



AI TONG SCHOOL

2004 ENGLISH LANGUAGE
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT I
PAPER II
PRIMARY FOUR

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DURATION : 1 HOUR 15 MINUTES

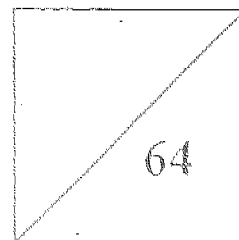
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INSTRUCTIONS

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

Name : _____ ()

Marks :



Class : Primary _____

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Section B: Vocabulary (6 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.

5. When you _____ in outdoor games, you are helping your body to stay fit.
- 1) enrol
 - 2) participate
 - 3) subscribe
 - 4) anticipate
6. The crops had _____ up in the dry heat:
- 1) carved
 - 2) twisted
 - 3) shrivelled
 - 4) wrenched
7. My grandmother was put on a _____ of fruits and vegetables only because of her health condition.
- 1) diet
 - 2) meal
 - 3) menu
 - 4) programme
8. Daddy was _____ when he saw the mess in his room.
- 1) thrilled
 - 2) excited
 - 3) furious
 - 4) elated = happy

1 to 5

LISTENING
COMPREHENSION

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9. I watched a/ an _____ which has a sad ending last night.

- 1) autobiography
- 2) comedy
- 3) tragedy
- 4) romance

10. The kite is _____ into the air.

- 1) plunging
- 2) dipping
- 3) floating
- 4) soaring

Section C: Grammar (6 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. Put _____ strawberries on the cake to decorate it.

- 1) much
- 2) a little
- 3) some
- 4) any

12. Aunty Jane enjoys _____ during her free time.

- 1) bakes
- 2) bakery
- 3) baking
- 4) baked

13. "Did you _____ my computer just now?" asked Mike.

- 1) touched
- 2) touching
- 3) touch
- 4) touches

14. Lynn _____ her book in her class when she was being provoked.

- 1) tore
- 2) tears
- 3) torn
- 4) is tearing

15. Mother keeps fish frozen in a refrigerator _____ it will remain fresh.

- 1) so that
- 2) and
- 3) or
- 4) but

16. We should make as many friends as we can, _____ we?

- 1) can
- 2) can't
- 3) should
- 4) shouldn't

Section D: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions 17 to 21.

One of the cultural shows organized by the Tourist Promotion Board is the Chinese wayang. It is performed during the Chinese New Year and lasts for several days.

Usually the stage for the Chinese wayang is set up at an open space and no seats are provided. Members of the audience either bring their own seats or sit on the bare ground before the stage. By the sides of the wayang and along the adjacent road are food stalls selling common Chinese hawker snacks and refreshments.

At the grand opening ceremony, the stage is fully lit and the actors and actresses stream in to the clash of cymbals and take up their respective positions.

Chinese wayangs usually portray scenes from Chinese classics to the accompaniment of typical Chinese music performed by musicians plucking the 'Pipa' (the Chinese version of the violin) and piping the Chinese flute. There is also rich and beautiful stage scenery which is changed in between drops of the curtain.

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

17. Chinese wayang is _____
- (1) a festival that lasts for a few days
 - (2) a game played during Chinese New Year
 - (3) an organization recommended by the Tourist Promotion Board
 - (4) a cultural show staged during Chinese New Year
18. As Chinese New Year falls on 20th February this year, the Chinese wayang is likely to be staged _____
- (1) from 20th February to 20th March
 - (2) from 20th February to 25th February
 - (3) on 20th February and 21st February
 - (4) on 20th February only
19. The setting for the Chinese wayang includes _____
- (1) seats provided for audience in the open space
 - (2) food stalls stationed before the stage
 - (3) a stage without seats provided for audience
 - (4) seats provided for audience arranged by the sides of the wayang
20. The actors and actresses enter the stage when _____
- (1) the ceremony begins
 - (2) the cymbals are sounded
 - (3) the stage is lit up
 - (4) they are asked to take up their positions
21. Which of the following musical accompaniment cannot be found in the Chinese wayang?
- (1) Clashing of cymbals
 - (2) Plucking of Pipa
 - (3) Violin accompaniment
 - (4) Chinese flute piping

Name: _____ ()

Class : 4 ()

PART II

Open-ended Questions

Section E: Vocabulary 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 M) in each blank. The letter "I" has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

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|----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| (A) complain | (B) appreciated | (C) depressed | (D) irritating |
| (E) understood | (F) facilities | (G) realised | (H) uncovered |
| (J) convinced | (K) delighted | (L) buildings | (M) allows |

Jia Min lives with her parents in a beautiful apartment. The condominium has (Q1) _____ like swimming pool, tennis court and gymnasium. Jia Min loves to play at the children's playground. However, her grandfather only (Q2) _____ her to play for ten minutes every week. She would always (Q3) _____ to her best friend, "My grandfather nags at me all the time. It is so (Q4) _____.

One day, her grandfather was very ill and was sent to the hospital. Jia Min was (Q5) _____ as there was no one at home to nag at her. After a week, she felt lonely and began to miss her grandfather. Jia Min then (Q6) _____ the advantages of having her grandfather around and fully (Q7) _____ the phrase, "Elderly people are treasures of the family." When her grandfather came home from hospital, Jia Min (Q8) _____ him much more.

Section F: 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 G) in each blank.

Passage 1

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| (A) will wear | (B) wearing | (C) wears | (D) was wearing |
| (E) wore | (F) wear | (G) worn | |

Kenny is excited as he will be in Primary One next year. However, as his family is poor, he has to wear his elder brother's uniform. This uniform used to be (Q9) _____ by his brother when he was in Primary Two. Kenny will be (Q10) _____ it when he gets into Primary One next year. His mother hopes that Kenny will (Q11) _____ it on the first day of school as they do not have enough money to buy a new set of uniform for him.

On the first day of school, Kenny (Q12) _____ the uniform and walks to school happily. His mother is so delighted to have such an understanding child.

Passage 2

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| (A) of | (B) by | (C) up | (D) to |
| (E) under | (F) off | (G) in | |

Jamie was taking a stroll in a park. She stopped (Q13) _____ a pond and saw many small fishes and tadpoles swimming (Q14) _____ it. She caught sight (Q15) _____ a colourful rainbow fish. She looked around and saw an empty plastic container. Out of mischief, she picked (Q16) _____ the container and tried to scoop the fish with it. Suddenly, she lost her step and fell into the pond!

Section G: Comprehension OE (5 x 2 marks)

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

A strange illness left Helen Keller completely blind and deaf when she was nineteen months old. She soon got used to the dark and silent world around her. However, as she was unable to communicate with others, she often threw tantrums and became impossible to control. Her parents engaged a teacher, Annie Sullivan, who was then nineteen, from an institution for the blind to teach Helen. The two soon became very good friends.

One day, Annie held Helen's hand under running water while tracing out the letters w-a-t-e-r onto the back of her hand. Suddenly Helen understood that water referred to the cool liquid flowing through her fingers. A new world had opened up for Helen!

Helen loved learning and she worked very hard. She learned to write using a board with grooves on it and she also learned to read Braille by tracing the raised dots on paper with her fingers. Helen graduated from Radcliffe College when she was twenty-four and she went on tours to give lectures in various parts of the world to help raise money for the blind.

Helen died at the age of eighty-eight. She was an inspiration to people who were handicapped.

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

17. What caused Helen Keller to become completely blind and deaf?

18. Why did Helen's parents engage a teacher for her?

19. When did Helen realize the meaning of the words Annie traced onto her hand?

20. How do you think blind people read using Braille?

21. In what way was Helen Keller an inspiration to the handicapped?

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| 1) | } LISTENING
COMPREHENSION | 6) G | 17) It was a strange illness. |
| 2) | | 7) E | 18) She could not communicate with others often threw tantrums and became impossible to control. |
| 3) | | 8) B | |
| 4) | | 9) G | 19) It was when Annie traced the word water onto Helen's hand while water was flowing through her fingers. |
| 5) | | 10) B | |
| 6) 3 | | 11) F | |
| 7) 1 | | 12) C | 20) They trace the raised dots on paper using/with her fingers. |
| 8) 3 | | 13) B | |
| 9) 3 | | 14) G | 21) They realised that they too could overcome their disabilities like her. |
| 10) 4 | | 15) A | |
| 11) 3 | | 16) C | |
| 12) 3 | | | |
| 13) 3 | | | |
| 14) 1 | | | |
| 15) 1 | | | |
| 16) 4 | | | |
| 17) 4 | | | |
| 18) 2 | | | |
| 19) 3 | | | |
| 20) 2 | | | |
| 21) 3 | | | |

PART II

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- 2) M
- 3) A
- 4) D