



AI TONG SCHOOL
2012
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO
PRIMARY 3

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Total Time for Part 1 and Part 2: 1 hour 45 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 (20 m)	Paper 2 (70 m)	Listening Comprehension (16 m)	Oral (20 m)	Total (126 m)



Section A: Grammar MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

For each question from 1 to 6, 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. Jake and his brother _____ not at home when I called.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

2. The pipe burst while she _____ the clothes.

- (1) washed
- (2) washing
- (3) has washed
- (4) was washing

3. "I know my sister has to finish the project _____," John said.

- (1) myself
- (2) herself
- (3) himself
- (4) ourselves

4. I called her many times _____ she did not hear me.

- (1) if
- (2) so
- (3) but
- (4) and

5. "You _____ not go to school if you have chicken pox," Mrs Tan advised her class.

- (1) will
- (2) may
- (3) could
- (4) should

6. Miss Li was the one _____ taught us English last year.

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

Section B: Punctuation MCQ (3 x 1 mark)

For each question from 7 to 9, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Mrs Hogget was busy in the kitchen when she stuck her head out of the window curiously. "What's that noise (7) Did you hear it? What a racket! Whatever it is, just listen to it, will you?"

Farmer Hogget listened. From the usually quiet valley below the farm came a medley of sounds: the oompah oompah of a brass band (8) the shouts of children, the rattle and thump of a noisy alley and every now and then, a very high, loud and angry-sounding squeal lasting about ten seconds.

Farmer Hogget pulled out an old pocket-watch as round as a saucer and looked at it. "Fair starts at two (9) he said. "It's started."

Adapted from The Sheep-Pig by Dick King Smith

7. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark
8. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark
9. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas

Section C: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

For each question from 10 to 15, 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.

10. After much questioning by the teacher, Ben _____ that he was the one who had stolen Adam's watch.
- (1) decided
 - (2) admitted
 - (3) informed
 - (4) concluded
11. We were unable to complete the task as we did not understand the _____ given by our teacher.
- (1) actions
 - (2) thoughts
 - (3) speeches
 - (4) instructions
12. Please do not _____ during the presentation. The audience must be able to hear you clearly.
- (1) utter
 - (2) babble
 - (3) ramble
 - (4) mumble
13. After pestering her mother for one week, Sue's mother finally _____ to her request to buy her the latest handphone.
- (1) gave in
 - (2) gave up
 - (3) gave out
 - (4) gave away
14. I fell _____ in love with that dress the first time I saw it and I must have it.
- (1) madly
 - (2) calmly
 - (3) carefully
 - (4) frantically
15. The _____ boy played soccer the whole afternoon but did not feel tired at all.
- (1) relaxed
 - (2) restless
 - (3) animated
 - (4) energetic

Section D: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 16 to 20.

There was silence in the theatre. The actor was speaking in his loud clear voice and the audience was attentive. They were about to find out who among the millionaire's children, relatives and friends was the murderer. Each of them had a reason to kill the millionaire. Some wanted a share of his wealth while others wanted to take revenge for the wrong he had done to them. The actor was completely immersed in his character.

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Suddenly, there was the beeping sound of a handphone coming from a corner of the theatre. The audience was irritated and everyone expected the owner to turn it off quickly. Unfortunately, nobody did and the sound just went on. The actor, though momentarily distracted, continued his brilliant performance.

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However, the audience could no longer concentrate. The people who were seated near the corner where the sound came from looked around them to identify the culprit. They were not successful as everyone seemed to be turning their heads, trying to locate the inconsiderate owner.

When the performance finally ended, the curtains fell and the lights were turned on, a man found the handphone on the floor next to his seat. Apparently, somebody had left it behind after watching the earlier performance.

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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 audience was watching a _____.
- (1) play
 - (2) magic show
 - (3) soccer match
 - (4) television programme
17. Just before the handphone rang, the actor was _____.
- (1) the murderer
 - (2) speaking softly
 - (3) singing and dancing
 - (4) going to reveal the murderer
18. The beeping sound of the handphone _____.
- (1) came from the stage
 - (2) made the audience laugh
 - (3) did not affect the actor much
 - (4) lasted for only a few seconds
19. The "culprit" in line 13 refers to the person who _____.
- (1) turned his head
 - (2) found the handphone
 - (3) owned the handphone
 - (4) murdered the millionaire
20. The man did not see the handphone earlier on probably because it was _____ in the theatre.
- (1) dark
 - (2) quiet
 - (3) very cold
 - (4) too bright

End of Booklet A



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Semestral Assessment Two 201
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Primary Three
Booklet B

Name: _____ () Date: _____

Class: _____ Marks: _____ /45

Section E: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Passage 1

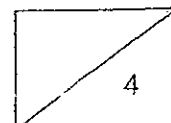
There are 4 blanks numbered 21 to 24 in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter (A to G) in the blank.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) after	(B) at	(C) in	(D) on
(E) onto	(F) to	(G) when	

The flag of the Olympic Games has five interlocking rings (blue, yellow, black, green and red) on a white background. The rings represent the five continents of the world that are joined together in the Olympics: Africa, the Americas, Asia, Australia and Europe. Baron de Coubertin designed the Olympic flag (21) _____ 1913.

The flag was first used in the 1920 Olympic Games in Belgium. It is paraded during the opening ceremony (22) _____ each Olympic Games. At the end of an Olympics, the mayor of the current host-city will present the flag (23) _____ the mayor of the next host-city. The flag will remain (24) _____ display in the town hall of the next host-city until the next Olympic Games four years later. The host-city is always proud to be the chosen venue for the Olympic Games.



Passage 2

There are 4 blanks numbered 25 to 28 in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter (A to G) in the blank.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) he	(B) it	(C) me	(D) my
(E) she	(F) them	(G) you	

Dear Mum and Dad,

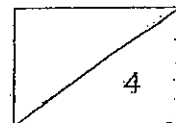
Uncle had a bad headache again. He said that (25) _____ felt sick and could not get out of bed. I gave him a cap and told him that (26) _____ would keep his head warm. He put it on and told me that the lesson that day would be cancelled so I left for a walk.

On the way back to Uncle's house, I chanced upon a group of campers. The tents that they had pitched in the forest were held so tightly to the ground. You could never blow (27) _____ down. It was such a boring day yet again. Are you sure you want (28) _____ to continue learning from Uncle? I miss having lessons in school.

Sniff sniff,

Little Wolf

Adapted from Little Wolf's Book of Badness from Ian Whybrow



Section F: Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

There are 8 blanks numbered 29 to 36 in the passages below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter (A to M) in the blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) eye	(B) hard	(C) hit	(D) playing
(E) reached	(F) reprimand	(G) slippery	(H) sorrow
(J) thrilled	(K) throwing	(L) wall	(M) yelled

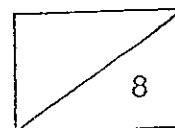
Tom had a great game with his friends at school so he was in high spirits during dinner. Just then, Aunt Polly remembered an earlier incident that happened at the playground and scolded him for (29) _____ soil at his cousin, Sid. For once, Tom was not bothered by it. He was so happy that he forgot his table-manners too. He (30) _____ out across the table to scoop some sugar without asking for permission. Aunt Polly noticed his act and (31) _____ him on the knuckles. Tom (32) _____ in pain but his aunt continued to scold him severely.

"You don't (33) _____ Sid so harshly whenever he misbehaves!" he cried.

"Sid doesn't annoy me the way you do," she replied. "If I didn't keep an (34) _____ on you, there would be no sugar left."

Sid smirked and reached for the glass sugar bowl. However, his fingers were too (35) _____. The bowl slipped and went crashing to the floor. Tom was (36) _____ when Sid let out a sob. A piece of broken glass had cut his finger. Tom decided to enjoy every second of Sid's agony.

Adapted from Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain



Section G : Editing for Spelling and Grammar (3 x 1 mark)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Some birds are never seen or heard until daylight has gone from the sky.

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They have nocturnal **harebits**. They sleep by day and wake up in the evening. They

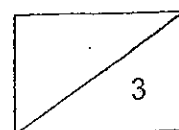
(38)

hunt of food such as worms, frogs, butterflies and insects. Both the owl and the nightjar

(39)

may be seen or heard in gardens, **awrcherds** and by roadsides. You will probably be

familiar with their calls and their dark shapes in the evening.



Section H: Comprehension Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

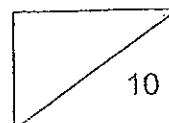
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

After the announcement, the teacher left the room. Shy and reserved Dawan was surrounded by a (40) _____ of curious and chattering classmates. They asked her many (41) _____ until she felt panicky. She was unable to answer them! Gripping the edge of her desk, she (42) _____ around desperately for Kwai, her brother. She needed his help.

However, he was not (43) _____ the crowd. She searched the whole room with quick, frightened eyes until she saw him. He was (44) _____ alone in the doorway, shifting from one foot to another and clutching onto his (45) _____ of books. He was silently watching her in the midst of her admirers.

Dawan (46) _____ out to him in a loud voice, but he ignored her and (47) _____ away abruptly. She was (48) _____ by his unusual reaction. He had never left her alone whenever she needed help. She shoved her (49) _____ through the crowd and ran after her brother. Someone hollered, "Don't forget to break the good news to your family!"

Adapted from Sing To The Dawn by Minfong Ho



Section J: Synthesis / Transformation (3 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions from 50 to 52, rewrite the given 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).

50. Templeton loves to bask in the sun. Wilbur also loves to bask in the sun.

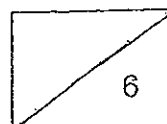
Both _____

51. Sam kept dribbling the ball. His coach told him to stop.

_____ until

52. Fern wanted to play with the animals. She visited the barn every day.

_____ because



Section K: Comprehension OE (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer Questions 53 to 57. Your answers must be based on the passage.

On 10 April 1912, hundreds of people crowded onto a dock in England. Excitedly, they were there to see the Titanic set off on her first voyage. The Titanic was the largest ship in the world. Many people called her "The Wonder Ship". Many said the Titanic was the best ship ever built as she was too strong to sink!

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Everything started out smoothly. By 14 April, the Titanic was in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. The weather was clear. That night, the stars shone brightly against the cold, dark sky.

Shortly before midnight, a sailor on duty spotted something in the darkness. He could not see it clearly but he knew it could likely be an iceberg, a common sight in the Atlantic Ocean. An iceberg is a floating mountain of ice that has broken away from a glacier. Hitting an iceberg can damage a ship.

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The sailor quickly sounded the alarm and shouted, "Iceberg right ahead!" The crew jumped into action. They tried to turn the Titanic away from the iceberg, but it was too late. The ship scraped against the mountain of ice. Immediately, the crew went to check on the Titanic. The passengers were also assured that everything was under control.

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At first, the problem did not seem too bad. However, the crew later discovered that the iceberg had severely damaged the ship. Water had poured into the ship and nothing could stop it. Since the water had flooded the lower decks and the water level kept rising, the crew knew then that the unsinkable ship was going to sink.

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Adapted from www.nationalgeographic.com

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

53. Why did hundreds of people crowd onto the dock in England on 10 April 1912?

54. Which three-word phrase in the passage tells you that the crew reacted immediately upon spotting the iceberg?

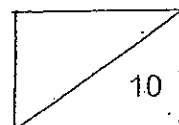
55. What did the crew do after the ship had hit the iceberg?

56. What does the word 'it' in line 20 refer to?

57. Why did the crew think that "the unsinkable ship was going to sink"?

End of Paper

Please check your work carefully





ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2012

SCHOOL : AI TONG SCHOOL

SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE

TERM : SA2

Booklet A

1) 4	2) 4	3) 2	4) 3	5) 4	6) 1	7) 3	8) 1	9) 1	10) 2
11) 4	12) 4	13) 1	14) 1	15) 4	16) 1	17) 4	18) 3	19) 3	20) 1

21)C 22)B 23)F 24)D 25)A 26)B 27)F 28)C 29)K 30)E

31)C 32)M 33) F 34)A 35)G 36) J 37) habits 38)for 39)orchards

40) group 41) questions 42) looked 43) in 44) all 45) stack 46)called

47) walked 48) shocked 49) way

50) Both Templeton and Wilbur love to bask in the sun.

51) Sam kept dribbling the ball until his coach told him to stop.

52) Fern visited the barn every day because she wanted to play with the animals.

53) They were there to see the Titanic set off on her first voyage.

54) The three word phrase is "Jumped into action".

55) The crew went to check on the Titanic immediately and assure the passengers that everything was under control.

56) It refers to the water pouring into the ship.

57) Water had flooded the lower decks and the water level kept rising.

