



AI TONG SCHOOL

2005 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

PRIMARY 6

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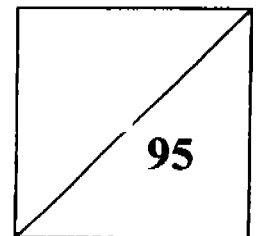
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Answer all questions.

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Section A: Comprehension-Graphic Stimulus (5 marks)

Study the following text and answer questions 1 to 5.

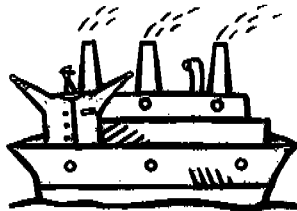
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For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. What do you think is the main objective of this advertisement?
 - (1) To announce that Star Cruises is celebrating its 11th anniversary.
 - (2) To persuade people to sign up for its cruise packages.
 - (3) To invite you to be a star of the 11th anniversary celebration.
 - (4) To boast about being the winner of the Best Cruise Operator for 7 years.

2. What is the main theme used in the Star Cruises 11th anniversary celebration?
 - (1) Special package for Honeymooners
 - (2) You are the Star
 - (3) Discover the Wonders of the Sea
 - (4) The Glory of Star

3. Which of these statements is incorrect?
 - (1) There will be a magic show by a renowned figure from overseas.
 - (2) Children on board can participate in interesting and enjoyable activities
 - (3) Only children aged 4 and above are eligible to participate in the Talentine Contest
 - (4) Payment has to be made for the fine dining sessions.

4. To sign up for the cruise on board SuperStar Virgo, one has to _____.
 - (1) pay at least \$380
 - (2) be on board for at least 4 days
 - (3) stay in the Inside Stateroom only
 - (4) participate in the Talentine Contest

5. To sign up for cruise packages, one should _____.
 - (1) call (65) 223 0002 at 9.30pm
 - (2) log on to www.starcruses.com
 - (3) visit the Star Cruises office at Shenton Way
 - (4) quote the great holiday cruise package

Section B: Grammar MCQ (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 movie chosen to represent Singapore for the Academy Award in 2001 _____ directed by Mr Andrew Chua.
- (1) is
 - (2) was
 - (3) has been
 - (4) had been
7. _____ were you with last night outside Orchard Cineplex?
- (1) Who
 - (2) Whom
 - (3) What
 - (4) Whose
8. George _____ unwell since yesterday. He _____ absent from school today.
- (1) had been, is
 - (2) has been, is
 - (3) has been, has been
 - (4) had been, had been
9. _____ Samuel works conscientiously, I will not recommend him for a promotion.
- (1) If
 - (2) Should
 - (3) Since
 - (4) Unless
10. My grandmother loves my little brother more than _____.
- (1) I
 - (2) me
 - (3) mine
 - (4) myself

11. _____ her poor background, she was diligent in her studies and was awarded a scholarship.
- (1) Since
 - (2) Although
 - (3) As if
 - (4) In spite of
12. By the end of next month, Mary _____ her secondary education and _____ to Australia for further studies.
- (1) will have finished, fly
 - (2) will have finished, flown
 - (3) would have finished, fly
 - (4) would have finished, flown

Section C: Punctuation MCQ (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.

One day, a writer decided to move to an island as he wanted to be alone to complete his novel (13) His solitary existence was not easy.

On his first day, he said, "I don't know if I'm courageous enough to stay. I found myself walking along the beach longing for someone to talk to." Then his mood changed and he wrote a few days later, "I am going to conquer this island (14)

His stay on the island was an enriching experience for him. When it was time for him to leave, he found himself wishing that he could stay on a little longer.

However (15) he knew he would not want to live on the island all his life.

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

Section D: Vocabulary MCQ (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. To protect the health of non-smokers, smoking is _____ in many areas like bus-stops nowadays.
- (1) prevented
 - (2) prohibited
 - (3) disallowed
 - (4) illegal
17. Kelvin is often seen as being _____ since he is usually motivated by self-interest.
- (1) critical
 - (2) cynical
 - (3) eccentric
 - (4) egoistic
18. He received a public _____ for his dishonourable behaviour.
- (1) censure
 - (2) compliment
 - (3) commendation
 - (4) challenge
19. The President's presence adds a touch of _____ to the Singapore team.
- (1) expertise
 - (2) brilliance
 - (3) glamour
 - (4) gloom
20. It was reported that thirty thousand people died in this _____.
- (1) catastrophe
 - (2) accident
 - (3) misfortune
 - (4) mishap

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.

As I got into the car, I became (21) depressed. I did not believe that we were actually moving. Dad was offered an extremely good job in Singapore. Having lived all my life in Penang, the thought of moving to another country was quite a scary one. Although Mum had been constantly upbeat about our move, I knew that it was (22) merely a mask for the benefit of Brian, my three-year-old brother and myself.

We were simply exhausted by the time we arrived that night. Therefore, when the door bell rang the next morning, we groaned as no one was in the mood for visitors. (23) Wondering who it could be, I opened the door and immediately, a loud merry voice boomed, "Hi! You must be our new neighbours. We're the Tans. We brought you some cakes that we have just baked."

As the adults introduced themselves, Kim, their eleven-year-old daughter shyly asked me, "Would you like to try roller blading?" Wow! I had always wanted to try that but (24) unfortunately I did not have a pair of roller blades and I told her so. "Don't worry, I have another pair. I could teach you, if you want," she added (25) eagerly.

Maybe life in Singapore was not going to be that bad after all.

21. (1) weaken
(2) glum
(3) abase
(4) dull
22. (1) especially
(2) particularly
(3) only
(4) clearly
23. (1) Guessing
(2) Pondering
(3) Knowing
(4) Checking

24. (1) sadly
(2) grudgingly
(3) reluctantly
(4) conscientiously

25. (1) passively
(2) horrendously
(3) conscientiously
(4) enthusiastically

Section F: Comprehension MCO (5 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Stacy was tired of moving every couple of years because of her mother's army career. On the other hand, her brother, Tom, loved new places. Stacy felt that moving often was enough to dishearten anyone. Stacy wanted to feel that she belonged, but it was always a challenge.

It was hard to move in junior high, but moving in high school was even harder. Everyone had picked out a group of friends to hang out with by high school. Stacy tried to speculate about which group she could be in but found that she was never in one place long enough to be anything except an outsider.

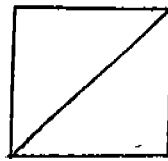
Moving so often had taught Stacy how to quickly set up a new bedroom so it seemed like home. She paid scrupulous attention to the placement of her bed, and then she hung up her favourite posters. After setting up her room, Stacy's next step in "Project Integration" was to go check out the school, and if possible, analyze the social scene. She especially studied whether the girls wore makeup and what kinds of jeans they had because every detail was relevant. Stacy would itemize each observation on a list for shopping purposes. She even studied the student roster to see how many kids were in her grade.

On the first morning of school, Stacy tried to feel optimistic, like Tom. She put on her new clothes and then took her engraved shark's tooth necklace from Hawaii and put it around her neck. It was supposed to bring good luck and Stacy wore it everywhere, even if it looked clumsy. Stacy tucked it into her new wool sweater so it was not conspicuous.

"Let's go! It's another first day at school!" teased Tom who never seemed to care about fitting in. As a result, he was outgoing, friendly and immensely popular everywhere he went. Her brother tried to indoctrinate her that it was better to be herself rather than be someone else.

"I guess I'm ready," said Stacy. She felt a sinking sensation permeate her stomach.

26. Why did Stacy's family move so often?
- (1) They were in the real estate business.
 - (2) They liked adventure.
 - (3) Her mother worked in the military.
 - (4) Her brother enjoyed the moving about.
27. Which word has the same meaning as '**scrupulous**' in Paragraph 3?
- (1) rigorous
 - (2) careful
 - (3) casual
 - (4) frugal
28. Why did Stacy have this project called '**Project Integration**'?
- (1) It was a project given to her every time she went to a new school.
 - (2) She wanted to show her new friends how capable she was.
 - (3) She wanted to be accepted by the friends in the new school.
 - (4) She wanted to know her new friends very well.
29. Why did Stacy have a sinking sensation permeating her stomach?
- (1) She was nervous to make new friends.
 - (2) She was having a stomach upset.
 - (3) She wanted to show her brother she was more well-liked than he.
 - (4) She was ready to embark on the journey in the new school.
30. What message do you think the author was trying to convey in this story?
- (1) Moving house is detrimental to youths.
 - (2) Get a good luck charm.
 - (3) Be yourself.
 - (4) A brother can be helpful.



Booklet B

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Section G : Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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	(D) whenever	(G) beyond	(K) up	(N) to
(B) a	(E) because	(H) however	(L) down	(P) what
(C) among	(F) with	(J) over	(M) for	(O) between

There have been many fascinating stories of giant sea-animals which drag (31) _____ ships. These monsters of the deep are known to have swallowed ships with their whole crew (32) _____ sailors. Thus no one ever returned to tell the world (33) _____ these horrifying creatures really looked like. At first people thought it must be the giant octopus. (34) _____, scientists now believe that it is unlikely to be the octopus (35) _____ an octopus does not grow (36) _____ a certain size. They think it is probably the giant squid.

The squid is a close friend of the cuttlefish. It lives in most of the world's oceans and is (37) _____ the biggest animals in the sea. It can grow to a very large size (38) _____ its body reaching six metres and its tentacles spreading (39) _____ further ten metres. (40) _____ two thousand years, the squid has inspired fear, fascination and fantastic stories.

Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

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

(41)

Singapore is a small island but it is a nation with a rich **hairitage**. For a very long

(42)

time, the people felt that they should do something to **perserve** it. But it was only in

(43)

1988 that the Conservation Master Plan could be **implimented**. In this plan, thirty

(44)

shophouses under the Tanjong Pagar Conservation Programme was restored. These

(45)

shophouses would be leased to the public with new use. Six shophouses that were

(46)

gutted by fire were completely restored. Restoration work had also begun in another

(47)

forty-five units of shophouses. Chinatown, Little India and Kampong Glam, sites who

(48)

are cultural representations of the three races of Singapore are being conserve. The

(49)

Preservation of Monuments Board, set out in 1971, has so far declared twenty buildings

(50)

as monuments. Most of these preservations involves a lot of time, but the effort is worthwhile.

Section I: Cloze Passage (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

A nine-year-old boy almost had his right ear bitten off when ~~when~~ four dogs
(51) _____ on him while he was on his way to a mosque last Friday.

Mohammad Hazman was left bloodied with (52) _____ that required 180 stitches – 140 stitches to close six wounds on his neck and a further 40 stitches on his neck and underarm area.

Hazman was walking with his two cousins, aged seven and eleven, when the German Shepherds belonging to a neighbour (53) _____ upon him. The cousins ran home for help.

“I was in the kitchen preparing lunch when the boys told me that Hazman was being viciously (54) _____ by four dogs,” said Madam Masita, a clerk at the Malaysia Highway Authority.

“I dashed out of the house and ran to where he was. I saw the dogs on top of him and he was bleeding (55) _____ from the head.

“I shouted for help and threw stones at the dogs. They were about to turn on me but a neighbour with a stick chased them away.”

Hazman is (56) _____ in Putrajaya Hospital. Madam Masitah’s husband, Mr Zahidi Hashim, said the neighbour who owned the dogs was in Malaysia at the time of the attack and had (57) _____ on his return from the trip.

“The man who lives about 50 metres from my house told me that his wife had set the dogs free for a while and had not (58) _____ such a thing to happen.

I just hope that the (59) _____ will be stricter when it comes to allowing house owners to keep (60) _____ big dogs,” he lamented. “Owners should keep them under control at all times for the (61) _____ of the neighbourhood,” he added.

These animals can be (62) _____ if they are allowed to roam. Meanwhile Mr Zahidi has (63) _____ a police report.

The police are investigating and have asked witnesses to step forward to help them in their (64) _____ As for ^{Hazman} ~~Hamzah~~, he has been so badly (65) _____ by the experience that he has sworn never to go near dogs again.

Section J: Synthesis of Sentences (5 x 2 marks)

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

Example: This is the vase. I found it.

Answer: This is the vase which I found.

66. The moon rose. Their work was not completed.

_____ before

67. He received great honour. He saved the president's life.

_____ for _____

68. John forgot his wallet. He was careless.

It _____

69. "Did you break this window?" she asked the boy.

She asked _____

70. The travellers were very thirsty. They did not drink the water from the river which they suspected was contaminated.

No matter _____

Section K: Comprehension OE (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and then answer questions 71 to 80.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

As Andrea turned off the motorway onto the road to Brockbourne, the small village in which she lived, it was four o'clock in the afternoon. Andrea shivered. It was cold. It was another ten miles to the cottage where she lived with her husband Michael and she felt a little lonely. She would have liked to listen to the radio but it had been stolen from her car when it was parked outside her office in London about two weeks ago, and she had not got around to replacing it yet. 5

She was just coming out of the little village of Mickley when she saw the old lady, standing by the road, with a crude hand-written sign saying "Brockbourne" in her hand. Andrea was surprised. She had never seen an old lady hitchhiking before. However, the weather and the coming darkness made her feel sorry for the lady, waiting hopefully on a country road like this with little traffic. Normally, Andrea would never pick up a hitchhiker when she was alone, 10 thinking it was too dangerous, but what was the harm in doing a favour for an old lady like this? Andrea pulled up a little way down the road and the lady, holding a big shopping bag, hurried over to climb into the car through the door which Andrea had opened for her.

When she got in, Andrea could see that she was broad and fat and had some difficulty climbing in through the car door with her big bag. She wore a long, shabby old dress and she 15 had a yellow hat pulled down low over her eyes. Panting noisily from her effort, she pushed her big brown canvas shopping bag down onto the floor under her feet and said in a whisper, "Thank you, dear. I'm just going to Brockbourne."

"Do you live there?" asked Andrea, thinking that she had never seen the old lady in the village in the four years she had lived there. 20

"No, dear," answered the passenger in her soft voice, "I'm just going to visit a friend. He was supposed to meet me back there at Mickley but his car won't start, so I decided to hitchhike. There isn't a bus until seven and I didn't want to wait. I knew some kind soul would give me a lift."

Something in the way the lady spoke and the way she never turned her head, but stared 25 continuously into the darkness ahead from under her old yellow hat, made Andrea feel uneasy.

She did not know why but she felt instinctively that there was something wrong, something odd, something...dangerous. But how could an old lady be dangerous? It was absurd.

Careful not to turn her head, Andrea looked sideways at her passenger. She studied the hat, the dirty collar of the dress, the shapeless body and the arms with their thick black hairs... 30

Thick black hairs? Hairy arms? Andrea's blood froze. This wasn't a woman. It was a man. At first, she didn't know what to do. Then suddenly, an idea came into her racing, terrified brain. Swinging the wheel suddenly, she threw the car into a skid and brought it to a halt.

"My God!" she shouted, "A child! Did you see the child? I think I hit her!"

The "old lady" was clearly shaken by the sudden skid. "I didn't see anything, dear," she said. "I don't think you hit anything." 35

"I'm sure it was a child!" insisted Andrea. "Could you just get out and have a look? Just see if there's anything on the road?" She held her breath. Would her plan work?

It did. The passenger slowly opened the car door, leaving her bag inside, and climbed out to investigate. As soon as she was out of the vehicle, Andrea accelerated madly away. 40

It was only when she was safe did she think about the bag lying on the floor. Maybe the bag would provide some information about the real identity of the old lady. Andrea lifted the heavy bag onto her lap and opened it curiously.

It contained only one item -- a small hand axe with a razor-sharp blade. The axe and the inside of the bag were covered with the dark red stains of dried blood. 45

Andrea began to scream.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Where was Andrea going?

72. Why didn't she listen to the radio?

73. Why do you think the 'old lady' was carrying a sign with the word 'Brockbourne' on it?

74. What does the word 'favour' in line 11 refer to?

75. State two reasons why Andrea decided to give the 'old lady' a lift in spite of her fears.

76. Why do you think the 'old lady' stared continuously ahead?

77. What made Andrea suspect that the 'old lady' was a man?

78. What was the plan that Andrea had in line 39?

79. What did Andrea expect to find in the 'old lady's' bag?

80. What could have happened to Andrea if she had not discovered the 'old lady's' disguise earlier?

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Have you checked your answers?

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| 1) 2 | 28) 3 | 55) profusely | 66) The moon rose before their work was completed. |
| 2) 4 | 29) 1 | 56) now | 67) He received great honour for saving the president's life. |
| 3) 4 | 30) 3 | 57) apologised | 68) It was careless of John to forget his wallet. |
| 4) 1 | 31) L | 58) expected | 69) She asked the boy if he had broken that window. |
| 5) 3 | 32) A | 59) authorities | 70) No matter how thirsty the travellers were, they did not drink the water from the river which they suspected was contaminated. |
| 6) 2 | 33) P | 60) such | |
| 7) 2 | 34) H | 61) safety | |
| 8) 2 | 35) E | 62) dangerous | |
| 9) 4 | 36) N | 63) made | |
| 10) 2 | 37) C | 64) investigation | |
| 11) 4 | 38) F | 65) traumatized | |
| 12) 2 | 39) B | 71) Andrea was going back home to her village. | |
| 13) 3 | 40) M | 72) Her radio was stolen and she did not go around to buy it yet. | |
| 14) 4 | 41) heritage | 73) She was hoping that motorists who were going to Brockbourne would see the sign and offer her a lift there | |
| 15) 1 | 42) preserve | 74) It refers to Andrea giving the old lady a lift. | |
| 16) 2 | 43) implemented | 75) She felt sorry for the 'old lady' and as the road was lonely, the 'old lady' might not be able to get a lift from other motorists. | |
| 17) 4 | 44) were | 76) She did not want Andrea to see her face and realize she was not an old lady. | |
| 18) 1 | 45) for | 77) They were the old lady's thick black hair and hairy arms. | |
| 19) 3 | 46) or with | 78) It was to stop the car suddenly and trick the old lady into getting out of the car by telling her that she had hit someone. | |
| 20) 1 | 47) which | 79) She expected to find some information and the real identity of the 'old lady'. | |
| 21) 2 | 48) conserved | 80) Andrea could have been killed by the 'old lady'. | |
| 22) 3 | 49) up | | |
| 23) 2 | 50) involve | | |
| 24) 1 | 51) pounced | | |
| 25) 4 | 52) wounds | | |
| 26) 3 | 53) set | | |
| 27) 2 | 54) attacked | | |