

**Primary Four  
English Language  
Semestral Assessment Two**

**Questions 1 to 15 carry one mark each.**

**For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write it in the space provided.**

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1. Steven turned red with \_\_\_\_\_ when his little brother tore his newly painted art work.

- (1) envy
- (2) disappointment
- (3) rage
- (4) embarrassment

2. Before putting Jim to bed, Mother gave him a \_\_\_\_\_ of mixture for his cough.

- (1) drug
- (2) cure
- (3) dose
- (4) tablet

3. Fann Wong, a sought-after actress, is considered to be very \_\_\_\_\_ as she is able to portray different roles convincingly.

- (1) agile
- (2) flexible
- (3) supple
- (4) versatile

4. Michael Davidson, the astronaut. Used to fly to Mars in his \_\_\_\_\_ very frequently when he was doing his research.

- (1) space shuttle
- (2) helicopter
- (3) supersonic airliner
- (4) hovercraft

5. The kidnapped boy's \_\_\_\_\_ at the hands of his captors was published in the newspaper.

- (1) spree
- (2) ordeal
- (3) fear
- (4) misery

6. The mad man was seen \_\_\_\_\_ a knife before passer-by, threatening to kill them.

- (1) displaying
- (2) pointing
- (3) brandishing
- (4) polishing

7. "Don't worry, I will \_\_\_\_\_ turn up for the meeting," Jiajie reassured me.

- (1) naturally
- (2) definitely
- (3) sincerely
- (4) obviously

8. Shan San and her brother went \_\_\_\_\_ in the sea when it was windy.

- (1) kite-flying
- (2) wind-surfing
- (3) snorkeling
- (4) scuba-diving

9. The detectives followed the blood \_\_\_\_\_ of the injured killer and found his hideout.

- (1) trail
- (2) records
- (3) clues
- (4) evidence

10. The seriously injured man \_\_\_\_\_ across the road trying to get help.

- (1) swaggered
- (2) strutted
- (3) staggered
- (4) scampered

11. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the stadium applauded loudly when Brazil emerged the champion at World Cup 2002.

- (1) mob
- (2) audience
- (3) spectators
- (4) congregation

12. In ancient China, the emperors and their royal families used to travel on \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) trishaws
- (2) bullock carts
- (3) trolley-bus
- (4) sedan chairs

13. Instead of learning carpentry skills as a/an \_\_\_\_\_ at the workhouse, Oliver Twist was ill-treated by his master.

- (1) novice
- (2) apprentice
- (3) amateur
- (4) newcomer

14. "Mum is such a nag! She has been reminding me \_\_\_\_\_ to study hard for my Streaming Examination since the beginning of the year," grumbled Longtian.

- (1) rarely
- (2) continuously
- (3) occasionally
- (4) repeatedly

15. Mr Sundram shouted \_\_\_\_\_ for help when he saw his house being burnt down to the ground.

- (1) fiercely
- (2) wearily
- (3) desperately
- (4) forcefully

**Questions 16 to 25 carry two mark each.**

**For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write it in the space provided.**

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16. Together with her sister, Yingying \_\_\_\_\_ her mother at the food centre every evening.

- (1) help
- (2) helps
- (3) helped
- (4) helping

17. "Where is my key?" asked Mr Tan.  
Mr Tan asked where \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) his key was.
- (2) that key was.
- (3) was his key.
- (4) was the key.

18. Though Johnny is poor, he is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the twins.

- (1) happy
- (2) happier
- (3) happiest
- (4) most happy

19. You may borrow the story book as Weiling \_\_\_\_\_ it already.

- (1) read
- (2) reads
- (3) has read
- (4) reading

20. Hansheng says he will call \_\_\_\_\_ you when he is in town.

- (1) at
- (2) for
- (3) on
- (4) to

21. Mr and Mrs Teng \_\_\_\_\_ lectures at the National University of Singapore in 1980.

- (1) attend
- (2) attends
- (3) attended
- (4) attending

22. If Hanwei \_\_\_\_\_ to London this December, he \_\_\_\_\_ need to bring along some winter clothing.

- (1) go...will
- (2) goes...will
- (3) go...would
- (4) went...would

23. \_\_\_\_\_ Yenhua \_\_\_\_\_ Yuhua is the culprit. They were the only people in the room just now.

- (1) Either...or
- (2) Neither...or
- (3) Either...nor
- (4) Neither...nor

24. "I'm certain Yan Yan \_\_\_\_\_ have taken your bag by mistake," Miss Tan consoled Tanya.

- (1) could
- (2) might
- (3) should
- (4) must

25. The panic-stricken crowd rushed \_\_\_\_\_ the streets when the terrorist-driven aeroplane crashed into the World Trade Centre in New York.

- (1) in
- (2) on
- (3) into
- (4) onto

**Read the passage carefully and answer questions 26 to 30 (10 marks)**

Brothers Jacques and Joseph Montgolfier lived in France in the 1700s. They loved to fly kites. When the wind was high, they would go kite flying. They enjoyed watching their 'paper birds' soar up into skies. When the wind began to die down, they would skillfully guide the falling kites through the air so that they would not be caught in the tree branches.

One day, the wind died so suddenly that there was no time to guide the kite down. They watched in horror as it fell straight towards a fire in which a farmer was burning old straw. But just as the kite was about to tumble into the flames, it stopped falling and floated in the heated air over the fire. The boys stared in astonishment, then shouted with glee. Their kite was safe!

When they grew up, they turned from flying kites to building big balloons. They planned to put baskets or gondolas beneath the balloons large enough to carry them high over the countryside. But they had a big problem to solve: How could they get the balloons to rise in a low wind, and stay up if the wind died?

*After many tries and many failures*, the brothers remembered the kite that floated above the fire. They thought, "What if we build a carefully tended fire in a gondola beneath one of our big balloons? Surely, the balloon would be able to stay up as long as we keep the fire going."

They got into the gondola of one of their big balloons and made a small fire in a metal pot set beneath the opening of the balloon. As the fire heated the air, the balloon rose, Jacques and Joseph Montgolfier, who had loved to fly kites, became the first people to fly under their own power.

**Questions 26-30 carry two marks each**

**Choose the correct answer for each of the following questions. Write its number in the brackets provided**

26. How do we know that the Montgolfier Brothers were good at kite flying?  
They were able to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) prevent their kites from falling.
- (2) transform their kites into paper birds.
- (3) fly their kites high in the sky at all times.
- (4) prevent their kites from being caught in tree branches.

27. In what way did the farmer help Jacques and Joseph to fly?

- (1) He burnt their kites.
- (2) He made them fly freely.
- (3) He gave them the idea of filling the balloons with hot air.
- (4) He prevented their kites from tumbling into the burning flames.

28. What made it possible for the balloons to rise and stay up in the air?

It was the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) fire
- (2) wind
- (3) flame
- (4) hot air

29. Why did the Montgolfier Brothers turn from flying kites to building big balloons?

- (1) They wanted to fly high over the countryside.
- (2) They wanted the balloons to fly as fast as kites.
- (3) They wanted to put big baskets beneath the balloons.
- (4) They had grown up and wanted to try something new.

30. What does the phrase 'after many tries and many failures' indicate about the Montgolfier Brothers?

It shows \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) that the brothers were not smart.
- (2) their determination to succeed in their dreams.
- (3) how stubborn they were at trying to fly their kites.
- (4) how unsuccessful they were at flying their balloons.

**I) There are 5 blanks, numbered 31 to 35, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to J) in the blank. (5 x 2 mark)**

**EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE**

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(A) morning	(E) except	(I) hard
(B) pests	(F) fun	(J) housework
(C) creatures	(G) chores	
(D) dawn	(H) apart	

Hin Choon's grandfather, whom he called Ah Kong, was one of the farmers in Chua Chu Kang. Ah Kong used to tell Hin Choon that life as a farmer was (31)\_\_\_\_\_. He and his family had to get up at (32)\_\_\_\_\_ to feed the pigs. They had to water the plants daily, (33)\_\_\_\_\_ on rainy days. To ensure that the vegetables were growing well, they had to pull out weeds and get rid of (34)\_\_\_\_\_ such as caterpillars and snails.

Hin Choon's father and two uncles had to help Ah Kong do the daily (35)\_\_\_\_\_ on the farm before going to school and after returning from school. They had no time for games like football or basketball.

II) There are 5 blanks, numbered 36 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to J) in the blank. (5 x 2 mark)

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(A) telecast	(D) antics	(G) tuned
(B) switched	(E) television	(H) viewed
(C) acting	(F) comedy	(I) tragedy

'Under One Roof' is a film produced locally for the television. It is a sitcom, meaning situational (36)\_\_\_\_\_.

The first episode of this sitcom was (37)\_\_\_\_\_ on Channel 5 at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 1995. TCS received very encouraging feedback from viewers. According to the newspapers, about 600 000 people or one in every three households (38) \_\_\_\_\_ in that first Tuesday.

Mrs Lily Ng, a housewife, said that her whole family actually sat in front of the (39)\_\_\_\_\_ set and did not leave until the show was over. "My mother-in-law, who could read nor understand English, also enjoyed every minute of it," said Mrs Ng. "The (40)\_\_\_\_\_ of each character was enough to make her join in the laughter. In fact, we were laughing throughout the show".

**Cloze Passage (I)**

**Fill in each blank with the letter for the correct word in the box (5 x 1 mark )**

(A) by      (B) out      (C) along      (D) upon      (E) in

Eliza lives near the sea. Her hobby is collecting seashells. She keeps her shells in a frosted glass bottle. Whenever she is free, Eliza will take (41)\_\_\_\_\_ the shells from the bottle to make ornaments for her friends and relatives. Then she puts them (42)\_\_\_\_\_ the window to dry. Later (43)\_\_\_\_\_ the evening, she sets off again to collect seashells. She strolls (44)\_\_\_\_\_ the beach to look for shells. By the time she gets home, it is quite late.

**Cloze Passage (II)**

**Fill in each blank with the letter for the correct word in the box (3 x 1 mark )**

(A) which      (B) whose      (C) when      (D) where

Tan Tat Seng was born in Malaysia. He knew his father and was abandoned by his mother (45)\_\_\_\_\_ he was six years old. He was later brought up in orphanage and later became a wanderer. In 1959 he made his way to Singapore, (46)\_\_\_\_\_ he had the good fortune to meet and be adopted by a rich merchant, Sean Chow, (47)\_\_\_\_\_ name he soon assumed.

**Cloze Passage (III)**

**Fill in each blank with the letter for the correct word in the box (3 x 1 mark )**

(A) inform	(B) informs	(C) informed
(D) information	(E) informative	(F) informing

This is an urgent announcement. This is to (48)\_\_\_\_\_ the public of a dangerous terrorist at large. He believed to be heavily armed and carries an atomic bomb. He is believed to be heavily armed and carries an atomic bomb. He is tanned, well built, stands at 1.8m, has a large scar across his face and wears a bushy moustache. The police are appealing to the public for any (49)\_\_\_\_\_ leading to his whereabouts. A handsome reward of \$100 000 will be awarded to anyone who gives (50)\_\_\_\_\_ clues leading to his arrest. Please call the Police Hotline at 222 9999.

**Read the passage carefully and answer questions 51 to 55 (10 marks)**

My companion, Austin, is a very handsome and talented four year-old movie star. He used to rescue trapped victims in the snowy mountains of Lapland but he did not like it at all. So I suggested that he become an actor. He auditioned for a part in the new movie directed by another friend of mine, Chelsea Perez. (By the way, Chelsea is not only an intelligent and creative film director, she is also a very beautiful lady.) He breeze through and shone as if he was born a star. Naturally, he won **the part**.

The movie is set in the 18<sup>th</sup> century England where Austin plays the brave dog who saves his master from drowning in a lake when two of them were swimming on a hot summer's day.

The crew started filming a week ago, and will continue until the end of the month. Meantime, Austin is obviously having a whale of a time in the wonderful world of showbiz. He sleeps in an air-conditioned kennel on velvet cushions. He is-fed gourmet food and drinks only *Evian* water, all served on a silver platter.

To make sure he look the best, he has his teeth cleaned by the best vet in town and has his nails trimmed by a personal "canine manicurist". A famous pet groomer visits him daily to make sure his fur is soft, glossy and totally tick-free!

Since becoming a star, Austin has made many new friends too. Amongst them is Susie, a silky terrier belonging to Perez. They spend all their time together and it is amazing there is such bond between the two of them.

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**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES**

46. What is Chelsea Perez's occupation?

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47. In what way is Austin related to the writer?

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48. What did Austin used to do before he became an actor?

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49. Which phrase in the passage tells you that Austin is enjoying himself thoroughly?

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50. "Naturally, he won the part." What does "*the part*" in the first paragraph refer to?

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