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Tao Nan School
Primary 3 English Language Continual Assessment 2 – 2004

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Section A : Vocabulary (8 X 1 mark)

Part 1

Choose the most suitable answer for each of the following questions and write its number (1, 2, 3 and 4) in the brackets provided.

- 1) Joseph is a very _____ man and does not like to boast about himself.
1. meek
 2. patient
 3. humble
 4. sensible
- ()
- 2) The gymnast _____ gracefully into the air and the audience gave a loud applause.
1. leapt
 2. flitted
 3. swung
 4. sprinted
- ()
- 3) After the boys' long jog around the park, they _____ their thirst by drinking lots of water.
1. relieved
 2. satisfied
 3. quenched
 4. appeased
- ()
- 4) Benjamin _____ with triumph as he went on stage to receive his trophy.
1. glowed
 2. blushed
 3. sparkled
 4. glittered
- ()

5) The room is very _____. All of us can move around it with ease.

1. airy
2. wide
3. lengthy
4. spacious

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Part 2

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

6) This restaurant serves only tea, coffee and cocoa.

1. liquor
2. cocktail
3. beverages
4. refreshments

7) Gilbert trembled in fear when he saw the python moving smoothly and quietly towards him.

1. gliding
2. drifting
3. flowing
4. crawling

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8) Although you may be intelligent, you should not look down upon others.

1. pity
2. insult
3. abuse
4. despise

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Section B : Grammar (10 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer for each of the following questions and write its number (1, 2, 3 and 4) in the brackets provided.

9) Mr Chng stopped to _____ the man whose lorry had broken down.

1. help
2. helps
3. helped
4. helping

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10) Everyone _____ reading books as reading is fun.

1. enjoy
2. enjoys
3. enjoying
4. enjoyed

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11) After Susan had taken her dinner, she _____ for a walk in the park

1. goes
2. went
3. has gone
4. had gone

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12) Did Margaret _____ her soup just now ?

1. finish
2. finishes
3. finished
4. had finished

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13) " Susan, can you build a sandcastle by _____ ?" asked Father.

1. myself
2. herself
3. himself
4. yourself

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14) Both Nellie and Greg _____ up roller-blading as their hobbies last month.

1. take
2. took
3. takes
4. taking

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15) One of the pupils _____ being punished by the teacher now.

1. is
2. are
3. was
4. were

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16) A space shuttle can _____ higher than an aeroplane.

1. fly
2. flies
3. flew
4. flying

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17) " _____ you think Victor will win the Singapore Idol?" asked Tom.

1. Do
2. Did
3. Didn't
4. Doesn't

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18) Meng Jin always _____ sure he finishes his homework before going to bed.

1. make
2. made
3. makes
4. is making

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Section C : Editing (5 X 1 mark)

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 box.

(19)

(20)

Quietly, Jamal take a few steps foreward and swept aside the

branches. He saw a statue of a unicorn hidden among the branches.

(21)

(22)

"We have found it, ○" I exclaimed excifely.

(23)

"Not yet," Jamal replied, stare at the statue.

"We are near but we still have to search the whole jungle."

Section D: Grammar Cloze (6 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'Y' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) from	(B) with	(C) in	(D) when
(E) to	(F) who	(G) which	(H) after
(J) during	(K) into		

Sheela Supplah started making novelty cakes in 1992 when she was a student. Ten years later, she turned her hobby (24) _____ a money-making business with the launch of #1 Baker Street, an on-line novelty cake shop. The 40-year-old still works full-time as a tuition teacher and does her baking (25) _____ work and on weekends.

Sheela's cakes take the shape of anything (26) _____ cars to handbags, to Barbie dolls. It can take her five hours to a day to make each cake (27) _____ costs at least \$50.

She gets about five to eight orders a month. (28) _____ festive periods, she gets up to twenty a month. "But nothing is rushed. Each cake is lovingly made to bring a smile (29) _____ the receiver's face."

Adapted from The Sunday Times March 28, 2004

Section E : Vocabulary Cloze (6 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

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| (A) fund | (B) willing | (C) hook | (D) shelf |
| (E) curious | (F) shocked | (G) refund | (H) ensure |
| (J) doubt | (K) reluctant | | |

Tan Siew Siew was a first-time pet buyer. She was (30) _____ when a veterinarian told her that the puppy she bought four days ago had ringworm.

She took the cocker spaniel back to the pet shop but the shop owner would not give her a (31) _____. She felt cheated and was (32) _____ to accept his offer to exchange the spaniel for a new puppy.

The president of SPCA said, "Buying pets is different from buying inanimate products off the (33) _____. It requires care and time. Pet buyers must also (34) _____ that they have the facilities and means to maintain the pet. When in (35) _____, potential pet owners can call the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."

Adapted from Streets March 16, 2004

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions based on the passage.

When Mr Michael Wee was 10 years old, he used to hide behind the brick wall and play tricks on the workers. At that point in time, he had little idea that those red bricks that came from his family's factory would line the walls of the 44-year-old National Library in Stamford Road.

Mr Wee's story is one of the contributions submitted to the National Library Board's (NLB's) **My Fond Memories** book project.

The book will have anecdotes about the old National Library which closed its doors on April 1. "The demolition of a building like that in the near future will have an impact on society," said a NLB staff.

Now 51, Mr Wee, an insurance consultant, has also included three black and white photographs of the building taken in the 1960s. Sharing his memories with *The Straits Times*, he recollected how the National Library was the furthest place his parents would allow him to visit.

"It was my licence to freedom," said Mr Wee, who, with his schoolmates would try to sneak in with their own revision books to do their studies there.

The NLB welcomes more contributions for the book project from people of all walks of life. Those who wish to send in entries can obtain a submission form at any NLB library, or download it from www.nlb.gov.sg.

Contributions can be in English, Malay, Chinese or Tamil and those who have their works selected for publication will be notified by post as the NLB will not entertain queries through telephone calls.

Adapted from The Straits Times June 9, 2004

36) At ten, Michael Wee was quite a _____ boy.

1. cunning
2. disobedient
3. mischievous
4. hardworking

37) Which one of the following statements is not true about the National Library?

1. it is a red brick building.
2. It will remain closed until April 1.
3. It was built more than forty years ago.
4. It will be pulled down in the near future.

38) The phrase "all walks of life" refers to the _____.

1. public
2. parents
3. students
4. NLB staff

39) "It was my licence to freedom," said Mr Wee.
This statement means that _____.

1. he could always sneak into the library unnoticed
2. his parents did not object to his visiting the library
3. he was free to do anything he wanted in the library
4. he could meet up with his schoolmates in the library

40) We will know whether our contributions are chosen only when we _____.

1. call up any NLB library
2. receive letters from NLB
3. visit the website at www.nlb.gov.sg
4. make personal enquiries at any NLB library

Section G: Comprehension - Open-ended (5 X 2 marks)

Read the following passage. Then answer the questions that follow.

I made my way through the throng of people. They were milling in front of the exhibits in the Reptile House at New York's Bronx Zoo. Bruce Foster, one of the keepers, rushed to meet me. Sweat soaked his shirt and he stammered so badly that at first I could not understand him. Finally the words emerged. A king cobra had escaped from its cage!

As superintendent of the zoo's reptile collection, I had to act fast. King cobras are among the most poisonous snakes in the world. The poison works quickly. Some victims may survive with treatment, but others may die within minutes.

I immediately asked the visitors to get out of the Reptile House without telling them why while Bruce, with the assistance of three more colleagues, checked all possible hiding places as cobras do not like to be out in the open. I got our supplies of anti-venom ready and arranged for a police car to stand by in case we needed to transport a victim to our specialist clinic at Roosevelt Hospital. I was virtually certain that before this event was over, someone would be bitten. I just prayed that no one would panic should the large reptile that had slithered out of its cage and made its escape be spotted.

*Adapted from Reader's Digest "On The Loose!"
by Peter Brazaitis*

41) Where did Peter Brazaitis work?

42) Why did Bruce Foster need to report to Mr Brazaitis regarding the escaped cobra?

43) Which sentence tells us that not all cobra bites are fatal?

44) According to the passage, how many people were involved in the search for the escaped reptile?

45) What kind of medical aid was given to a victim before he was rushed to the hospital?

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| 1) 3 | 27) G | 41) Peter Brazaitis worked in New York's Bronx Zoo. |
| 2) 1 | 28) J | |
| 3) 3 | 29) E | 42) Mr Brazaitis was the superintendent of the zoo's reptile collections. |
| 4) 1 | 30) E | |
| 5) 4 | 31) G | 43) Some victims may survive with treatment, but others may die in minutes. |
| 6) 3 | 32) K | |
| 7) 1 | 33) D | 44) Four people are involved in the search for the escaped reptile. |
| 8) 4 | 34) H | 45) Anti-venom was given to a victim before he was rushed to the hospital. |
| 9) 1 | 35) J | |
| 10) 2 | 36) 3 | |
| 11) 2 | 37) 2 | |
| 12) 1 | 38) 1 | |
| 13) 4 | 39) 2 | |
| 14) 2 | 40) 2 | |
| 15) 1 | | |
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| 17) 1 | | |
| 18) 3 | | |
| 19) took | | |
| 20) forward | | |
| 21) ! | | |
| 22) excitedly | | |
| 23) staring | | |
| 24) K | | |
| 25) H | | |
| 26) A | | |