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AI TONG SCHOOL

2004 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY THREE

DURATION : 1 HOUR 15 MIN

DATE: 27th October 2004

INSTRUCTIONS

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

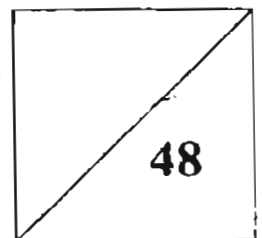
Follow all instructions.

Answer all questions.

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Marks :

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Part 1- Multiple Choice Questions
Section A : Vocabulary (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. A few days later, Sherlock Holmes managed to _____ the secret
~~message sent by~~ the villain.
 - 1) decode
 - 2) undo
 - 3) create
 - 4) discover

2. Jeremy's mother advises him to write in a _____ whenever he wants to
~~vent his anger~~.
 - 1) phonebook
 - 2) diary
 - 3) guidebook
 - 4) newsletter

3. The tailor has to take his _____ in order to make him a new suit.
 - 1) dimensions
 - 2) sizes
 - 3) proportions
 - 4) measurements

4. Father is calling the plumber to stop the _____ water.
 - 1) drizzling
 - 2) dropping
 - 3) dripping
 - 4) roaring

5. When the sun shines on the sea, you can see the water _____.
 - 1) glowing
 - 2) dimming
 - 3) glistening
 - 4) brightening

6. My baby sister _____ like a duck whenever she is in the bathtub.

- 1) gallops
- 2) slithers
- 3) swoops
- 4) waddles

Section B: Grammar (6 x 1 mark)

7. In order to win the competition next week, Jane _____ to practise very hard.

- (1) has
- (2) have
- (3) having
- (4) had

8. The baby was taken to the hospital _____ he has swallowed a small toy.

- (1) that
- (2) so
- (3) because
- (4) and

9. The bull _____ towards the crowd because someone provoked it.

- (1) charged
- (2) were charging
- (3) is charging
- (4) charges

10. This is the man to _____ Amy was talking earlier.

- (1) who
- (2) that
- (3) which
- (4) whom

11. They _____ on the torchlight so that they could see in the dark.

- (1) were switched
- (2) switched
- (3) switch
- (4) switches

12. The musical will start _____ five minutes.

- (1) on
- (2) with
- (3) at
- (4) in

Section C : Comprehension (5x2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Mr Lee and his family went to a small town. They had gone to visit some relatives there. After finding accommodation at a hotel, they went to visit their relatives. They had a wonderful time together. After dinner, Mr Lee and his family headed back to their hotel.

The streets were dark and deserted. All of a sudden, a man came running down a small lane towards Mr Lee. Mr Lee froze with fright, wondering what was happening. The man apologised and then ran away. Puzzled, Mr Lee put his hand into his pocket to get his wallet as he wanted to hire a taxi to take them back to the hotel as soon as possible. To his surprise, it was not there! Immediately, he ran after the man and soon caught up with him. "Give me the wallet at once!" shouted Mr Lee. The man trembled with fear as he was much smaller than Mr Lee and gave him his wallet. Mr Lee smiled and continued the journey back to the hotel with his family.

When they reached their hotel room, Mrs Lee saw her husband's wallet in the bathroom! She called out to him and when he realised what had happened, they both stared at each other in disbelief!

13. Where did Mr Lee and his family stay when they were in the small town?

- (1) They stayed with their relatives.
- (2) They stayed with an old neighbour.
- (3) They stayed in their house.
- (4) They stayed at a hotel.

14. When did Mr Lee realise that he had lost his wallet?

- (1) He realised that when he came face to face with the man.
- (2) He realised that when he was at his relatives' place.
- (3) He realised that when he wanted to hire a taxi.
- (4) He realised that when he heard a sharp cry.

15. Why do you think Mr and Mrs Lee stared at each other in disbelief?

- (1) They realised that they had made a mistake.
- (2) They were glad to have taken the wallet from the man.
- (3) They found a lot of money inside the wallet.
- (4) They found a photo of a wanted man in the wallet.

16. What made the man give up his wallet to Mr Lee?

- (1) He wanted to help Mr Lee and his family.
- (2) He was afraid that Mr Lee would hurt him.
- (3) He wanted to give the money to Mr Lee's relatives.
- (4) He wanted to run away as quickly as possible.

17. How would you describe Mr Lee?

- (1) He was cunning.
- (2) He was caring.
- (3) He was forgetful.
- (4) He was playful.

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Part 2 : Open-ended Questions

Section D : Vocabulary Cloze (8x1 mark)

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

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

| | | | |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|
| (A) easy | (B) clues | (C) firm | (D) tough |
| (E) aspire | (F) everyday | (G) imaginary | (H) calm |
| (J) suspects | (K) adventures | (L) slow | (M) hints |

Peter likes to play detective. He and his friends always have lots of fun trying to catch criminals in their (18) _____ police chases.

Peter and his friend (19) _____ to become real-life detectives when they grow older. Peter's father is a police officer and he tells Peter all the (20) _____ he goes through every day. Peter is always interested to know more about police work and never gets tired of listening to his father's stories.

Peter's father tells him that a good detective is one who is alert and (21) _____ at all times, even in the most dangerous situation. He should also look out for (22) _____ that could help him to solve the crimes. After the detective finds the clues, he has to get the (23) _____ and question them. He also has to be (24) _____ to get what he wants.

Even though Peter knows that a detective's work is (25) _____, he believes that he will enjoy it.

Section E : Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passages carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

Passage 1

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(A) chosen

(B) choosing

(C) chooses

(D) choose

(E) choice

(F) chose

It was a bright Sunday and the Wongs had (26) _____ that day to do their grocery shopping. Mr Wong drove to the nearest NTUC supermarket. First, they went to the fruits section. They had a variety of (27) _____. Mike volunteered to (28) _____ the apples for his mother. After (29) _____ the fruits, they proceeded to the dairy section.

Passage 2

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) onto

(B) through

(C) behind

(D) for

(E) inside

(F) at

Linda cannot find her paintbrush. She needs it (30) _____ her Art Class later. She has been searching for it everywhere. She checks under her study table, (31) _____ the bookshelves and even (32) _____ the wastepaper basket. Finally, she decides to look (33) _____ her bag once more. Surprisingly, it was there!

Section F : Comprehension OE (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Anna lied to everyone to get what she wanted. Rather than saving up her pocket money to buy her favourite burger, Anna lied to get it for free. She would approach a kind stranger and tell him that she and her brother had not eaten for days. Anna would squeeze out a few drops of tears if she needed to, in order to make others feel sorry for her. Most of the time, she would walk away with a bag full of burgers and fries, which she would not share with her brother, of course.

On top of that, Anna would come up with brilliant excuses to cover up mistakes she had made. When she broke her mother's vase, she accused her two-year-old baby brother of the wrongdoing because he was not able to defend himself. Anna never had the courage to admit to the mistake she made.

However, truth always prevails. Anna's repeated dishonesty was soon found out. These days, she has a bad reputation of being a liar, so she has to work extra hard to be trusted again.

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

34. What is Anna's problem?

35. How did she get her favourite burger?

36. Do you think Anna is cunning? From paragraph 2, write down one sentence that supports your answer.

37. Why do you think that Anna's baby brother could not defend himself?

38. Why do you think Anna squeeze out a few drops of tears in front of the stranger?

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- 1) 1 28) D
2) 2 29) B
3) 4 30) D
4) 3 31) C
5) 3 32) E
6) 4 33) B
7) 1 34) She is dishonest and lies about many things.
8) 3 35) She would lie to a stranger by crying and
 telling him that she and her brother had
9) 1 not eaten for days.
10) 4 36) Yes. The sentence is "On top of that, Anna
 would come up with brilliant excuses to
11) 2 cover up mistakes she made.
12) 4 37) He was only two years old so he would not be
 able to speak properly to defend himself.
13) 4 38) She wanted to make the stranger feel sorry for
14) 3 her.
15) 1
16) 2
17) 3
18) G
19) E
20) K
21) H
22) B
23) J
24) C
25) D
26) A
27) E