

TAO NAN SCHOOL

Primary 3 ENGLISH LANGUAGE MID YEAR EXAMINATION – 2008

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Name: _____ ()

Date: 6 May 2008

Class: Primary 3 _____

Time: 8.00 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.

Total Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

	SCORE	MARKS
Section A - D		30
Section E - I		40
Total		70

Parent's Signature: _____

Section A (5 x 1m)

Graphic Stimulus

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

Gae Mackintosh
presents

La Miseraque

Greeting You At

Queen's Theatre
104 Shaft Avenue
Singapore 330521



1 May to 30 June 2008

Show Times: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
Matinees only on Saturday at 2.30 p.m.

The theatre opens to the public 45 minutes
before performance time.

*Latecomers will not be allowed to enter the
theatre after the musical has started for 15
minutes.*

Ticket Prices: VIP Seat \$55, Circle Seat \$42

Ticket Booking:

Call: 63096844

or

Charge to your Visa Card

*(Includes service charge
of \$2.50 per ticket)*

Early Bird Discount of 10%
if you purchase your
tickets from 3 - 16 March

Children below 12 and
senior citizens above 55
are eligible for \$5
discount.

Sponsored by:
Orchard Shopping
Centre

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 OAS.

1. La Miseraque is organised by _____.
 - (1) Shaft Avenue
 - (2) Cae Mackintosh
 - (3) Queen's Theatre
 - (4) Orchard Shopping Centre

2. There are _____ afternoon shows in a week.
 - (1) 5
 - (2) 6
 - (3) 7
 - (4) 4

3. The early bird promotion will last for _____.
 - (1) six days
 - (2) a month
 - (3) a fortnight
 - (4) two months

4. You should call 63096844 if you _____.
 - (1) hope to get a 10% discount
 - (2) want to make ticket reservation
 - (3) wish to watch the musical preview
 - (4) want to ask questions about the musical

5. Which of the following about the advertisement is true?
 - (1) It is cheaper to purchase tickets if you pay by Visa.
 - (2) Ticket prices for both teenagers and senior citizens are the same.
 - (3) The musical provides a source of entertainment to the young and old.
 - (4) Latecomers will be admitted fifteen minutes after the show has started.

Section B (10 X 1m)

Grammar

For each question from 6 to 15, 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 OAS.

6. The cakes _____ fresh as they have just been collected from the bakery.

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

7. "I think this pen could be _____. Do you want it back?" Jason asked me.

- (1) us
- (2) his
- (3) mine
- (4) yours

8. The village is a very large one _____ the villagers know one another well.

- (1) so
- (2) but
- (3) instead
- (4) although

9. _____ dress is this? It does not fit you well.

- (1) Who
- (2) Whom
- (3) Which
- (4) Whose

10. Susan often goes to the beach _____ a swim.

- (1) as
- (2) on
- (3) for
- (4) from

11. Tim and his brother _____ cycling at the park. They will race each other to the finishing line.
- (1) enjoy
 - (2) enjoys
 - (3) enjoyed
 - (4) enjoying
12. I _____ when the phone rang.
- (1) bathe
 - (2) bathes
 - (3) was bathing
 - (4) were bathing
13. There were not _____ people in the restaurant as we could see a lot of empty seats.
- (1) few
 - (2) many
 - (3) some
 - (4) much
14. Sally _____ badminton training in the afternoon. Then she walked home.
- (1) receives
 - (2) received
 - (3) has received
 - (4) had received
15. The children looked _____ the holes on the box to find out what was inside.
- (1) over
 - (2) along
 - (3) beside
 - (4) through

Section C (10 x 1m)

Vocabulary

For each question from 16 to 25, 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 OAS.

16. The girl should clean her wound or it will be _____.
- (1) infested
 - (2) infected
 - (3) affected
 - (4) poisoned
17. That man with the moustache looks _____. Haven't we seen him before?
- (1) similar
 - (2) familiar
 - (3) peculiar
 - (4) particular
18. The seriously injured man lay on the pavement and _____ in pain. He was so loud that all the passers-by stared at him.
- (1) groaned
 - (2) mumbled
 - (3) murmured
 - (4) commented
19. Tim does not enjoy running so he _____ goes to the track.
- (1) usually
 - (2) always
 - (3) seldom
 - (4) frequently
20. Pete _____ down the stairs because he had missed a step.
- (1) slipped
 - (2) skidded
 - (3) tip-toed
 - (4) tumbled

21. Due to the breeze, the candle flame _____ a little and then went out .
- (1) blinked
 - (2) flickered
 - (3) crackled
 - (4) splattered
22. Freud keeps a _____ of cows on his farm.
- (1) litter
 - (2) herd
 - (3) troop
 - (4) brood
23. We can avoid accidents if we are _____ .
- (1) careful
 - (2) carefree
 - (3) concerned
 - (4) conservative
24. Sam claimed _____, "We won't lose this game!"
- (1) timidly
 - (2) humbly
 - (3) mercifully
 - (4) arrogantly
25. The group leader _____ everyone that the outing had been cancelled due to the bad weather .
- (1) inspired
 - (2) informed
 - (3) coached
 - (4) counselled

Section D (5 x 1m)

Comprehension MCQ

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30. Your answer must be based on the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

"Help me! Help me!" Sam was startled and he lost his balance as he was clearing the weeds. He brushed dirt from his eyes and wondered who had spoken.

Sam spotted a huge gold pot sitting right in the middle of the rows of corn. Balancing on his toes, Sam peered over the edge of the pot and could not believe what he saw. 5

A dwarf stared back at him. "Please help me," the dwarf pleaded. "Get me out of this pot and I'll grant you a wish."

Sam was a little scared. He had never met a dwarf before. After much persuasion, Sam stretched out his hands, grabbed the dwarf and pulled him up and out of the pot. 10

"My name's Pat," the dwarf said. "Thank you for helping me. I have been stuck for hours. What's your wish?"

Sam would really love a new bicycle like the one his friend, John, had. As he was deciding on what he wanted, he realised that this could be the only chance that he could help his parents. 15

They had worked very hard to take care of the family. Since the farm had not produced much over the past few years, Sam was hoping things could be easier for the family.

Finally, Sam said to the dwarf, "I wish the rain would chase away the clouds of dust and the crops would flourish." 20

"Alright," Pat agreed. Sam raced home for dinner, feeling happy that he had met the dwarf.

Climbing into his bed early that night, Sam wondered if the dwarf would grant his wish. He looked out of the window the next morning and was thrilled to see big puddles and huge rows of corn in the field. Sam's parents beamed with joy as they gazed at the wonderful sight during their breakfast. Elated, Sam was grateful to the dwarf for granting his wish. 25

Adapted from One Wish By Karin R Larson

26. Why was Sam in the cornfield?

He wanted to _____.

- (1) look for dwarfs
- (2) play in the field
- (3) tend to the field
- (4) find a huge gold pot

27. Sam was shocked when he _____.

- (1) heard cries of help
- (2) found a huge gold pot
- (3) saw all the weeds he had to clear
- (4) found out that he only had one chance to help his parents

28. The dwarf granted Sam a wish because he _____.

- (1) was stuck in the pot
- (2) enjoyed helping the corn grow
- (3) wanted to repay Sam's kindness
- (4) knew Sam wanted a new bicycle

29. Sam's parents did not have a good harvest for a while because _____.

- (1) it had been raining heavily
- (2) Sam did not help his parents
- (3) it had not rained for a long time
- (4) the dwarf did not grant Sam's wish

30. Sam's parents were delighted because _____.

- (1) the corn had grown
- (2) Sam had cleared the weeds
- (3) they had found a huge gold pot
- (4) Sam went to bed early the night before

Section E (5 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

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

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) where	(B) very	(C) just	(D) and	(E) at
(F) which	(G) when	(H) from	(J) but	(K) for

Jamie enjoyed visiting her primary school teacher, Mrs Tang, during the school holidays. Mrs Tang was a kind (31) _____ active lady who made sure she pampered Jamie with delicious food during her visit each holiday.

Mrs Tang lived in a neighbourhood (32) _____ was to the north of the city. Her house was only a five-minute walk (33) _____ the nearest bus stop.

Mrs Tang had lots of space in her house too. There was a tall fence around her garden (34) _____ she kept some cats. Whenever Jamie visited Mrs Tang, she did not know what they would end up doing (35) _____ she just knew they would have lots of fun together. It was also the reason why they enjoyed each other's company so much.

Section F (8 x 1m)

Comprehension Cloze

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

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) some	(B) celebrate	(C) pour	(D) soaking	(E) given
(F) lasts	(G) starts	(H) anything	(J) sign	(K) spill

Songkran Festival is the most celebrated festival in Thailand. It (36) _____ on 13 April. The festival (37) _____ for about ten days, depending on which part of Thailand one is in. On this day, everyone gets (38) _____ wet but no one will really mind at all.

Songkran is also known as a Public Spring Cleaning Day. There is a religious belief that (39) _____ old and useless must be thrown away or it will bring bad luck to the owner.

Today, the younger generation will also (40) _____ water into the hands of elders and parents as a (41) _____ of respect and also to seek the blessing of the older folks.

In the past, old people were actually (42) _____ a bath and new clothes by the young folks as a form of respect. However, today, it seems that Thais do not really bother about the way they (43) _____ Songkran. They just do it to have a great time.

Adapted from <http://expo.nectec.or.th/songkran.html>

Section G (4 x 2m)

Synthesis

For each of the questions 44 to 47, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

44. Ben was sick. Ben did not go for his soccer practice.

_____ because

45. They danced at the party. They sang at the party.

_____ and

46. Sam enjoys sea sports. Jason enjoys sea sports.

Both _____

47. John said to Mrs Ong, "I will play at the park this evening."

John told Mrs Ong that _____

Section H (7 X 1 m)

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPG)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical mistake. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in the box.

(48)

There was a crowd outside the shopping mall. Thomas was burst with curiosity to

know what had happened, so he joined in.

(49)

"What's happening " Jason asked the boy next to him.

(50)

"The security guards have caught a theef the boy clarified. Thomas looked

inquisitively through the crowd of gaping people and saw a man being questioned

(51)

by two sekurity guards.

(52)

Then there was a scuffle and the man manage to break free and slip

(53)

away. When the police arrived Thomas was able to give them a complete

(54)

discription of the suspect. He had confidence that the police would catch the criminal in no time.

Section I (6 x 2m)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 55 to 60.

Your answer must be based on the passage.

Mark was walking home from school one day when he noticed that the boy ahead of him suddenly tripped and fell to the ground. He had also dropped all of the books which he was carrying, along with two sweaters, a baseball bat, a glove and a small tape recorder. Without hesitation, Mark ran forward, knelt down and helped the boy up. Since they were heading in the same direction, Mark offered to carry part of the burden.

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As they walked, Mark discovered that the boy's name was Bill. His new friend was also interested in Science and video games. Bill was extremely upset that day as he had been having a lot of trouble with his other subjects. In addition, he could not get along with any of his classmates and teachers.

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Touched by Mark's help, Bill invited him to his house for tea. The afternoon passed pleasantly with lots of fun and laughter. When night fell, Mark left Bill's house.

Since then, Mark and Bill continued to see each other in school. They played baseball and had recess together. They became buddies and kept in touch with each other, even after they had graduated.

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Many years later, Mark met up with Bill one day and reminded him of the day when they first met. "Have you ever wondered why I was carrying so many things home that day?" Bill asked. "You see, I had cleared my locker because I was planning to drop out of school secretly. However, after we had spent some time talking and laughing together, I realised that if I were to stop attending school, I would have missed out so many things in life that might follow. So you see, Mark, when you helped me up that day, you gave me a new life."

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

55. What did Mark do when Bill lost his balance?

56. What does the word 'burden' in line 6 refer to?

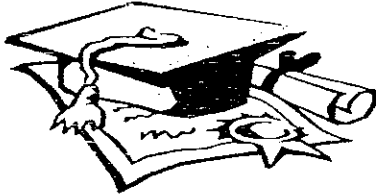
57. What common interests did Mark and Bill have?

58. How did Bill show his appreciation for Mark's help?

59. Which sentence in the passage tells you that Bill and Mark contacted each other even after they had left school.

60. Why did Bill want to stop attending school?

End of Paper



ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2008

SCHOOL : TAO NAN PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH

TERM : SA 1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
2	2	3	2	3	2	4	2	4	3	1	3	2	2	4	2	2

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
1	3	4	2	2	1	4	2	3	1	3	3	1	D	F	H	A

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40	Q41	Q42	Q43
J	G	F	D	H	C	J	E	B

44) Ben did not go for his soccer practice because he was sick.

45) They danced and sang at the party.

46) Both Sam and Jason enjoy sea sports.

47) John told Mrs Ong that he would play at the park the evening.

48) bursting 49)? 50) thief 51) security

52) managed 53), 54) description

55) Mark helped Bill up.

56) It refers to the things that Bill had dropped.

57) Their common interests were science and video games.

58)He invited Mark to his house for tea.

59)The sentence is "They became buddies and kept in touch with each other, even after they had graduated.

60)He had a lot of trouble with his subjects and could not get along with any of his classmates and teacher.