



**AI TONG SCHOOL
2008**

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

PRIMARY 3

BOOKLET A

DURATION : 1h 30 min

DATE : 6 May 2008

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Follow all instructions.

Answer all questions.

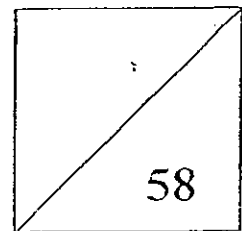
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Class : Primary _____

Parent's Signature : _____

Date : _____



Section A : Grammar MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer for each question and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS provided.

1. Do you have _____ sweets left?
(1) a (2) an
(3) any (4) the
2. Did you _____ anyone coming into the class during recess?
(1) see (2) saw
(3) seen (4) seeing
3. Anna is the _____ among the girls in the class.
(1) tall (2) taller
(3) tallest (4) most tallest
4. "That's the man _____ stole the diamond watch," Mr. Tan told the policeman.
(1) who (2) whom
(3) when (4) which
5. The hikers carry on hiking _____ they are too tired to move.
(1) and (2) when
(3) until (4) because

6. My children take a bus to school when _____ have their remedial classes on Saturdays.

- (1) we (2) he
(3) she (4) they

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer for each question and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS provided.

7. The princess is as gentle as a _____.

- (1) bat (2) dove
(3) kitten (4) tortoise

8. The robbers pointed a gun at the bank manager and _____ money.

- (1) requested for (2) begged for
(3) borrowed (4) demanded

9. I had to _____ the tea slowly because it was very hot.

- (1) gulped (2) chew
(3) lick (4) sip

10. The choir teacher _____ everyone that the choir practice had been cancelled.

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| (1) informed | (2) instructed |
| (3) encouraged | (4) demonstrated |

11. Kathleen refused to _____ a lift home from the stranger.

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| (1) reject | (2) except |
| (3) accept | (4) receive |

12. Tim lost his temper. He stormed out of the room and _____ the door behind him.

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| (1) stamped | (2) stuttered |
| (3) stammered | (4) slammed |

Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) for each question and shade its number 1, 2, 3 or 4 on the OAS provided.

Meili was sitting beside her father. They were on a bus. Meili started to complain about the long journey. "Be patient, Meili. The shopping centre is only three more stops away," her father said.

Not long later, the bus came to a stop at the bus-stop. A very stocky man boarded the bus. "Ha! Ha! Ha! He's very short. Look at his stumpy hands and legs!" a boy remarked rudely as he pointed at the short man. The man realised that people were staring at him. He felt embarrassed but he ignored their stares. Instead he looked out of the window. Meili wanted to take a look at the man but she decided to look away. Her father saw *this* and nodded his head.

On the way to the shopping centre, Meili's father praised her on her good behaviour in the bus. "You did the right thing when you decided not to stare at the man. Like other people, he probably does not like to be stared at and wants to be treated normally."

13. Where were Meili and her father going?

- (1) They were going home.
- (2) They were going to the market.
- (3) They were going to the bus-stop.
- (4) They were going to the shopping centre.

14. Why was Meili getting impatient?
- (1) She was feeling rather bored.
 - (2) She did not like traveling by bus.
 - (3) She wanted to attract attention.
 - (4) She did not like to be near the rude boy.
15. Why did Meili decide to look away from the man?
- (1) She did not like the sight of him.
 - (2) She could not see his face clearly.
 - (3) She realised it was rude to stare at him.
 - (4) She wanted to look at the scenery outside the bus.
16. What does the word '*this*' in paragraph 2 refers to?
- (1) The short man.
 - (2) Meili looking away.
 - (3) Meili looking at the rude boy.
 - (4) How the passengers stared at the short man.
17. Why was Meili's father pleased with her?
- (1) She did not get impatient.
 - (2) She did not quarrel with the boy.
 - (3) She did not stare at the short man.
 - (4) She did not run in the bus.

Booklet B

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Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letters (A to H) in each blank.

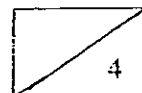
Passage One

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) into	(B) onto	(C) to	(D) out
(E) on	(F) with	(G) at	(H) in

Hunt for Password to Treasure Box

- First, you must have the treasure map.
- Look for the map under the wooden bed (18) _____ your bedroom.
- Open the map that has been folded (19) _____ the shape of a star.
- Go to Swishy Washy Jungle and follow the directions shown (20) _____ the map.
- You will come to a place where you will see five trees (21) _____ words carved on their trunks.
- Piece these words together and you will get the password to open the treasure box that you have.



Passage Two

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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| (A) we | (B) you | (C) his | (D) their |
| (E) our | (F) they | (G) my | (H) your |

From: zarchy@mymail.com.sg

To: mike@mymail.com.sg

Subject: Birthday Party Invitation

Hi Mike,

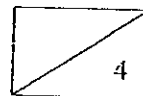
How are you? I have not been writing to you for quite some time. The mid year examinations are finally over and I am looking forward to the June holidays.

Do you still remember (22) _____ birthday. It's on the first of June. I will be organising a party this year. I would like to invite you and (23) _____ brother to this party. If you can turn up, it will be great. We can then use this opportunity to catch up with all (24) _____ old friends. I believe (25) _____ are just as busy as we.

I hope to receive your email soon. Bye!

Your pal,

Zarchy



Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (8 × 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

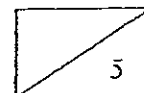
Passage One

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) products	(B) labels	(C) names	(D) recycled
(E) discard	(F) country	(G) waste	(H) buildings
(J) environment	(K) ground	(L) belongings	(M) glass

Recycling is an important part of caring for our world. Instead of being thrown away into garbage bins, certain items can be (26) _____ and made usable again.

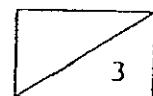
Recycling reduces the amount of (27) _____ going to landfills. A landfill is a large hole in the (28) _____ where trash from homes and other (29) _____ is buried. Many years later, landfills will become full and there will be nowhere left for people to (30) _____ their trash.



Typical items that can be recycled include (31) _____,
aluminum cans, newspapers and other kinds of paper. You can put
these items into recycling bins instead of garbage bins.

Then, the recycled items will be on their way to becoming new
recycled (32) _____. You can buy items made from
recycled materials, everything from cardboard boxes to greeting
cards and clothing to computers.

Most items come with (33) _____ that tell whether
or not they are made from recycled materials. Buying recycled items
helps support the recycling process and helps save the environment
too.



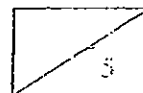
Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with suitable words of your own. (5 x 1 mark)

Passage Two

Once upon a time, there lived a little girl named Jane. She became an (34) _____ at the age of two when her parents passed away.

She was then adopted by a couple. She was the (35) _____ child and did not have any siblings. Her adopted parents loved her and (36) _____ good care of her.

They sent her to (37) _____ where she learnt to read and write. Jane was also well-liked by all her classmates and teachers. She always reminded herself to work (38) _____ so that she would not let her parents down. Her adopted parents were happy that she was such a sensible child.



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

For each of the items 39 to 43, 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).

39. Mickey has big ears. Minnie has big ears.

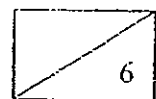
Both _____

40. The spectators stood up. The spectators cheered for the winning team.

_____ and

41. Jazrine was not feeling well. She visited the doctor.

_____ because

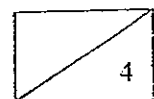


42. The teacher is talking. Do not interrupt.

_____ when

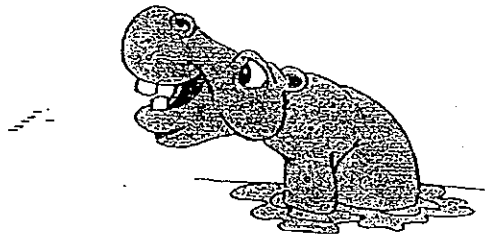
43. Ken was in the wrong. Ken did not apologise.

_____ but



Section G: Comprehension Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions 44 to 48.



The hippopotamus is an enormous, clumsy looking animal with a grey round body, four stubby legs and a big broad head.

The name hippopotamus means "river horse". Hippopotamuses spend most of their time wallowing in water or mud. This is to keep them cool and prevent sunburn as they have no sweat glands. They have their ears, nose and eyes on top of their heads so that they can see and breathe when submerged in water. They can stay underwater for about fifteen minutes.

Hippopotamuses sleep during the day and come out of the water at night to look for food. They feed on the grass growing along the river banks and may occasionally eat small animals.

Baby hippopotamuses are called calves. They are born alive underwater. Lions and crocodiles will hunt the calves for food. However, the adult hippopotamuses are too huge for *them* to handle. The hippopotamuses usually scare off their rivals by opening their mouths wide and showing off their sharp teeth.

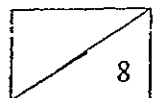
ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

44. Why do hippopotamuses spend most of their time in water and mud?

45. Why can a hippopotamus still see and breathe when it is submerged in water?

46. When is a hippopotamus most active? How do you know?

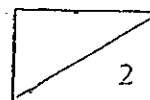
47. What does the word "them" in paragraph 4 refer to?

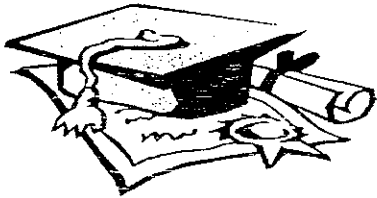


48. How do hippopotamuses frighten off their enemies?

END OF PAPER TWO

** Have you checked your answers carefully? **





ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2008

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SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH

TERM : SA 1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
3	1	3	1	3	4	2	4	4	1	3	4	4	1	3	2	3

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
H	A	E	F	G	H	E	F	D	G	K	H	E	M	A	B

34)orphan 35)only 36)took 37)school 38)hard

39)Both Mickey and Minnie have big ears.

40)The spectators stood up and cheered for the winning team.

41)Jazrine visited the doctor because she was not feeling well.

42)Do not interrupt when the teacher is talking.

43)Ken was in the wrong but he did not apologise.

44)They keep them cool and prevent sunburn as they have no sweat glands.

45)They have their nose, and eyes on top of their heads so that they can see and breathe when submerged in the water.

46)It is most active at night. It sleep during the day and looks for food at night.

47)It refers to the lions and crocodiles.

48)They open mouths wide and show off then sharp teeth.