



**AI TONG SCHOOL
2009**

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE

PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

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INSTRUCTIONS

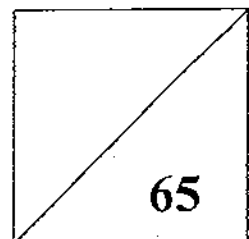
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Follow all instructions.
Answer all questions.

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Part 1

Section A: Graphic Stimulus (4 × 1 mark)

Study the following advertisement and then use it to answer questions 1 to 4.





10th -14th June 2009
Singapore Expo Hall 5
11am -10pm
FREE ADMISSION

Singapore's MEGA

FOOD & BEVERAGE FAIR

showcasing the most comprehensive and scrumptious spread of Local, Asian and International favourites, MODERN HEALTHY ETHNIC CUISINE and traditional "MUST TRY" pastries

DON'T MISS IT!

IS NOW ON!

Indulge in MOUTHWATERING DELICACIES and discover SUMPTUOUS DEALS, GREAT SAVINGS and UNBELIEVABLE DISCOUNTS all under one roof.

WIN the 1st Prize of CASH \$888

And other CASH PRIZES (Simply purchase \$100 or more worth of products and fill in the Lucky Draw Coupon available at the entrance of the fair)

Organised by:	Sponsored by:	Supported by:
Global Exhibition Services	Frazir & Peave Group Getra Pek Company	Singapore Food Manufacturers' Association

Adapted from *The Straits Times*, 20 February, 2009

For each question from 1 to 4, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

1. According to the advertisement, the Singapore Food & Beverage Fair 2009 will be held from _____.
 - (1) 10th June to 14th June 2009
 - (2) 11th June to 14th June 2009
 - (3) 12th June to 14th June 2009
 - (4) 13th June to 14th June 2009

2. To stand a chance to win at the lucky draw, customers need to purchase _____ worth of products.
 - (1) at least \$50
 - (2) at least \$100
 - (3) at least \$150
 - (4) at least \$1000

3. The organizer of the event is _____.
 - (1) Getra Pak Company
 - (2) Frazirr and Peave Group
 - (3) Global Exhibition Services
 - (4) Singapore Food Manufacturers' Association

4. Which one of the following statements is true?
 - (1) Traditional pastries will be given free to children.
 - (2) Foreign visitors will have to pay an admission fee.
 - (3) Discounts will be given only for local food products.
 - (4) The food and beverage fair will be open from 11am to 10pm.

Section B: Grammar MCQ (5 × 1 mark)

For each question from 5 to 9, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

5. The prisoners escaped _____ an opening in the fence.
- (1) under
 - (2) before
 - (3) across
 - (4) through
6. Christina plays the piano, _____ she?
- (1) did
 - (2) does
 - (3) didn't
 - (4) doesn't
7. I _____ him, if he apologises for the mistake.
- (1) did forgive
 - (2) will forgive
 - (3) am forgiving
 - (4) have forgiven
8. June enjoys _____ the Discovery Channel on television.
- (1) watch
 - (2) watches
 - (3) watched
 - (4) watching
9. Comparing the two mountains, Mount Kophir has the _____ slope.
- (1) steep
 - (2) steeper
 - (3) steepest
 - (4) steepening

Section C: Punctuation (3 × 1 mark)

For each question from 10 to 12, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

A few boys camped near a beach one dark night. They took turns to tell ghost stories under a big tree.

“Are there witches and how can we tell the difference between a witch and an ordinary woman (10) Peter asked.

• “A witch can change into a black cat at night (11) Jia Wei yelled out.

Just then a black cat jumped on Peter (12) He got a fright and swung his hockey stick at it. The poor feline fled with an injury in its left leg.

10. (1) [,"] comma and inverted commas
 (2) [."] full stop and inverted commas
 (3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
 (4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas
11. (1) [,] comma
 (2) [?] question mark
 (3) [,"] full stop and inverted commas
 (4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas
12. (1) [-] dash
 (2) [,] comma
 (3) [.] full stop
 (4) [!] exclamation mark

Section D: Vocabulary (4 × 1 mark)

For each question from 13 to 16, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

13. The kidnappers demanded a _____ of one million dollars from the rich man for the release of his son.
- (1) bonus
 - (2) charge
 - (3) ransom
 - (4) penalty
14. Margaret _____ in pain after she was stung by a bee.
- (1) cackled
 - (2) fidgeted
 - (3) hummed
 - (4) grimaced
15. The police _____ David and Peter for their bravery in helping to catch the robber.
- (1) chided
 - (2) calmed
 - (3) criticized
 - (4) commended
16. When the worker was found to be _____, he was dismissed from his job.
- (1) punctual
 - (2) dishonest
 - (3) responsible
 - (4) hardworking

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (4 × 1 mark)

For each question from 17 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Make your choice (1, 2, 3, or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

Mr Lim stood still as the tailor took his measurement for a new suit. His son, a boy (17) of about two years old, was looking around the shop. There were so many things that fascinated (18) him. After a while, he came back to his father, just in time to see (19) the tailor putting the tape measure round his father's waist. Instantly (20) he burst out crying, "Don't tie Daddy up!"

17. (1) youth
 (2) toddler
 (3) newborn
 (4) teenager
18. (1) stunned
 (2) confused
 (3) disturbed
 (4) interested
19. (1) browse
 (2) inspect
 (3) witness
 (4) explore
20. (1) briefly
 (2) hurriedly
 (3) punctually
 (4) immediately

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 × 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 21 to 25.

A routine work day for bus captain Tan Pik Chung became a nightmare when he was attacked by two parang-wielding robbers on board his bus.

The 29-year-old driver was wounded when he tried to stop them from pulling off a daring robbery on the bus.

The incident happened less than five minutes after he had left the Kota Raya Bus Terminal in Johor Baru, Malaysia, and was heading back to Singapore.

There were five passengers on board the bus, including the two men, who had got on at the bus terminal.

Outside the Danaga City Mall, they suddenly stood up and went to a middle-aged woman sitting alone. They threatened her with their parangs and demanded that she hand over her money.

Mr Tan realised what was going on when she screamed. From where he was seated, he shouted at the men to stop. However, they turned on him, forcing him to stop the bus. They made him hand over his wallet which contained forty dollars. Once they had the money, they attacked him and fled.

Mr Tan suffered deep gashes on his left shoulder and a fractured left wrist bone. Bleeding heavily, he managed to drive to the Customs Checkpoint about one kilometre away.

Malaysian traffic police took him to Sultanah Hospital in Johor Baru for immediate treatment. He was transferred to the General Hospital in Singapore a few hours later.

Mr Tan emerged from surgery with his left arm completely bandaged and a deep gash visible on his left shoulder. Numerous cuts criss-crossed his right hand. The bus captain was groggy but managed weak smiles for the steady stream of colleagues visiting him.

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 your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

21. How did Mr Tan know that the middle-aged woman was being robbed?
- (1) He sensed her fright.
 - (2) He saw her shivering.
 - (3) He heard her screams.
 - (4) He recognized her robbers.
22. Where was the bus going when the robbery took place?
- (1) Singapore
 - (2) Kota Raya
 - (3) Johor Baru
 - (4) Danaga City
23. According to the passage, Mr Tan lost a lot of blood because of the _____.
- (1) deep gashes on his back
 - (2) deep gashes on his thigh
 - (3) deep gashes on his chest
 - (4) deep gashes on his shoulder
24. Why did the robbers attack Mr Tan?
- (1) He tried to stop them from taking his wallet.
 - (2) He tried to stop them from robbing the woman.
 - (3) He tried to stop them from getting down the bus.
 - (4) He tried to stop them from coming back to Singapore.
25. The phrase "steady stream of colleagues visiting him" tells us that Mr Tan was a _____ man in the eyes of other bus captains.
- (1) brave
 - (2) clever
 - (3) strong
 - (4) patient

Part 2

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Section G: Grammar Cloze (6 × 1 mark)

There are 6 blanks, numbered 26 to 31, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

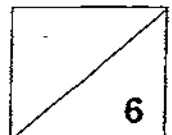
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) by ✓	(B) some ✓	(C) instead ✓	(D) however ✓	(E) have ✓
(F) never ✓	(G) without ✓	(H) ideal ✓	(J) with ✓	(K) rather ✓

Most people think that snakes are highly dangerous animals. (26) _____, only a few types or species are actually harmful. Even the poisonous ones, such as the cobra, would (27) _____ slither away quietly than stay and attack you.

(28) _____ people keep snakes as pets. Tree snakes are the prettiest and easiest to keep, especially the Green Grass Whip Snake. It is an (29) _____ pet. What makes the Green Grass Whip Snake easily recognizable are its bright green body and long pointed nose. It is very friendly and almost (30) _____ tries to bite.

Snakes are quite happy living in a small cage just as long as there is a branch on which they can climb and rub their skins off. Most snakes can live for quite a long time (31) _____ food. Their hardy nature allows them to be kept easily.



Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (8 × 1 mark)

For each question from 32 to 39, correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

To enjoy good health, we need the right balance of nutrients in our diet. These

(32)

inklud carbohydrates, proteins, fat, vitamins and minerals. Carbohydrates are found in

(33)

bread, rice, noodles and biscuits, while foods like milk, **deiri** products, beans, milk, meat,

(34)

seafood and poultry were rich in protein.

(35)

According by the healthy diet pyramid by the Health Promotion Board, our food intake

(36)

should comprise of carbohydrates, follow by slightly less fibre (fruit and vegetables) and

protein.

Enjoying a home-cooked meal has become easy for people. A wide array of ready-to-eat

(37)

and ready-to-cook products easily **aveilerble** at the supermarkets. Many petrol stations also

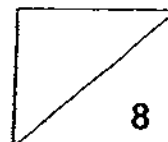
(38)

has convenient ~~stores~~ that sell fresh produce. They allow people to buy ingredients for a

(39)

dilisious and nutritious meal while filling up their petrol tank. Healthy eating must be part of our

lifestyle.



Section I: Comprehension Cloze (8 × 1 mark)**Passage 1**

There are 4 blanks, numbered 40 to 43, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) major	(B) provided	(C) deny	(D) increases	(E) amplifies
(F) extended	(G) expired	(H) decreases	(J) displayed	(K) minor

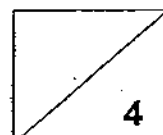
The Singapore Government has (40) _____ the smoking ban to cover all indoor public places and some outdoor places.

There is no doubt that smoking (41) _____ the risk of developing cancer, a deadly disease that kills many people every year. Yet, smokers continue to spend money on the harmful habit. Smoking is a (42) _____ factor in the development of cancer of the lung and throat. It is also linked to the ~~cancer~~ of the stomach and many others.

With graphic pictures of diseased body parts printed on cigarette packs and with anti-smoking posters (43) _____ at void decks, bus stops and other public places, smokers cannot say they do not know about the harmful effects of smoking.

So why do smokers continue to smoke? The two main reasons are habit and addiction. Some admit it and say that they have smoked for so long that they have difficulty giving it up.

Adapted from Mind Your Body- DocTalk, 12 February, 2009

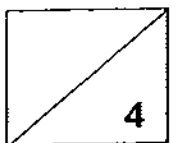


Passage 2

There are 4 blanks numbered 44 to 47, in the passage below. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

It was a fine afternoon. John had just (44) _____ the stack of worksheets that his mother had given him. He badly wanted some fresh air, so he walked out of the house and soon reached the park (45) _____. He strolled around while whistling at the same time.

After strolling for quite (46) _____ time, John was exhausted. He sat down on the lawn and began humming a tune. He was so preoccupied with his tune that he was not (47) _____ that a scorpion was crawling towards him. By the time he saw it, the scorpion was already on his leg.



Section J: Synthesis (4 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions 48 to 51, 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).

48. Tim was late for soccer practice. Tim had to take the taxi.

_____ so

49. You cannot go to the park. You have to finish your homework first.

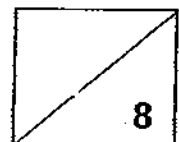
_____ if

50. The actress did not die. She was seriously injured in the accident.

_____ but

51. The boy's mother rewarded him with a computer. He jumped for joy.

_____ when



Section K: Comprehension Open Ended (5 × 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer Questions 52 to 56.
Your answers must be based on the passage.

Before housing estates like Toa Payoh and Ang Mo Kio were built, most of the people in Singapore lived in villages scattered across the island. My grandfather is one of them. In his village, everyone knew everyone else. The villagers, most of whom were farmers, had a common pastime. They spent most of their time in the fields and, during their leisure, would talk about many things that took place in various families. As a result, whatever happened in a family would eventually be known to all the villagers. Their fondness for gossiping once led to a comical incident that my grandfather said he would never forget.

One afternoon, while my grandfather was sleeping soundly in an arm-chair, he dreamt of his pretty girlfriend who lived in a neighbouring village. All of a sudden, the main door sprang open. The noise roused him from his sleep. Still in a daze, he saw a woman. Feeling quite certain that he saw his girlfriend, he ran up **to the woman and asked her to marry him**. It did not take him long to realize that the woman was actually his grandmother.

The old lady, in her anger, yelled at him, saying that he was out of his mind. A girl next door peeped through a window when she heard the commotion. Upon knowing what had happened, the girl wasted no time in telling her family members about my grandfather's mistake. The villagers quickly came to know about the **incident**.

Much to the embarrassment of my grandfather, he soon found himself teased by people around him. He was called "his grandmother's husband"! The young women in the village who came face to face with him would stare him in the face and smile at one another. This, indeed, embarrassed my grandfather considerably. Fortunately, according to my grandfather, the villagers soon forgot the incident. They turned their attention away from him as soon as new gossips about other people surfaced.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

52. What did the villagers like to do when they were not working?

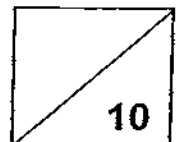
53. Why did the writer's grandfather run up 'to the woman and asked her to marry him'
(lines 12-13)?

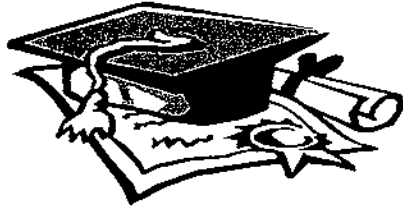
54. Which phrase tells us that the writer's grandfather had not completely woken from his
sleep?

55. How did the 'incident' mentioned in line 17 begin to spread?

56. How did the villagers tease the writer's grandfather?

~End of Paper~
~Please check your work carefully



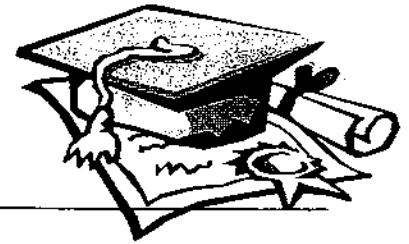


ANSWER SHEET

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4	3	4	3	1	4	2	1	D	K	B	H	F	G

32)include 33)dairy 34)are 35)to 36)followed 37)available

38)have 39)delicious 40)F 41)D 42)A 43)J 44)finished

45)nearby 46)some 47)aware

48)Tim was late for soccer practice so he had to take the taxi.

49)You have to finish your homework first if you want to go to the park.

50)The actress was seriously injured in the accident but she did not die.

51)The boy jumped for joy when his mother rewarded him with a computer.

52)They talked about things that took place in various families in the village.

53)He thought that the woman was his girlfriend.

54)The phrase is "still in a daze".

55)A girl next door told her family members about the writer's grandfather mistake.

56)They called him "his grandmother husband".