

**ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)**



**CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2009  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PRIMARY 4**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class : P 4 . ( )

Date : 5 March 2009

**BOOKLET A**

**30 Questions**

**30 Marks**

**Total Time For Booklet A and B : 1 hour 30 minutes**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- 1 Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.**
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**This paper consists of 8 printed pages (inclusive of cover page)**

For each question from 1 to 10, 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 marks)

- 1 The trousers are too big for Raymond, they need to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) altered
  - (2) amended
  - (3) shrank
  - (4) corrected
- 2 A bus and motorcycle have \_\_\_\_\_ along the expressway, resulting in a traffic jam.
- (1) banged
  - (2) collided
  - (3) exploded
  - (4) smashed
- 3 Nobody likes to play with that boy. He is as proud as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) drake
  - (2) gander
  - (3) rooster
  - (4) peacock
- 4 The police are offering a \_\_\_\_\_ to anyone who has information on the escaped convict who is still at large.
- (1) prize
  - (2) penalty
  - (3) ransom
  - (4) reward
- 5 The caged monkey hopped about \_\_\_\_\_, looking for a means of escape.
- (1) excitedly
  - (2) frantically
  - (3) joyfully
  - (4) merrily
- 6 The passengers went \_\_\_\_\_ the cruise liner in an orderly manner.
- (1) aboard
  - (2) abroad
  - (3) ashore
  - (4) apart

- 7 After they had won the match, the soccer players \_\_\_\_\_ around the field in glee.
- (1) laid
  - (2) rested
  - (3) danced
  - (4) analysed
- 8 The \_\_\_\_\_ who destroyed the public telephone has been caught.
- (1) detractor
  - (2) shoplifter
  - (3) robber
  - (4) vandal
- 9 The detectives are looking for \_\_\_\_\_ at the scene of the crime.
- (1) clues
  - (2) data
  - (3) information
  - (4) ideas
- 10 We should not spend so much time watching television that we \_\_\_\_\_ our homework.
- (1) excuse
  - (2) neglect
  - (3) overlook
  - (4) mistaken

For each question from 11 to 22, 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.  
(12 marks)

11 Lisa \_\_\_\_\_ in the park every morning.

- (1) jog
- (2) jogs
- (3) jogged
- (4) jogging

12 Mike \_\_\_\_\_ into the kitchen when he heard his younger sister scream.

- (1) dash
- (2) dashes
- (3) dashed
- (4) dashing

13 Hassim had apologised to Sally \_\_\_\_\_ she still refused to forgive him.

- (1) so
- (2) for
- (3) but
- (4) because

14 Mr Li was shocked to hear that a group of gangsters \_\_\_\_\_ harassing his son outside his school.

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

15 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the two girls is my sister.

- (1) pretty
- (2) prettier
- (3) prettiest
- (4) as pretty as

16 Wilson was very upset \_\_\_\_\_ he failed his English test.

- (1) and
- (2) while
- (3) unless
- (4) because

- 17 Jonathan is frustrated as there isn't \_\_\_\_\_ time left for him to complete his project.
- (1) few
  - (2) little
  - (3) many
  - (4) much
- 18 The twins fell and hurt \_\_\_\_\_ while they were running in the playground just now.
- (1) himself
  - (2) herself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves
- 19 \_\_\_\_\_ player in the team was given a consolation prize after the game.
- (1) All
  - (2) Every
  - (3) Some
  - (4) Many
- 20 "You won't be allowed to \_\_\_\_\_ computer games unless you finish your homework," Mrs Ang reminded her son.
- (1) play
  - (2) plays
  - (3) played
  - (4) playing
- 21 Mrs Ali ran \_\_\_\_\_ of cooking oil, so she sent her maid to buy a bottle from a provision shop.
- (1) up
  - (2) out
  - (3) down
  - (4) away
- 22 \_\_\_\_\_ you returned the books to the library?
- (1) Do
  - (2) Are
  - (3) Did
  - (4) Have

For each question from 23 to 25, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

Shasta stroked its smooth-as-satin nose and said, "I wish you could talk, old fellow."

For a second he thought he was dreaming, for quite distinctly, though in a low voice, the Horse said, "But I can."

Shasta stared into its great eyes and his own grew almost as big, with astonishment.

"How ever did you learn to talk (23)"

"Hush! Not so loud," replied the Horse(24)

"Where I come from (25) nearly all the animals talk."

"Wherever is that?" asked Shasta.

"Narnia," answered the Horse. "The happy land of Narnia."

*(Except from The Horse and His Boy, C.S.Lewis)*

- 23 (1) [ . ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ ? ] question mark  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark
- 24 (1) [ : ] colon  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ ? ] question mark  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark
- 25 (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ ? ] question mark  
(4) [ " ] inverted comma

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it

Many people are confused about the world's biggest snake. They aren't sure if the python, boa constrictor, or anaconda is the largest. If you are talking about a long, heavy snake, then the anaconda is the biggest.

The boa constrictor grows up to 20 feet long. The anaconda, a member of the ~~boa constrictor~~ family can grow to more than 30 feet (9 ~~meters~~ metres) long. That is as long as a bus! 5  
The python of Asia is about the same length as the anaconda, but 30-foot pythons only weigh 350 pounds. Thirty-foot anacondas weigh in at more than 550 pounds! They are so heavy that they move slowly on land.

Those heavy snakes are better off living in the water, where they swim very well. The water helps support their heavy body. The colour of the anaconda varies from dark green to olive green to yellowish green with dark spots or rings on it. 10

Anacondas like to lie in muddy water with just their eyes and nose sticking out. Like all snakes, they flick their tongue out to sniff the air. Their sense of smell seems to be better than their eyesight. Pits by the side of their mouth sense the heat of their prey too. They use their jaws and teeth to grab any animal that comes to get a drink, then coil 15  
around it with lightning speed, constricting or squeezing so tightly that the prey can't breathe. Often they just drown their prey since anacondas can hold their breath underwater for more than ten minutes.

*(Adapted from The Biggest Snake in the World, Teachers Vision)*

For each question from 26 to 30, 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.  
(5 marks)

26 The world's biggest snake is the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) anaconda
- (2) python
- (3) boa constrictor
- (4) python of Asia

27 Anacondas are long, heavy snakes that belong to the \_\_\_\_\_ family.

- (1) boa
- (2) animal
- (3) snake
- (4) python

28 The python of Asia is about as long as the anaconda, but it is not so \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) smart
- (2) heavy
- (3) agile
- (4) ferocious

29 Anacondas are better off in the water than on land since \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) they are as long as a bus.
- (2) they cannot move on land.
- (3) they have green dark spots or rings on their bodies.
- (4) they are heavy and swim better in water.

30 Why do you think the colour of the anaconda can vary from dark green to olive green to yellowish green with dark spots or rings on it? ( Lines 10 and 11)

- (1) It eats many green plants.
- (2) It is to be attractive to its prey.
- (3) It makes it look longer and fiercer to its prey.
- (4) It is a camouflage to blend in with its surroundings.

END OF BOOKLET A

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**BOOKLET B**

30 Questions

40 Marks

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Booklet	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
A		30	
B	Grammar Cloze	5	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	5	
	Synthesis and Transformation	10	
	Comprehension Cloze	10	
	Comprehension OE	10	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	
<b>TOTAL for Booklets A and B</b>		<b>70</b>	

This paper consists of 7 printed pages (inclusive of cover page)

There are 5 blanks, numbered 31 to 35, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to J) in the blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (5marks)

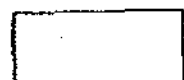
**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

- ~~(A)~~ a      ~~(C)~~ at      ~~(E)~~ keep      ~~(G)~~ the      ~~(I)~~ while  
~~(B)~~ an      ~~(D)~~ in      ~~(F)~~ than      ~~(H)~~ then      (K) which

Sweat is necessary to cool the body while exercising because it prevents you from overheating. However, your environment, exercise intensity, fitness level, gender and genetics all play (31)\_\_\_\_\_ role in how easily and how much you sweat. The more you contract your muscles, the more heat you produce. Most men sweat more (32)\_\_\_\_\_ women do, even when exercising (33)\_\_\_\_\_ similar intensities.

Proper hydration and clothing can help (34)\_\_\_\_\_ your body cooler and often reduce how much you sweat. Drink about 100ml of water every 10 to 15 minutes (35)\_\_\_\_\_ exercising and wear breathable clothing. Exercise regularly and your body will become more efficient at cooling itself.

(Adapted from 'the Straits Times', January 29,2009)



Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (5 marks)

(36)

A river usually starts as a tiny trickle called a rill. It flows downhill and is join by other rills. It

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gets larger and became a stream. Other streams flow into it to make a river. A river may have other

rivers, called tributaries, flowing into it and so it gets bigger and bigger. As a river rushes downhill, it

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(39)

washed with it mud, sand and even boulders from its bed and banks. As the river apoches the sea, it

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flows over flat land and slows down, dropping the matireel. If tides don't wash away the sand and

mud, it builds up to form new land, called a delta.

*(Adapted from Planet Earth, NavNeet Publications)*



For each of the questions 41 to 45, 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). (10 marks)

41 I went trekking. The rain stopped.

After \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

42 Sue gave her father the birthday present after she wrapped it.

\_\_\_\_\_ before  
\_\_\_\_\_

43 Mr Tan wanted some more coffee. There was none left in the pot.

\_\_\_\_\_ but  
\_\_\_\_\_

44 James was watching a game show on television. A news broadcast interrupted it.

\_\_\_\_\_ when  
\_\_\_\_\_

45 The shoe polish made my shoes look shiny. The shoe polish made my shoes look new.

\_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Derrick,

How are you getting along? It has been quite a while since we  
(46) \_\_\_\_\_ met, hasn't it? I have been extremely busy preparing and  
(47) \_\_\_\_\_ for my final year examination. Now that is over, I can now  
(48) \_\_\_\_\_ you on what is happening in my life.

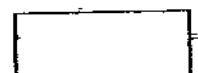
Next week, my family and I will be going for a two-week (49) \_\_\_\_\_ to  
Australia. This will be my (50) \_\_\_\_\_ visit there whereas it will be my  
brother's second visit. He has not only been (51) \_\_\_\_\_ me of the beautiful  
scenery there but also of the many (52) \_\_\_\_\_ of cheap fruits available.  
look (53) \_\_\_\_\_ to devouring cartons and cartons of strawberries in Australia!

As we will be (54) \_\_\_\_\_ on a farm, we will get to see many farm  
(55) \_\_\_\_\_ such as horses, sheep and even kangaroos. I promise to take lots  
of pictures to show you when I return to Singapore.

Well, I have to end my letter now. Hope to catch up with you as soon as I return from my  
holiday.

With love,

Bryan



Duck-billed platypuses cannot be real, can they? The duck-billed platypuses of eastern Australia are small, shy animals. This small amphibious mammal is such a strange creature that when the first complete specimen of the animal arrived at the British Museum in London 1798, scientists thought that someone was playing a practical joke on them.

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One cannot blame the scientists for harbouring such a thought because it is definitely one of nature's strangest creatures alive. It looks like an animal, which has been put together using various parts of different animals. It is a four-legged animal with a tail like a beaver's, webbed feet and a duck's bill. It has no outer ears. What is stranger still is the fact that it suckles its young like all other mammals, yet lays eggs like fish, reptiles and birds. It grows to about 47 centimetres in length and weighs around 1.5 kilogrammes.

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Male platypuses are venomous. They have a pointy spur on their hind ankles that connects to a venom sac in each leg. They mainly use these weapons in mating battles with other males. However, if threatened, they will use them to attack their enemies.

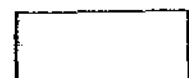
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The platypus is native to Australia. There are thousands of them living in the swamps, lakes and rivers of eastern Australia and parts of Tasmania. It is an aquatic hunter and feeds on live prey, such as shrimps, worms, frogs, snails and small fish. When a platypus is underwater, it is virtually deaf and blind. However, scientists have discovered that the animal can still find its food through a sense of smell and an acute sense of touch in the bill. The bill, in fact, has sensors which can detect the smallest electrical charge emitted by the movement of prey. This explains why the strange creature has the stranger habit of eating ordinary flashlight batteries.

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*(Adapted from <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com>)*



ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

56 In what way is the physical appearance of a platypus unusual?

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57 How is a platypus different from other mammals?

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58 Which two words in the passage tell us that the platypus preys in sea water?

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59 How does a platypus <sup>find its</sup> prey underwater?

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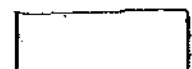
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60 Why does a platypus have a strange habit of eating batteries?

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END OF BOOKLET B



# **ANSWER SHEET**

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## **EXAM PAPER 2009**

**SCHOOL : ACS PRIMARY**  
**SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH**

**TERM : CA1**

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

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

**35)J      36)joined      37)becomes      38)washes      39)approaches**

**40)material**

**41)After the rain stopped, I went trekking.**

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**45)The shoe polish made my shoes look shiny and new.**

**46)last      47)studying      48)inform      49)holiday      50)first      51)telling**

**52)types      53)forward      54)staying      55)animals**

**56)It is an animal with four legs, a tail like a beavers, webbed feet and a duck's bill.**

**57)A platypus is different from other mammals as it lays eggs, while mammals give birth to their young alive.**

**58)The two words are "aquatic hunter".**

**59)When a platypus is under water, it is blind and deaf but they can still find prey through a sense of smell and a sense of touch in the bill.**

**60)The electrical charges emitted by a battery tricks the sensors into thinking it is a prey.**