



**AI TONG SCHOOL  
2008**

**SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE**

**PRIMARY 4**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2**

**DURATION** : 1 hour 45 minutes

**DATE** : 6 May 2008

**INSTRUCTIONS**

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

Follow all instructions.

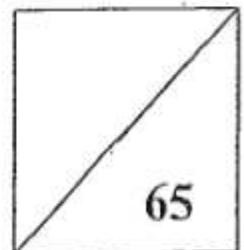
Answer all questions.

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Section A: Graphic Stimulus (4 × 1 mark)

Study the following advertisement and then use it to answer questions 1 to 4.



It is time to plan for the June holidays! Come down to the ZATAS Travel Fair and visit our travel booths. Our friendly travel agents will help you choose your ideal holiday. You will be able to sample delicacies from all over the world at the ZATAS Travel Fair. There will be fun and games for the whole family! Book your travel holiday at the ZATAS Travel Fair and stand a chance to win a 2-night stay in Hong Kong!

**Dates:** 9 May 2008 to 11 May 2008

**Venue:** Singapore Expo Hall 14

**Time:** 10 am to 9 pm

**Organised by:**



FunCo Pte. Ltd.

**Sponsored by:**



Happy Travel



Jumbo Jet Asia



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

1. The ZATAS Travel Fair 2008 is organised by \_\_\_\_\_.

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| 1) ZATAS          | 2) Happy Travel    |
| 3) Jumbo Jet Asia | 4) FunCo Pte. Ltd. |

2. The ZATAS Travel Fair 2008 will last for \_\_\_\_\_.

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| 1) one day    | 2) two days  |
| 3) three days | 4) four days |

3. The main purpose of this fair is to offer customers a choice of holiday packages in \_\_\_\_\_.

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| 1) Māy  | 2) June     |
| 3) July | 4) December |

4. Which of the following statements is true?

- 1) The first 100 customers will be able to play games and win prizes.
- 2) The first 100 customers will be able to try food from various countries.
- 3) The first 100 customers who visit the travel fair will get double lucky draw chances.
- 4) The first 100 customers who book a holiday will get double lucky draw chances.

Section B: Grammar MCQ (5 × 1 mark)

For each question from 5 to 9, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

5. He would have to hurry \_\_\_\_\_ he would miss the bus.

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| (1) or  | (2) so  |
| (3) and | (4) but |

6. Ali worked hard for his examinations, \_\_\_\_\_?

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| (1) does he    | (2) did he    |
| (3) doesn't he | (4) didn't he |

7. My teacher told us that an ant \_\_\_\_\_ an insect.

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

8. Linda enjoys \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese Chess with her friends.

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| (1) play   | (2) plays   |
| (3) played | (4) playing |

9. Mr Lee parked his car \_\_\_\_\_ the roadside.

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| (1) onto    | (2) by |
| (3) against | (4) in |

Section C: Punctuation (3 × 1 mark)

For each question from 10 to 12, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

Lily works as a laundry maid at Hotel Newton. Her job is to wash and iron clothes for the hotel guests.

One day, Lily wanted to wash a pair of pants. She checked the pockets of the pants as usual. She was surprised to find a small box with a diamond ring in one of the pockets (10) She became excited and shouted to the other laundry maids to come and look at the diamond ring.

"You are going to be rich, Lily. This ring should cost about \$5000 (11) exclaimed one of the laundry maids.

"Oh no!" said Lily (12) "I'm going to hand this to the manager. I think it's dishonest to keep it."

10. (1) [-] dash  
(2) [,] comma  
(3) [.] full stop  
(4) [!] exclamation mark
11. (1) [,"] comma and inverted commas  
(2) [." ] full stop and inverted commas  
(3) [?" ] question mark and inverted commas  
(4) [!" ] exclamation mark and inverted commas
12. (1) [,] comma  
(2) [?] question mark  
(3) [!] exclamation mark  
(4) [." ] full stop and inverted commas

Section D: Vocabulary (4 × 1 mark)

For each question from 13 to 16, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

13. Miss Katherine Wong is the author who wrote the \_\_\_\_\_ of the war hero.

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| (1) diary     | (2) story         |
| (3) biography | (4) autobiography |

14. Mrs Tan was \_\_\_\_\_ to buy the expensive cooker as she did not know whether to believe the salesman or not.

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| (1) decisive  | (2) reluctant  |
| (3) convinced | (4) influenced |

15. John is training very hard now as he wants to go on a/an \_\_\_\_\_ to the South Pole next year.

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| (1) tour   | (2) cruise     |
| (3) flight | (4) expedition |

16. Mr Tan \_\_\_\_\_ unsteadily into his house as he was drunk.

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| (1) crept   | (2) roamed    |
| (3) prowled | (4) staggered |

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (4 × 1 mark)

For each question from 17 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Make your choice (1, 2, 3, or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

The squirrel is a furry-tailed creature with large black eyes and rounded ears.  
(17)

Many squirrels are lively creatures with long bushy tails. They often scamper about in  
(18)  
trees or on the ground.

Many kinds of squirrels are easy to tame. They can learn to take nuts and  
(19)  
other food from a person's hand. However, these squirrels may still bite or graze a  
(20)  
person with their claws, causing serious injury.

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| 17. | (1) animal  | (2) pet    |
|     | (3) feline  | (4) insect |
| 18. | (1) dull    | (2) active |
|     | (3) idle    | (4) timid  |
| 19. | (1) train   | (2) grab   |
|     | (3) cuddle  | (4) cling  |
| 20. | (1) glide   | (2) sniff  |
|     | (3) scratch | (4) nuzzle |

**Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 × 1 mark)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 21 to 25.

Have you ever thought of owning a pet? Perhaps a rabbit is the simplest animal to start with.

Rabbits are safe for children to handle. They are fairly easy to look after too. However, there are some breeds that you should avoid if you have not kept rabbits as pets before. They are the long-eared and long-haired types such as the Angoras. These rabbits are very attractive to look at, but a lot of time and care are needed to brush and keep their hair clean.

Rabbits are lively animals. They like to have a lot of room to move around in. Thus, you should make the rabbit's hutch at least four times as long and twice as high as the rabbit. It is also important to keep the hutch dry all the time.

Rabbits are easy to feed. They grow well on most green food like green grass, lettuce, cabbage leaves and carrot tops. You can also feed them oats and bread crusts. Remember to give them plenty of fresh water every day.

For each question from 21 to 25, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

21. Why does the writer suggest a rabbit as a pet?

- (1) It is lively.
- (2) It eats little.
- (3) It is attractive.
- (4) It is easy to care for.

22. Which of the following statements about the Angora is false?

- (1) It is attractive.
- (2) It has long hair.
- (3) It has long ears.
- (4) It needs little care.



23. Why must the rabbit's hutch be big?

- (1) It is easy to clean.
- (2) It has more fresh air.
- (3) It makes feeding the rabbit easier.
- (4) It gives the rabbit more space to move about.

24. A rabbit's diet consists mainly of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) oats
- (2) vegetables
- (3) fresh water
- (4) bread crusts

25. From the passage, we know that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) rabbits are not very active
- (2) everyone keeps rabbits as their first pet
- (3) a dry hutch is necessary for a rabbit to live in
- (4) some breeds of rabbits cannot be kept as pets

Part 2

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Section G: Grammar Cloze (6 × 1 mark)

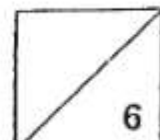
There are 6 blanks, numbered 26 to 31, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) upon	(B) neither	(C) most	(D) to	(E) have
(F) and	(G) either	(H) for	(J) with	(K) in

It is interesting and sometimes very important, to learn about the standards of courtesy in different social cultures of the world. One of the most important social graces (26) \_\_\_\_\_ western countries is punctuality, which means arriving on time. (27) \_\_\_\_\_ people consider it rude to arrive later than the time agreed (28) \_\_\_\_\_. It causes inconvenience for others when a person arrives late. Late-coming is also a sign of disrespect as it shows that you do not value the other person's time.

In Singapore, it is very common for guests (29) \_\_\_\_\_ arrive at least half an hour late for a Chinese wedding dinner. The guests should (30) \_\_\_\_\_ arrive earlier or punctually. We should all make it a habit to be punctual. It shows courtesy (31) \_\_\_\_\_ good manners.



Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (8 × 1 mark)

For each question from 32 to 39, correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Mr Lee Ah Ban used to cycle to work from the village when he was just a

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teenager. He worked in a factory as a **delivry** boy. When he was twenty-one years old,

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his uncle asked him to help run his **pløvision** shop. Mr Lee worked very hard and saved

every cent that he earned. When he was twenty-five years old, he was able to open his

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own shop with his hard-earn money.

(35)

Mr Lee continud to work hard. He was also honest and knew how to pleased his

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customers. His business expanded rapid not through advertisements but through word

of mouth. His customers remained loyal to him and continued to patronize his shop even

when they had moved away.

(37)

Today, Mr Lee is a **suceesful** businessman who owns a chain of supermarkets.

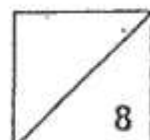
(38)

Though he is wealthy, he still continues to work hard, give his customers the same

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honest service. Most new customers are **supised** to find out that the humble man

behind the counter is a millionaire.



Section I: Comprehension Cloze (8 × 1 mark)

Passage 1

There are 4 blanks, numbered 40 to 43, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

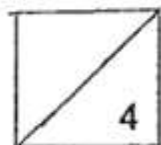
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) escape	(B) broke	(C) rush	(D) save	(E) finished
(F) broken	(G) expired	(H) rough	(J) lenient	(K) strict

A ferry which was on its way to Tioman from the coastal town of Mersing, Johor, suddenly burst into flames about half an hour from the resort island on Oct 13. A fire had (40) \_\_\_\_\_ out in the engine room at about 12.30pm. It was said that the ferry crew abandoned the ferry without helping the passengers. Three people went missing after about 100 of them leapt into the water to (41) \_\_\_\_\_ the flames.

Tioman is a popular holiday spot because of its beaches and water sports. It can be reached only via boat or ferry from Mersing. It was not clear if the boat was overloaded, but a Marine Department official said that the ferry's permit had (42) \_\_\_\_\_ last December. There was also talk of engine problems. Meanwhile, the Malaysian authorities have put in place (43) \_\_\_\_\_ measures to make trips safer.

*Adapted from Little Red Dot, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2007*



## Passage 2

There are 4 blanks numbered 44 to 47, in the passage below. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

All forms of exercise are good if they are done regularly and in moderation. Besides your normal Physical Education lessons, you should also take part in sports and games.

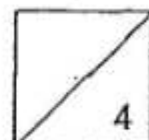
Swimming is one of the best (44) \_\_\_\_\_ of exercise. Swimmers exercise nearly all the muscles of their bodies. Furthermore, if a person can swim, he has a better chance of saving himself from drowning.

Some sports, especially running and games such as football and basketball are vigorous. Children who take up such sports (45) \_\_\_\_\_ strength, speed and stamina. They run, jump and compete with one another. In this way, they grow up strong and healthy.

Walking is a simple and good exercise. Unlike swimming or a game of badminton, you can walk almost anywhere and at anytime. It (46) \_\_\_\_\_ you money and is good for the young as well as for the (47) \_\_\_\_\_.

Apart from exercising our muscles, taking part in sports and games helps us learn about cooperation and sportsmanship. Such knowledge helps us get along with others.

*Adapted from Health Education Today Book 4*



Section J: Synthesis (4 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions 48 to 51, rewrite the given sentences using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

48. I was early. I went to the bookshop.

\_\_\_\_\_ so  
\_\_\_\_\_

49. You do not eat nutritious food. You will fall ill.

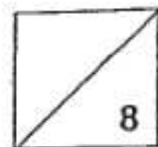
- If \_\_\_\_\_  
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50. The show was funny. The show was touching.

- \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_

51. I scored a goal. My mother cheered.

\_\_\_\_\_ when  
\_\_\_\_\_



Section K: Comprehension Open Ended (5 × 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer Questions 52 to 56.  
Your answers must be based on the passage.

Peter had an accident. He fell from a tall building while he was cleaning the windows. As a result, he broke his back and had to be in hospital for a very long time.

At first, Peter felt miserable. He was an active, hardworking young man who liked to play games in his free time but now he had to be in bed all day.

One day, Peter saw a new patient on the opposite bed. One of his legs was in a plaster cast but the man looked cheerful. Peter said, "I hate lying here in bed all day long. I want to be on a football field, kicking the ball towards our opponents' goal-posts."

The new patient said, "Yes, that would be marvellous! But wouldn't we look funny! I've got this heavy plaster cast, and you are all bandaged up!" They both laughed loudly.

There was a piece of paper and a pencil on the table near Peter's bed. Peter picked them up and began to draw a cartoon of all the patients in the ward playing football. It was very funny. A nurse came along, took a look at it and began to laugh. She showed it to all the patients and they laughed too.

Soon Peter was very busy drawing cartoons as all the doctors, nurses and patients wanted him to draw cartoons for them. He was happy. Everyone admired his cartoons.

After Peter left the hospital, he continued to draw cartoons as a hobby. He gave his drawings to his friends and they had cheered them up a lot. They suggested that he should send some of his cartoons to a newspaper or to a magazine. Peter decided to give it a try. He chose five of his best cartoons and sent them to a newspaper. The newspaper editor liked his cartoons and published them in the newspaper.

Soon Peter's cartoons became very popular. There was once when Peter was ill for a week, his cartoons did not appear in the newspaper. The newspaper readers wrote in to complain.

*Adapted from PEP Basic Reader 4B*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

52. How did Peter break his back?

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53. Why was Peter unhappy at first in hospital?

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54. What did Peter enjoy doing before his accident?

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55. Why was Peter's cartoon so popular?

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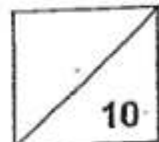
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56. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the newspaper readers liked Peter's drawings so much that they got upset when the cartoons were missing?

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~Please check your work carefully







# ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2008

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
2	1	3	4	4	4	2	3	K	C	A	D	G

31)F      32)delivery      33)provision      34)hard-earned

35)please      36)rapidly      37)successful      38)giving

39)surprised      40)F      41)A      42)G      43)K

44)forms      45)need      46)saves      47)adults

48)I was early so I went to the bookshop.

49)If you do not eat nutritious food, you will fall ill.

50)The show was funny and touching.

51)My mother cheered when I scored a goal.

52)He fell down on a tall building when he was cleaning the windows.

53)He hated lying in bed all day.

54)He enjoyed playing soccer games.

55)It was funny.

56)The sentence is,"The newspaper readers wrote in to complain.