

**Primary Five
English Language
Semestral Assessment Two**

Section A (5 marks)

Read the advertisement carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

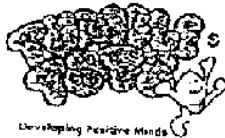
WHEN STRUGGLE BECOMES PLAY!

**A TUMBLE TOTS DAILY PLAYGROUP PROGRAMME FOR
TODAY'S CHILDREN OF TWO TO THREE YEARS OLD**

Objective: To build and enhance the self-confidence, self-awareness, self-discipline, self-esteem, self-respect and identity of today's children by catering for their physical, intellectual, emotional and social needs through play.

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

A child learns best through play. Play helps him develop concepts, understand how things are connected and develop basic skills in reading, writing and communication.



PLAY MAKES LEARNING ENJOYABLE!

THE PROGRAMME

Using a widely-acclaimed programme from England, children are taught through:

Conversational Play - experimenting with language and ideas through questions

Physical play - discovering the limits and capabilities of their own bodies

Creative play - drawing, building, acting and telling stories

Playing with letters and numbers - Developing the skills of counting and letter writing

SUBJECTS TAUGHT

Letterland - English for the very young - programme from England

Fun Mathematics - Foundations of early Mathematics

Mandarin@Play - inculcating the love of a second language

Lifeskills - Social awareness and reading skills

FEES PAYABLE

Term fees - S\$550 per term of 10 weeks

Material fees - S\$75 per term of 10 weeks

(Enrolment and Membership fees payable if your child is not a Tumble Tots member)



For more information please call:

Tumble Tots Rail Mall
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Questions 1 to 5 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.

1. The Tumble Tots programme emphasizes learning through _____.

- (1) basic skills
- (2) fun activities
- (3) reading and writing
- (4) language and ideas

2. A / An _____ can participate in the Tumble Tots programme.

- (1) youth
- (2) infant
- (3) toddler
- (4) newborn baby

3. "Widely – acclaimed" means to be _____.

- (1) criticized
- (2) developed
- (3) approved by many
- (4) from a foreign source

4. A child will know how far or fast he can run through _____.

- (1) Creative Play
- (2) Physical Play
- (3) Mandarin Play
- (4) Conversational Play

5. If a child is a Tumble Tots member, he will have to pay only the _____ to join the programme.

- (1) term and material fees
- (2) term and membership fees
- (3) enrolment and material fees
- (4) enrolment, term and membership fees

Questions 6-25 carry 1 mark each

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

6. Sulin _____ to her pen – pal every week. They have been corresponding for a year.

- (1) write
- (2) wrote
- (3) writes
- (4) writing

7. Please switch off the television. I _____ to study for my test.

- (1) had tried
- (2) am trying
- (3) was trying
- (4) have tried

8. As a child _____ up the stairs, she lost her balance and hurt herself.

- (1) is climbing
- (2) has climbed
- (3) had climbed
- (4) was climbing

9. “We should not _____ the flowers in the parks,” Lynn said to her cousin.

- (1) pick
- (2) picks
- (3) picked
- (4) picking

10. The train _____ when they reached the station.

- (1) leave
- (2) has left
- (3) had left
- (4) is leaving

11. If you listen carefully now, you _____ a humming sound.

- (1) hear
- (2) heard
- (3) will hear
- (4) would hear

12. Please hurry up. There is not _____ time left.

- (1) little
- (2) some
- (3) much
- (4) many

13. There is a cinema on the street _____ Siti lives.

- (1) when
- (2) which
- (3) whom
- (4) where

14. Tom was not hungry _____ he ate all the food on the table.

- (1) so
- (2) for
- (3) but
- (4) and

15. Mr. Lee, as well as Mrs. Lee, _____ a car. They drive to work every day.

- (1) own
- (2) owns
- (3) owned
- (4) owning

16. Either Jane or the twins _____ cleaning the windows just now.

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

17. One of the workers _____ injured in the fire last week.

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

18. Mother had to step _____ to resolve the bitter quarrel between the two sisters.

- (1) in
- (2) up
- (3) out
- (4) aside

19. This is the boy _____ father sells chicken rice at the food center.

- (1) who
- (2) which
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

20. She likes the present we gave her, _____ she?

- (1) isn't
- (2) hasn't
- (3) wasn't
- (4) doesn't

21. Mr. Raja is a _____ who donates generously to charitable organization.

- (1) physician
- (2) philatelist
- (3) philanthropist
- (4) physiotherapist

22. He was caught in the rain and was _____ from head to toes.

- (1) watered
- (2) sprinkled
- (3) drenched
- (4) immersed

23. He was so thirsty that he finished the glass of water in one _____.

- (1) sip
- (2) gulp
- (3) trickle
- (4) swallow

24. His telephone line was _____ because he did not pay his bills.

- (1) disrupted
- (2) disjointed
- (3) dismissed
- (4) disconnected

25. The old clock in the living room _____ every hour.

- (1) ticks
- (2) rings
- (3) jingles
- (4) chimes

Questions 26 to 30 carry 1 mark each

Choose the most suitable word(s) to replace the underlined word(s)

26. Before the results of the competition were announced, we felt like cats on hot bricks.

- (1) queasy
- (2) nervous
- (3) confused
- (4) discouraged

27. The children in the remote village were unable to read and write as they did not have the opportunity to attend school.

- (1) illogical
- (2) illegible
- (3) illiterate
- (4) illegitimate

28. The discipline master told the boys over and over again not to break school rules.

- (1) constantly
- (2) repeatedly
- (3) simultaneously
- (4) instantaneously

29. Annie was punished by her parents for behaving in a rude manner.

- (1) impartially
- (2) imperfectly
- (3) impertinently
- (4) impressionably

30. Please sweep up all the broken pieces of the vase before the children come home.

- (1) crumbs
- (2) snippets
- (3) remnants
- (4) fragments

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 35

Dinosaurs or “terrible lizards” ruled a very different Earth for 150 million years. There were deep swamps, forests of huge trees and lush vegetation. Many lands, now separated by water, were joined together. The temperatures were also much warmer. The dinosaurs thrived in this paradise.

Everything scientists know about dinosaurs comes from fossils which have been found all over the world. Scientists have been able to reconstruct the shapes and sizes of the different species of dinosaurs from the petrified remains of bones, claws, teeth, footprints and even eggs. By analyzing **them**, scientists are also able to tell the time of each dinosaur’s existence.

The earliest dinosaurs were small and walked on their hind legs. In time, some of them grew so heavy that their legs could not support all their weight on land. They developed into huge, four – legged creatures with horns and armour plates. They spent most of their time eating plants in swamps and rivers. The water helped to keep them afloat. Other dinosaurs stayed on land and ate all kinds of plants and leaves from treetops. These herbivores were hunted by ferocious meat – eating dinosaurs.

The exact cause for the extinction of dinosaurs is unknown. Many believe that the change in the Earth’s climate could have been one of the main reasons. Dinosaurs were reptiles and needed warmth to give them energy to hunt for food. They did not have fur or feathers to protect them from the cold.

The changing climate also produced changes in plant life. As many dinosaurs were plant – eaters, their normal food supply might have gradually disappeared. As plant – eaters dwindled, so did meat – eaters. Soon, mammals were increasing in vast numbers. Many of them might have eaten the eggs of dinosaurs. Dinosaurs might not have been able to compete with mammals for food. Mammals were generally smaller and needed less food to survive.

Other important changes include the drifting of continents, appearance of mountains, freezing over and drying up of swamps. Some dinosaurs were unable to live on dry land. Lava from volcanoes might have killed the too.

Questions 31-35 carry 2 marks each

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

31. Dinosaurs survived well in _____.

- (1) paradise and cool temperatures
- (2) swamps, forest and warm temperatures
- (3) forest, volcanoes and warm temperatures
- (4) swamps, mountain and cool temperatures

32. The word **“them”** in line 8 refers to the _____.

- (1) fossils
- (2) scientists
- (3) different species of dinosaurs
- (4) shapes and sizes of dinosaurs

33. The dinosaurs became four – legged creatures when they _____.

- (1) became over – weight
- (2) could not float in the water
- (3) developed horns and armour plates
- (4) had to feed on leaves from the treetops.

34. Dinosaurs needed horns and armour plates to _____.

- (1) keep warm
- (2) camouflage
- (3) rule the Earth
- (4) defend themselves

35. The number of meat – eating dinosaurs decreased because _____.

- (1) the number of plants increased
- (2) they changed their dietary habits
- (3) they were fighting with the mammals for food
- (4) the number of plant – eating dinosaurs increased

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in each of the boxes. (10 x 1 mark)

(36)

It was the perfect setting for a horror movie. As we creep up the stairs, we

(37)

were amazed to see huge cobwebs hung from the ceiling. In front of us was a

(38)

gigantic stainless steel door which reminded us of the refreegerated in our school

(39)

kitchen. James pushed the door open. Suddenly, we heard an eirie sound.

(40)

Shane and I looked at each other and screamed till our voices went horse.

(41)

“Come on, there isn’t anything in there.” “James said in a calm voice.” I

(42)

would go in first while both of you wait for my instructions.”

(43)

The wait was unbelievable long. We stepped into the room, hoping to see

(44)

James. What greeted us was a hip of huge bones. There was also a strange

(45)

stench in the air. We felt like vomit.

We left the room and forgot about James.

There are 10 blanks, numbered 46 to 55, 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. (10 x 1 mark)

EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE

(A) by	(E) however	(J) and	(N) but
(B) despite	(F) who	(K) after	(P) when
(C) in	(G) the	(L) a	(Q) for
(D) of	(H) whom	(M) to	

A five-year-old nearly ended up eating a handful of colourful mothballs. The Filipino maid, Mariana Elfina, (46) _____ helped to look after the boy, told him to help himself to the packet of sweets on the table. (47) _____, she had left the packet of mothballs there instead.

Luckily, the boy's mother detected the strong smell (48) _____ she walked past her son. She questioned her maid (49) _____ subsequently reported the matter to the police.

Mariana Elfina was sentenced (50) _____ three months' jail for what she had done; the maximum penalty (51) _____ committing a rash act which can endanger (52) _____ person's safety.

(53) _____ her mitigation, Mariana said that she had been angry with her employer (54) _____ she was scolded for not cleaning the windows thoroughly.

Mariana committed (55) _____ offence on August 12. She will have to return to Philippines after serving her jail sentence.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word (20 x 1mark)

The aircraft circled over Christchurch. Rob could not believe that the (56)_____ of fourteen, he would be in New Zealand for the finals of the canoe race. It was a (57)_____ that he had missed the opening ceremony of the International Games as he had to (58)_____ for his examinations.

His cousin, David, met him at the (59)_____ hall. Seeing him, Rob exclaimed, "I can't thank you (60)_____ for the invitation, David." David replied, "You should thank my dad for (61)_____ the arrangements for your flight. Let me (62)_____ my friends. This is Ted and that is Hank, our great hope for the race." After exchanging greetings, they got into a car. "We plan to set up (63)_____ by the lakeside and get a final (64)_____ before the race," David said.

Later that evening, they hired a (65)_____ and a canoe trainer. Hank, who had just (66)_____ eighteen, was at the wheel. Rob, who was wedged (67)_____ David and Ted in the back seat, slowly dozed off. Dawn was just breaking (68)_____ the jeep reached the shores of a great (69)_____. Hank started a fire and was soon busy grilling steaks while Rob helped the others to (70)_____ the tents.

The canoes were soon unpacked. "We are off for a trial run. Coming, Rob?" asked David. "I am (71)_____ a beginner but I am willing to try," said Rob. "It's easy. All you have to do is to (72)_____ with this," assured Hank, handing the paddle over to him. He then wiggled into the cockpit, sealing (73)_____ in until he seemed to be part of the canoe itself. Away he went, skimming over the (74)_____ of the water like a bird. A few minutes later, the others followed him. After a (75)_____ of hours, they returned to camp. They were confident of Hank winning the race.

Synthesis/Transformation

For each of the items 76 to 80, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the given one(s). (5 x 2 marks)

Example: This is the book. I borrowed it.

Answer : This is the book which I borrowed.

76. You will be able to reach the nest. You use the ladder.

Unless _____

77. Jenny likes drinking tea. She likes drinking hot chocolate better.

Jenny prefers _____

78. Mr. and Mrs. Ching have made a police report. Their son did not go home last night.

_____ whose _____

79. The deer was injured. It continued to run towards the forest.

Despite _____

80. "Tom, are you going sailing with me tomorrow?" Kenneth asked.

Kenneth asked _____

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 81 to 90 (20 marks)

October shone royally on Richard's fourteenth birthday. It was going to be a great day for the town of Raynham to celebrate the birthday of Sir Austin Feverel's son and heir. Already, archery booths and cricketing tents were rising on the lower grounds towards the river. The whole park was filled with excitement and bustling with activities.

However, the hero of these festivities, Richard, was farther and farther away from where the celebration was. He was with Ripton Thompson, his reluctant friend but obedient servant, who kept asking what they were to do and where they were going. Richard paid no attention to Ripton's questions. Richard had been requested by his father to submit to a medical examination and for that, he was in great wrath.

The two boys had a dog with them and a couple of guns. They were beating about for birds, oblivious to the fact that they were actually trespassing the land of the notorious Farmer Blaize. The young men were enjoying their shots. Richard had brought down a beautiful cock-pheasant and was admiring it. Just then, Farmer Blaize appeared before them.

"That bird's mine! Now you must hand him over and get off my property, you young scoundrels! I know you!" Farmer Blaize yelled. "if you want to be horsewhipped, you'll stay where you are!"

"Then we'll stay," replied Richard.

The mighty whip swayed and swoosh it went. The boys tried to dodge the whips but the pain was fierce.

"Take your beastly bird," cried Richard.

They decided to surrender although it was shameful to do so.

"Look! You big bully," Richard shook his gun. "I would have shot you if I'd been loaded."

He chased after them and whipped the boys a few more times. Ripton had a bagful of stones and could not wait to use them. Richard stopped him from doing so.

After tearing through innumerable hedges, leaping fences and getting dirty, ragged and tired, they realized they were lost. Ripton was in despair.

(adapted from Richard Feverel and the Hay-Rick, by George Meredith)

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

81. What event was taking place?

82. Which two sports could the guests be taking part in?

83. How was Richard related to Sir Austin Feverel?

84. Why did Richard run away?

85. What crime had Richard and Ripton committed?

86. What did Farmer Blaize want from Richard?

87. Why did the boys decided to surrender to Farmer Blaize?

88. In the sentence, 'Richard stopped him from doing so' (line 29), what did Richard actually prevents Ripton from doing?

89. Which sentence in the passage tells you that Richard had used up all his bullets?

90. Find a word in the passage that has the same meaning as "countless".

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