

TAO NAN SCHOOL

PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH LANGUAGE END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION – 2008

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Name: _____ (; Date: 14 October 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 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.

A Trip to Magical Snowland

Organised by
Emerald Place Community Club

Each participant will be provided with a
Sushi lunch set!

Date : 21 November 2008
Time : 8.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Venue : Magical Snowland at Greenway



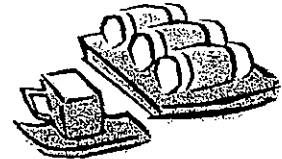
Meeting place: Carpark in front of Emerald Place Community Club

Time: 8.00 a.m. Please be PUNCTUAL.

Fee:

Adult (above 18 years old) : \$25 (member) \$30 (non-member)
Child (7 – 18 years old) : \$12 (member) \$17 (non-member)
Free entry for children below the age of 7. (Meals not included)

Registration starts on 15 October 2008.



Fees include:

- Transportation to and from Magical Snowland
- Rental of jackets, gloves and snow boots for 1 hour
- Sushi lunch set

Things to take note of:

- Please be reminded that ALL participants must put on socks and trousers.

Registration forms available at the General Office of
the Community Club.

The full amount will be refunded if cancellations are
made before 15 November, 7 p.m.

Closing date for registration: 18 November 2008

Important!

Children below
7 years must be
accompanied by an
adult at all times.

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. Which of the following is true?
 - (1) Participants are required to wear trousers.
 - (2) Participants are to pay in full on 20 November 2008.
 - (3) A seven-year-old child must be accompanied by an adult.
 - (4) All Community Club members must go to Magical Snowland.

2. All the participants need to gather at _____ before leaving for the Magical Snowland.
 - (1) 8.00 a.m.
 - (2) 8.30 a.m.
 - (3) 4.00 p.m.
 - (4) 7.00 p.m.

3. Participants will assemble at _____ before leaving for the trip.
 - (1) Greenway
 - (2) the General Office
 - (3) – Magical Snowland carpark
 - (4) Emerald Place Community Club

4. Participants must bring along their own _____ as they will not be provided.
 - (1) socks
 - (2) gloves
 - (3) jackets
 - (4) snow boots

5. Mr Lee wants to withdraw his registration for the outing to Magical Snowland. In order to get a full refund, he can do so on _____.
 - (1) 10 October 2008
 - (2) 12 October 2008
 - (3) 13 November 2008
 - (4) 15 November 2008

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 Optical Answer Sheet.

6. Ravi went to the market after he _____ to his mother on the telephone.
- (1) speaks
 - (2) spoken
 - (3) has spoken
 - (4) had spoken
7. The actor waved goodbye to his fans _____ he boarded the plane.
- (1) as
 - (2) until
 - (3) since
 - (4) although
8. The children were shocked when the cat suddenly leapt _____ the room.
- (1) at
 - (2) over
 - (3) into
 - (4) through
9. The boy _____ was waving at me is my cousin.
- (1) who
 - (2) whom
 - (3) which
 - (4) whose
10. What do you do when someone _____ you the time?
- (1) ask
 - (2) asks
 - (3) was asking
 - (4) were asking

11. One of the boys _____ caught vandalising the classroom wall yesterday.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
12. My grandfather bought me the _____ gift of all from the shop.
- (1) expensive
 - (2) more expensive
 - (3) most expensive
 - (4) very expensive
13. Without realising that he had been working at the computer for the past three hours, John soon _____ the strain on his eyes.
- (1) felt
 - (2) feel
 - (3) feels
 - (4) feeling
14. "Did you _____ the fireworks at the parade?" asked John.
- (1) saw
 - (2) see
 - (3) sees
 - (4) seeing
15. The magician was so good that he made my sister _____ for five seconds.
- (1) disappear
 - (2) disappears
 - (3) disappeared
 - (4) was disappearing

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 Optical Answer Sheet.

16. The souvenir shop is _____ as it has plenty of gifts and cards.
- (1) well-built
 - (2) well-stocked
 - (3) well-prepared
 - (4) well-balanced
17. The policeman could see that John was afraid because he kept _____ when he spoke.
- (1) puffing
 - (2) panting
 - (3) chattering
 - (4) stammering
18. Anne was limping as she had _____ her ankle during her ballet training.
- (1) folded
 - (2) pinched
 - (3) fractured
 - (4) scratched
19. Every year, Bala visits his grandparents in India. He looks forward to visiting them _____.
- (1) weekly
 - (2) monthly
 - (3) annually
 - (4) fortnightly
20. The _____ was so funny that Meili laughed till there were tears in her eyes.
- (1) thriller
 - (2) mystery
 - (3) tragedy
 - (4) comedy

21. The newly opened flower shop is having a sale to attract more _____.
- (1) observers
 - (2) customers
 - (3) spectators
 - (4) passers-by
22. The lioness strokes her newborn _____ lovingly.
- (1) kid
 - (2) cub
 - (3) pup
 - (4) foal
23. The air was filled with the _____ of food from the various stalls where busy cooks prepared their famous dishes.
- (1) taste
 - (2) aroma
 - (3) flavour
 - (4) perfume
24. Kai Ling was delighted when her father gave her a _____ to watch the performance.
- (1) bill
 - (2) label
 - (3) ticket
 - (4) receipt
25. Mr Lee must pay a _____ for driving dangerously after he was caught by the traffic police.
- (1) fee
 - (2) fine
 - (3) donation
 - (4) subscription

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.

Penguins are marine animals. Their wings function as flippers but they are useless for flying in the air. In the water, however, penguins are extremely swift. They can float and swim very well in water. On land, penguins use their tails and wings to maintain balance for their upright position.

All penguins are black and white in colour to camouflage against their enemies. They have a white underside and a dark, mostly black upperside. Predators in the ocean such as leopard seals or killer whales have difficulty distinguishing between a white penguin belly and the reflective water surface. The black backs of the penguins camouflage them from predators that are above them. 5 10

Penguins can dive very deep into the ocean at a very high speed. However, small penguins do not usually dive deep. They catch their prey near the surface of the water. Larger penguins can dive deeper if they need to.

To move across the snow, penguins either waddle on their feet or slide on their bellies. Such movements are called "tobogganing". The movements help them save energy while moving quickly. Penguins also jump with both feet together if they want to move more quickly. 15

Penguins have an average sense of hearing. This is used by the adults and chicks to locate one another in crowded areas. They also have a thick layer of feathers which ~~serves~~ ^{serves} to keep them warm in water. In the extreme cold of the Antarctic winter, the females are at sea fishing for food leaving the males to endure the weather by themselves. The male penguins often group together to keep warm and rotate positions to make sure that each penguin gets a turn in the centre of the heat pack. 20

Adapted from "[wikipedia.org/wiki/Penguin Anatomy](http://wikipedia.org/wiki/Penguin_Anatomy)"

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. The wings of the penguins allow them to _____.

- (1) swim quickly in the water
- (2) dive deeply into the ocean
- (3) keep their balance in water
- (4) camouflage themselves from their enemies

27. Predators in the ocean find it hard to spot a penguin because _____.

- (1) it is usually small in size
- (2) its belly is white in colour
- (3) it can swim very well in water
- (4) its white underside can be mistaken for the reflective water surface

28. According to the passage, "tobogganing" refers to _____.

- (1) a penguin jumping with both feet together
- (2) the way in which a penguin ^{floats} ~~floats~~ and ~~swims~~ ^{swims}
- (3) how a penguin ^{moves} ~~move~~ and ^{slides} ~~slide~~ on its belly across the snow
- (4) the quick manner in which a penguin escapes from its enemy

29. How do penguins look for their young in crowded places?

- (1) They use their sense of hearing.
- (2) They move to the centre of the pack.
- (3) They remain on the surface of the water.
- (4) They change their positions from time to time.

30. According to the passage, which statement is false?

- (1) During winter, the female penguins help to look for food.
- (2) Small penguins frequently look for food deep in the ocean.
- (3) Penguins use their wings and tails to maintain balance when on land.
- (4) Penguins protect themselves from their enemies using their black and white appearance.

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) her	(B) several	(C) for	(D) how	(E) she
(F) what	(G) with	(H) do	(I) one	(K) does

Judy Wall is an entertainer who lives in Australia. (31) _____ act combines the skills of a clown, a magician and a sculptor. She wears a wig and a bright costume.

She leads parades, (32) _____ her own magic tricks and makes animal figures using skinny balloons. She also shows her audience (33) _____ to make balloon animals of her own. She inflates the balloon in (34) _____ breath and stretches it to full length. (35) _____ a twist and a tie, she is able to shape a giraffe, a swan or a bumble bee. Judy Wall is so popular that her weekends are always packed with shows for birthday parties and carnivals.

Section F (8 x 1m)

Comprehension 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) weigh	(B) found	(C) roamed	(D) survive	(E) size
(F) protect	(G) carries	(H) suitable	(J) types	(K) diet

Turtles have existed on earth for millions of years. They were around when dinosaurs (36) _____ the earth. Their armoured shells helped them to (37) _____ through the ages, generations after generations.

There are many different (38) _____ of turtles. The leatherback sea turtle reaches a shell length of two hundred metres while the freshwater turtle has a shell length of only fifteen centimetres. As such, their (39) _____ varies. Some (40) _____ only a few grams while others are as heavy as a horse.

The giant sea turtles are not (41) _____ as pets, but many freshwater turtles can be kept and cared for easily. Terrapins are one such example. Their (42) _____ includes leafy greens and terrapin pellets. Terrapins are commonly (43) _____ in areas with a warm climate. Turtles are not difficult to catch because they move very slowly and it is quite easy to grab them by their shells.

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 sentences.

44. Mrs Chin was a kind woman. She loved reading to the orphans.

_____ who

45. Sifi played with matches. It was a dangerous act.

_____ although

46. "Why are you not in school today?" Mrs Li asked Sally.

Mrs Li asked Sally _____

47. Tom enjoys playing badminton. Harry also enjoys playing badminton.

Both _____

Section H (7 x 1m)

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)

As a child, Jane loved animals. She dreamt of visitting Africa to see

(49)

exotic wildlife like zebras and giraffes. When she grew old, she learnt to ride

(50)

horses and worked at a stable. At the age of twenty-three (!) Jane boarded a

ship to sail to Kenya, Africa.

(51)

In Kenya, Jane became interested in studying the behavvier of

(52)

chimpanzees. She felt honoured being involve in the important and

difficult work.

(53)

During her study period, Jane made an exciting discover. She saw a

chimpanzee using a blade of grass to catch termites. It was an example of an

(54)

animal using a tool (?) Jane continued her research for another year before

returning to England.

Section I (6 x 2 m)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 55 to 60. Your answer must be based on the passage.

Guoliang and his friends used to meet regularly every week to play football. They played football as a form of exercise. One evening, Guoliang was playing football with some friends at a nearby field.

Kevin, Guoliang's good friend, kicked the ball towards him. Unfortunately, it missed him and smashed the window of a car, which was parked beside the field. The boys were frightened. They looked around and wondered who the owner of the car was. 5

Not long after, the owner of the car, Mr Lee, appeared. When he saw the condition of his car, he started shouting and scolding the boys. Kevin was scared stiff as he looked at the man's fuming face. Kevin apologised profusely to the man but he ignored him. Suddenly, without any warning, the man grabbed Kevin by his collar and punched his face several times. Horrified, the boys tried to pull the man away from Kevin. However, he was too strong for them. Mr Lee was extremely angry with Kevin. 10

Without hesitation, Guoliang rushed to a nearby police post and informed the police of the incident. Within minutes, he returned with two policemen. The boys were relieved to see **them**. Kevin would have been seriously injured if they had not reached on time to stop the fight. 15

"Police! Stop what you are doing and put your hands up!" shouted one of the policemen. Consumed with anger, Mr Lee ignored the police. At lightning speed, the police pounced on him and pinned him to the ground. He was arrested at once. Meanwhile, Kevin was taken to the hospital to treat his injuries. 20

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

55. What did Guoliang do with his friends every week?

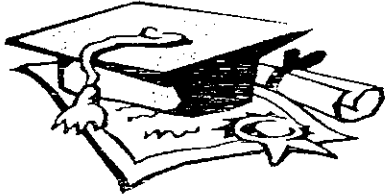
56. What happened after Kevin kicked the ball?

57. What did Mr Lee do to Kevin when he saw what had happened to his car?

58. In line 17, who were 'them'?

59. Which sentence from the passage tells you that the boys' attempt to help Kevin was futile?

60. How did the police stop the attack?



ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2008

SCHOOL : TAO NAN PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH

TERM : SA 2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
3	3	4	2	2	2	3	2	1	4	3	1	2	A	K	D	J

35)G 36)roamed 37)survive 38)types 39)size

40)weigh 41)suitable 42)diet 43)found

44)Mrs Chin was a kind women who loved reading to the orphans.

45)Siti played with matches although it was a dangerous act.

46)Mrs Li asked Sally why she was not in school that day.

47)Both Tom and Harry enjoy playing badminton.

48)visiting 49)older 50), 51)behavior

52)involved 53)discovery 54)!

55)Guoliang would play football with his friends every week.

56)It smashed the window of a car.

57)He grabbed Kevin by the collar and punched his face several times.

58)They were Guoliang and the two policemen.

59)However he was too strong for them.

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