

AI TONG SCHOOL

2004 ENGLISH LANGUAGE
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2
PAPER 2

SAZ

PRIMARY FOUR

DURATION : 1 HOUR 15 MINUTES

DATE: 27 OCT 2004

INSTRUCTIONS

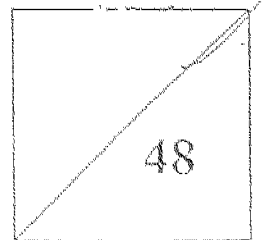
Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions.

Answer all questions.

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Part I

Multiple-choice Questions

Section A: 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.

1. If the _____ does not end, all the rivers will run dry and crops will die.
 - 1) drought
 - 2) flood
 - 3) typhoon
 - 4) blizzard

2. She looked a bit _____ when she was told that she hadn't got the job.
 - 1) dejected
 - 2) rejected
 - 3) objected
 - 4) injected

3. It makes me _____ even thinking about eye operations.
 - 1) forlorn
 - 2) wince
 - 3) exhilarated
 - 4) elated

4. The women gathered around the coffin and began to _____ mournfully.
 - 1) fret ** cannot sit still*
 - 2) grin
 - 3) groan
 - 4) wail

5. They could hear raindrops _____ on the roof of the van.
- 1) surging
 - 2) pounding
 - 3) erupting
 - 4) spattering
6. Some people believe that Lord Voldemort did not murder his parents and was not the _____ he is generally thought to have been.
- 1) squire
 - 2) villain
 - 3) expert
 - 4) hero

Section B: 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.

7. You went there for lunch, _____ you?
- 1) hadn't
 - 2) couldn't
 - 3) won't
 - 4) didn't
8. The meeting will not commence _____ everyone is present.
- 1) but
 - 2) until
 - 3) because
 - 4) since

9. The disciplinary committee may step _____ to settle the dispute between the two pupils.

- 1) over
- 2) up
- 3) in
- 4) down

10. _____ of the people at the party were women.

- 1) Any
- 2) Most
- 3) Much
- 4) Either

11. Jane pulled the blankets _____ herself to keep warm.

- 1) on
- 2) above
- 3) into
- 4) over

12. He is older than _____, yet he is shorter.

- 1) I
- 2) me
- 3) mine
- 4) myself

Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 13 to 17.

Our extended family went to the beach every summer. We had a few favourite spots. Sometimes we would bring our tents and camp to a campground. Other times we would treat ourselves to a fancy hotel. This year, we got to use a friend's beach house. They offered it as a way to congratulate my mom and dad on their fifteenth wedding anniversary.

I loved to go to the shore and pick up shells among the pebbles. The best time to do this was during low tide. I was always excited about beach combing because I never knew what exquisite thing I would find.

My cousin and I headed out early the first morning. As I looked at the beach, I found dead shrimps, a large spiral shell, and even a sock without its mate. I wonder what the unknown story was behind it.

I asked my cousin, "Who do you suppose lost a sock?"

"I wonder," he replied. "Perhaps it was someone who wanted to protect their feet. Maybe they wore their socks into the water!"

"Maybe," I replied. "Or perhaps they were sailing and hung their feet over the edge while the driver hoisted the sail..."

"Yes," my cousin interrupted. "And a huge sea creature jumped up and snatched the sock!"

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

13. From the passage, which of the following was not one of the author's favourite spots?

- (1) campsite
- (2) farmyard
- (3) hotel
- (4) beach house

14. How often did the family vacation together?

- (1) weekly
- (2) monthly
- (3) annually
- (4) biannually

15. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) The author loved beach combing as he liked to wonder about the unknown story behind what he found.
- (2) The author's parents had been married for fifteen years.
- (3) Someone wore their socks into the water to protect their feet.
- (4) It was high tide on the first morning of their vacation.

16. How would you describe the relationship between the author and his cousin?

- (1) superficial
- (2) personal
- (3) quarrelsome
- (4) antagonistic

17. An appropriate title for this story is _____

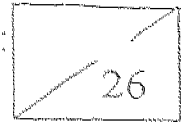
- (1) Vacation at the Beach
- (2) The Sock Without Its Mate
- (3) A Stroll Along The Beach
- (4) My Extended Family

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Part II

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.

(A) whereabouts	(B) accepted	(C) dismay	(D) timid
(E) movements	(F) created	(G) brave	(H) rejected
(J) dejected	(K) silently	(L) rose	(M) prove

One day, a number of mice called an urgent meeting to decide the best method to get rid of a cat that had killed many of their relatives.

Various plans were brought up, discussed and (Q18) _____. Finally, a young mouse suggested that a bell to be hung around the cat's neck. In this way, they could hear its (Q19) _____ and therefore, have time to escape.

The suggestion was (Q20) _____ joyfully by everyone except an old mouse which sat (Q21) _____ listening to the discussion. Finally, he (Q22) _____ and said, "I agree it is a clever plan and I am sure that it will (Q23) _____ to be successful if it is carried out. However, I would like to know which (Q24) _____ mouse is going to put the bell on the cat."

All the mice at the meeting looked at one another in (Q25) _____. After a brief silence, the plan was called off.

Section F: 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.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) will play	(B) play	(C) were playing	(D) playing
(E) plays	(F) played	(G) had played	

Betty likes music very much. She persuaded her mother to let her take piano lessons. She hopes to be able to (Q26) _____ the piano very soon.

Today is Betty's first piano lesson. Her teacher is Joan. Joan has been (Q27) _____ on the piano for almost ten years. She had performed in several concerts when she was younger.

Joan told Betty that if she (Q28) _____ on the piano every day, she will learn faster. When Joan was Betty's age, she (Q29) _____ the piano everyday because she liked it very much.

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.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) through	(B) at	(C) into	(D) once
(E) out	(F) in	(G) since	

Dear Harry,

How are you? I am now enjoying the first day of the June school holidays. Last week, my teacher took us to visit an optics factory. We were very excited during the visit (Q30) _____ it was the first time we were visiting such a place.

First we saw a few workers mixing sand and some other materials together. Following that, they added some pieces of glass. They then poured this mixture (Q31) _____ one end of a big hot oven. At the other end of the oven, a stream of glass in liquid form came (Q32) _____. Here, some workers collected the liquid glass and poured it into various moulds. Then, the glass was allowed to cool for several hours. The liquid glass became solid glass (Q33) _____ it was cooled. This glass was ready for use.

This was really an enriching trip. I really hope our teacher will organize another trip next term.

Section G : Comprehension (5 x 2 marks)

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

Ken stacked up the Lego pieces carefully. He was almost done with his creation when all the Lego pieces came tumbling down. It was not an easy job. Ken had been at it for many days. It was not child's play. What was needed were nimble fingers, a good sense of balance and something that he had learnt during the last few days.

Ken felt frustrated. However, he was able to pick up the pieces and started all over again. It was the fifth time. Ken had learnt that he must be patient. Most importantly, he wanted to prove to himself that he could do it. Soon, the Eiffel Tower of Paris would appear before him and he could triumph and say he made it. 5

Another five hours passed. Ken was left with the last piece. Putting in the final piece was a difficult job as it required very steady hands. A slight force is enough to send the entire 'creation' tumbling down again. Ken steadied his hand and attached the final piece to the top of the stack. He had finally completed his model. His scream rose into the air. Then Ken took a step backwards and folded his arms across his chest. He looked at his work and smiled. It was brilliant. Right in front of him lay his first creation using two thousand pieces of Lego bricks. 10 15

Ken's hard work had paid off.

Q34. What was Ken's creation?

Q35. What do you think was the 'something' (line 4) that Ken had learnt during the last five days?

Q36. Which two words tell you that this was not Ken's first attempt?

Q37. How did Ken react immediately after attaching the final piece to his creation?

Q38. What is the most important factor that had helped Ken to succeed?

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- 1) 1
- 2) 1
- 3) 2
- 4) 4
- 5) 4
- 6) 2
- 7) 4
- 8) 2
- 9) 3
- 10) 2
- 11) 4
- 12) 1
- 13) 2
- 14) 3
- 15) 2
- 16) 2
- 17) 1
- 18) H
- 19) E
- 20) B
- 21) K
- 22) L
- 23) M
- 24) G
- 25) C
- 26) B
- 27) D
- 28) E
- 29) F
- 30) G
- 31) C
- 32) E
- 33) D
- 34) It was the Eiffel Tower of Paris, a creating that needed two thousand pieces of Lego bricks to complete it.
- 35) I think the something that Ken had learnt during the last few days was 'patience'.
- 36) The words are "fifth time".
- 37) He screamed with joy.
- 38) The most important factor is "Ken's determination".