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**AI TONG SCHOOL
2005**

**SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

PAPER 2

PRIMARY 5

DURATION : 1hr 50 min
DATE : 24th Oct 2005

INSTRUCTIONS

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

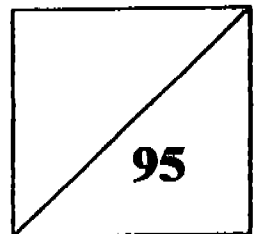
Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary _____

Parent's Signature : _____

Date : _____

Marks :




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Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 marks)

Study the following and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Children's Activities
Special Rates for Quest Magazine Subscribers!

Cook up a Storm!



Age : 4 - 10
Date : 16 Oct 2005, Sun
Time : 10 am to 12 pm
Fee : \$25 (QS); \$30 (NS)
Venue : eXplorerKID Play Centre,
Downtown East

Your cookies jar is running low? Learn how to make the tastiest chocolate cookies! You can also try our simple (yet tasty) recipes for sandwiches, including making your own sandwich fillings!

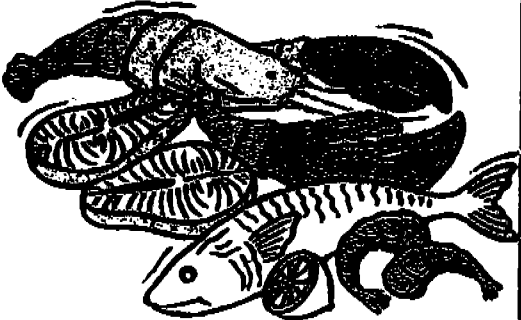
Comics / Drawing / Colouring Contest

Age : 4 - 12 (4-panel comics);
7 - 12 (Drawing); 4 - 6 (Colouring)
Date : 23 Oct 2005, Sun
Time : 10 am to 1 pm
Fee : \$3 (QS); \$5 (NS)
Venue : Carlsberg Tent,
Downtown East

Show off your creative flair by taking part in our first-ever 3-in-1 art competition comprising comics, drawing and colouring categories. There are attractive cash prizes for the top 3 winners in each category and goodie bags for all participants!

1-Day Johor Bahru Tour

Date : 29 Oct 2005, Sat
Time : 6.15 am to 8 pm
Fee : Per pax: \$65 (QS); \$70 (NS)
Family of 4: \$240 (QS) ; \$260 (NS)
Venue : eXplorerKID Play Centre, Downtown East



Tour highlights:

- "Empress of Heaven" Temple
- Seafood lunch and dinner
- Fruit plantation
- City Square shopping Mall & Giant Shopping Mall

Name of Child/ applicant: _____ Status: QS/ NS * (delete accordingly)
 Birth Cert No.: _____
 Parent's/ Guardian's name: _____
 Address: _____ S()
 Telephone: (Home) _____
 (Mobile) _____
 Signature of Parent/ Guardian: _____ Date: _____

- For enquires, please call 65891639/ 1609
- The closing date for an activity is 1 week before its commencement date.
- **QS: Quest Subscriber; NS: Non-Subscriber**

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. "Carlsberg Tent" is located at _____
 - (1) Johor Bahru
 - (2) Downtown East
 - (3) eXplorerKID Play Centre
 - (4) City Square Shopping Centre

2. The closing date to sign up for the drawing contest is _____
 - (1) 16 October 2005
 - (2) 22 October 2005
 - (3) 23 October 2005
 - (4) 29 October 2005

3. The participants of the 3-in-1 art competition will receive _____
 - (1) goodie bags
 - (2) free drawing papers
 - (3) attractive cash prizes
 - (4) free colouring material

4. Mrs Lee's two children are Quest Magazine subscribers. How much does she have to pay to register her two children for the activity "Cook up a Storm"?
 - (1) \$25
 - (2) \$30
 - (3) \$50
 - (4) \$60

5. Which of the following is **not** true about the 1-day Johor Bahru Tour?
 - (1) The trip will include three free meals.
 - (2) Registration will close on 22 October 2005.
 - (3) The coach will depart from Downtown East.
 - (4) Participants will visit two shopping malls in Johor.

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 scouts, as well as their teacher, _____ at the Adventure Camp last Saturday.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
7. Our neighbours _____ to their new house at the end of this month.
- (1) moved
 - (2) had moved
 - (3) is moving
 - (4) are moving
8. If she _____ the instructions carefully, she would not go wrong.
- (1) follows
 - (2) followed
 - (3) has followed
 - (4) had followed
9. Chen Xi is an excellent debater. He _____ express himself very well.
- (1) can
 - (2) may
 - (3) will
 - (4) shall
10. The manager had to _____ the meeting today as he had something urgent to attend to.
- (1) call in
 - (2) call on
 - (3) call off
 - (4) call for

11. Do not lean _____ the railing as the paint is still wet.

- (1) at
- (2) over
- (3) with
- (4) against

12. Many trees along the road _____ yesterday as a result of the typhoon.

- (1) fall
- (2) fell
- (3) fallen
- (4) falling

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.

“Who’s there (13) Show yourself!” a voice bellowed from downstairs. Turning around, Jun Yang grabbed Han Wen’s shaking hands and told him to stay calm, “I’ve been through lots of these situations. Don’t make a sound. Don’t move. Trying to leave now will only make things worse. He doesn’t know which room we are in (14)

Sure enough, after a few minutes, they heard footsteps walking away from them. Han Wen turned to look at Jun Yang as he anxiously waited for his signal to start moving (15) “Let’s go,” whispered Jun Yang as he beckoned to Han Wen to creep out of the room.

Adapted from “Egg Plant” – The Detective Diaries

13. (1) comma
(2) full stop
(3) question mark
(4) exclamation mark

14. (1) full stop and inverted commas
(2) comma and inverted commas
(3) question mark and inverted commas
(4) exclamation mark and inverted commas

15. (1) comma
(2) full stop
(3) semi-colon
(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. Each customer at the fair is _____ to only one coupon for a free drink.
- (1) allowed
 - (2) credited
 - (3) entitled
 - (4) eligible
17. The group of tourists were left _____ on the island when their plane crashed.
- (1) stranded
 - (2) struggled
 - (3) neglected
 - (4) unattended
18. The dog would not have bitten the hunter if it had not been _____.
- (1) outraged
 - (2) provoked
 - (3) empowered
 - (4) overwhelmed
19. The elderly man's operation was unsuccessful due to _____ which developed in the midst of it.
- (1) confusion
 - (2) convulsion
 - (3) complications
 - (4) considerations
20. Unless you have an _____ to prove that you were not at the scene of the crime, you are likely to be charged in court for attempted robbery.
- (1) alibi
 - (2) absentee
 - (3) alternative
 - (4) accomplice

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.

Like the famed panda bears, the Sumatran rhino and its smaller cousin, the
(21)
Javanese rhino, are in danger of dying out from the face of the earth. The larger rhino is
(22)
found in West Malaysia and Sumatra, while the other is found only in Java. It is
estimated that there are only eight hundred rhinos left in the world.
(23)
The survival of the rhino is constantly threatened by man. Poachers hunt the
(24)
rhino for its horn in the mistaken belief that it is of great medicinal value. This makes
the trade in rhino horn very lucrative.
(35)

21. (1) flamed
(2) popular
(3) notorious
(4) renowned
22. (1) extortion
(2) extinction
(3) phasing out
(4) fading away
23. (1) guessed
(2) predicted
(3) concluded
(4) approximated
24. (1) protected
(2) intimidated
(3) endangered
(4) complicated
25. (1) luxurious
(2) profitable
(3) accessible
(4) extravagant

Section F : Comprehension (MCO) (5 marks)
Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

The clouds hung low in the gray sky. The chirping of the bluebirds woke me from my restful sleep. As I slowly woke up, I had a funny feeling in my stomach. Today was the day. Today, I had to do something I had been afraid to do for a long time. Breakfast was normal and I began to relax.

Mom came into the kitchen asking, "Are you ready, Sam?"

"Yes," I answered quietly. However, I knew I was not.

The school bus came on time and I sat with my friend, Billy. We chatted about baseball and trading cards. It was a great way to get my mind off from what I had to do today. As we approached the school, I could feel my heart beating. My hands were starting to sweat. I hated this!

I entered Mrs. Owens' class. She was smiling and saying hello to all her students as she did every morning.

"Hi, Sam," she said as I walked in.

"Hi," I reciprocated and quickly sat in my seat. We said the pledge and took our spelling test. I looked at the clock. The time was near. I hoped I was not the first! Mrs. Owens said it was time to begin our special day. Special day? That's a joke.

Mrs. Owens announced, "Sam, you'll be first."

I got up slowly, looking at the ground as I walked to the front of the room. I looked up and everyone was staring at me. Mrs. Owens must have known I was nervous because she came by me and put her hand on my back.

She said to the class, "Sam has worked very hard on his report and I know it is very interesting." Then she turned to me and asked, "Sam, what did you like best about your report on Hawaii?"

I thought about the fun things I had read about researching on the Internet and I started to speak aloud. Before I knew it, I was telling the class about everything I had learnt. I spoke in front of the whole class and it was fun. It was not scary after all. The class clapped as I finished and Mrs. Owens was smiling. I was proud of myself.

Adapted from <http://www.absteach.com>

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. Sam was feeling _____ at the beginning of the story.
- (1) sick
 - (2) sleepy
 - (3) hungry
 - (4) nervous
27. What took Sam's mind off from the thing he had to do that day?
- (1) The breakfast that he had.
 - (2) The restful sleep that he had
 - (3) The chirping of the bluebirds
 - (4) The chat he had with Billy on the way to school.
28. What was Sam referring to when he said, "I hated this!" in line 10?
- (1) He was referring to Billy.
 - (2) He was referring to his school.
 - (3) He was referring to his anxiety.
 - (4) He was referring to Mrs. Owens.
29. What was Sam supposed to do that day?
- (1) He was to meet Billy on the bus.
 - (2) He was to hand in a report on Hawaii.
 - (3) He was to share his experience on his trip to Hawaii.
 - (4) He was to give a talk to his class about his report on Hawaii.
30. How did Sam know that he had done well at the end of the day?
- (1) Mrs Owens was smiling at him.
 - (2) All the children were staring at him.
 - (3) Mrs Owens put her hand on his back.
 - (4) He was telling his class everything he had learnt.

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. between	E. around	J. to	N. among
B. as	F. from	K. when	P. whom
C. in	G. after	L. of	Q. which
D. at	H. on	M. into	

An Indonesian domestic airliner slammed into a busy neighbourhood in Medan shortly
_____ take-off yesterday, killing 102 people on board and 47 on the ground. As the Mandala
(31)

Airlines plane plunged _____ the ground, it skidded onto a road and slammed ____
(32) (33)

the Padang Bulan neighbourhood, setting fire to houses, shops and vehicles.

_____ those killed in the crash were North Sumatra Governor Tengku Rizal Nurdin
(34)

and a legislator, Abdul Halim Harahap. Witnesses spoke _____ people on fire as they fled
(35)

the Boeing 737-200 _____ went down seconds after taking off from Medan's Polonia airport.
(36)

"I saw at least 20 people running _____ with their clothes alight," a shop owner named
(37)

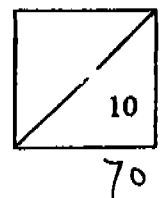
Awi told the Associated Press. They were shrieking _____ agony and shouting, "Help! Help!"
(38)

The plane was _____ its way to Jakarta in overcast weather when it went down barely 500
(39)

metres _____ the airport. It was reported that only 17 passengers survived the crash,
(40)

including a toddler.

Source: Adapted from The Strait Times September 2005



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.

When people come across the name Thomas Edison, they think of the electric light bulb,

(41)

although this very common **divise** is not his only invention. There are many others such as

(42)

the camera, the film **projecter** and the dictating machine. The phonograph, which was

the earliest record player, and the wax recorder were also invented by him. Edison had very little

(43)

schooling. As a child, he was very naughty. He was expel three months after he joined school

(44)

because his teacher thought he was stupid. Little did Edison himself knew that he would become

(45)

famous in his later life. Indeed, he becomes a genius of modern technology. It was he

(46)

who set out the world's first research laboratory.

(47)

Edison was born in 1847. He was often beaten by his father because he was **mischiefveous**.

(48)

(49)

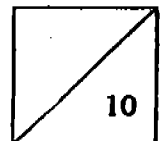
It was his enquiring mind who helped him to be one of the **greatest sientfs**. He asked many

(50)

questions to which the answers given from others often failed to satisfy him. In his

determination to seek the facts for himself, he read all the science books and magazines

he could find.



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Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

One afternoon, my family and I were at a fast-food restaurant. A few children, _____ (51)

by their mother, came over and settled down at a table beside us. She looked exhausted and the children were misbehaving. After opening his special happy-type meal, the oldest child (about seven years old)

expressed _____ that his sister had gotten the _____ he wanted. The _____ (52) (53) (54)

the mother was not looking, the boy tried to get the toy from his sister. The boy whined as the sister

teased him. Finally, the boy reached _____ the table and smacked her hard. She screamed. (55)

My family and I cringed.

The mother simultaneously tried to _____ the daughter and question the boy, "What (56)

did you do?" He looked _____ and shook his head sadly, "I'm sorry. I acted rashly." The (57)

mother immediately responded, "Yes you did! Hitting never _____ anything." She (58)

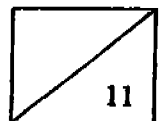
continued to soothe the little girl but also leaned _____ to kiss the little boy's forehead. (59)

"I'm glad you realised your mistake."

The little boy nodded and casually picked up the toy which had been dropped on the table

during their _____. Then he looked around and grinned _____ a Cheshire (60) (61)

cat, as if to say, "To the victor go the spoils."



My father commented that we would probably be seeing the boy on "Singapore's

Most Wanted" twenty years from now. By using some magic _____, he got

(62)

what he wanted and avoided _____. Yet, the incident stayed with me for days.

(63)

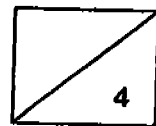
I thought about the different ways in _____ we were taught to consider the

(64)

_____ of our actions. We must always think before we act or we may live

(65)

to regret our impulsive actions later.



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. Tim went to the library. Then, he went to the park.

_____ after _____

67. Martha will not be coming to the party. She has another appointment.

Since _____

68. The prefect gave a speech. Her speech was brief and clear.

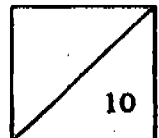
_____ which _____

69. "Don't eat or drink in the classroom," Mr Lee said to the pupils.

Mr Lee told _____

70. Rita prefers reading a storybook to watching a movie.

_____ rather _____



Section K : Comprehension (Open-ended) (20 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Two security officers pulled a prank to get back at their supervisor but it backfired and landed them in jail. Yesterday, Ahmad Ibrahim, who had previous cheating and theft convictions, was jailed 36 months and Jamal Yussof was jailed 30 months for making a bomb hoax at the Singapore Airport Terminal Services (Sats) on August 12.

The men, both 31, had placed a sealed cardboard box labelled "Explosives 1.5" at a guard post at Sats Maintenance Centre 2. Deputy Public Prosecutor, Loh Weng Tee, offered the court an account of the prank and how it had gone wrong. 5

The pair had chanced upon an empty cardboard box which was used for storing bullet cartridges when they were on duty at the guard post. The box, with a label "Explosive 1.5" tacked to it, had been left behind by an absent-minded security officer. 10

Jamal Yussof suggested that they play a trick on their 52-year-old supervisor, Mr Karu Vellasamy. He filled the box with newspapers and placed a ticking clock inside before sealing it. They then called Mr Karu to inform him of their find. Ahmad Ibrahim smiled and agreed to play along.

Both denied knowing where the box came from when their supervisor asked them. "They wanted to see Mr Karu's reaction when dealing with a suspicious item," said DPP Loh. 15

Mr Karu, suspecting that the box contained real explosives, alerted his superiors.

The area around the guard post was immediately cordoned off and all employees at the maintenance centre in Changi were evacuated. 20

Bomb disposal officers were called in and they eventually opened the box, only to find newspapers and a clock inside.

Ahmad Ibrahim and Jamal Yussof were questioned by police the next morning and

both stuck to their story, insisting they had found the sealed box outside the guard post.

It was only later in the afternoon that they eventually confessed they were responsible for the hoax.

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Yesterday, Ahmad Ibrahim's lawyer, Mr Ronnie Tan, explained there had been tension between his client and Mr Karu.

Ahmad Ibrahim and Jamal Yussof wanted to test how Mr Karu would cope with an emergency and came up with the prank. However, what was originally meant as a prank and a joke had turned out to be a complete nightmare, blown totally out of proportion and had landed them in hot soup.

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District Judge Bala Rudy said, "There is no doubt that both of you had induced panic and your actions had wasted valuable resources." He added that such behaviour must be deterred.

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Source: Adapted from The Straits Times 17th September 2005

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

71. Which word in paragraph 1 suggests that Ahmad and Jamal did not succeed in their prank?

72. What crimes had Ahmad committed before the bomb hoax?

73. What were Ahmad and Jamal doing when they found the box?

74. Why were the employees evacuated from the centre?

75. What did Mr Karu do when he was told about the box?

76. What does 'it' in line 7 refer to?

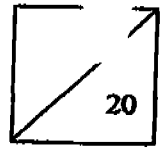
77. Why do you think Jamal placed a ticking clock in the box?

78. Which phrase in the passage means 'enclosed by forming a line around it'?

79. Why did Ahmad and Jamal play the prank on Mr Karu?

80. Do you agree with District Judge Bala Rudy's decision to punish Ahmad and Jamal for creating a bomb hoax? Why?

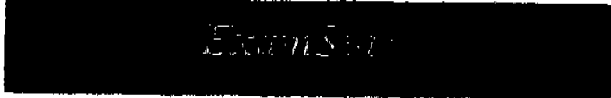
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SA 2

Ai Tong Primary School

Primary 5 English SA2 Exam (2005)



Answer Sheets

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Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
4	2	4	3	2	4	4	3	4	1
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
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| 41 device | 46 up | 51 led | 56 soothe | 61 like |
| 42 projector | 47 mischievous | 52 sadly | 57 guilty | 62 words |
| 43 expelled | 48 which | 53 toy | 58 resolves | 63 punishment |
| 44 know | 49 scientists | 54 minute | 59 forward | 64 which |
| 45 became | 50 by | 55 across | 60 quarrel | 65 consequences |

66. Time went to the park after he had gone to the library.
67. Since Martha has another appointment, she will not be coming to the party.
68. The prefect gave a speech which was brief and clear.
69. Mr Lee told the pupils not to eat or drink in the classroom.
70. Rita would rather read a storybook than watch a movie.
71. The word is "backfired".
72. He had cheating and theft convictions.
73. They were on duty at the guard post.
74. Mr Karu and his supervisors were afraid that the 'bomb' in the box would go off anytime, so they evacuated the employees from the centre for safety reasons.
75. He alerted his supervisors, cordoned off the area around to guard post and evacuated all employees from the centre.
76. It refers to the prank.
77. It would make it sound like there was really a bomb in the box.
78. The phrase is "cordoned off".
79. They wanted to see Mr Karu's reactions when dealing with a suspicious item.
80. Yes, I agree. They had induced prank and their actions had wasted valuable resources and may well threaten the security of the country.