch in _____ .
- (1) May
 - (2) June
 - (3) July
 - (4) August
29. Why will the male penguin lose weight?
- (1) It goes without food when it is looking after the egg.
 - (2) It wants to starve itself.
 - (3) It cannot find any food.
 - (4) It does not like to eat.
30. Which one of the following is the penguin not good at?
- (1) swimming
 - (2) climbing
 - (3) diving
 - (4) flying

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (20 x 1 mark)

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

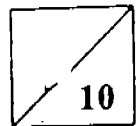
Passage One

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) compose	(B) sing	(C) world	(D) cause
(E) beat	(F) happy	(G) stirs	(H) different
(I) blow	(J) developed	(K) tap	(L) feelings

Most people enjoy music. All over the (31) _____, many kinds of music have been (32) _____ as people discovered (33) _____ ways of making music. Everybody can make sounds in some way. You can (34) _____, bang a stick on a drum, pluck a tight string or (35) _____ through a pipe. Musicians use sounds to (36) _____ music.

People can get all kinds of (37) _____ from listening to music. It can make a person feel (38) _____ or sad. Music can also make people want to clap their hands, (39) _____ their feet or dance. Music definitely (40) _____ the feelings of their listeners.



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Passage Two

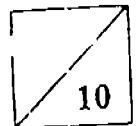
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(A) hours	(B) move	(C) passed	(D) mending
(E) past	(F) heavy	(G) big	(H) carry
(I) seconds	(K) time	(J) rest	(L) antique

Smith, a bachelor, lived with his mother in a very big house. After she had (41) _____ away, the house became too (42) _____ for him. After spending much (43) _____ searching, he bought a smaller one in the next street. In his first house, there was a very nice (44) _____ clock which had cost his mother a lot of money.

When the men came to (45) _____ his furniture to the new house, Smith thought, "I'm not going to let them (46) _____ my beautiful old clock in their truck. Perhaps they'll break it, and then (47) _____ it will be very expensive." So he tied it up and began to carry it down the road in his arms.

It was big and (48) _____, so he had to stop two or three times to have a (49) _____. Along came a small boy. He stopped and looked at Smith for a few (50) _____. Then he said to Smith, "You're a silly man, aren't you? Why don't you buy a watch like everyone else?"



Section E : Grammar Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

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

Passage One

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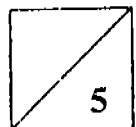
(X) few	(B) many	(G) a	(D) lot
(E) little	(K) the	(H) some	

Ally has a pet tortoise. She calls him Gus. Her uncle gave (51) _____ tortoise to her.

Gus's home is (52) _____ small fish tank which Ally cleans every week. First she puts (53) _____ clean sand on the bottom of the tank. Then she puts a (54) _____ stones on the sand. Finally she puts water in the tank. The water is only about two centimetres deep.

Gus likes to eat a (55) _____ of vegetables like bean sprouts, lettuce and kang kong.

Ally takes good care of her pet tortoise very well as she loves it very much.



Passage Two

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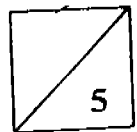
(A) at	(B) in	(C) by	(D) after
(E) for	(F) up	(G) along	(H) on

We used to live (56) _____ the third floor of an old block of flats. One night, my sister and I were asleep (57) _____ our bedroom. I began to feel uncomfortable because the room seemed to be getting hotter and hotter. I opened my eyes and to my horror the walls and door were in flames. I screamed and quickly woke my sister up.

Both of us were terrified. We stared (58) _____ the angry flames surrounding us. I pulled my sister (59) _____ the hand and we ran to the bathroom.

We locked ourselves in the bathroom, smashed the glass window and began to scream (60) _____ help.

At last, to our great joy, we saw a few firemen rushing to the window with a long ladder. We were rescued just in time!



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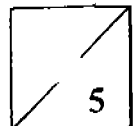
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Passage Three

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) grow	(B) growing	(C) will grow	(D) grows
(E) growth	(F) grown	(G) grew	

When Nick (61) _____ up, he wants to be a doctor. He has (62) _____ up in a family of doctors where both his parents are doctors. Nick inspires to be like his parents who always go an extra mile to help the sick and needy. However, (63) _____ up in a family with high expectations is not easy but he knows that it will mould his character and nurture his (64) _____ as an individual. Nick's two younger siblings wish to be doctors too when they (65) _____ up.



Section F : Comprehension OE (5 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Once there was a good and wise king who had many enemies. Luckily, he had friends who helped him to escape. He even had friends from the animal kingdom.

One day, the king was running away from some wicked men. Each man had a gun. The king ran till he came to a cave. "I must hide in the cave. There's nowhere else to go," he thought. So he entered the cave through a small opening and hid behind a rock.

Now, there was a spider near the cave opening. It was watching the king. "I must help the king," thought the spider. It began to spin a web across the opening of the cave. It worked very hard. It spun faster than it had ever spun before. Soon, a beautiful spider's web hung across the top part of the cave opening.

The king's enemies appeared. They looked around. "Hey, let's look inside this cave. I'm sure the king is hiding inside," said one of them.

"No," said the rest. "Why are you so silly? Can't you see the spider's web across the opening? How can anyone enter the cave without tearing the web!" So they moved on.

After a while, the king emerged. He had escaped once again with the help of his "spider friend".

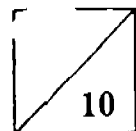
66. Who was going after the king's life?

67. How did they intend to kill him?

68. What did the spider do to help the king?

69. Which word in the passage tells you that the king had "stepped out" of his hiding place?

70. Why did the king's enemies think there was nobody in the cave?



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| 2) 2 | 29) 1 | 56) H |
| 3) 1 | 30) 4 | 57) B |
| 4) 2 | 31) C | 58) A |
| 5) 2 | 32) K | 59) C |
| 6) 4 | 33) H | 60) E |
| 7) 1 | 34) B | 61) D |
| 8) 3 | 35) J | 62) F |
| 9) 2 | 36) A | 63) B |
| 10) 4 | 37) M | 64) E |
| 11) 1 | 38) F | 65) A |
| 12) 3 | 39) L | 66) Some wicked men were going after the King's life. |
| 13) 1 | 40) G | |
| 14) 3 | 41) C | 67) They intended to kill him with a gun. |
| 15) 2 | 42) G | 68) The spider spun a web across the cave opening. |
| 16) 3 | 43) K | |
| 17) 4 | 44) M | 69) The word is "emerged". |
| 18) 2 | 45) B | 70) They felt that no one could enter the cave without tearing the web. |
| 19) 2 | 46) H | |
| 20) 2 | 47) D | |
| 21) 4 | 48) F | |
| 22) 3 | 49) L | |
| 23) 1 | 50) J | |
| 24) 4 | 51) F | |
| 25) 2 | 52) C | |
| 26) 2 | 53) G | |
| 27) 3 | 54) A | |