



**AI TONG SCHOOL
2009**

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE

PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

DURATION : 1h 50 min

DATE : 13 May 2009

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Follow all instructions.

Answer all questions.

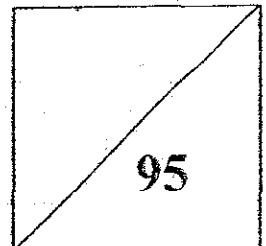
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Section A : Comprehension-Graphic Stimulus (5 marks)

Study the following poster and then answer the questions that follow it.

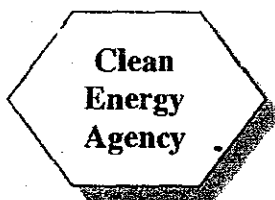
Environment Awareness Week

Organized by:



**International
Environment Fund**

Supported by:



**Clean
Energy
Agency**

Sponsored by:



**HydroMax
Solutions**



Solar Ace



Teflon

Regal Convention Centre, Halls 1 - 4
24 - 30 June 2009 10.00 am – 9.00 pm
Free admission for all!

Save the environment, Save our future

Our environment needs help. Featuring the participation of more than 50 organizations, Environment Awareness Week is the biggest public education event dedicated to environmental protection and conservation. Don't miss it! Come and know more about:

The Threats to Earth (Hall 1) - What is global warming? How serious is pollution? Learn about different environmental problems from our polytechnic and university students. Cherish our environment!

The Search for Renewable Energy (Hall 2) - Can we get electricity from wind, solar energy, waves, rivers and underground heat? Get the answers from Solar Ace, Teflon, TouchWind Resources and other participants.

The Quest for Freshwater (Hall 3) - Is the shortage of freshwater worsening? What are Singapore's solutions for treating wastewater? Hear from Flow Technologies, HydroMax Solutions and other participants.

The 3 Rs to Save Earth (Hall 4) - How can we REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE to cut down household wastes? Find out from the Global Gaia Network, Green Earth Foundation and other participants.

For more information, please call Mr. Philip Koh at 6553 1188, send an email to Mrs. Daisy Soh at daisy_soh@ief.org or visit the event's web site at <http://www.ief.org/eaw>.

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. What is the main aim of Environment Awareness Week?
 - (1) It aims to educate the public on protecting the environment.
 - (2) It aims to discuss global warming and other environmental problems.
 - (3) It aims to explain ways for producing freshwater to save the environment.
 - (4) It aims to identify renewable energy sources that protect the environment.

2. The event is organized by the _____.
 - (1) Global Gaia Network
 - (2) Clean Energy Agency
 - (3) Green Earth Foundation
 - (4) International Environment Fund

3. Xiao Ling's father, an expert on the recycling of wastewater in Singapore, will speak at the event. Where will she find him?
 - (1) Hall 1
 - (2) Hall 2
 - (3) Hall 3
 - (4) Hall 4

4. David wants to find out more about the event before it begins. What can he do?
 - (1) He can send an email to Mr. Philip Koh.
 - (2) He can contact Regal Convention Centre.
 - (3) He can call Mrs. Daisy Soh at 6553 1188.
 - (4) He can visit the web site at <http://www.ief.org/eaw>.

5. Which of the following statements is **not** true of the event?
 - (1) It has the participation of polytechnics.
 - (2) It offers free admission to foreign visitors.
 - (3) It is sponsored by more than 50 organizations.
 - (4) It helps people to know more about reducing wastes.

Section B : Grammar MCQ (7 marks)

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. The team _____ arguing about the strategy for the game tonight when I saw them an hour ago.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
7. "Do help _____ to the cookies and cakes on the table," said Mrs Lim as she beckons us to the table.
- (1) ourselves
 - (2) ownselves
 - (3) yourselves
 - (4) themselves
8. Growing up in a tough environment, the brothers went _____ thick and thin together.
- (1) over
 - (2) across
 - (3) against
 - (4) through
9. Your neighbours went on vacation, _____?
- (1) aren't they
 - (2) didn't they
 - (3) hadn't they
 - (4) haven't they
10. By the time John woke up, his daughter _____ her project and was going out.
- (1) has completed
 - (2) had completed
 - (3) was completing
 - (4) have completed

11. Valérie told me that she _____ helped out in the charity project if she had been asked to.
- (1) will have
 - (2) shall have
 - (3) must have
 - (4) would have
12. _____ the pain in his gaping wound, the injured soldier was able to escape from the enemy's camp.
- (1) Since
 - (2) Despite
 - (3) Although
 - (4) However

Section C : Punctuation MCQ (3 marks)

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

"This is really a boring presentation, Dad (13) Jeremy whispered fiercely.

The speaker was a tall, bespectacled man with a monotonous low voice.

Growing restless and impatient (14) Jeremy fidgeted in his seat and gave out a yawn.

His father looked at him and hissed sternly (15) Don't be rude! Mind your manners."

Jeremy felt ashamed and looked at his father apologetically.

13. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [, "] full-stop and inverted commas
(3) [. "] inverted commas and full-stop
(4) [,] inverted commas and comma
14. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full-stop
(4) [;] semi-colon
15. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full-stop and inverted commas
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas

Section D : Vocabulary MCQ (10 marks)

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. In the midst of the economic slowdown, the lifestyle of the Tan family has changed from extravagance to _____ in expenditure.
- (1) influence
 - (2) affluence
 - (3) prudence
 - (4) incidence
17. Following a heavy gunfight, the soldiers have successfully _____ control of the airport from enemy troops.
- (1) wringed
 - (2) wrested
 - (3) wriggled
 - (4) wrecked
18. If you have not seen the snow-capped Mount Fuji, I am sure you will _____ at its spectacular presence.
- (1) gulp
 - (2) glow
 - (3) gape
 - (4) growl
19. I have decided to go to the Consumers Association of Singapore to _____ a complaint against the restaurant for overcharging me.
- (1) offer
 - (2) lodge
 - (3) advise
 - (4) propose
20. The police have foiled a devious _____ to swindle the elderly of their life savings.
- (1) method
 - (2) scheme
 - (3) concept
 - (4) strategy

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Two weeks after the Southeast Asian tsunami (21) swamped Banda Aceh, Indonesia, thousands of bodies still covered the area. Survivors, still in shock, were waiting for medical help. To one of them, nine-year-old Hamid, the memories of the disaster will forever be (22) etched in his mind. He had been (23) stranded on a remote beach for fourteen days until a National Geographic photographer spotted him in the vicinity.

The boy looked (24) disoriented when he was found. Rainer, a professional photographer, immediately brought him to an International Red Cross' rescue operation centre. It was learnt that he had survived on rainwater and some dried noodles during those long, dark days. His (25) plight was highlighted by the British press, which resulted in an outpouring of donations from all over Europe and Asia.

21. (1) overtook
(2) overturned
(3) overpowered
(4) overwhelmed
22. (1) imposed
(2) impaired
(3) imprinted
(4) implanted
23. (1) isolated
(2) deserted
(3) marooned
(4) abandoned
24. (1) confused
(2) contorted
(3) convinced
(4) concerned
25. (1) pretension
(2) preferment
(3) predicament
(4) preoccupation

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

What is it about the North Pole that continues to attract adventurers from around the world? The **“Real Top of the World”** has for more than a century drawn explorers from different countries to its icy landscape. Overcoming the impossible physical conditions of the North Pole has been embraced as a great and honourable challenge by explorers.

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Robert Edwin Peary, an American explorer, together with his assistant, Matthew Henson, became the first two people to reach the North Pole on 6 April 1909. They trekked through the American state of Alaska, the western part of Canada and the Greenland Ice Sheet in their arduous journey.

Also worthy of mention is Sir Wally Herbert. He embarked on a 16-month journey to reach the North Pole in 1968. This incredible journey took 476 days. Like other successful attempts, it displayed the triumphs of human skill, endurance and courage. As a remarkable explorer, he will always be remembered for capturing the spirit of the polar world, its wildlife and native people. His photographs are still widely used by publishers of books and magazines.

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One of the most formidable polar adventurers in recent times is Will Steger. The award-winning polar explorer is known for his efforts to warn the world of global warming, a serious problem caused by the release of great quantities of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. The increase in carbon dioxide, a heat-trapping gas, has raised our planet's average temperature. As eyewitness to the accelerated melting of polar ice, one of the most frightening effects of climate change, ~~William~~^{Will} established the ~~William~~^{Will} Steger Foundation to educate and encourage people to take actions against the environmental problem.

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The Foundation has gone online by setting up the web site, www.globalwarming101.com. In addition to news and information on global warming, the web site offers many ideas for people to play a part in saving the environment. Inspired by the adventuring spirit of ~~William~~^{Will}, the Foundation has been organizing expeditions to the North Pole for young explorers between 17 and 28 years old. The aim is to promote international partnerships among young people to adopt programmes to confront issues in global warming.

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26. The 'Real Top of the World' in Line 2 refers to the _____.

- (1) North Pole
- (2) Greenland Ice Sheet
- (3) western part of Canada
- (4) American state of Alaska

27. Why does the North Pole attract adventurers?

- (1) It tests the courage, endurance and skill of adventurers.
- (2) It is a meeting place for famous adventurers of the world.
- (3) It has attracted adventurers for more than a hundred years.
- (4) It gives adventurers the opportunity to travel in an icy landscape.

28. What had Sir Wally Herbert done to be remembered as an outstanding explorer of the North Pole?

- (1) He photographed the environment of the North Pole.
- (2) He made his incredible journey to the North Pole in 1968.
- (3) He became one of the first explorers to reach the North Pole.
- (4) He warned of global warming after an expedition to the North Pole.

29. Will Steger, according to the passage, saw the _____.

- (1) melting of ice in the North Pole
- (2) loss of wildlife in the North Pole
- (3) interest of adventurers in the North Pole
- (4) lifestyle of native people in the North Pole

30. According to the passage, which statement is not true of The Will Steger Foundation?

- (1) It gives ideas for people to do something to save earth.
- (2) It aims to promote an adventurous spirit all over the world.
- (3) It has a web site that creates awareness for global warming.
- (4) It organizes expeditions to the North Pole for young explorers.

BOOKLET B

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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.

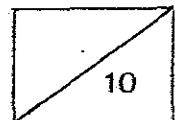
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| (A) in | (D) or | (G) at | (K) by | (N) to |
| (B) and | (E) can | (H) who | (L) has | (P) out |
| (C) along | (F) could | (J) which | (M) had | (Q) this |

The twice-daily chaos that grips Boon Lay MRT station, a popular ferry point for many commuters who work in Tuas and Jurong, will soon quieten down. Relief has appeared (31) _____ the form of two brand new MRT stations west of Boon Lay, (32) _____ will also cut travelling time (33) _____ other parts of the island for the area's residents.

Once Pioneer (34) _____ Joo Koon MRT stations are open, they will bear the commuter load and spread (35) _____ the crowd. (36) _____ will definitely ease the congestion common to Boon Lay station during peak hours. Buses arranged (37) _____ factories to ferry workers to and from Boon Lay will now be able to stop at Joo Koon station instead.

The Land Transport Authority (38) _____ paved the way for this by building a sheltered bus bay (39) _____ Benoi Road, about 200m from Joo Koon station. The sheltered bus bay (40) _____ accommodate up to seven buses at a time. Private bus operators have indicated that they are willing to pick up or drop off commuters there.

Adapted from Yeo, G.L. and Goh, Y.H. (2009, February 28). Boon for Boon Lay. The Straits Times, pp. B1.



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.

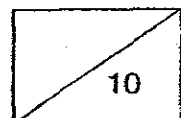
A lightning bolt struck the Merlion statue at about 4.30pm yesterday. The national
(41) (42)
aikon at One Fullerton facing the Singapore River lost part from its top left mane and is
(43)
believing to have its right ear chipped.

About 30 people nearby, including tourists, ran helter-skelter in the poured rain
(45)
when **debree** from the Merlion's head went flying. Some ran to safety in the nearby
(46)
shops and cafes. The **fracmants** fell onto the courtyard of One Fullerton and the
(47)
Singapore River Cruise counter, both of which was in close proxifnity to the Merlion.

Small parts that were chipped off from the Merlion also fell onto the wave-form at
(48)
the base of the statue, cracking it in the process. The area was **kordened off** and the
Merlion was closed for the next two hours.

The rain stopped at about 6pm and the staff of One Fullerton cleared the mess
(49)
that had resulted from the incident by 7pm. Operation of the Merlion **riziumed** shortly
(50)
after and tourists were saw taking pictures around the Merlion. The authorities will be
looking into how such an incident can be prevented from happening in future.

Adapted from Huang, H.F. (2009, March 1) Merlion Damaged by Lightning. The Sunday Times, pp. H8



Section I : Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

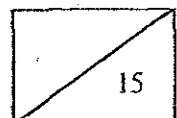
After the last bell rang, Dawan was surrounded by a crowd of curious and chattering classmates. They bombarded her with many (51) _____ until she felt panicky, as she did not know how to respond adequately. Gripping onto the edge of her wooden desk, she looked around desperately for Kwai.

Her brother was not (52) _____ the crowd. She (53) _____ the whole room with quick, frightened eyes until she (54) _____ him. The solitary figure stood in the door way. He was clutching onto his pile of dirty school books (55) _____ watching her silently in the midst of her admirers. She called (56) _____ to him, but he (57) _____ away and stalked out abruptly.

(58) _____ a knotted feeling in her stomach, Dawan rammed her way through the crowd after her brother. However, she was (59) _____ surrounded in the school yard. This time by the monks who lived in the small temple around the corner. As she elbowed her way through (60) _____, a young monk called cheerfully after her, "Don't forget to (61) _____ your whole family the good news!"

The cheerful (62) _____ seemed to ring in her ears now, as her bare (63) _____ trailed along on the path towards home. "Kwai already knows 'the good news' and he hates me for it," she thought. As Dawan (64) _____ the house, she heard the familiar sounds of her mother (65) _____ tunelessly to the baby. At that moment, Dawan wondered how she should break 'the good news' to her family, that she had been awarded the prestigious scholarship instead of Kwai.

Adapted from Minfong, Ho. (2006). Sing to the Dawn. Marshall Cavendish Editions, pp.25-26.



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. Edmund is a perfectionist. He never fails to produce quality work.

_____ that

67. Luke will be meeting his friends at the arcade. He does not want to stay at home.

Instead of _____

68. Candice wants to refine her dance techniques. She has enrolled into a dance school.

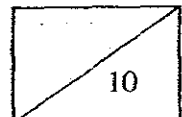
_____ in order

69. Karen was allowed to use the art materials. She must put them back in their original positions after using them.

_____ provided that

70. I hope to have a second chance. I will choose to heed my parents' advice.

Assuming that _____



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

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Sally was only eight years old when she heard her parents, Mr and Mrs Smith, talking about her little brother, George. George was cancer-stricken with a deadly disease that had claimed many lives and only a surgery could save him. However, the family had no financial ability to pay for a surgery. Sally's spirits were dampened when she learnt about her little brother's grim health condition. As Sally pondered about how she could help her dear brother, she overheard Mr Smith whisper that only a miracle could save George's life. 5

Upon hearing that, Sally knew exactly what she had to do. She went to her bedroom and **pulled out her piggy bank from its hiding place** in the closet. She shook all the change out onto the floor and counted it carefully. After counting the coins for the third time, Sally bundled them up in her favourite handkerchief, slipped out of the apartment and made her way to the pharmacy that was just around the corner. 10

After arriving at the pharmacy, Sally waited patiently for the pharmacist to give her his attention. Yet, the pharmacist was too busy speaking to a well-dressed gentleman to be bothered with an eight-year-old. Hoping to attract some attention, Sally ~~twisted her feet on the ground to make a scuffling noise.~~ Unfortunately, her attempt was futile. Keeping to her persistent nature, Sally ~~cleared her throat aloud.~~ Still, no one in the store acknowledged her presence. ~~Finally, she took a coin out from her precious handkerchief and slammed it on the glass counter. That did it!~~ 20

Annoyed, the pharmacist ~~hollered~~ that he had no time to entertain Sally. Sally retorted with an equal dose of annoyance and told the pharmacist that she had to speak to him about her brother. The innocent girl explained that her little brother was very ill and she wanted to buy a miracle from the pharmacy. As the pharmacist stared at Sally in complete bewilderment, Sally elaborated that only a miracle could save her little brother as her family could not afford to send him for an operation. 25

With a slight chuckle in his voice, the pharmacist informed Sally that he did not sell a miracle and was unable to help her. Sally insisted that she had money and demanded to purchase a miracle, but the pharmacist turned down 30

her request repeatedly. Touched by what he had heard, the well-dressed gentleman asked how much money Sally had with her. Sally answered proudly that she had a dollar and eleven cents and that was all the money she had in the world.

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"That's exactly the price of a miracle to save a little brother," the gentleman replied. He took Sally's money and requested her to take him to meet her parents and little brother. That well-dressed gentleman was Dr. Carlton Armstrong, a renowned surgeon who specialised in treating George's potentially deadly illness.

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Two weeks later, George's operation was successfully completed and he embarked on his route to recovery. Looking back at the chain of events, Mr and Mrs Smith were glad that their little boy was truly saved by a miracle, one that happened through the kindness and generosity of Dr. Armstrong. For Sally, she believed that the miracle which saved her brother's life merely cost one dollar and eleven cents, plus the simple faith of a little child.

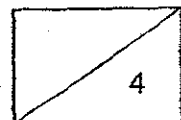
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Adapted from <http://www.knowledgebase-script.com/demo/article-438.html>

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What was the main problem that Mr and Mrs Smith were facing?

72. Explain clearly why Sally "pulled out her piggy bank from its hiding place" in line 9.



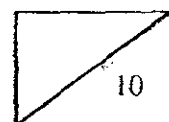
73. What were the **two** things that Sally did unsuccessfully to attract the pharmacist's attention?

74. What does "That" in line ²¹~~31~~ refer to?

75. Which word in the ~~fourth~~ paragraph has the same meaning as "snapped angrily"?

76. From the passage, state two characteristics which you can find in Sally that helped save her brother's life.

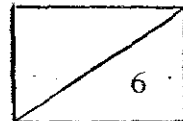
77. From lines 25-35, quote the six-word phrase that suggests the pharmacist was amused by Sally's demand to buy a miracle.



78. State clearly why the well-dressed gentleman was able to help Sally's brother?

79. Was the miracle that saved George's life a costly one? Explain your answer.

80. What would have happened to George if he did not undergo the operation? Explain your answer.



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- CHECK YOUR WORK CAREFULLY -

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ANSWER SHEET

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- 41)icon 42)of 43)believed 44)pouring 45)debris
- 46)fragments 47)were 48)cordoned 49)resumed 50)seen
- 51)questions 52)in 53)scanned 54)found 55)while
- 56)out 57)turned 58)With 59)again 60)them
- 61)tell 62)voice 63)feet 64)reached 65)singing

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70)Assuming that I have a second chance, I will choose to heed my parents' advice.

71)Mr and Mrs Smith did not have enough money to pay for the surgery for Sally's brother.

72)Sally wanted to use all her savings out from her piggy bank and wanted to use the money to buy a miracle for the brother.

73)Sally twisted her feet on the ground to make a scuffling noise and cleared her throat aloud.

74)It refers to Sally slamming coin on the glass counter.

75)The word is "retorted."

76)Sally was persistent and courageous brave.

77)The six word phrase is "a slight chuckle in his voice."

78)The well-dressed gentleman was Dr Carlton Armstrong, a renowned surgeon, who specialized in treating George's potentially deadly illness.

79)No, Dr Armstrong did not charge for the surgery.

80)George would have lost his life because George was cancer stricken with deadly disease.

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