



AI TONG SCHOOL

2012

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO

PRIMARY FIVE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary _____

Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Paper 1 (55 m)	Paper 2 (95 m)	Listening Comprehension (20 m)	Oral (30 m)	Total (200 m)

Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5x1 mark)

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

Life is Wonderful!

The Wonder Kids Colouring & Drawing Contest

Free Registration

Free Honey Krisps Cereal

Free T-shirt

Colouring materials will be provided

Honesty
Generosity

Filial Piety

Register at www.wonderkids.com by 8 Nov 2012

Here's a fun and meaningful way to learn Wonder Values with Wonder Cereal for your kids. Let your child's creative juices flow in our Colouring & Drawing Contest!

What's the Theme?	Who can join?	Prizes for each category
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filial Piety • Generosity • Honesty 	Category A : Kids aged 4 to 6 Category B : Kids aged 7 to 9 Category C : Kids aged 10 to 12	1st Prize - \$ 2000 2nd Prize - \$ 1000 3rd Prize - \$ 500

Venues for Contest: Bishan Primary School or any of the listed Community Clubs:

North Vale Community Club	West Hill Community Club	Convening Host (Prize Presentation cum Finals)
15 Dec 2012 10.00a.m. – 12.00p.m. 12.30p.m. – 2.30p.m. 2.30p.m. – 4.30p.m.	21 & 22 Dec 2012 10.00a.m. – 12.00p.m. 12.30p.m. – 2.30p.m. 2.30p.m. – 4.30p.m.	Bishan Primary School 28 Dec 2012 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Organisers:



Sponsored by:



Special Appearance by Sam Paint

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. West Hill Community Club is involved in the contest as a/an _____.
 - (1) organiser
 - (2) contest venue
 - (3) registration site
 - (4) convening host

2. Cody is eight years old. If he wants to take part in the Wonder Kids Colouring & Drawing Contest, he _____.
 - (1) has to pay a registration fee
 - (2) will be competing in Category C
 - (3) can win a cash prize of up to \$500 only
 - (4) can draw a picture of a boy looking after his elderly grandfather

3. According to the poster, which of the following statements is **false**?
 - (1) Three prizes will be given out for each category.
 - (2) Each participant will be given free crayons and a T-shirt only.
 - (3) Children between ages four and twelve can participate in the contest.
 - (4) Participants will be able to enjoy a special appearance by Sam Paint during the Finals.

4. If you wish to participate in the contest, you can do so by _____.
 - (1) registering online at the given website
 - (2) sending your contest form to Central Parks
 - (3) signing up at any of the community clubs listed on the poster
 - (4) submitting your completed contest form at Bishan Primary School

5. The main aim of the event as stated on the poster is to _____.
 - (1) learn to be generous and honest
 - (2) introduce Sam Paint to all the participants
 - (3) promote awareness of moral values through art
 - (4) teach children how to draw and colour in a fun way

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. Let's have nasi lemak for lunch, _____?
- (1) will we
 - (2) can we
 - (3) shall we
 - (4) must we
7. To Mrs Chan's horror, she saw her daughter _____ across the road without looking out for oncoming traffic.
- (1) run
 - (2) ran
 - (3) runs
 - (4) had run
8. We are _____ our trip to the Philippines because of the recent earthquake.
- (1) putting in
 - (2) putting off
 - (3) putting out
 - (4) putting down
9. It has been twelve days since the shipwreck. There isn't _____ hope of finding any survivors.
- (1) little
 - (2) some
 - (3) many
 - (4) much
10. Kate chose to be a singer because she preferred music and performing on stage _____ furthering her studies overseas.
- (1) to
 - (2) or
 - (3) than
 - (4) because

11. Do you remember _____ is the title of the book that Melanie enjoys reading?

- (1) who
- (2) what
- (3) which
- (4) whose

12. Everyone except Jane and Barry _____ playing in the field during recess yesterday.

- (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.

Jonathan was an ardent Manchester United fan. He was watching his favourite team play last Sunday night on the television against their arch rival, Liverpool.

"Goal (13) Jonathan screamed as he waved his arms wildly in the air after Manchester United had scored a goal in the closing minutes of the game.

"Five more minutes to victory," mumbled Jonathan to himself. He could not wait for the five minutes to whisk by.

However (14) the next few moments seemed forever. Jonathan bit his nails nervously, glancing anxiously at the clock (15) Please, oh please," Jonathan prayed. But, victory was not meant to be.

13. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [" !] inverted commas and exclamation mark
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas
14. (1) [-] dash
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [;] semi-colon
15. (1) [.] full stop
(2) ["] inverted commas
(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 _____ speech from the Principal made the pupils want to work harder for their results.

- (1) calming
- (2) satisfying
- (3) improving
- (4) encouraging

17. Water could not flow through the pipe as it was _____ with a lot of rubbish that the cleaners did not remove.

- (1) clogged
- (2) plugged
- (3) dammed
- (4) crammed

18. Tom was so _____ that he believed every word that the stranger said and got tricked into buying a broken watch.

- (1) hasty
- (2) lenient
- (3) gullible
- (4) reckless

19. Upon hearing that there was a fight between Tommy and Ryan at the basketball court, the discipline master raced to the scene _____.

- (1) recently
- (2) abruptly
- (3) promptly
- (4) suddenly

20. The _____ at the concert grew into wild excitement when fans of the famous singer saw him appear on stage.

- (1) impression
- (2) background
- (3) atmosphere
- (4) environment

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.

More than anything else, Sally wants to be famous. Her heart has been filled with envy for superstars like Lady HaHa, Justbin Beeper and Miley Cyclops, who had sold (21) millions of albums worldwide. She is obsessed with their status and lifestyles. She dreams (22) of becoming an international icon, adored by people all over the world. Sally feels that she (23) has what it takes to attain success and fame. However, last week, she did not qualify for a (24) national singing competition. She faulted the judges for not recognising her talents. Sally (25) has decided to broadcast her own music video through YouTube.

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21. (1) concern
(2) affection
(3) admiration
(4) understanding
22. (1) moved by
(2) gripped by
(3) directed by
(4) controlled by
23. (1) idol
(2) master
(3) composer
(4) entertainer
24. (1) achieve
(2) receive
(3) complete
(4) guarantee
25. (1) blamed
(2) corrected
(3) suspected
(4) questioned

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Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5x1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

"Hey Mommy, look at the dress!" cried Mary, instinctively shaking her mother's hand as they walked past a children's boutique inside the newly-opened Junction Nine.

Mrs Tan paused, glanced at the apparels donned on a few child mannequins, and pulled Mary away. 5

"Let's have our lunch at the food court now," said Mrs Tan, her voice tinged with regret and moodiness. She, too, had taken a fancy to the red dress on display. Mrs Tan would love to see her daughter in it, but knew that the branded outfit was beyond her means. In better times, she would have made the purchase without any hesitation. Circumstances had changed for the family. This year, for Mary's tenth birthday, she would have to find something affordable as a present. 10

As she walked away, Mary tilted her head to continue admiring the red dress until it was out of her sight. She understood that her parents were unable to spend much on her. Mary had never demanded for things. Neither would she throw tantrums when her wishes were turned down previously. She would always abide by her parents' decision. 15

Mrs Tan tightened her grip on her daughter's hand to avoid losing Mary in the crowd as they approached the food court. Then, outside a gift shop, something caught her immediate attention. It was an opportunity. The notice on the glass door panel, read in two separate lines: "Salesgirl wanted urgently. Please walk in for an interview." Mrs Tan responded instantly. 20

Stepping into the shop, Mrs Tan instructed Mary to stay at a corner and wait for her. She walked to the counter and struck a conversation with a young lady. The interview lasted for about ten minutes. The lady then guided Mrs Tan around the shop and explained her role as a salesgirl. Mrs Tan had been found suitable for the vacancy and was hired by the lady. 25

"Mary, I'm going to start work here next Monday!" Mrs Tan said, smiling at her daughter. "Let's go back and get the red dress as your birthday gift!"

"Mommy, please don't buy the dress," replied Mary. "I am a growing child. I will quickly outgrow the dress, and your money will be wasted. Can I have a hair clip instead?" 30

Mrs Tan felt very touched and heartened by Mary's words. Even then, she could not dispel the idea of making her daughter look pretty in a new dress.

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26. What does the phrase “beyond her means” (line 9) tell you about the red dress?

- (1) It was too expensive to be fancied by Mrs Tan.
- (2) It was too expensive as a branded outfit for Mrs Tan.
- (3) It was too expensive to be sold in a children’s boutique.
- (4) It was too expensive for Mrs Tan to buy for her daughter.

27. How did Mary react to the red dress after walking away from the children’s boutique?

- (1) Mary told herself that she would outgrow the red dress.
- (2) Mary continued to admire the dress but did not demand for it.
- (3) Mary saw the red dress as something that she ought to have.
- (4) Mary waited for her mother to say that she would buy the red dress.

28. With reference to the passage, what was the reason for Mrs Tan to enter the gift shop?

- (1) She hoped to see a salesgirl.
- (2) She planned to find a vacancy.
- (3) She wished to meet a young lady.
- (4) She wanted to seek a job interview.

29. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) Mary and her mother were in a brand new shopping centre.
- (2) Mrs Tan and her daughter were in a shopping centre near their home.
- (3) Mary was left behind by her mother in a gift shop inside a shopping centre.
- (4) Mrs Tan was in a newly-opened shopping centre to celebrate Mary’s birthday.

30. Based on the passage, one can say that Mary was a sensible girl because she _____.

- (1) feared upsetting her mother over the red dress
- (2) fulfilled her mother’s wish of not buying the red dress
- (3) enjoyed the company of her mother despite their tight budget
- (4) showed understanding of her mother’s financial circumstances





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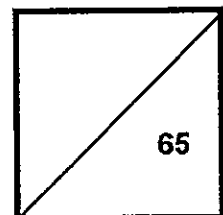
Answer all questions.

Name: _____

Class: Primary _____

Date: _____

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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) after	(D) before	(G) from	(K) on	(N) up
(B) against	(E) despite	(H) in	(L) these	(P) will
(C) although	(F) for	(J) of	(M) to	(Q) would

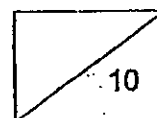
Laurentia Tan has won a bronze medal at the 2012 Paralympic Games. This is her third medal (31) _____ two bronzes in 2008.

Laurentia suffers (32) _____ cerebral palsy and she is also deaf. (33) _____ her disabilities, Laurentia does not wallow in self-pity. Instead, she has grabbed life by the reins and emerged (34) _____ all odds to win.

As a child, her legs were often covered (35) _____ plasters. She had fallen down so many times, yet each time she (36) _____ get up and try again. Her motto in life is built on (37) _____ words "Try", "Persevere", "Practise". "Trying" was getting (38) _____ a horse at first for it was therapeutic. "Persevering" is giving up a job and competing full-time. "Practising" is being on endless journeys from London (39) _____ Germany to spend long hours sharpening her skills.

Laurentia may live in a soundless world but this poised, upright woman on the gentle prancing horse is heroic simply because (40) _____ how she has taken on life. She is a role model to all.

Adapted from (2012, 3rd September). Victory lies in Tan's duel with life. The Straits Times



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.

"Where is my iPhone?" screamed Johnny.

(41)

It was his **warlet** yesterday, the house keys a few days ago, and his watch last

(42)

week. Johnny again finds himself desperately looking for something before he had to go out. He searched the drawers, looked under his bed and checked every place he could

(43)

(44)

thought of, but all his desperate attempts failed. **Frastraisiön** welled up inside him.

(45)

"Call your own number!" blurted from Johnny's sister, disgusted by the behaviour

(46)

of her scatter-brained brother. Johnny, without say a word, stomped to the telephone and dialled his mobile line.

(47)

Moments later, he heard the **fermeelier** ringtone of his iPhone. To his utter

(48)

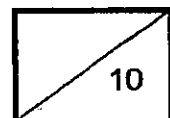
ambareresment, it came straight from the left pocket of his baggy jeans. The relief was

(49)

(50)

suddenly consumed by frightening. "Hello, my dear boy," the **cheeli** voice of a woman hissed into his ear. Johnny froze and dropped the receiver.

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Section I : Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

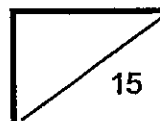
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Think of sharks, think of man-eaters? In the (51) _____ of many people, sharks are bloodthirsty creatures with an appetite for human flesh. One must steer clear of them for any encounter with a shark is (52) _____. This idea would probably be expressed in a mental picture that paints a shark opening (53) _____ wide jaws, revealing rows of sharp teeth capable of (54) _____ any living thing to pieces. Why? Among other (55) _____ we can point our finger at Hollywood movies, like the Jaws series, that have successfully turned sharks into monsters. The truth is that most sharks are harmless to us.

Over three hundred species of sharks (56) _____ in the world, spread across different oceans. However, (57) _____ ten have been known to attack human beings, with the Great White Shark, the Bull Shark and the Tiger Shark posing a significantly greater danger than the rest. (58) _____ they are not man-eating creatures. According to scientists, sharks (59) _____ target people but when a shark does kill or injure a human, it is often because that person has been mistaken for one of its usual preys, such as the sea lion. Not all sharks are hunters. The giant Whale Shark, for (60) _____, feeds on microscopic plants and tiny organisms called plankton.

Sharks are facing a (61) _____ problem today. Fast declining in numbers, they could become (62) _____ in the coming years and no longer remain on Earth. This possibility has gained worldwide attention. Measures have been (63) _____ to protect them. We need to stop the destruction of coral reefs, which are habitats vital to the reproduction and survival of sharks. We also need to halt the killing of sharks for their fins, which are (64) _____ as delicacies. Certainly, sharks are (65) _____ desperate need of human protection. The next time you think of sharks, think about their endangered existence.

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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. When Megan saw her teacher approach the library, she ran away immediately.

_____ as soon as

67. "Today is the best day for me," Amelia told her mother.

Amelia told her mother that _____

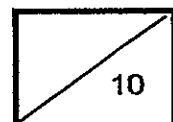
68. Jim was lazy. He failed his Science examination.

Jim _____
as a result of _____

69. Anna was one of my classmates in primary school. She is now a famous author.

70. Jialing submitted her project to her teacher after she had completed it

on _____



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

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

"I'm only nineteen years old," pleaded Gopi.

Since the day he heard that a wife was to be found for him, Gopi had given endless excuses to his mother in defense of a treasured freedom. Gopi dreaded the idea of marriage. He, too, despised marrying a stranger, and starting a relationship without love. He knew that only a miracle would save him.

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"Enough," chided Mrs Raja. "You're older compared to your cousins who were already married at the age of seventeen."

Mrs Raja was adamant about arranging a marriage for Gopi. It was her duty, as mother to her only son, to ensure that he settled down with a good girl – someone capable of managing the household, looking after her son, and bearing him many children. Nothing would be compromised in selecting her ideal partner for Gopi.

10

Ten matchmakers had been recommended to Mrs Raja, yet she had rejected all of them. It was not easy meeting her expectations. The Rajas had long been a wealthy and influential family, ruling a dominant business empire. She had set her mind on one matchmaker – someone who knew the rich and powerful families in India. She had eagerly waited for almost six months to meet her.

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"Mrs Anand, welcome back! Tell me about your long vacation in America," said Mrs Raja as she ushered the matchmaker into her luxurious mansion.

The matchmaker came well-prepared. Mrs Anand got down to business immediately. She was confident that Mrs Raja would accept the girl, Priyanka, whom she was going to propose. Mrs Anand had even greater confidence in Gopi.

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Priyanka was a sixteen year-old student in a prestigious college. She was the youngest daughter of Amitabh Khan, one of India's richest and most successful businessmen. She and Gopi had a perfect match in their birth stars.

Mrs Raja posed a string of questions while studying the girl's photograph. She nodded smilingly at every answer from Mrs Anand. She took little notice of her son, but the matchmaker, who saw the displeasure registered on his sullen face, quietly anticipated a change in his reaction.

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Rolling his eyes, Gopi snatched the photograph from his mother. His heart skipped a beat at first glance of the image. Her soft features seized his attention immediately. Suddenly and miraculously, the fear and disgust of marriage disappeared for Gopi. He felt a strong reluctance to part with the photograph of Priyanka. Stalling for time, he repeated the questions that his mother had asked. A smile came upon his face when he finally returned the photograph to Mrs Anand.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

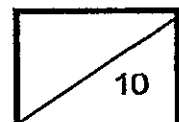
71. With reference to paragraph two, what did Gopi do to avoid getting married and save his freedom?

72. Which word in paragraph four describes Mrs Raja as someone whose decision could be impossible to change?

73. Explain what "duty" in line 8 means to Mrs Raja.

74. What does "them" in line 13 refer to?

75. What do you think had made the Rajas into "a wealthy and influential family" (lines 13 to 14)?



76. Give a reason why Mrs Raja had "waited for almost six months" (line 16) to meet the matchmaker?

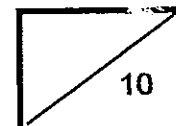
77. Quote the sentence that explains why Mrs Anand thought that she was "well-prepared" (line 19) for her meeting with Mrs Raja?

78. Which word in paragraph eight has the same meaning as "respected"?

79. Explain clearly why did the "fear and disgust of marriage" in line 31 disappear for Gopi?

80. What did Gopi do to have more time to look at the photograph?

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2012

SCHOOL : AITONG
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
H	Q	L	K	M	J

- 41)wallet 42)found 43)think 44)Frustration 45)out
46)saying 47)familiar 48)embarrassment 49)fright 50)chilly
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70)On completing her project, Jialing submitted it to her teacher.
71)Gopi had given endless excuses to his mother in defense of a treasured freedom and to avoid getting married.
72)The word is "adamant".
73)It means to ensure that Gopi settled down with a good girl.
74)It refers to the ten matchmakers that had been recommended to Mrs Raja.
75)The Raja's ruled a dominant business empire.
76)The matchmaker was away in America for a vacation.
77)The sentence is "She was confident that Mrs Raja would accept the girl, Priyanka, whom she was going to propose".
78)The word is "prestigious".
79)He likes what he saw of Priyanka in her photograph.
80)He repeated the questions that his mother had asked to stall for more time to look at the photograph.

