



AI TONG SCHOOL
2006

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE

PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

DURATION : 1hr 50 min
DATE : 8 May 2006

INSTRUCTIONS

Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions.
Answer all questions.

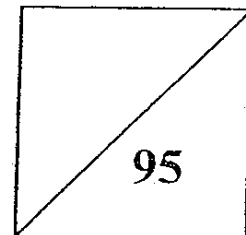
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Section A: Comprehension-Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

Study the following text and answer questions 1 to 5.

Meet the
TEEN TITANS

Only at Jurong Point.
See you at the auditorium.

Date: 19-17 June 2006
Time: 2pm, 4.30pm & 7pm
(Weekends)
3pm & 7 pm (Weekdays)
(No show on Monday)

**Limited seating capacity, on first-come, first-served basis.*

Visit Toys "R" Us Now!
Grab your favourite Teen
Titans merchandise and toys at
Toys "R" Us,
#02-45.

Creative Colouring Challenge!
Centrestage, Level 1
Monday 12 June 2006, 2pm (4 to 6
years old) & 4pm (7 to 9 years old)

Take part in this contest and you
could walk away with \$50 worth of
shopping vouchers or products. To
participate, register at the
Information Counter one hour prior
to the contest with a \$20 shopping
receipt made on the same day as
contest date. Limited to first 25
children who sign up for each
category.

Jurong Point Privilege Card
Sign up for Jurong Privilege Card
from now till 30 June and stand a
chance to win one of 3 OSIM
uZaps.

**LET THE KIDS TAKE
CENTRESTAGE AT
JURONG POINT**

Main Sponsor: BMB
Sponsors: Hush Puppy,
McDonald's, Guardian Pharmacy



Starfire

Beast Boy

Robin



BE A SUPERSTAR

**Be a Superstar
Join the Children's
Karaoke Competition**

The search for Jurong
Point's Superstar is on and
everybody wants a piece of
the action. Even the stars
from the popular cartoon
series 'Teen Titans' are in
town to bask in stardom.
Pick up a contest form at
Jurong Point's Information
Counter on Level 1 or
download form from
www.jurongpoint.com.sg
or call our competition
hotline 62939765.

**Details of the Children's
Karaoke Competition
10 June to 1 July 2006.**

Categories:
Junior Category : 7-9 years
old
Senior Category: 10 - 12
years old

Prizes (Each category)
Champion: \$2000 cash,
BMB Karaoke System and
Trophy
1st Runner-up: \$1000 cash,
BMB Microphone System
and Trophy
2nd Runner-up: \$500 cash,
BMB Mixer and Trophy

Simply spend \$20 at any outlet and stand
a chance to win attractive prizes. (Same day, single receipt)

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 tell people how to win shopping vouchers.
 - (2) To invite people to sign up for the Jurong Privilege Card.
 - (3) To encourage children to participate in its Karaoke Contest.
 - (4) To announce that the Teen Titans are taking part in the Karaoke Contest.

2. What can you expect to win in the Creative Colouring Challenge Contest?
 - (1) Fifty dollars cash
 - (2) Two thousand dollars cash
 - (3) Teen Titan merchandise and toys
 - (4) Fifty dollars worth of shopping vouchers or products

3. Which of these statements is incorrect?
 - (1) There are four main sponsors.
 - (2) Only children aged 7 to 12 have the chance to be a Superstar.
 - (3) You can buy Teen Titan merchandise and toys at Toys "R" Us.
 - (4) Fans of Teen Titans can meet their idols at the Jurong Point auditorium

4. You can win an OSIM uZap if you _____
 - (1) spend \$20 in a single receipt
 - (2) participate in the Karaoke Contest
 - (3) take part in the Creative Colouring Contest
 - (4) sign up for the Jurong Point Privilege Card

5. Which of the following ways will not enable you to sign up for the Karaoke Competition?
 - (1) Call the hotline at 62939765.
 - (2) Download the form from www.jurongpoint.com.sg.
 - (3) Collect the form from the Jurong Point's Information Counter.
 - (4) Register one hour prior to the contest on the day of the competition.

Section B: Grammar MCO (7 x 1 mark)

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. John's parents made him _____ his homework before allowing him to play computer games.
- (1) complete
 - (2) completes
 - (3) completed
 - (4) completing
7. _____ wanted to participate in the concert, so the committee decided to abandon the idea.
- (1) No one
 - (2) Anyone
 - (3) Everyone
 - (4) Someone
8. Mr Chua left his home twenty minutes ago. He _____ to see a doctor.
- (1) goes
 - (2) went
 - (3) has gone
 - (4) had gone
9. My grandparents _____ from Malaysia tomorrow to attend my aunt's wedding dinner.
- (1) arrive
 - (2) is arriving
 - (3) are arriving
 - (4) have arrived
10. By the time my father comes home, we _____ doing our homework.
- (1) finish
 - (2) finished
 - (3) have finished
 - (4) will have finished

11. _____ being blind, Kelvin went on to win the Superstar Singing Competition.

- (1) In spite
- (2) Despite
- (3) Because
- (4) Although

12. Mary, together with her cousins, _____ taking part in the concert next week.

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

Section C: Punctuation MCQ (3 x 1 mark)

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.

“You look tired,” I said one evening when Mother trudged into our narrow apartment (13) It was already dark and she had put in a long day working two jobs.

“Guess I am,” she said as she collapsed into the overstuffed chair and kicked off her shoes. With a smile she asked, “What did you learn in school today (14)

No matter how tired Mother was (15) if we were still up when she got home, she would always ask about school. I got the idea pretty early in life that school was very important to her.

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

Section D: Vocabulary MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

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. Please be careful when crossing this busy road. A _____ accident occurred here last month.
- (1) fatal
 - (2) deadly
 - (3) harmful
 - (4) dangerous
17. Napoleon was one of the greatest military commanders in history. His army was believed to be _____.
- (1) powerful
 - (2) invincible
 - (3) courageous
 - (4) indestructible
18. The terrorists' attempt to blow up the building was _____ by the alert security guard.
- (1) stopped
 - (2) restricted
 - (3) thwarted
 - (4) constricted
19. Keith who was first in the race was forced to _____ his title after he failed the drug test.
- (1) resign
 - (2) release
 - (3) discharge
 - (4) relinquish
20. The people staying in the hotel had to be _____ as there were fears of an impending tsunami.
- (1) evacuated
 - (2) controlled
 - (3) retrenched
 - (4) transferred

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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.

My mind was still in deep thought when suddenly I heard a (21) commotion at the entrance. There was an elderly lady in a wheelchair and another older woman trying to push her along. They were struggling with the heavy glass door. A bustling crowd, too busy to help, (22) side-stepped them to get by, leaving them to struggle alone.

I jumped up to help them. It was only then that I realized the woman pushing the wheelchair could barely walk. I (23) eased them through both sets of doors and helped them to the elevator. They thanked me, but I could see that they still had a (24) monumental struggle ahead. They still needed to get in and out of the elevator, and into their doctor's clinic safely.

I decided to ride with them in the elevator. I asked them which floor they were going to, and then I made sure they found the correct clinic. They thanked me (25) repeatedly. I told them it was my pleasure, and I really meant it. I was truly happy to help them.

21. (1) noise
(2) sound
(3) scream
(4) clamour
22. (1) pushed
(2) avoided
(3) ignored
(4) neglected
23. (1) helped
(2) abated
(3) relieved
(4) checked

24. (1) great
(2) severe
(3) awesome.
(4) outstanding
25. (1) politely
(2) relentlessly
(3) consciously
(4) enthusiastically

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Belonging to the weasel family, the mongoose has very short legs, a long body and a short tail shaped something like the English ferret. However it is found only in India where it is very useful for killing the most venomous snakes. A fable is told of the help that a certain mongoose once gave to a crane.

The crane was in its nest with its eggs when it saw to its great terror, a snake hiding in a hole nearby. It was a well-known fact then that the snake would always crawl up to the nest of the cranes and devour the young cranes as soon as they were hatched. The young mother crane, who was utterly helpless, thought of a brilliant plan by which it could get the help of the mongoose. It knew that the mongoose was fond of fish, but would never step into the waters to catch one because of its fear of water. It would rather go without the fish than to get itself wet.

The crane then carried out its plan. With its long neck it soon picked some fish out of a stream nearby. It knew that the fresh fish would make a delicious meal for the mongoose. The clever crane then tore up the fish into little pieces and placed them in a long line all the way from the hole of the mongoose to that of the snake.

The aroma of the fresh fish soon woke up the mongoose which was sleeping soundly in its hole. Without a second thought, the mongoose followed the smell of the fish and ate up the pieces of fish lined all the way from its hole to that of the snake. When it finally reached the hole of the snake, the mongoose entered it. What a surprise awaited him. There in the hole were the snake and its young ones. Immediately the mongoose pounced upon the snake and its young ones and ate them heartily. That day, it had its most satisfying meal but little did it know that it had done a kind deed for the crane.

26. The story tell us how the _____

- (1) weasel helped the snake
- (2) crane got rid of the snake
- (3) snake got tricked by the mongoose
- (4) crane helped the mongoose to catch fish

27. According to the story, the mongoose is a useful animal because _____

- (1) it is found only in India,
- (2) it always helps the cranes
- (3) it can kill the most venomous snakes
- (4) it killed the snake that tried to eat the crane's young.

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28. The fact that the crane was 'utterly helpless' shows us that it _____
- (1) knew what to do
 - (2) had given up hope
 - (3) was unable to fight the snake by itself
 - (4) would let the snake eat her young ones
29. How did the crane lure the mongoose out of its hole?
- (1) It had a brilliant idea.
 - (2) It used her eggs as bait.
 - (3) It used the snake to lure it out of its hole.
 - (4) It made use of the fact that the mongoose loved fish.
30. What was the 'kind-deed' that the mongoose had done for the crane? _____
- (1) Taking care of its young.
 - (2) Catching fish for the crane.
 - (3) Getting rid of the crane's predator.
 - (4) Helping to kill all the snakes in India.

BOOKLET B

Name : _____ ()

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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 to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) by	(D) for	(G) then	(K) until	(N) before
(B) to	(E) at	(H) with	(L) in	(P) then
(C) that	(F) so	(J) who	(M) and	(Q) of

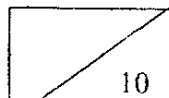
I am a creature living in the dark, murky waters of the beautiful Scottish lake called Loch Ness. This lake is situated (31) _____ the northern part of the country. Unlike others (32) _____ may complain, I enjoy the low temperature here especially the foggy atmosphere created (33) _____ the weather.

I should say I enjoy a worldwide fame (34) _____ many people are still interested in me after many decades. People have flocked to see me, travelling far and wide. They first learnt (35) _____ me from the newspaper in 1933. Since (36) _____, I was named the Loch Ness Monster. Another name given to me is "Nessie". I love the name very much because I feel like a friend (37) _____ the humans when they call me so.

I want very much to satisfy the curiosity of my human friends, (38) _____ one day, I emerged from the water when there was a crowd near me. However, to my dismay, I was not very well-received! I heard screams and saw ladies fainting (39) _____ I could say "Hello".

(40) _____ today, I would not show myself in front of a large crowd. Whenever I emerge from the water, I would go to the furthest end of the lake.

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

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

(41)

Mrs Teresa Wong, 35, has admit tricking her neighbours and family into believing that her daughter, Hannah, had cancer in order to raise money. She even gave the seven-year-

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old sleeping pills and shaved her head to see nut the side-effects of chemotherapy.

(43)

Her efforts results in donations of more than \$10 000 from businesses and residents in her

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hometown, Malacca. The police are now investigate Mrs Teresa Wong, her husband Robert

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Wong and an unidentified third person but no charges had yet been filed. Mr Wong denied

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any knowledge of the elaborate hoax and said he had taken his wife to a mantel hospital. Mr

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Wong told the police he had discovered the scam in a month ago.

(49)

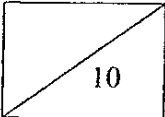
Sharp-eyed school staff members noticed tell-tale stubble on the girl's head -

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suggesting that her hair had been shaved, and were not falling out. They told the police of their suspicions.

Residents of Malacca were shocked at the news that Hannah's illness was a hoax. Resident Melody Chan said, "How could a mother do something like that to her child.... It just floors me."

Adapted from THE NEW PAPER, DEC 21, 2002



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Section I : Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Parents have to play an active part in helping their child but not too much. That is the message education consultant Soo Kim Bee wants to get (51) _____ to parents. Mrs Soo, a former teacher who also worked as a curriculum specialist with the Ministry of Education, (52) _____ parents can sometimes be too zealous in trying to provide the (53) _____ for their children.

“Sometimes I see children attending tuition for practically (54) _____. Parents need to sit down and talk to their children and try to (55) _____ which subject they really need tuition in. In fact, she said that (56) _____ is not always the solution when a child is not doing well. “When parents see the child is weak at a particular subject, the first (57) _____ is to send him or her for tuition. It’s the easiest solution but it may not (58) _____ the problem.” She advised parents to talk to teachers and the child to try to get to the (59) _____ of the problem.

In (60) _____ to concerns about “Teach less, Learn More” philosophy, she said the idea needs to be given (61) _____ time. “Normally it takes about five years for the cohort to pass (62) _____ the new system before we can see the results. In the meantime, just support the children.”

She also (63) _____ parents to let young children try any extra activity they want but not to impose (64) _____ them.

“We don’t really know what they are (65) _____ at yet in early primary, so by all means do take them for different kinds of lessons, but then just see if they warm to it or not. If not, then let them stop taking the class. It should never be a chore for the child,” she said.

Adapted from The Sunday Times Mar 5 2006

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Section J : Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions from 66 to 70, rewrite the sentence(s) 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).

66. If we do not take a plane to Penang, we will not be able to get there on time.

Unless _____

67. Mary did not perform in the dance. Jane did not perform in the dance.

Neither Mary _____

68. Susan said, "I'm going for a show with my family this evening."

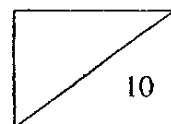
Susan said that _____

69. Lee Ming and his brother went to school. They did not take their breakfast this morning.

_____ without _____

70. The boys would rather play in the park than swim in the pool.

_____ prefer _____



Section K : Comprehension OE (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

When I was young, we lived in a dilapidated wooden house on the outskirts of Limbang, a small town in northern Sarawak, Malaysia. It stood on wooden stilts and had a steep sloping roof of corrugated zinc sheets, which made the house very hot during the day. The tiny collection of rooms inside could barely contain all our family – Father, Mother and 11 children.

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We seemed to live in perpetual darkness. During the day, the nearby trees blocked out much of the sunlight. Furthermore, the nights were always brooding, foreboding time. This was the 1950s and early 1960s, and we had no electricity. We lit kerosene lamps, which gave only dim light. The gloom was made worse by the superstitious fears Mother passed on to us. Raised on a mixture of Chinese ancestor worship and Taoist and Buddhist beliefs, we believed in ghosts and malevolent wandering spirits. Our friends, probably afraid of the dark, creepy appearance of the house rarely came over to play. I once overheard one of my relatives telling her children that our house was haunted. We preferred to play rounders and tag in a big field in the centre of town. At dusk, I would reluctantly return home with a feeling of dread.

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By the time I was a teenager, my superstitious fears had been replaced by feelings of discontent and shame. All my friends had nicer homes with proper plumbing. We didn't even have a toilet. Instead, we used chamber-pots. If friends dropped by unexpectedly before the chamber-pots had been emptied, I would be overcome with shame. Sometimes the pots were placed in the laundry area in full view. Even if they were still hidden away in the bedroom, I was sure my friends could smell them.

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When I was 13, I sprained my ankle at school and my principal, a Canadian named Mr Spark, drove me home. We arrived just in time to see my younger sister, Siok Kiat, empty a chamber-pot. Everything was in full view – sister, chamber-pot and cascading urine mixed with excrement. I wished I could have been anywhere else at that moment. I saw Mr Spark as culturally superior, and although he did not say anything, I imagined him thinking "What an unhygienic and unrefined family!"

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I admit that life wasn't always terrible. We had fun playing hide-and-seek and games of our own invention around the house. And when I was in my mid-teens, we

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got electricity. A fluorescent tube lit the living room and the bedrooms and kitchen each had a light bulb.

Still, I could see nothing much to appreciate about my home. To me, it was ugly, rotten – an eyesore.

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Then, when I was 16, some teachers from my school came to visit. As my art teacher, Mr Ong entered, he said, “Siok Hong, your house is situated in such a beautiful setting. I had to stop and admire it from the road. All those trees forming the backdrop make it look so picturesque.”

Suddenly, I saw my house in a different light – from Mr Ong’s artistic point of view. The veil that had prevented me from noticing the beauty that had been there all the time fell away.

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Adapted from My Story, Reader’s Digest March 2006

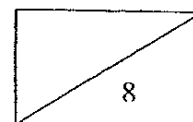
ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Where did the author and his family live when he was young?

72. Which phrase in the passage tells you that the house was too small for the author’s family?

73. Why did the author mention in line 6 that they “seemed to live in perpetual darkness”?

74. According to the passage, what was the author afraid of when he mentioned “superstitious fears” in line 10?



75. Why was the author reluctant to go home after a game of rounders and tag with his friends?

76. What were the chamber-pots used for?

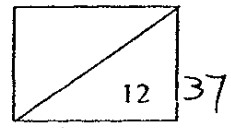
77. Explain why the author was "overcome with shame" (line 21) when his friends dropped by unexpectedly at his house?

78. What activities did the author and his siblings enjoy doing in the house?

79. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "beautiful and attractive"?

80. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the author had begun to appreciate his house?

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Primary 6 English SA1 (2006)

Answer Sheets

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
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70. The boys prefer playing in the park to swimming in the pool.
71. They lived in dilapidated wooden house on the outskirts of Limbang, a small town in northern Sarawak, Malaysia.
72. It is "could barely contain all our family".
73. His house was dimly lit during the day as the near by trees blocked out much of the sunlight and there was no electricity at night.
74. The author was afraid of ghosts and malevolent wandering spirits.
75. He though his house was haunted and he dreaded meeting any ghost or spirit.

- 76. The chamber-pots were used for collecting the urine and excrement.**
- 77. He was too ashamed of the presence of chamber-pots in his house and the smell they released.**
- 78. They enjoyed playing hide-and-seek and games of their own invention around the house.**
- 79. It is "picturesque".**
- 80. It is "The veil that had prevented me from noticing the beauty that had been there all the time fell away."**