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2009 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 4

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 4 / _____

Date : 4 May 2009

Note:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Questions 1 - 22 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.

43 Questions

48 Marks

Duration of Paper: 1 hr 20 mins

ITEMS	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
MCQ		22
Qn 23 - 43		26
TOTAL		48

Parent's Signature : _____

SECTION A: Vocabulary (5 marks)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

- 1 Dr Simmons who was a _____ was very excited when he was given the fossil of a rare dinosaur's tooth to examine.
- (1) dentist (2) scientist
(3) archaeologist (4) palaeontologist
- 2 Both of Mdm Lim's legs were _____ after the horrifying accident and she had to rely on prosthetic legs ever since.
- (1) injured (2) fractured
(3) amputated (4) dislocated
- 3 Jennifer was furious when she received the news that she was _____ for promotion and the spot was given to a new officer instead.
- (1) passed on (2) passed out
(3) passed away (4) passed over
- 4 Harris could not _____ his bucket from the sea and watched forlornly as it was washed away further by the retreating waves.
- (1) take (2) bring
(3) fetch (4) retrieve
- 5 Our school's Sports Day is a/an _____ event. All pupils are expected to be cheering their teammates on at the stadium on that day.
- (1) annual (2) monthly
(3) biannual (4) fortnightly

SECTION B: Grammar (5 marks)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

- 6 David is new to the school, therefore _____ people know him.
(1) few (2) little
(3) many (4) much
- 7 _____ peaches we bought last week have gone bad.
(1) Any (2) Each
(3) Every (4) All the
- 8 ~~One~~ of the boys _____ given an honorary award ~~last week~~ for being the top scorer in the National Soccer Tournament.
(1) is (2) was
(3) are (4) were
- 9 _____ she continues to misbehave, she will be severely punished.
(1) If (2) While
(3) After (4) Before
- 10 ~~This~~ particular ~~breed~~ of ducks _____ imported from Thailand.
(1) is (2) has
(3) are (4) have

SECTION C: Punctuation (2 marks)

For each question from 11 to 12, identify the underlined section (1, 2, 3 or 4) which has a punctuation error. Shade its number on the OAS provided.

- 11 "Keep your hands off my new Billabong wallet," yelled Jia Hao indignantly.
(1) (2) (3) ! (4)
- 12 Shaffiq said, "I wish I can find the book 'Eastern war' in the library as I was told that it has an intriguing storyline."
(1) (2) (3) (4)

SECTION D: Graphic Stimulus (5 marks)

Read the advertisement carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.


Silkys shine Shampoo has a gentle conditioner that leaves your hair soft, silky and shiny the whole day long!




Just enter and win!

From 1 June to 30 July 2009, simply cut and paste the Lush Hair logo contest sticker found on the back of any 200ml shampoo bottle onto an official entry form. Answer a simple question and mail your entry to : Inno Singapore Pte Ltd
238 Parkroad Building #02-04
Singapore 589777

Rules and Regulations

1. This contest is open to all except staff of Inno Singapore Pte Ltd and their family members.
2.  can be submitted but each entry must be the original official entry form with the Lush Hair logo attached.
3. Closing date of entry is 30 July 2009.
4. The draw will be held on 15 August 2009 at the lobby of Tamp Mall One at 12 noon.
5. All winners will be notified by mail.
6. Prizes not collected by 1 September 2009 will be forfeited.

You stand to win the following prizes:

1st prize :  worth \$800 to Bali and a hotel voucher worth \$500

(Hotel voucher is only valid till 31 Dec 2009)

2nd prize : A 2-night stay at Wonder Resort worth \$400

10 Consolation prizes : A set of 300ml bottle of Silkys shine shampoo, 100ml bottle of Silkys shine conditioner and 50ml bottle of Silkys shine hair tonic worth \$50 each

- 13 The Lush Hair logo can be found on the _____ shampoo bottle.
- (1) 50ml
 - (2) 100ml
 - (3) 200ml
 - (4) 300ml
- 14 Entries are only valid if they are received by _____.
- (1) 30 July 2009
 - (2) 15 August 2009
 - (3) 1 September 2009
 - (4) 31 December 2009
- 15 People who work for _____ are not allowed to participate in the contest.
- (1) Wonder Resort
 - (2) Tamp Mall One
 - (3) Parkroad Building
 - (4) Inno Singapore Pte Ltd
- 16 The top prize is _____.
- (1) a 2-night stay at Wonder Resort
 - (2) a trip to Bali for two including a hotel voucher
 - (3) a set of 300ml bottle of Silkyshine shampoo and conditioner
 - (4) an unlimited supply of 200ml bottle of shampoo valid till 31 Dec 2009
- 17 Which of the following statements is false?
- (1) Only one entry can be submitted.
 - (2) The top prize winners will be going to Bali by flight.
 - (3) Winners cannot collect their prizes after 1 September 2009.
 - (4) The winners will receive a letter to inform them of the result.

SECTION E: Comprehension (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

The word 'fossils' refers to the remains of plants or animals that lived a very long time ago. A fossil may take the shape and structure of the plant or animal and form an impression on stones. Although fossils originated from both plants and animals, people seem to be more fascinated by fossils of animals rather than that of plants, particularly those of dinosaurs.

The largest dinosaurs which ever lived were probably the sauropods. What exactly is a sauropod? 'Sauropod' is a term used to describe gigantic, four-legged, dinosaurs with bulky bodies, long necks and tails, and tiny heads with small brains. Sauropods like the Brachiosaurus, weighed over 45 000kg! That is astounding information when humans compare themselves to dinosaurs. A young boy who is about 10 years old weighs only 30kg! Amazingly, even though sauropods were the largest dinosaurs ever lived, they were very gentle and ate only plants, compared to the smaller but fiercer tyrannosaurs which were meat-eaters.

'Tyrannosaur' means 'tyrant lizard'. They, on the other hand, had large, heavy heads, powerful legs and tiny limbs. They were ferocious and would tear at their prey with their numerous sharp teeth. However, compared to the sauropods, they only weighed about 7 200kg. A well-known carnivorous dinosaur is the T-Rex.

One may wonder at the size of these dinosaurs. There are many theories as to why these dinosaurs were huge. One theory is that the prehistoric world was full of vegetation. Just like humans in an all-day dessert buffet, dinosaurs may have evolved to giant sizes simply because there was too much food to eat. Another theory is that dinosaurs needed to be of that size for self-defence; a jumbo-sized herbivore would have to protect itself from attacks by predators.

Whatever the reason may be, humans still find dinosaurs fascinating. Even though they are extinct, we can still gather new information about them from the many fossils that have been discovered in recent years.

- 18 Fossils are _____.
- (1) stones
 - (2) humans
 - (3) remains of dinosaurs
 - (4) remains of plants and animals embedded in rocks
- 19 _____ was the biggest type of dinosaur which ever lived.
- (1) T-Rex
 - (2) Sauropod
 - (3) Tyrannosaur
 - (4) Brachiosaurus
- 20 The weight of a tyrannosaur is about _____.
- (1) 10kg
 - (2) 30kg
 - (3) 7 200kg
 - (4) 45 000kg
- 21 According to the passage, the reason why dinosaurs were big could be because _____.
- (1) they were once alive
 - (2) they had changed to stone
 - (3) they had too much food to eat
 - (4) they needed to protect themselves from preys
- 22 A suitable title for the passage could be _____.
- (1) Types of Dinosaurs
 - (2) The Largest Dinosaurs
 - (3) Carnivorous Dinosaurs
 - (4) The Fiercest Dinosaurs

SECTION F: Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)

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

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) adding	(B) blend	(C) crack	(D) melting	(E) observe
(F) preparing	(G) remove	(H) sprinkle	(J) stir	(K) test

Have you ever tried decorating an Easter egg? It is extremely easy and fun to do. You will need an egg, food colouring, vinegar, boiling water, glitter, glue and stickers.

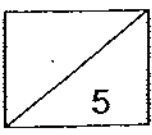
Start by _____ the dye. Measure half a cup of boiling water and one
(23)
teaspoonful of vinegar. Pour the two into a bowl and mix it together. _____

(24)
a few drops of red food colouring to the mixture will turn it red. Dip a hard-boiled egg
into the dye for about three to five minutes. _____ the egg to see if the colour
(25)

is bright enough. _____ the egg from the dye and leave it out to dry. Once
(26)

the egg is dry, paste the decorative stickers on it. Spread some glue onto parts of the
egg. _____ some glitter onto the egg to make it shiny.
(27)

This is just one way of decorating Easter eggs. You can be as creative as you want when sprucing up ordinary eggs to look like designer eggs for Easter.



SECTION G: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

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

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) after	(B) because	(C) before
(D) due	(E) much	(F) who

We know him best as the founder of modern Singapore. He was instrumental in bringing about the island's development into a free port. Yet, how _____ do we know of the life of Sir Stamford Raffles? For instance, do you

(28)

know that he was from a poor family? Young Raffles had to leave school

_____ just two years of study as his parents could not afford to pay for his

(29)

school fees. His schoolmates made fun of him _____ of his poverty. At a

(30)

young age, he became the main breadwinner for the family, supporting five other

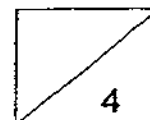
siblings.

In addition to founding Singapore, he once freed the African slaves

_____ were imported by the government of Bencoolen. After freeing

(31)

the slaves, he went on to build a school for their children.



SECTION H: Vocabulary Cloze (Open Ended) (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully and fill in each blank with a suitable word.

How often have you woken up, only to find that you have completely forgotten what you were ~~dreaming~~ about? What can you do to recall your dreams more often?

Experts _____ some suggestions.

(32)

One way is for you to consciously think about a topic or a person you would like to _____ about. Pose a question that is troubling you and see how

(33)

your ~~dream~~ responds to it.

You can also try to _____ track of your dream. You may want to

(34)

keep a notepad and a pen or a voice recorder next to your bed to record your dreams as soon as you _____ up.

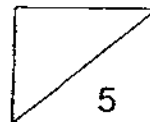
(35)

Another method is to wake up slowly. From the first moment after you awaken, lie still and keep your eyes closed because your dream may be connected to your body position while you were asleep. Try to recollect the dream, then store it in your memory

by _____ it ~~to~~ for example, 'Late for School'. When you rise,

(36)

immediately write down as many images, feelings and impressions as you can.



SECTION I: Synthesis and Transformation (2 marks)

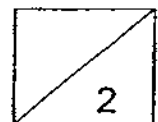
For each question from 37 to 38, combine the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

37 It has been raining heavily. You do not have to wash the car often.

_____ as

38 The athlete fell in front of the spectators. He was embarrassed.

_____ when



SECTION J: Comprehension (10 marks)

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

A tiny village in Indonesia has become a magnet for pilgrims almost overnight. Tens of thousands of Indonesians are flocking to the village because they believe nine-year-old Ponari has magical powers that can cure them of any illness.

The Primary 3 pupil became known as a child witch doctor after he was said to have been struck by lightning. Ponari survived and found a stone on top of his head. The boy uses that stone in the rituals he conducts on people.

The stone is brown and is the size of a man's fist. When Ponari, a slim and short boy for his age, immerses the stone in a pail of water, many people believe the liquid becomes miracle water that can cure illnesses.

Ponari lets people pay whatever they want. Some pay as little as 1 000 rupiah, which is equivalent to 13 Singapore cents. Many poor villagers find it cheaper to turn to him rather than go to a doctor which can cost about 40 000 rupiah. Another reason why these villagers go to Ponari for a cure is that their belief in magic and superstition is very strong.

Some villagers who came to see Ponari but could not meet him were even seen scooping up water left in the bathroom after the boy had taken a bath. They believed that it could be used to cure them of their illnesses.

The number of people who throng the village to visit him daily is so great that it usually creates a stampede. During one such stampede, four people died. This is the price these villagers would pay to have the chance of being cured by the 'miracle' boy.

Although the villagers turn to superstition due to the high cost of health care, the government authorities want to end it before further damage is done.

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20 March 2009

39 What ability do the villagers believe Ponari has?

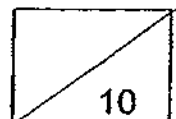
40 How big is the stone which Ponari found?

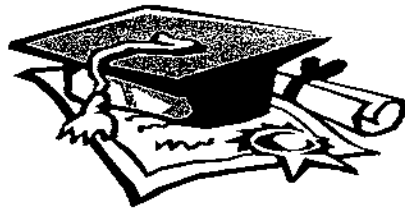
41 How much ~~would~~ the villagers have to pay if they were to go to a doctor for treatment?

42 Why do the villagers prefer Ponari to doctors?

43 Which sentence tells you that people ~~lost~~ lost their lives in their bid to visit Ponari?

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

SCHOOL : RED SWASTIKA PRIMARY

SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1



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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31
4	2	3	3	1	F	A	E	G	H	E	A	B	F

32)have 33)dream 34)keep 35)wake 36)giving

37)You do not have to wash the car often as it has been raining heavily.

38)The athlete was embarrassed when he fell in front of the spectators.

39)The villagers believe Ponari has magical powers and the ability to cure them of any illness.

40)The stone is the size of a man's fist.

41)The villagers would have to pay 40000 rupiah.

42)The villagers find it cheaper to turn to Ponari as he lets them pay what ever they want than to doctors as the price costs more.

43)The sentence is 'During one such stampede, four people died'.