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**AI TONG SCHOOL
2005**

**SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2
PRIMARY 5**

DURATION : 1hr 50 min
DATE : 9 May 2005

INSTRUCTIONS

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

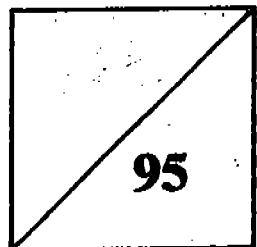
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Booklet A

Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 marks)

Study the following and then answer questions 1 to 5.

ENJOY GREAT OFFERS AT FUNAN DIGITALIFE MALL!

It's tech madness at Funan Digitalife Mall! Enjoy these great offers when you present these coupons at the selected shops at Funan Digitalife Mall!



MC2 #04-03/04/05

FREE GIFTS WORTH \$179!

Get a free 256MB XD Card, leather case and camera cleaning kit worth \$179 when you purchase the Olympus ANju Mini at \$499 (usual price: \$649).

Terms & conditions:
• Offer is valid for cash or nets transactions only
• While stocks last



Challenge #96-00

\$30 DISCOUNT!

Instant 512MB USB Flash Mini at \$79 (usual price: \$109).

Terms & conditions:
• While stocks last

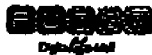


Think Gallery by Jazz 1 Holdings #65-00

FREE IBM MEMORY KEY WORTH \$129!

Get a free 128MB IBM Memory Key worth \$129 when you purchase the IBM ThinkPad R51 (2887PA5) at \$2,299.

Terms & conditions:
• While stocks last



Funan Digitalife Mall
Challenge #96-00
Date: 03/04/05 to 04/05/05
Mall: 17, Gallery #04-10, Mall #04-10/04/05,
Microzone #04-20, Newbody Technologies
#04-41, Office 1 #05-25/32, PA Mall #04-10,
PC Connect #00-30, Song Brothers #02-42/43

SPECIALS!

Get a free digital camera, video camera or an all-in-one printer in a sure-win instant lucky dip when you purchase selected Acer notebooks or multi-media desktop PCs.

Terms & conditions:
• While stocks last
• Other terms & conditions apply



Bestcam Electronics #05-19

FREE SD CARD AND BAG!

Get two free 256MB SD Cards and a Canon 7-in-1 bag when you purchase the Canon IXUS i5 at \$649.

Terms & conditions:
• Offer is valid for cash transactions only
• Offer is valid till Mar 31, 2005. While stocks last



Funan Digitalife Mall
Information Counter Level 2, Linkbridge

FREE MOVIE CAP!

Get a free movie cap when you present this coupon at Funan Digitalife Mall Information Counter at Level 2, Linkbridge.

Terms & conditions:
• While stocks last
• Limited to one redemption per customer



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 coupons can be used at the selected shops at _____
 - (1) Bestcam Electronics
 - (2) Challenger
 - (3) Funan Digitalife Mall
 - (4) Think Gallery by Juzz 1 Holdings

2. What free gifts can a customer get if he purchases the Canon IXUS i5 at \$649?
 - (1) A movie ticket
 - (2) Two 256 MB SD Cards and a Canon 7-in-1 bag
 - (3) A 128MB IBM Memory Key
 - (4) A 256 MB XD Card, a leather case and camera cleaning kit

3. Simon bought two Olympus Mju Mini at MC2 during the offer period and saved _____.
 - (1) \$150.00
 - (2) \$179.00
 - (3) \$300.00
 - (4) \$329.00

4. All coupons are valid _____.
 - (1) till 31 March 2005
 - (2) for cash transaction only
 - (3) for one redemption per customer only
 - (4) while stocks last

5. Where should Hui Ren go if he wants to exchange the coupon for a free movie cap?
 - (1) PA Mart
 - (2) Bestcam Electronics
 - (3) Think Gallery
 - (4) Information counter at Level 2, Linkbridge

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. The police caught the thief _____ stole Mr Chan's wallet.
- (1) which
 - (2) who
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
7. Yi Wu speaks _____ than his brother.
- (1) polite
 - (2) more polite
 - (3) more politely
 - (4) most politely
8. Han Wen _____ two and a half years of National Service before he entered the University.
- (1) serve
 - (2) serves
 - (3) was serving
 - (4) had served
9. The girls _____ volleyball when it started to rain.
- (1) play
 - (2) played
 - (3) was playing
 - (4) were playing
10. Every teacher in the school _____ very hard everyday.
- (1) work
 - (2) works
 - (3) worked
 - (4) are working

11. The pupils _____ be in the hall by 7.15 am or the Discipline Master will be angry.

- (1) can
- (2) may
- (3) must
- (4) shall

12. Sandy crept quietly into the classroom _____ nobody would notice her.

- (1) although
- (2) because
- (3) since
- (4) so that

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.

Everyone was running for their lives. "Run (13) I heard someone shouting. With no exception, I raced from the market place, right into a huge horse with a militiaman pointing a gun at me. I stopped and did not dare move a muscle. Someone grabbed me from behind (14) yelling and waving his gun.

I was sure he was going to kill me. All around I saw people screaming and falling to the ground and not getting up. He pushed me back into the market place with other boys and girls (15) Everyone was crying and screaming for their parents.

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

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. Guo Jun used the insect _____ to keep the mosquitoes away.

- (1) detector
- (2) remedy
- (3) remover
- (4) repellent

17. Yong Jun arranged his timeline cards in _____ order before he started writing his autobiography.

- (1) an alphabetical
- (2) a chronological
- (3) a logical
- (4) a systematic

18. "Unless your lawyer can show me some new _____, you will still be the main suspect of this murder case," said the judge.

- (1) crime
- (2) data
- (3) evidence
- (4) case

19. Danny managed to win the race even though he was completely _____

- (1) fit
- (2) energetic
- (3) exhausted
- (4) determined

20. As Vicky has not been doing well in all his tests, Miss Lim is _____ about his progress.

- (1) caring
- (2) cautious
- (3) confident
- (4) concerned

Section E : Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)

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

I was jogging alone along a dirt track which ran round the edge of a reservoir, behind the housing estate where I was residing. The track was deserted and peaceful, with a gentle breeze whistling through the trees in the fading evening light.

Suddenly, at the end of the track, I came face to face with a shabby stray dog. I was terribly surprised at its appearance. The stray dog was salivating and growling at me. I froze in my tracks, hoping it would go away. I could feel the chill travelling down my spine and my legs turning into jelly. When the stray dog growled again, threatening to come closer, I panicked and took to my heels, losing all sense of direction.

21. (1) side
(2) frame
(3) rim
(4) perimeter
22. (1) resting
(2) existing
(3) living
(4) settling
23. (1) fierce
(2) frightening
(3) scruffy
(4) ugly
24. (1) frosted
(2) cooled
(3) chilled
(4) stopped
25. (1) was overpowered by fear
(2) was amazed
(3) was stunned
(4) was surprised

Section F : Comprehension (MCQ) (5 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

It was June 15 and in two days I would be turning thirty. I was insecure about entering a new decade of my life and feared that my best years were now behind me.

My daily routine included going to the gym for a workout before going to work. Every morning I would see my friend, Nicholas, at the gym. He was seventy-nine years old and in terrific shape. As I greeted Nicholas on this particular day, he noticed I wasn't full of my usual vitality and asked if there was anything wrong. I told him I was feeling anxious about turning thirty. I wondered how I would look back on my life once I reached Nicholas' age, so I asked him, "What was the best time of your life?"

Without hesitation, Nicholas replied, "Well, Joe, this is my philosophical answer to your philosophical question."

"When I was a child in Austria, everything was taken care of for me. I was nurtured by my parents. That was the best time of my life."

"When I was going to school and learning the things I know today, that was the best time of my life."

"When I got my first job and had responsibilities and got paid for my efforts, that was the best time of my life."

"When I met my wife and fell in love, that was the best time of my life."

"When the Second World War came, my wife and I had to flee Austria to save our lives. When we were together and safe on a ship bound for North America, that was the best time of my life."

"When we came to Canada and started a family, that was the best time of my life."

"When I was a young father, watching my children grow up, that was the best time of my life."

"And now, Joe, I am seventy-nine years old. I have my health, I feel good and I am in love with my wife just as I was when we first met. This is the best time of my life."

(Extract from The Best Times of My Life by Joe Kemp)

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. When was the author's date of birth?
- (1) 13th of June
 - (2) 15th of June
 - (3) 16th of June
 - (4) 17th of June
27. What does the author do every day as a routine before going to work?
- (1) He jogs in the park.
 - (2) He meets his friend, Nicholas.
 - (3) He cycles around his estate.
 - (4) He goes to the gym for a workout.
28. From the passage, we know that Nicholas was _____ years older than the author.
- (1) thirty-nine
 - (2) forty-nine
 - (3) fifty-nine
 - (4) seventy-nine
29. Nicholas was born in _____.
- (1) Austria
 - (2) Canada
 - (3) North America
 - (4) South America
30. In line 20, the word 'flee' means _____.
- (1) escape
 - (2) fly
 - (3) run
 - (4) depart

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.

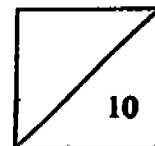
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

A. of	E. over	J. as	N. although
B. became	F. between	K. though	P. being
C. from	G. was	L. by	Q. were
D. if	H. across	M. for	

When I was young, we did not have much money to buy toys. We therefore had to find other ways (31) _____ amusing ourselves.

One of our favourite sports was catching little animals. Spiders, grasshoppers and even dragonflies (32) _____ our victims.

Of the lot, the dragonflies (33) _____ my favourite. We either caught them (34) _____ the wing or the tail. Sometimes, (35) _____ we were not careful, we could get a very nasty bite (36) _____ a ferocious "dragon"! This usually happened when we tried catching it by its tail, (37) _____ it could then very easily bend (38) _____ to take its revenge. It served us right (39) _____, because we often tied strings to the poor dragonflies' tails to make them fly (40) _____ if they were our pets. Sometimes, in their bid to get away, they broke their tails and died. It was indeed a cruel sport.



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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.

(41)

Much as they miss their mothers, Mark, **nine** and Jack, **ten**, are grateful for a roof

over their heads at the Rainbow Boys' Home. They live in the home with forty other

(42)

boys, age five to seventeen.

Jack had no one to take care of him when his mother was jailed for a drug

(43)

(44)

offense. His father disappeared after turning their mother up to the police. Jack's sister is

(45)

now in a Girls' Home as he and his three brothers live in the Boys' Home.

(46)

His friend, Mark, was sent to the home after his parents' **divoce**. His mother

(47)

cannot take care of him because she needed to work. His two younger sisters are being

(48)

cared of by an aunt

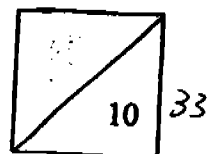
(49)

Mark looks forward to his mother and sisters visiting him on wickends.

(50)

Sometimes, as a tret, she would take the kids for a meal at MacDonald's. The kids

always enjoyed this kind of outing.



Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

I always felt good about going into a cage with Tom Harrison. He was the best back-up man in the business. I was certain if something went _____ during a dangerous
(51)

animal capture, Tom would be there to do whatever was needed to _____ me out.
(52)

He felt comfortable _____ my abilities, and we _____ working
(53) (54)

together very much. He was someone with _____ I could relate to -- like a soul
(55)
mate.

When it is necessary to go into a cage and _____ a potentially dangerous
(56)

animal, the first rule of _____ is that there must always be two _____
(57) (58)

more people to handle the animal effectively. The first man lures the animal

_____ position while the back-up man cuts off its escape _____. The
(59) (60)

role can change back and _____ when the animal moves around, but we
(61)

_____ decide who will catch and who will grab _____ we unlock the
(62) (63)
cage door.

Besides being strong, Tom had excellent reaction _____. We netted and
(64)

held everything from baboons to cheetahs and _____ of us ever sustained any
(65)

injury when we worked together.

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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. He has an artificial leg. He climbed to the top of the mountain.

Despite _____

67. "Don't go there, Diana," Mr Tan said, "It is dangerous".

Mr Tan warned _____

68. Take the umbrella. It might rain.

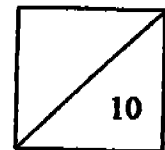
_____ in case

69. If you don't write it down, you will forget.

Unless _____

70. Are you going to the supermarket? Please buy me a bottle of orange juice.

If _____



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

One of the most stressful times for parents is when they have a new domestic helper on hand. Aside from getting her trained to cope with her new environment, they have to ensure that the home is run without too many problems while they are away at work.

"I have to take about two weeks off from work when I have a new helper, in order to orientate and train her. Moreover, there is hardly enough time for me to ensure that she does everything properly. As a result, I always find myself very distracted when I return to the office because I can't see how she is coping, especially with the kids," said Sandy Kim, a mother of two pre-schoolers. Sandy calls home regularly to check if everything is okay and that interferes with her work in the office. 5

That is indeed a very difficult situation -- you need to be in the know, and yet you don't want to keep calling home every hour. More importantly, you don't want to be receiving calls just as you are about to attend a meeting or rushing for a deadline. However, keeping in touch is important in those first few weeks, if you want to ensure that everything runs smoothly and everything is in order. 10

One solution to this problem is by having 'additional eyes' in the home. This is done by having a relative in the house to 'keep an eye on things' or by installing video or internet cameras. While some people are able to engage the help of an elderly relative, many others are unable to do so. Some people make use of the video camera but many find it ineffective for having a delayed action; by the time you view the video, damage has already been done. As such, the last option has of late been the most welcomed relief to parents with new helpers in the house. 15 20

Mounted at a strategic spot in the home, the camera captures images at pre-set times or whenever a motion is detected. Each time the camera downloads an image to the service website, you will be notified via an email postcard or a telephone message. You can then log onto the website to view the stored or 'live' images. This allows you to monitor what is happening at home periodically, so you can check that all the chores are done, or that the house is kept safe and secure, or that your children are being properly cared for.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

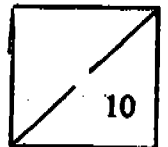
71. Why is hiring a new domestic helper one of the most stressful times for a working parent?

72. Why does Sandy Kim feel distracted when she returns to work?

73. What does 'be in the know' (line 10) mean in the passage?

74. How does having to call home regularly interfere with one's work?

75. How does having a relative in the house help to relieve the stress of a working parent?



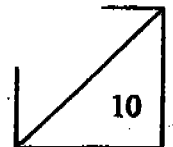
76. In what way does the Internet camera serve as 'additional eyes'?

77. How does one know if an image has been downloaded to the service website?

78. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "sensed"?

79. Why do some people find the video camera ineffective?

80. What are two main concerns regarding the performance of a domestic helper?



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Answer Sheets

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
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Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	4	2	1	2	4	2	3	3	4
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
4	3	3	4	1	4	4	2	1	1
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
A	B	Q	L	D	C	M	E	K	J

41 grateful	46 divorce	51 wrong	56 capture	61 forth
42 aged	47 needs	52 get	57 thumb	62 often
43 offence	48 for	53 with	58 or	63 before
44 in	49 weekends	54 enjoyed	59 into	64 time
45 while	50 treat	55 whom	60 route	65 none

66. Despite having as artificial leg, he climbed to the top of the mountains.
67. Mr Tan warned Diana not to go there as it was dangerous.
68. Take the umbrella in case it rains.
69. Unless you write it down, you will forget.
70. If you are going to the supermarket, please buy me a bottle of orange juice.
71. The working parent has to ensure that everything runs smoothly at home while he or she is at work.
72. She cannot see how her domestic helper is coping, especially with her kids.
73. It means having knowledge of what is happening.
74. It prevents one from concentrating on her work especially when there is a deadline to meet.
75. The relative can monitor the things happening in the houses so that the working parent need not worry much.
76. One can view stored images captured by the camera and see what is happening at home.
77. One will be notified via an email postcard or a telephone message.
78. The word is "detected".
79. The video camera has a delayed effect and damaged has already been done by the time one sees the video.
80. The two main concerns are whether the domestic helper is keeping the house safe and secure, and the owner's children are being properly cared for or not.