

TAO NAN SCHOOL

PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH LANGUAGE END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION – 2009

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Name: _____ ()

Date: 26 October 2009

Class: Primary 3 _____

Time: 8.00 – 9.45 a.m.

Total Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

	SCORE	MARKS
Section A - D		30
Section E - I		40
Total		70

Parent's Signature: _____

Come to Intown East This Holiday!

1 - 31 December 2009

Your leisure and favourite destination at Longman Avenue.



Transformers – Meet and Greet Session

Dates: 16 – 23 December (except Thursdays)

Time: 3.30 p.m. & 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Event Square

Meet *Bumble Bee* and *Optimus Prime*, your Transformers heroes! They will make a special appearance and display their powers! Join them for some stage games and take photographs with them!



Kiddie Handicraft

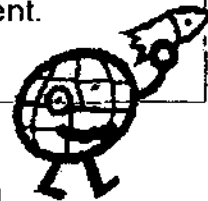
Dates: 15 – 21 December

Time: 1.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Venue: The Alley

See how some handicapped children transform scrap materials such as used paper, clothes pegs and drink cans into useful and attractive objects.

Purchase an item and be part of the save-the-earth movement.



Cyber Cirque

Dates: 1–14 December

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Venue: Event Square

Meet Gobi and his flaming sword in this exciting live show. Also, Bozo, the clown, and Jim, the magician, will make you roar with laughter.



LUCKY DRAW

- Top prize: \$8 000 worth of sports goods and leisure items
- 1 draw ticket for every \$50 spent

How to get to Intown East:

Just a 10-minute walk from Longman MRT Station or take bus service 19 from Adam Road. Free shuttle bus is available from 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. daily at Longman MRT Station. You can also catch bus service 78 from Hillman Bus-interchange. Alight in front of the entrance of Intown East.

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 OAS.

1. Intown East is located at _____
 - (1) The Alley
 - (2) Adam Road
 - (3) Event Square
 - (4) Longman Avenue

2. In his act, Gobi is a _____
 - (1) clown
 - (2) fireman
 - (3) fire-eater
 - (4) magician

3. When you meet the Transformer heroes, you can _____
 - (1) take part in the lucky draw
 - (2) play some games with them
 - (3) ask them to change into other special characters
 - (4) get photographs of Bumble Bee and Optimus Prime

4. Kiddie Handicraft aims to show _____
 - (1) ways of displaying handicrafts
 - (2) different types of scrap materials
 - (3) some ways of re-using scrap materials
 - (4) what the save-the-earth movement is about

5. If Ali reaches Longman MRT Station at 6 p.m., the most convenient way to get to Intown East is to _____
 - (1) walk there
 - (2) take the shuttle bus
 - (3) catch bus service 78
 - (4) go to Hillman Bus-interchange

Section B (10 X 1m)

Grammar

For each question from 6 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 OAS.

6. Mrs Tan, as well as the other teachers, _____ enjoying the concert. Do not disturb them.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
7. The stray cat was hungry _____ it finished the bowl of milk quickly.
- (1) so
 - (2) but
 - (3) when
 - (4) although
8. There was a loud knock on the door _____ Jill was reading a book.
- (1) for
 - (2) while
 - (3) since
 - (4) during
9. "I saw a man _____ into our neighbour's house just now!" exclaimed Ahmad.
- (1) climbs
 - (2) climbed
 - (3) climbing
 - (4) had climbed
10. The bird flew in _____ the window.
- (1) past
 - (2) over
 - (3) across
 - (4) through

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11. "_____ a wish before you blow the candles on the cake," Mrs Lee told her son, Raymond.

- (1) Make
- (2) Made
- (3) Makes
- (4) Making

12. The outing has to be _____ due to the poor response.

- (1) called in
- (2) called off
- (3) called out
- (4) called back

13. At the 'Mathematics Games Day' yesterday, each of the pupils _____ given a certificate of participation.

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

14. "It's late and you _____ go to bed now!" Mrs Wong ordered her daughter, Joyce.

- (1) will
- (2) would
- (3) may
- (4) might

15. Old Mrs Tang promised to take Richie and _____ to the Esplanade to watch a concert.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) mine
- (4) myself

Section C (10 x 1m)

Vocabulary

For each question from 16 to 25, 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 OAS.

16. The deer showed its young _____ how to escape from their predators.

- (1) cub
- (2) calf
- (3) foal
- (4) fawn

17. The audience watched spellbound as the dancer glided _____ in the air.

- (1) eagerly
- (2) efficiently
- (3) graciously
- (4) gracefully

18. Henry injured himself when he _____ and fell on the wet pavement.

- (1) slipped
- (2) skidded
- (3) skipped
- (4) stopped

19. "I won't make this visit to the old folks' home _____. I hope you volunteer yourselves," the principal told his students.

- (1) willingly
- (2) forcefully
- (3) selectively
- (4) compulsory

20. The old woman was filled with _____ when Walter gave up his seat for her in the crowded bus.

- (1) sincerity
- (2) gratitude
- (3) sympathy
- (4) compassion

21. Edwin was _____ when the people sitting in front of him kept talking throughout the concert.

- (1) restless
- (2) anxious
- (3) irritated
- (4) worried

22. "What beautiful pictures! You've indeed _____ well. I'm sure many children would love this book," Janet praised the artist.

- (1) written
- (2) edited
- (3) printed
- (4) illustrated

23. Sam was so _____ after swimming for hours that he decided to leave the pool to take a rest.

- (1) shocked
- (2) unsettled
- (3) impatient
- (4) exhausted

24. The injured man _____ towards the nearest shop to get help.

- (1) ambled
- (2) wandered
- (3) staggered
- (4) scampered

25. Shocked to see a red glow of flames in his stationery shop, the owner quickly _____ a wet towel around his head, and ran out of the shop.

- (1) slung
- (2) coiled
- (3) draped
- (4) covered

Section D (5 x 1m)
Comprehension MCQ

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30. Your answer must be based on the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

Sri Thanonchai was a very clever man. When the king heard about him, he thought, "Surely this man cannot be cleverer than I am."

The king decided to visit Sri Thanonchai so he put on old clothes and called for his elephant. He rode to Sri Thanonchai's house near the river. Sri Thanonchai was sitting on the step outside his house, repairing his bicycle. **5**

"That's a nice elephant you have, mister," Sri Thanonchai called out.

"Why, thank you," said the king. "In fact, it's a palace elephant. I am one of the king's ministers and I'm almost as clever as the king himself." **10**

"Oh, no one is as clever as the king," replied Sri Thanonchai.

"Some people say you are, so I have come to test you," the king continued, "I don't suppose that you're clever enough to make me jump into the river."

Sri Thanonchai thought about this. He scratched his head. "No," he said. "I'm not that clever. I can't make you jump into the river." **15**

"Then I win," said the king, proud of himself.

Sri Thanonchai then said, "Of course I am not clever enough to make you jump into the river but it would be even more difficult to make you climb out. Only a very clever man could make you do that." **20**

Hearing this, the king jumped into the river. "Are you clever enough to make me climb out?" he shouted.

Sri Thanonchai laughed. "I have made you jump into the river. Surely you are clever enough to climb out."

Admitting defeat, the king swam to the river bank and climbed out of the water. "Sri Thanonchai, you are indeed the cleverest man in the kingdom," said the king. **25**

Adapted from Favourite Stories from Thailand, Jenny Watson

26. The king decided to visit Sri Thanonchai because he wanted

- (1) Sri Thanonchai to repair his bicycle
- (2) to find out how smart Sri Thanonchai was
- (3) to show off his palace elephant to Sri Thanonchai
- (4) Sri Thanonchai to admit that he was not as clever as the king

27. The king went to Sri Thanonchai's house _____.

- (1) on foot
- (2) by boat
- (3) by bicycle
- (4) on an elephant

28. The king wore old clothes to visit Sri Thanonchai in order to

- (1) travel comfortably
- (2) look like Sri Thanonchai
- (3) not to dirty his new clothes
- (4) not to let Sri Thanonchai recognise him

29. The king jumped into the river because he wanted to

- (1) have a swim
- (2) make Sri Thanonchai jump in with him
- (3) check if it was difficult to climb out of it
- (4) show that he was cleverer than Sri Thanonchai

30. At the end of the story, the king was _____.

- (1) delighted that Sri Thanonchai called him a clever man
- (2) convinced that Sri Thanonchai was cleverer than him
- (3) angry with Sri Thanonchai for making him jump into the river
- (4) offended that Sri Thanonchai did not help him climb out of the river

Section E (5 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words in the box. 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) which	(B) under	(C) is	(D) in	(E) for
(F) with	(G) from	(H) are	(J) by	(K) when

Mama Berta lives in a village in Africa. She takes care of her young grandchildren. You might be surprised to learn that her biggest worry (31) _____ something very tiny - mosquitoes.

Though small, mosquitoes in Africa pose a big danger. Many of them carry a parasite (32) _____ causes a disease called malaria. When one of those mosquitoes bites a person, the parasite gets into the person's bloodstream and makes him very sick with headaches, fever and vomiting.

In many parts of the world, malaria is (33) _____ control. However, in Africa, where malaria is still a big problem, the mosquitoes spread the disease quickly and easily. A child dies every thirty seconds in Africa (34) _____ malaria. Some adults die too.

A programme called "Malaria No More" has the answer - mosquito nets. These nets are treated (35) _____ chemicals that keep the mosquitoes away and kill them on contact. Therefore, these nets which are given to families protect them from malaria while they are sleeping.

Adapted from <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/Stories>

Section F (8 x 1m)
Comprehension Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words below in the box. 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

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|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| (A) buildings | (B) things | (C) lost | (D) hair | (E) view |
| (F) gift | (G) sights | (H) settled | (J) honesty | (K) nowhere |

My husband and I visited Singapore last month. We decided to take a bus to see all the (36) _____ the Garden City had to offer. Indeed, there were many modern high-rise (37) _____. We were impressed by the greenery and cleanliness.

We had just (38) _____ in our seats when a young, Chinese woman with long jet-black (39) _____ leant over to me and said, "This must be yours. You dropped it at the bus stop."

I was shocked to see that it was my precious bracelet, a (40) _____ from my husband last year. The clasp had given way and I had not even noticed it.

If it were not for the kindness and (41) _____ of this dear woman, my bracelet would have been (42) _____ forever. I looked around for her but she was (43) _____ in sight. I did not have a chance to thank the kind woman. I am very grateful to her and pray that she, in turn, would have kind people to help her through life.

Adapted from Reader's Digest June 2009

Section G (4 x 2m)

Synthesis

For each of the questions 44 to 47, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

44. Tom cannot play computer games. Tom's parents must give him the permission.

_____ unless

45. Mr Wong cannot swim. Mr Wong's sister cannot swim too.

Neither _____ nor

46. Mr Lim asked his wife, "Are we going to visit Jane tonight?"

Mr Lim asked his wife _____

47. This is the shop. I bought my piano here.

_____ where

Section H (7 X 1 m)

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPG)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical mistake. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in the box.

(48)

Mr Palani, the barber, was cutting a customer's hair. Suddenly, he hear

(49)

someone shouting (.) "Fire! Fire!"

Mr Palani quickly took the money from a drawer and rushed out of his shop. He saw smoke curling up from a flat above his shop. A woman ran out from another

(50)

shop. She screamed when she saw the smoke, "My son (?) He's still in the flat!"

(51)

Mr Palani imedeatly rushed up the stairs to the flat. There was smoke

(52)

everywhere as he entered the flat. Fortunately, he spots the boy on a bed and

(53)

grabbed him. He was just in time as the pillow caught fire. Flames spring

up everywhere and the smoke was thicker than ever. As he dashed out of the flat,

the whole flat began to burn.

(54)

Mr Palani breathed in the fresh air with relive as he hurried downstairs to the

boy's mother. She hugged her son tightly and thanked Mr Palani for saving her son.

Section I (6 x 2m)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 55 to 60.

Your answer must be based on the passage.

When you curl up to go to sleep, you are just getting comfortable. When a hedgehog curls up to go to sleep, it does so for protection.

Hedgehogs have stiff and sharp spines everywhere except on their faces, legs and bellies. By curling into tight balls and tucking in their heads, tails and legs, hedgehogs protect the parts of their bodies that do not have spines. 5

When hedgehogs are born, their spines are soft and short. So, they have to stay in the nest until they are three weeks old. By that time, their eyes are open, and their spines are longer and stiff, too. Then, the young hedgehogs can safely follow their mother outside the nest as she looks for food.

Tops on the hedgehog's menu are insects, followed by small mice, snails, 10 lizards, frogs, eggs and even snakes. When a hedgehog goes after a snake, its spines act as a shield against the snake's bites. A hedgehog sometimes adds extra protection to its spines. Immune to some poisonous plants, a hedgehog sometimes eats **them** and then makes frothy saliva in its mouth. It then licks its spines, spreading the saliva with the plants' poison all over the spines. 15

Though hedgehogs mainly stay on the ground, they swim quite well and even climb trees. If one is up in a tree and wants to get down quickly or falls, its spines come in handy once again. When the hedgehog hits the ground, its spines help it to bounce, thus making it unhurt.

Adapted from National Geographic

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

55. How does a hedgehog protect itself when it sleeps?

56. What happens to the spines of a hedgehog after it has stayed in the nest for three weeks?

57. What does a hedgehog like to eat most?

58. What does the word '**them**' in line 14 refer to?

59. What happens when a hedgehog falls from a tree?

60. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "useful"?

End of Paper

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

SCHOOL : TAO NAN PRIMARY
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
1	4	2	3	4	4	3	3	2	4	4	4	2	C	A	B	G

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40	Q41	Q42	Q43
F	G	A	H	D	F	J	C	K

44) Tom cannot play computer games unless his parent give him the permission.

45) Neither Mr Wong nor his sister can swim.

46) Mr Lim asked his wife if they would be going to visit Jane that night.

47) This is the shop where I bought my piano.

48) heard 49), 50)! 51) immediately 52) spotted 53) sprang

54) relief

55) It curls up into a ball and tucks in their heads, tails and legs.

56) The spines are longer and stiff.

57) It likes to eat insects.

58) It refers to poisonous plants.

59) The spines help the hedgehog to bounce and make it unhurt.

60) The word is "handy."