



AI TONG SCHOOL

2011

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

Total Time For Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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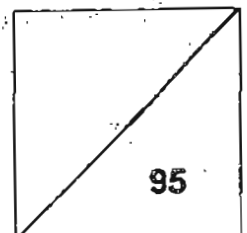
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Class: Primary _____

Date: 10 May 2011

Parent's Signature: _____

Total Marks:








Section A: Comprehension-Graphic Stimulus (5x1 mark)

Study the following brochure and answer questions 1 to 5.

Crossroads - In Concert

+ A fundraising concert for The Disabled Youth Society (DYS) +
+ Watch talented youth performers from Crossroads Music Company +

Highlights:

- ❖ Fringe Activities (from 7 p.m.)
 - Buy handicrafts made by the youths of DYS* 
 - View a photo-exhibition at the lobby about the services which DYS provides
- ❖ The Concert 
 - Energetic Hip Hop Dance 
 - Youth bands performing their original compositions 
 - Special Skit by the youths of DYS 

** Crossroads Music Company will donate \$1 to DYS for every piece of handicraft sold*

Date:
8 June 2011

Time:
8 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Venue:
Promenade Theatres

- All tickets are priced at \$50
- Tickets can be purchased at:
 - Crossroads Music Company
 - All NXA Stations
 - All Sixtix Outlets

For enquiries, please call Crossroads Music Company at 6123 4321 or log on to www.crmc.org



Crossroads Music Company proudly brings this event to you



Supported by: The Disabled Foundation

Sponsored by: National Youth Council

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. The event is organized by _____
 - (1) Sixix Outlet
 - (2) National Youth Council
 - (3) The Disabled Foundation
 - (4) Crossroads Music Company

2. Before the concert starts, one can _____
 - (1) enjoy a Hip-Hop dance performance
 - (2) watch a skit performed by the youths of DYS
 - (3) listen to original songs composed by youth bands
 - (4) purchase craft works created by the youths of DYS

3. Which one of the following is true of the event?
 - (1) The concert is two hours long.
 - (2) The concert is held at Promenade Theatres.
 - (3) Crossroads Music Company will sell handicrafts for \$1 each.
 - (4) Participants can take pictures with the youths of DYS at the lobby.

4. If you have an enquiry, you should _____
 - (1) locate any NXA Stations
 - (2) log on to www.crmc.org
 - (3) call National Youth Council
 - (4) go to Crossroads Music Company

5. With reference to the brochure, the main aim of the event is to _____
 - (1) raise funds for DYS
 - (2) promote the services by DYS
 - (3) sell handicrafts made by youths from DYS
 - (4) give the youths of Crossroads Music Company a platform to perform

Section B: Grammar MCQ (7x1 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. You really like the food in this cafe, _____?
- (1) do you
 - (2) did you
 - (3) don't you
 - (4) didn't you
7. "Have you ever _____ an electric car before?" asked Paige.
- (1) drive
 - (2) drove
 - (3) driven
 - (4) drives
8. Since Cindy looked _____ Marie as her best friend, she shared all secrets with her freely.
- (1) to
 - (2) for
 - (3) after
 - (4) upon
9. The library is open _____ 8.30am _____ 8.30pm daily.
- (1) during ... to
 - (2) from ... and
 - (3) between ... to
 - (4) between ... and
10. As it was getting late, Gerald offered to give Pamela and _____ a lift home.
- (1) I
 - (2) my
 - (3) me
 - (4) mine

11. _____ from a tin of biscuits, the Chan family had no food left at home.

- (1) Apart
- (2) Other
- (3) Except
- (4) Besides

12. Alvin, together with Sarah and Samantha, _____ going to visit Simon in the hospital tomorrow.

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

Section C: Punctuation MCQ (3x1 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.

“Stop! Stop or I will shoot!” commanded Inspector Tom. Immediately, the timid-looking man dropped his weapon and a black bag. “I surrender! Will you let me off (13) he stammered softly.

Without a word, Inspector Tom handcuffed the man while Inspector Jerry searched the black bag for evidence. When Inspector Jerry opened the bag, his eyes widened as he saw wads of dollar notes (14) chunks of jewellery and a few precious gold bars.

“Indeed (15) He is the infamous timid robber whom we have been looking for,” said Inspector Jerry. Both inspectors exchanged smiles as they had cracked another case successfully.

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

Section D: Vocabulary MCQ (5x1 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. The clinic nurse has to follow the doctor's written instructions closely in order to _____ the correct medication to each patient over at the counter.

- (1) display
- (2) dispense
- (3) prescribe
- (4) purchase

17. Thomas was discouraged by the fact that the project did not _____ as planned despite having invested a lot of hard work in preparing for it.

- (1) take on
- (2) take off
- (3) take up
- (4) take over

18. Instead of _____ others in our multicultural society, we should accept and embrace all racial and religious differences.

- (1) debunking
- (2) diminishing
- (3) demoralising
- (4) discriminating

19. Since his acting skills were _____, Robert was not selected as a finalist in the talent search contest.

- (1) inspiring
- (2) excellent
- (3) mediocre
- (4) outstanding

20. The candidate with the highest number of votes will be _____ as the new Head Prefect.

- (1) elected
- (2) targeted
- (3) crowned
- (4) nominated

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5x1 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.

Andy never imagined that he would ever be kidnapped. He was merely a middle-class worker who hardly fitted the profile of a kidnap victim. When four men accosted Andy while he was waiting for a taxi along the deserted street, he ignored them and tried to walk away. However, one of the men gripped Andy by the collar and hauled him into a van. Andy wondered what he had done to land himself in such a predicament, one that he could not wait to get out of. True to his positive nature, Andy was sanguine about the likelihood of him being saved. Andy believed that this was an unfortunate case of a mistaken identity.

21. (1) outline
(2) contour
(3) depiction
(4) description
22. (1) touched
(2) assaulted
(3) confronted
(4) reprimanded
23. (1) lured
(2) ushered
(3) dragged
(4) escorted
24. (1) ugly dispute
(2) intense battle
(3) unpleasant situation
(4) adverse consequence
25. (1) doubtful
(2) optimistic
(3) frustrated
(4) indifferent

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5x1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Mr Wong came home late from work again. Having had a bad day, he felt particularly tired and irritated. He longed for a nice hot shower to relax his tired self. As he entered the door, his five-year-old son was waiting for him in the living room. The last thing that Mr Wong wanted to do was to entertain him.

"Daddy, can I ask you a question?" little Jeremiah quizzed. Reluctantly, Mr Wong nodded his head. Jeremiah crept up to Mr Wong and whispered to him. Puzzled, Mr Wong replied that he earned twenty dollars an hour. Jeremiah continued to murmur another question to Mr Wong. Suddenly, Mr Wong glared at Jeremiah, before snapping at him. Mr Wong was appalled that his son had the audacity to ask to borrow nine dollars from him, after asking how much he made per hour at work.

Mr Wong reprimanded Jeremiah for being selfish and concluded that his son wanted to know how much he earned so that he could borrow nine dollars to buy some worthless toys. He was sure Jeremiah did not know the true value of money. That saddened him. Then, Jeremiah was sent to his room for a time of reflection. Quietly, Jeremiah ambled to his room and shut the door gently.

After his hot shower, Mr Wong pondered about his son's request again. As Jeremiah hardly asked Mr Wong for money, it dawned on him that Jeremiah could have needed the money to buy something important. Curious, Mr Wong proceeded to Jeremiah's room.

"Son, why did you need to borrow nine dollars from me?" questioned Mr Wong. Wiping the tears from his eyes, Jeremiah reached under his pillow and pulled out a few crumpled dollar notes that amounted to eleven dollars. Jeremiah explained that he had intended to buy an hour of Mr Wong's time because both father and son had not been spending much time together. However, he was still short of nine dollars. Instantly, Mr Wong knew that he had wronged his son. He held little Jeremiah in a warm embrace.

"I'm sorry son. I love you very much," Mr Wong whispered affectionately.

Adapted from: Can I Borrow Nine Dollars: <http://www.sap-basis-abap.com/motivation/can-i-borrow-9-dollars.htm>

26. Why was Mr Wong "particularly tired and irritated" (line 2)?
- (1) He was unhappy at work.
 - (2) He had not taken hot shower yet.
 - (3) He came home late from work again.
 - (4) He had to entertain his son's request.
27. Jeremiah's question to his father in line 5 was to find out _____.
- (1) why Mr Wong came home late
 - (2) whether he could borrow nine dollars
 - (3) how much money Mr Wong made per hour
 - (4) why Mr Wong felt particularly tired and irritated
28. The word "That" in line 15 refers to _____.
- (1) Jeremiah ambling to his room
 - (2) Jeremiah not knowing the true value of money
 - (3) Mr Wong reprimanding Jeremiah for being selfish
 - (4) Mr Wong sending Jeremiah to his room for a time of reflection
29. In paragraph 4, Mr Wong was curious to find out _____.
- (1) what Jeremiah was doing in his room
 - (2) what Jeremiah had hidden under his pillow
 - (3) why Jeremiah needed to know his hourly salary
 - (4) why Jeremiah wanted to borrow nine dollars from him
30. From the passage, we can tell that Mr Wong was _____.
- (1) a lazy worker who skived at work
 - (2) a busy father who had little time for his son
 - (3) a patient parent who lovingly taught his son about life values
 - (4) an unreasonable man who never cared for his son's feelings



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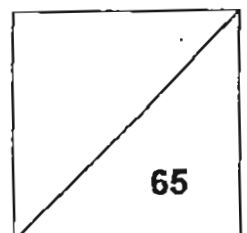
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Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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.

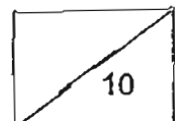
(A) among	(D) by	(G) in	(K) of	(N) towards
(B) and	(E) for	(H) into	(L) on	(P) which
(C) between	(F) has	(J) is	(M) or	(Q) with

Residents in the Serangoon area now have a new library to patronise. The new library (31) _____ a timely addition to the neighbourhood as the population in Serangoon has grown to a size (32) _____ about 125 000. Furthermore, the opening of the stations for the Circle and North-East MRT lines in Serangoon has turned the area (33) _____ a key transport hub.

The library, (34) _____ is the first to have a special focus on educational gaming (35) _____ introducing a Digital Media area, will definitely appeal to the young. The library has partnered (36) _____ relevant authorities to develop programmes either on cyber-wellness (37) _____ the engineering aspects of game design.

The library will play a key role (38) _____ cultivating a sense of ownership and community-bonding (39) _____ the organisers, stakeholders and residents. Through various community-based programmes, everyone can come together and work (40) _____ common goals. The grassroots organisations and residents in Serangoon will be collaborating to showcase the unique features of the neighbourhood in the new library.

*Adapted from Ramesh, S. New Library Opens In Serangoon. Channel News Asia 2011, March 13:
<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/stories/singaporelocalnews/view/1115791/1.html>*



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

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

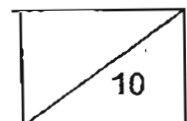
The results of last year's A-level examination were released yesterday. Two
(41) (42)
stories of sheer **plark** and persistence surfaced – stories of students whom overcame
(43)
difficulties to pull up **sterling** results.

With the first of his examinations completed last year, Ken went for a bicycle ride
(44) (45)
to unwind. Unfortunately, he **kaliaded** with another rider and lied sprawled on the
(46)
ground. He had fractured his elbows and was in **exkrushiating** pain.

(47)
Undeterred by his **fizical** condition, Ken went on to take his examinations and
(48)
scored distinctions in all of them. However, he was **dissapointed** that he did not score a
distinction for the paper which he had sat through with elbows unbroken.

(49)
Another success story was about Samuel who had excelled despite been born
(50)
with only one arm. He did not let his handicap hinders him from scoring five distinctions.
Both Ken and Samuel had taken control of their seemingly bleak circumstances and
performed above expectations in their academic endeavours.

Adapted from Durai, J. and Neo W.T. (2011, March 5). Setbacks Didn't Faze The Intrepid. The Straits Times, pp. B1



Section I : Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Howard Kelly was a poor boy. He had to sell homemade cards from door to door to (51) _____ some money for his school fees. One day, he was famished. With only ten-cents left in his pocket, he knew that it was (52) _____ for him to buy any food. He decided to be brave and ask for a meal at the next house. However, he suddenly (53) _____ the courage he had mustered when a young lady opened the door. Instead of a meal, he requested for a drink to (54) _____ his thirst.

Thinking that he looked hungry, the young lady offered him a large glass of milk. Howard drank it slowly, before asking how much money the milk (55) _____. The young lady simply smiled and shook her head gently. Howard was touched by her kind gesture. As he left that house, Howard was determined not to give up on life, but strive on in (56) _____ his dreams.

Many years later, that lady became critically (57) _____. The local doctors were puzzled by her condition and could not find a (58) _____ for her. They finally sent her to a hospital in the city, (59) _____ renowned specialists worked, to have her rare disease treated. Dr. Howard Kelly was one of them. When he saw that sickly lady, Dr. Kelly recognised her at (60) _____. He paid special (61) _____ to the case and offered the lady the best treatment ever.

After a long struggle, the battle was finally won and the lady (62) _____ from her illness. Before she could be (63) _____ from the hospital, the lady had to settle the medical bills. She knew that she would have to work the rest of her life just to (64) _____ off the hefty sum. Surprisingly, nothing was written on the bill (65) _____ the following words, "Paid in full with one glass of milk – Dr. Howard Kelly." Overwhelmed with joy, tears welled up in that lady's eyes.

Adapted from: Does It Pay to Be Kind: <http://www.sap-basis-abap.com/motivation/kindness-stories.htm>

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. Ivy is not participating in the dance competition. Judy is not doing so as well.

Neither of _____

67. "Did you give Joel a birthday present last year?" Isaac asked me.

Isaac asked _____

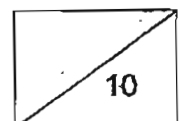
68. Timothy wants to excel in his studies. He needs to revise his work daily.

69. Melissa is impressed with David. David is wise in handling difficult situations.

_____ with David's

70. Mr Low fumed in anger when he knew that Jim had failed to submit his work again.

On/ _____



Section K: Comprehension Open-Ended (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Pauline yawned. Physically drained from waiting tables that busy night, she was glad that her shift had finally ended. Being the last to leave that small town restaurant, Pauline pulled down the shutters skilfully. It was a nightly ritual that she was used to and she embraced the noble responsibility that her supervisor had entrusted her with – to ensure that the place was locked up before she headed home. 5

As she looked at the red sky, Pauline knew that a heavy downpour was imminent. Hoping not to be drenched, she quickened her pace as she made her way to her old little car that was parked a few streets away. As she walked, Pauline's left eyelid kept twitching and that gave her an unusual ominous feeling. "Is something bad going to happen?" Pauline wondered. However, her rational self refused to be taken in by superstition and she brushed that thought aside. 10

Upon reaching her car, Pauline tried to unlock the vehicle. To her surprise, the car was not locked. She attributed that to her growing forgetfulness and did not dwell on it any further. As it started to pour, Pauline got into her car hastily. She was glad. She had found shelter in the nick of time. When Pauline turned her key, the car's engine roared feebly and she was thankful. Her trusted friend did not fail her on such a dreary night. Then, her left eyelid twitched again. "It is nothing," Pauline assured herself. "I must be too tired." 20

While she cruised down the dimly lit road, Pauline had a funny feeling that she was not alone in the car. Yet, nothing caught her eye as she glanced momentarily at her rear-view mirror. Pauline concluded that she was being overly imaginative.

Suddenly, a strong beam of light shone from the van that was behind her. The van driver also started to sound his horn incessantly. Pauline was shocked. Thinking that the van driver wanted to overtake her, she carefully manoeuvred her car onto the next lane. However, the van driver drove even closer to the back of the Pauline's car. He persisted in shining the strong beam of light and sounding the ceaseless horn at her. 30

Baffled by the situation, Pauline yearned to drive faster. She desired to tear herself away from the van that was tailing her. Unfortunately, her car was too old to go any faster. It would be dangerous to do so on roads that were extremely slippery as well. Pauline's heart raced wildly amidst the unexpected circumstance and accelerating her vehicle was out of the question. 35

Resolved to find out what exactly was happening, Pauline pulled over at the road shoulder. The van driver did likewise, with its headlights still shining brightly at Pauline's car. Braving the merciless downpour, Pauline marched sternly to the van driver. "What exactly do you think you are doing!" Pauline barked ferociously. 40

"Get into my van immediately!" the van driver commanded. Sensing the urgency in his voice, Pauline hopped into the front passenger seat of the van. From the elevated position, Pauline saw a knife wielding man crouching in the backseat of her car! She finally understood the van driver's seemingly bizarre behaviour. He had attempted to capture her attention to save her from an 45 impending danger, one that could have taken her life.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What was Pauline's occupation?

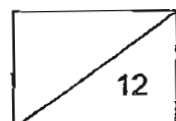
72. What does "It" in line 3 refer to?

73. Which word in paragraph two shows that Pauline sensed something bad was going to happen?

74. Did Pauline suspect that something was amiss when she realised her car was not locked? Why?

75. Explain fully why Pauline was "thankful" in line 18.

76. In what ways did the van driver try to capture Pauline's attention initially?

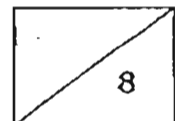


77. Why did Pauline not see anything in the backseat of her car when she "glanced momentarily at her rear-view mirror" (lines 22 - 23)?

78. Why did Pauline not drive faster even though she wanted to do so?

79. From lines 31-40, quote a four-word phrase that shows Pauline as a determined person.

80. What was the worst scenario that could have happened to Pauline if the van driver did not warn her about the impending danger? Explain fully.



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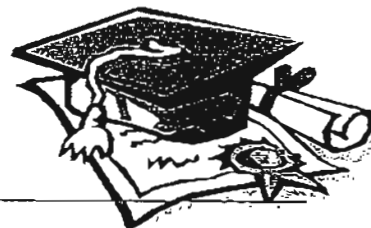


ANSWER SHEET

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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
D	Q	M	G	A	N

- 41)pluck 42)who 43)off 44)collided 45)lay
- 46)excruciating 47)physical 48)disappointed 49)being 50)hinder
- 51)earn 52)insufficient 53)lost 54)quench 55)cost
- 56)achieving 57)ill 58)cure 59)where 60)once
- 61)attention 62)recovered 63)discharged 64)pay 65)but
- 66)Neither of the girls is participating in the dance competition.
- 67)Isaac asked if I had given Joel a birthday present the previous year.
- 68)Timothy needs to revise his work daily if he wants to excel in his studies.
- 69)Melissa is impressed with David's wisdom in handling difficult situations.
- 70)On knowing the Jim had failed to submit his work again, Mr Low fumed in anger.
- 71)She was a waitress in a small town restaurant.
- 72)It refers to pulling down the shutters.
- 73)The word is "ominous".

74)No, She attributed her having not locked the car to a age.

75)Pauline was thankful because she could start her car.

76)The van driver shone a strong beam of light from the van and started to sound his horn incessantly.

77)The knife wielding man crouched in the backseat of her car.

78)It would be dangerous to do so on the roads that were extremely slippery and the car was too old to go any faster.

79)The phrase is "Resolved to find out".

80)Pauline could have die as the man was wielding a knife.