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2004 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

English Language -- Paper 2

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 6/ ___ (EM1/2)

Date : 23 August 2004

BOOKLET A

35 Questions

40 Marks

Duration of Paper : 2 hours

Note:

1. Do not open this Booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Questions 1 - 35 are to be done on the OAS provided.
3. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the Booklet.
4. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.
5. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.

Section A : Graphic Stimulus Comprehension (5 marks)

Read the advertisement carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Tom and Jerry's Holiday Magic

This event is proudly brought to you by
Studio Z.

Engagement in Singapore
Forum G, Level 4

9 to 12 December 2004

Boys and girls, here's your chance to pose with
your favourite cartoon characters. Tom and Jerry.

In town for the Premier Entertainment™
50th Anniversary extravaganza, the dynamic duo
will make special 'appearances' at Forum G.

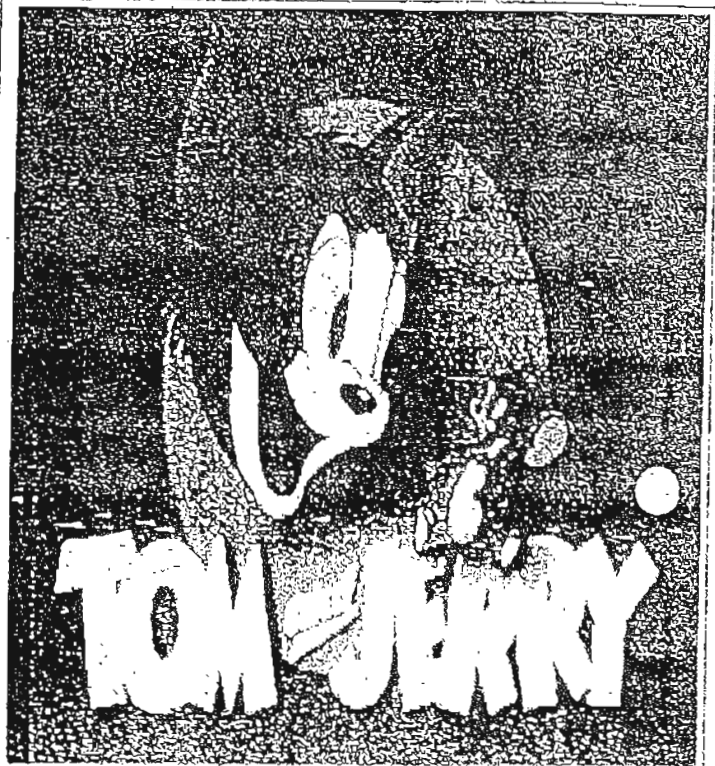
Remember to bring your cameras and have fun.

Time slots for photo taking sessions

Friday, 10 December to Sunday, 12 December 2004

12 noon, 1.30 pm, 7 pm and 9 pm

5 pm sessions are reserved exclusively for all
Studio Z Club members only.



Gift Redemption

* Receive the special edition 50th Anniversary
commemorative VCD with purchases of \$300 at
Forum G. Club members of Studio Z need only
spend \$250 to qualify.
(Limited to one VCD per shopper)

* All promotions are valid while stocks last.

Redemptions must be made on the same day of purchase at the Information Counter on Level 1.

Shoppers are allowed to combine up to a maximum of 3 receipts of purchases made on the same day.

NETs, credit card and gift voucher transactions are not acceptable

Studio Z Club members must present their membership card for verification.

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.
(5 marks)

- 1) There will not be any photo sessions on _____
- (1) 9 December 2004
 - (2) 10 December 2004
 - (3) 11 December 2004
 - (4) 12 December 2004
- 2) Meiyun, a Studio Z Club member, can turn up at _____ for an exclusive photo session.
- (1) 12 noon
 - (2) 1.30 pm
 - (3) 3 pm
 - (4) 5 pm
- 3) Studio Z Club members can receive a free 50th Anniversary commemorative VCD by spending _____
- (1) \$50
 - (2) \$150
 - (3) \$250
 - (4) \$300
- 4) A shopper's proof of purchase must be supported by _____ if he / she wishes to qualify for the gift redemption.
- (1) credit card transaction slips
 - (2) original receipts
 - (3) gift vouchers
 - (4) NETs transaction slips
- 5) Meiyun's father bought her a doll house for \$1 000.
She is entitled to _____
- (1) 1 VCD
 - (2) 2 VCDs
 - (3) 3 VCDs
 - (4) 4 VCDs

Section B: Grammar

For each question from 6 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.
(15 marks)

- 6) Neither the captain nor his crew _____ to attend the dinner as they (were) under quarantine.
- (1) is going
 - (2) was going
 - (3) are going
 - (4) were going
- 7) Mrs Lee seems troubled. She _____ back and forth for the last hour.
- (1) walks
 - (2) walked
 - (3) was walking
 - (4) has been walking
- 8) Mr Mah had forgotten to take his medicine again, _____ ?
- (1) didn't he
 - (2) hadn't he
 - (3) hasn't he
 - (4) isn't it
- 9) Jenny as well as her twin _____ to play Monopoly.
- (1) like
 - (2) likes
 - (3) liked
 - (4) liking
- 10) Tom was _____ surprise when he was attacked by the insane man.
- (1) taken off
 - (2) taken in
 - (3) taken by
 - (4) taken with
- 11) The fisherman felt the sampan _____ and panicked because he was not a strong swimmer.
- (1) sink
 - (2) sinks
 - (3) sank
 - (4) sunk

- 12) The lost luggage _____ returned to all the passengers, much to everyone's relief.
- (1) is being
 - (2) are being
 - (3) has been
 - (4) have been
- 13) The principal knows that he can _____ his staff to take the school to greater heights.
- (1) count in
 - (2) count on
 - (3) count with
 - (4) count off
- 14) Many directors accepted the proposals made by Mr Smith of Ace Arts Company. _____, the chairman did not find him reliable and rejected them.
- (1) Furthermore
 - (2) Moreover
 - (3) Though
 - (4) However
- 15) The lady _____ you met the other day has left for Japan with her colleagues.
- (1) who
 - (2) whose
 - (3) whom
 - (4) which
- 16) Tim can still recall those days when he and his friends often _____ together in the pond near their house.
- (1) swam
 - (2) were swimming
 - (3) are swimming
 - (4) swim
- 17) Shayne has a strong passion _____ designing and intends to take up a course in France.
- (1) to
 - (2) in
 - (3) on
 - (4) for
- 18) Father has found out that Julia was the real culprit as Justin has told _____ her.
- (1) against
 - (2) off
 - (3) on
 - (4) by

19) The soccer match will go on _____ of the bad weather.

- (1) despite
- (2) regardless
- (3) although
- (4) in spite

20) The tired beggar _____ on that wooden bench last night.

- (1) laid
- (2) lied
- (3) lie
- (4) lay

Section C : Vocabulary

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 the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

21) Due to the _____ and prompt action of the lifeguards, a life was saved.

- (1) prudence
- (2) observation
- (3) vigilance
- (4) safety

22) Mrs Lee's _____ for pain is so low that she fainted when she had her ears pierced.

- (1) ability
- (2) capacity
- (3) threshold
- (4) depth

23) Paul was able to _____ his errors before he handed in his Mathematics paper.

- (1) clarify
- (2) rectify
- (3) verify
- (4) simplify

24) After months of investigation, the director was charged with _____ the company's funds.

- (1) plundering
- (2) swindling
- (3) embezzling
- (4) conning

- 25) Ahmad's furious parents had some _____ words for him after the meeting with his teachers.
- (1) strong
 - (2) firm
 - (3) fatal
 - (4) harsh

Section D : Vocabulary

For each question from 26 to 30, choose the most suitable word(s) to replace the underlined word(s).
Shade its oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 26) Doctor Teo gave the patient some pain-killers to alleviate the pain in her arm.
- (1) control
 - (2) lessen
 - (3) stop
 - (4) prevent
- 27) These days, selling mobile phones is a lucrative business.
- (1) profitable
 - (2) risky
 - (3) popular
 - (4) creative
- 28) Despite the rough terrain and bad weather, the mountaineers refused to admit defeat.
- (1) hit the sack
 - (2) play second fiddle
 - (3) face the music
 - (4) throw in the towel
- 29) Jane was caught listening secretly when her teachers were talking to the principal.
- (1) peeping
 - (2) interrupting
 - (3) eavesdropping
 - (4) interfering
- 30) The counterfeit notes were hidden in a secret compartment of the getaway car.
- (1) smuggled
 - (2) placed
 - (3) kept
 - (4) concealed

Section E : Comprehension

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 35.

Speed-loving Italians now have a good reason to become traffic policemen: a \$310 000 high-speed Lamborghini Gallardo. Italy's state police presented the sleek sports car, bedecked with a siren, painted blue-and-white and with the word "Polizia" or "police" stencilled on the side, to the public amidst much publicity. Many people, both young and old, turned up to catch a glimpse of the car. A police spokesman disclosed that the Lamborghini will go into action later this month and will be used mainly on Italy's highways. The car is also reported to have a 500hp engine and a top speed of more than 300 km/h. Such a powerful machine should make all crooks think twice before they commit a crime.

The gleaming piece of machinery was handed over by the classic Italian car manufacturer as the police force celebrated its 152nd birthday. Manufacturers have replaced the traditional cone-style flashing blue lights on the roof with an improved version to give the car a smooth and graceful shape. A spokesman for Italy's central police headquarters in Rome said, "We are expecting a lot of new applicants when they see this new car. However, an influx of new applicants also gives us the luxury of being stricter in our selection." He stressed that the vehicles also had a humanitarian aspect. "These cars will be equipped with emergency medical equipment such as a defibrillator, electrocardiogram machine and special compartments for the rush transportation of emergency blood and donor organs," he added.

Lamborghini is owned by Volkswagen. It is based near Bologna in northern Italy. To date, only the rich and famous can afford to drive a Lamborghini. When this fast and sleek Lamborghini patrols the highways later this month, it is widely believed that the masterpiece will generate great publicity and attract the young and daring to join the police force.

*Adapted from 'The Sunday Times'
16 May 2004*

For each question from 31 to 35, 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.
(10 marks)

31) The police are expecting a flood of applications from _____

- 1) speed-loving Italians
- 2) the rich and famous
- 3) humanitarians
- 4) the general public

32) Which word in the passage has the same meaning as the phrase 'smooth and graceful'?
The word is "_____".

- 1) special
- 2) classic
- 3) traditional
- 4) sleek

33) These sports cars are made in _____.

- 1) Italy
- 2) Scotland
- 3) Rome
- 4) Volkswagen

34) The _____ was not found in the traditional police cars.

- 1) siren
- 2) defibrillator
- 3) flashing light
- 4) word "Polizia"

35) Manufacturers have replaced the traditional cone-styled flashing blue lights to _____ of the car.

- 1) improve the safety
- 2) decrease the size
- 3) improve the look
- 4) lower the cost

Section E: Structural Cloze

There are ten blanks numbered 36 to 45 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 blanks. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

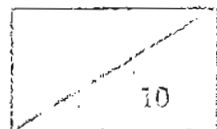
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) to	(D) are	(G) an	(K) as	(N) like
(B) at	(E) by	(H) from	(L) on	(P) with
(C) a	(F) some	(I) is	(M) the	(Q) for

Have you heard about the ACAP? The Asian Conservation Awareness Programme (ACAP) is (36) _____ international multi-media campaign of WildAid. It was launched to reduce the demand (37) _____ endangered species products. Focusing (38) _____ five ambassador species, namely, (39) _____ tiger, rhino, elephant, bear and marine turtle, ACAP uses (40) _____ variety of techniques to raise the world's awareness of threats (41) _____ these species and others such (42) _____ gibbons or the slow loris which are traded as pets

ACAP's message can be summarised (43) _____ the slogan, "When the buying stops, the killing can too." This message (44) _____ brought to the widest possible audience via TV, radio and print advertisements, celebrity appeals, events and educational materials. (45) _____ the support of ACAP's international ambassador, Jackie Chan, and other high profile celebrities, ACAP has already reached millions worldwide. To date, the ACAP network includes programmes in Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia and most recently, Mainland China.

*Adapted from 'A Voice for the Animals'
Singapore Zoological Gardens*



Section G: Editing for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in each of the boxes. (10 marks)

Nobody knows with absolute certainty all the details of the life of Aesop.

However, scholars have been working to (46) astablich some facts and this is the brief

story of Aesop as it is (47) excepted today.

Aesop was (48) borned a slave around the year 620 BC. In Ancient Greece, it was a

privilege and (49) tradision for freed men to be interested (50) on public affairs so Aesop

worked hard to raise himself from a slave's position to a high position of (51) reknown.

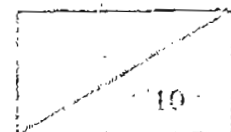
He was a great philosopher and eventually became widely (52) admiring. The King of Lydia

hired Aesop to do diplomatic (53) gavament work. It was on one of (54) this missions that

Aesop was killed(55) (○)

In memory of Aesop, a statue was erected in Athens. The statue was created by the famous Greek sculptor, Lysippus.

Adapted from 'Wendy's World of Stories for Children'



Section H: Comprehension Cloze

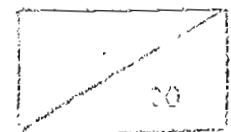
Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks 56 to 75 with a suitable word each. (20 marks)

In general, children are more vulnerable to germs than adults because they are born with immature immune systems. The main immune cells that recognise and target harmful micro-organisms are present in low levels (56) _____ birth and only reach maturity after (57) _____ years. Taking care of sick children can be a rather (58) _____ aspect of being a parent. (59) _____ it is unavoidable that kids get sick, parents can minimise its frequency (60) _____ strengthening their children's immune system. When a child's immune system is not healthy enough to (61) _____ against viruses circulating in the (62) _____ or passed from others, he or she will fall sick. Typically, full production of antibodies occurs (63) _____ after twelve years of age.

Kindergartens, schools and playgrounds are common places where children can (64) _____ tip ailments like cough and colds as a result of (65) _____ interaction with their peers. Often, failure to practise good hygiene (66) _____ like hand washing also helps the virus to (67) _____ faster. Besides a naturally immature immune system, external factors such as (68) _____ nutrition, stress and an unhealthy emotional state may also increase a child's (69) _____ of falling ill. Fortunately, there (70) _____ much parents can do to support their child's immune system and overall (71) _____.

The best approach is to (72) _____ a healthy environment. Also of (73) _____ importance is good nutrition — plenty of fresh, whole foods. A healthy lifestyle, low stress, emotional security, plenty (74) _____ rest and exercise are also equally (75) _____ in addition to all the above health builders, parents should remember to supplement their children's diet with the essential vitamins.

Adapted from 'The Sunday Times, 13 June 2004'



Section I: Synthesis/Transformation

For each of the items 76 to 80, rewrite the given 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 given one(s). (10 marks)

76) "Does anyone know the shortest route to these chalets?" asked the tourist.

The tourist asked _____

77) The girls were nervous. They managed to complete the dance.

Despite _____

78) Alan has gone to the Art Museum. His father has gone to the Art Museum too.

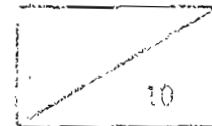
_____ as well as _____

79) The massage chair did not sell well. There had been many advertisements on it. -

Even though _____

80) Mr Ahmad could not go to the hospital unaccompanied. He was very sick.

_____ so _____



Section J : Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 81 to 90. (20 marks)

Young and bouncy, Bette Graham had a dream of becoming an artist. However, before she could realise her dream, she fell in love and became a mother. Not long after, World War II broke out. Like many other young men, Bette's husband, though reluctant to leave his wife and child, was forced to take up arms. By the time the war was over, love had gone too. Bette's husband never came back. Here she was, a single mother without a proper education and no time and money to follow her dream. Necessity forced Bette to take up a job as an executive secretary. It was the late forties and in those days, typewriters did not have delete buttons. Error after error would appear on the documents she was typing. Bette was losing time and nerves.

One day, it struck her that painters have a great life. If they are not happy with their painting, they just paint over the spot they dislike and they are right back on track. She went home and started experimenting with tempera colours, mixing different shades until she finally created a colour that perfectly matched the colour of the stationery. The next day, Bette was happily typing away, correcting every error with the help of her concoction. It was a breeze! Her work was easier and she became more effective. It did not take long for the rest of the secretaries to see how efficient her system was. They started asking her for some of the stuff she was using. Bette obliged and handed out bottles labelled, 'Mistake Out'.

Word spread fast! Here was this 'magic liquid' that made work so much easier. Soon, the orders for her special concoction started mounting. By 1956, Bette founded the Mistake Out Co. in Dallas, Texas. It was a simple operation. She mixed her concoction in kitchen blenders while her son and his friends did the bottling. She worked day and night and even on weekends, but somehow the business did not seem to be able to grow. The extreme workload took its toll and Bette's health suffered. Her attention at work was not always totally focused. Then something happened. She made a mistake at work that was seen as irredeemable and she got fired! No amount of pleading could make her employer change his mind.

The magic moment had happened! Bette had been frantically holding on to her job, accepting a mediocre income even though a huge opportunity was staring her right in the face. Losing her job meant more time for her: time to sell her product and expand her fledgling company. By 1967, she hit a million dollars turnover and when she sold her Liquid Paper Company in 1980, she got US\$47.5 million for it.

*Adapted from 'Thanks for Firing Me!'
Roger Magnet's Sales Adventures*

For each question from 81 to 90, write your answer in the space provided.
ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

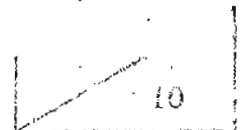
81) What was Bette Graham's ambition?

82) What does the phrase 'to take up arms' in the first paragraph mean?

83) Did Bette fulfil her ambition? Why?

84) Why was Bette 'losing time and nerves' at work?

85) How did Bette create 'Mistake Out'?



86) When did Bette's work become more efficient and easier?

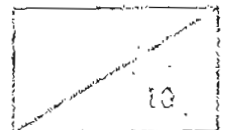
87) Why did Bette think that painters have a great life?

88) Why was Bette holding on to her job even though the salary was low?

89) Why was Bette given the sack?

90) Which sentence tells us that Bette's venture really paid off?

Have you checked your answers?



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| 1) 1 | 27) 1 | 54) these | 76) The tourist asked if anyone know the shortest route to those chalets. |
| 2) 4 | 28) 4 | 55) . | 77) Despite the fact that the girls were nervous, they managed to complete the dance. |
| 3) 3 | 29) 3 | 56) at | 78) Alan, as well as his father, has gone to the Art Museum. |
| 4) 2 | 30) 4 | 57) many/several | |
| 5) 1 | 31) 1 | 58) difficult/challenging/trying | |
| 6) 2 | 32) 4 | 59) Although | 79) Even though there had been many advertisements on the massage chair, it did not sell well. |
| 7) 4 | 33) 1 | 60) by | |
| 8) 2 | 34) 2 | 61) fight | 80) Mr Ahmad was so sick that he could not go to the hospital unaccompanied. |
| 9) 2 | 35) 3 | 62) air | |
| 10) 3 | 36) G | 63) only | 81) Her ambition was to be an artist. |
| 11) 1 | 37) Q | 64) pick | 82) The phrase means to prepare for war. |
| 12) 3 | 38) L | 65) close | 83) She did not have the time and money to do it. |
| 13) 2 | 39) M | 66) habits | 84) She had to re-do her work when she made mistakes. |
| 14) 4 | 40) C | 67) spread | 85) She experimented with tempera colours and mixed different shades to get the colour that matched the colour of the stationery perfectly. |
| 15) 3 | 41) N | 68) poor | 86) It became more efficient and easier when she started using the concoction. |
| 16) 1 | 42) K | 69) chances | 87) They can easily paint over the spot they dislike and start again. |
| 17) 4 | 43) E | 70) is | |
| 18) 3 | 44) J | 71) health | |
| 19) 4 | 45) P | 72) have | |
| 20) 4 | 46) establish | 73) vital | 88) She wanted the security a monthly salary could give her. |
| 21) 3 | 47) accepted | 74) of | |
| 22) 3 | 48) born | 75) important | |
| 23) 2 | 49) tradition | 89) Botte was given the sack because she made a mistake at work that was seen as irredeemable. | |
| 24) 3 | 50) in | | |
| 25) 4 | 51) renown | 90) It is "By 1967, she hit a million dollars turnover and when she sold her Liquid Paper Company in 1980, she got US\$ 47.5 million for it. | |
| 26) 2 | 52) admired | | |
| | 53) government | | |