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**AI TONG SCHOOL**

**2004 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1  
PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**DURATION : 1 HR 50 MINS**

**DATE: 13 MAY 2004**


**INSTRUCTIONS**

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

BOOKLET A

**Section A : Graphic Stimulus (5 marks)**

Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.



SINGAPORE TURF CLUB

新加坡 華僑 俱樂部  
Singapore Turf Club  
Orchard Road

Singapore Turf Club and Singapore Chinese Orchestra jointly Present

# SEO @ The Racecourse


Enjoy an evening of Chinese popular and familiar favourites with an equine theme at the Singapore Racecourse!

**[FREE ADMISSION]**

Please note: In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be delayed by 15 to 30 minutes. If the weather does not improve, the concert will be cancelled.

Parade Ring, Singapore Racecourse  
Sunday, 23 November 2003  
7pm to 9pm (Gates open at 6pm)

For more information, please visit [www.seo.com.sg](http://www.seo.com.sg) or [www.turfclub.com.sg](http://www.turfclub.com.sg) or call 6879 1000 (STC).



For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The event is jointly presented by \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) Singapore Island Country Club and Turf Club
  - (2) Singapore Golf Club and Chinese Swimming Club
  - (3) Singapore Turf Club and Singapore Chinese Orchestra
  - (4) Singapore Turf City and Singapore Symphony Orchestra
  
2. What is Sco @ The Racecourse about?
  - (1) It is a Chinese concert.
  - (2) It is a horseracing event.
  - (3) It is about music, movement and dance.
  - (4) It is an evening of horseracing and music.
  
3. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) rescheduled
  - (2) cancelled immediately
  - (3) cancelled and postponed
  - (4) delayed by 15 to 30 minutes
  
4. Which word or phrase in the passage tells you that Alice and her family of six can attend the event without paying for it?
  - (1) "inclement"
  - (2) "Free parking"
  - (3) "an equine theme"
  - (4) "Free Admission"
  
5. Which modes of transportation mention about "walking along the covered walkway" as part of its directions to the venue?
  - (1) Taxi and MRT
  - (2) Taxi, MRT and Public Bus
  - (3) Taxi and Private Cars and Motorcycles
  - (4) Taxi, Private Cars and Motorcycles, MRT and Public Bus

**Section B : Grammar (7 marks)**

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. Peter deserved to succeed, \_\_\_\_\_ he had worked very hard.
- (1) so
  - (2) for
  - (3) and
  - (4) although
7. \_\_\_\_\_ of the girls is coming to attend the project meeting.
- (1) All
  - (2) One
  - (3) Both
  - (4) Some
8. The exploration team \_\_\_\_\_ scientific research in the North Pole last month.
- (1) begin
  - (2) begins
  - (3) began
  - (4) has begun
9. The lady \_\_\_\_\_ you spoke to yesterday is Mrs Carlson.
- (1) who
  - (2) whom
  - (3) whose
  - (4) which
10. Janice, together with her cousins, \_\_\_\_\_ at the library last Saturday morning.
- (1) was
  - (2) were
  - (3) has been
  - (4) have been

11. Neither Jason nor his sisters \_\_\_\_\_ at the party last night.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

12. What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ when Mr Lim called you?

- (1) are.....doing
- (2) were....doing
- (3) will.....be doing
- (4) have.....been doing

**Section C : Punctuation (3 marks)**

**For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

Simin, my classmate has a very interesting hobby. She is fond of cutting out pictures from magazines and sticking them in an exercise book which she calls " My Scrap Book (13)

However, unlike other girls who like to cut out mostly pictures of film stars and pop singers (14) Simin cuts out pictures of scenes, buildings, interesting events and well-known people, and puts them into her scrap book.

She has been doing this for over four years. Guess how many scrap books she has filled by now (15)

13. (1) [,"] comma and inverted commas  
(2) [",] inverted commas and comma  
(3) [."] full stop and inverted commas  
(4) [".] inverted commas and full stop
14. (1) [:] colon  
(2) [,] comma  
(3) [.] full stop  
(4) [-] hyphen
15. (1) [,] comma  
(2) [.] full stop  
(3) [?] question mark  
(4) [!] exclamation mark

**Section D : Vocabulary (5 marks)**

**For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

16. Barry froze in fear when he heard the \_\_\_\_\_ of a dog in the bushes.

- (1) cry
- (2) yelp
- (3) drone
- (4) growl

17. When the horse got loose, it \_\_\_\_\_ away as fast as it could.

- (1) glided
- (2) strutted
- (3) galloped
- (4) scampered

18. \_\_\_\_\_ food can be purchased at any supermarket.

- (1) Anti-fog
- (2) Non-stick
- (3) Off-peak
- (4) Freeze-dried

19. Daisy will be attending the computer course for two \_\_\_\_\_ days-  
Friday and Saturday.

- (1) repeated
- (2) continuous
- (3) unceasing
- (4) consecutive

20. I do not know who sent me the letter for it was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) intriguing
- (2) enigmatic
- (3) mysterious
- (4) anonymous

**Section E : Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)**

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

So they set off across the desert, following the route of the merchants,  
(21)  
to find the child. Each man carried a gift carefully wrapped in his saddle-bag. During the

day, when scorching winds sent dust-devils whirling into the air, they rested in the  
(22) (23)

shadow of their tents, eating dates and drinking dark, bitter-herb tea.

By night, they journeyed under a sky that tossed out its milky pattern of stars like  
(24)  
a flying carpet. And all the while, the brilliant star shimmered and swept across the  
heavens just ahead of them. (25)

- 21 (1) buyers  
(2) traders  
(3) relatives  
(4) businessmen
- 22 (1) burning  
(2) scouring  
(3) scotching  
(4) scraffling
- 23 (1) swinging  
(2) whisking  
(3) sweeping  
(4) spinning
- 24 (1) rode  
(2) sailed  
(3) strolled  
(4) travelled
- 25 (1) blazed  
(2) scuttled  
(3) glistened  
(4) darkened



**Section F : Comprehension (MCQ) (5 marks)**

**Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.**

There is a story about an old wealthy man, called Ishmael, who owned many slaves. Slaves then were owned by their masters. A slave worked without being paid and he was only given his daily meals and his clothings, and whatever he owned, belonged to his master. Ishmael treated his servants well. He had great trust in his chief servant, Hammad. However, the whole town felt sorry for the man as almost everyone knew that Hammad was a very dishonest servant. He would steal from his master and sell the stolen item for pieces of gold. 5

Ishmael had only one child, a happy go lucky young man named Balma. One day, Ishmael fell ill. He knew that he was dying. He made a list of all his possessions and stated clearly on paper who was to inherit his belongings after his death. The list was quite long as he owned a lot of money, much land, houses and servants. He also gave instructions that this list, called a will, was to be read immediately after his death. 10

Very soon after the will was written, Ishmael died. The will was handed over to the court by Hammad who confidently expected to be a rich man soon. Balma went to the court where the will was read out by a judge in the presence of many people. Everyone, except Hammad, was shocked to hear that the person to take over the old man's properties was none other than the chief servant, Hammad. However, in the will, Ishmael had also stated that Balma was allowed to choose any one of the belongings he left behind. 15 20

When Balma was asked by the judge what he wanted, he calmly and confidently said, "I want nothing except my father's chief servant, Hammad."

So the judge granted him Hammad and all that was supposed to belong to Hammad now belonged to Balma.

Hammad just stood in the courtroom speechless and bewildered! 25

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. The people in the town felt sorry for Ishmael because they knew that \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) he was going to die
  - (2) he was a helpless old man
  - (3) he had trusted the wrong person
  - (4) he was ill-treated by his servants
27. When Ishmael fell ill, \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) he handed his property over to his son
  - (2) he shared his property among his servants
  - (3) he took his son and his servant to court
  - (4) he made a will which was to be read after his death
28. In line 20, one of the "belongings" Balma chose was/were \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) land
  - (2) money
  - (3) houses
  - (4) Hammad
29. After listening to the judge, Balma realised that \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) his father had not been unfair to him
  - (2) his father had given everything to Hammad
  - (3) Balma was too afraid to take over the property
  - (4) he was to receive a greater share of the property
30. The story ended with \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Hammad and Balma having equal shares
  - (2) both Hammad and Balma owning nothing
  - (3) Hammad owning Balma and all his belongings
  - (4) Balma owning Hammad and all his belongings

## BOOKLET B

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ ( )      Class : P5 ( )

### Section G : Grammar Cloze (10 marks)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 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 Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

#### EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

<del>A.</del> up	<del>E.</del> too	<del>J.</del> on	<del>N.</del> to
<del>B.</del> in	F. as	K. out	P. with
C. at	<del>G.</del> under	L. then	<del>Q.</del> away
<del>D.</del> for	<del>H.</del> from	<del>M.</del> after	

It was early New Year's Eve morning and Madam Chua Yu Yan's brother-in-law had come to her Woodlands flat spoiling \_\_\_\_\_ a fight.  
(31)

Just as Madam Chua's husband turned \_\_\_\_\_ from the door in anger,  
(32)  
she saw her brother-in-law splash flaming petrol \_\_\_\_\_ his back. She tried to pull  
(33)

him away \_\_\_\_\_ safety but his clothes were already ablaze and the flames leapt  
(34)  
up her right arm.

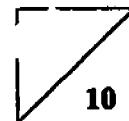
Said Madam Chua in Mandarin, "It was \_\_\_\_\_ late. I felt the flames  
(35)  
climbing \_\_\_\_\_ my right arm. It was very, very hot, like I was being cooked."  
(36)

The fire spread \_\_\_\_\_ an instant to her face and her lower body. She ran  
(37)  
to the master bedroom, got \_\_\_\_\_ the shower and turned it on. She suffered 33  
(38)

per cent second-degree burns on her body and was in a coma for a week. Her husband,  
Mr Pay Voon Chye, died \_\_\_\_\_ 90 per cent burns the next day. She was told of  
(39)  
her husband's death only a week \_\_\_\_\_ she came to.  
(40)

*(Taken from The Straits Times, April 1)*

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**Section H : Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 marks)**

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

After the game, John was walking towards the canteen when he heard a loud crash

(41)

and the **break** of glass. Somebody had kicked the football through the big window of the

(42)

school library that had just been **constructing**.

(43)

(44)

All the players **aburpt** stood still, their faces pale **in** fright. Then they quickly

(45)

(46)

dispersed as the discipline mistress descended the stairs from her office. I **hide** myself,

together with a few others, behind some cartons of boxes at the back of the canteen. The

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discipline mistress checked the **extension** of the damage in the library. Then she turned

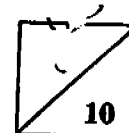
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around and **announcing** very loudly that the student who broke the window should come

(49)

(50)

forward **immidately** or face an even more sever punishment later.



**Section I : Comprehension Cloze (15 marks)**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Every weekend, the shopping complexes in Singapore are usually crowded with many people.

When it comes to shopping, almost \_\_\_\_\_ Singaporean enjoys it.  
(51)

While a lot of people \_\_\_\_\_ to shop at places like Orchard Road, believing that higher prices \_\_\_\_\_ better quality or that the things sold there are more up to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(52) (53) (54)

More and more people have discovered the joys of shopping at \_\_\_\_\_ neighbourhood centres or the shopping complexes that have been rapidly springing \_\_\_\_\_ in town centres, especially in the newer \_\_\_\_\_ estates.  
(55) (56) (57)

Partly due to the \_\_\_\_\_ expensive rent that they have to pay, the shops can afford to price their goods a little \_\_\_\_\_ than those shops in the \_\_\_\_\_ of town.  
(58) (59) (60)

The clothes at these town centres are as \_\_\_\_\_ as those sold in town. The quality of some clothes is also comparable. \_\_\_\_\_ when people need a really special outfit or a well-cut suit, they would \_\_\_\_\_ go back to a boutique in town. The reason is for such a special occasion, they prefer to \_\_\_\_\_ it from an established brand \_\_\_\_\_.  
(61) (62) (63) (64) (65)

**Section J : Synthesis / Transformation (10 marks)**

For each of the items 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentences using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. Henry is not participating in the basketball match. His brother is also not participating in the basketball match.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. She wants to catch the train. It is due to leave at ten.

\_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. Mrs Wee went to the market. Then, she went to the bank.

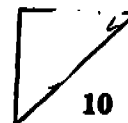
after \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Sam must take his medicine regularly. Only then will he get well.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Miss Tan said, "The pupils <sup>be</sup> ~~will~~ helping in the spring cleaning ~~activity~~."

Miss Tan said \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Section K : Comprehension (Open-ended) (20 marks)**  
**Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.**

A dreadful and fatal disease once swept over Europe in the fourteenth century. The Great Plague or otherwise known as the Black Death first reared its ugly head in 1347. It came from China and it was carried by fleas that lived on the black rats which infested ships and warehouses. It spread quickly inland from the harbours and soon a great number of people were dying in agony. Historians estimated that over a third of the population of Europe died in about three years. 5

Doctors could not do very much for their patients and instead, very often caught the disease themselves. It appeared that no one was safe from its grasp. However, not long after, doctors began to notice that people who kept themselves and their houses clean and avoided touching plague victims often escaped death. They realised that the plague was a contagious disease. 10

When this much was understood, cities like Venice made laws to keep out anyone who had been near a person suffering the plague or had been to a place where the plague was rampant. People who had any contact with the plague were banned from Venice for forty days. That was the time needed for the disease to develop from the first contact to the first signs of the disease. This practice gave us our modern word "quarantine". It was taken from the Latin word "quadraginta" meaning forty. Quarantine is a period of time which may last from a few days to several months, during which a person must be kept away from others if he or she is suspected of carrying a contagious disease. 15 20

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. Which country did Black Death originate from?

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72. Explain the phrase "reared its ugly head" in line 2.

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73. Why was the plague considered one of the worst diseases in Europe?

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74. Which phrase from the passage suggests that many people died in great suffering?

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75. Why were the doctors afraid to treat the plague victims?

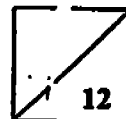
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76. What were the two ways by which people could escape from the plague?

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77. "They realised that the plague was a contagious disease" (line 10-11). What does 'contagious' mean?

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78. How long would it take an infected person to show symptoms of the plague?

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79. What happens when a person is under quarantine?

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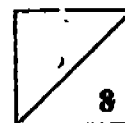
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80. Which word from the passage has the same meaning as "widespread"?

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| 1) 3  | 28) 4           | 55) the   | 66) Neither Henry nor his brother is participating in the basketball match.             |
| 2) 1  | 29) 1           | 56) up  |   |
| 3) 4  | 30) 4           | 57) housing   | 67) She wants to catch the train which is due to leave at ten.                          |
| 4) 4  | 31) D           | 58) less  |   |
| 5) 2  | 32) Q           | 59) lower   | 68) Mrs Wee went to the bank after going to the market.                                 |
| 6) 2  | 33) J           | 60) heart   |   |
| 7) 2  | 34) N           | 61) fashionable   | 69) Unless Sam takes his medicine regularly, he will not get well.                      |
| 8) 3  | 35) E           | 62) However   |   |
| 9) 2  | 36) A           | 63) rather  | 70) Miss Tan said that the pupils would be helping in the spring cleaning the next day. |
| 10) 1 | 37) B           | 64) buy   |   |
| 11) 4 | 38) G           | 65) name  | 71) The Black Death originated in China.  |
| 12) 2 | 39) H           |   |   |
| 13) 4 | 40) M           | 72) It means when it first made its appearance.   |   |
| 14) 2 | 41) breaking    | 73) One third of the population in Europe died in three years.                                      |   |
| 15) 2 | 42) constructed |   |   |
| 16) 4 | 43) abruptly    | 74) The phrase is "a great number of people were dying in agony".                                   |   |
| 17) 3 | 44) with        | 75) Doctors could catch the disease from the plague victims.  |   |
| 18) 4 | 45) dispersed   |   |   |
| 19) 4 | 46) hid         | 76) The people could keep themselves and their houses clean or could avoid touching plague victims. |   |
| 20) 4 | 47) extent      |   |   |
| 21) 2 | 48) announced   | 77) It means you could get the plague by making contact with plague victims.                        |   |
| 22) 1 | 49) immediately |   |   |
| 23) 4 | 50) severe      | 78) It would take an infected person forty days to show symptoms of the people.                     |   |
| 24) 4 | 51) every       |   |   |
| 25) 3 | 52) like        | 79) The person will be kept away from others which could last from a few days to several months.    |   |
| 26) 3 | 53) mean        |   |   |
| 27) 4 | 54) date        | 80) The word is "rampant".  |   |