



**AI TONG SCHOOL**  
**2009**  
**SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE**  
**PRIMARY 5**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**PAPER 2**

**DURATION :** 1 h 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.**

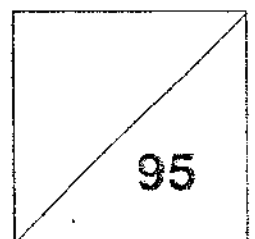
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**Class :** Primary \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Signature :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Marks :**




Section A: Comprehension – Graphic Stimulus (5 marks)

Study the advertisement below and then answer the questions that follow it.




**New outlet coming soon!**

# Bubbles Bookstore



**Singapore's largest and most exciting bookstore awaits you!**

We are launching our third outlet! Occupying two levels at WestPoint Shopping Centre, it will be the largest bookstore in Singapore! Join us at our opening on 1 June 2009 from 10.00 am to 9.30 pm!

<b>Fantastic deals:</b>		<b>Special Highlights:</b>
<p>Buy 2-Get-1-Free offer for selected books and magazines!</p> 	<p><b>Great Freebies:</b></p> <p>First 20 customers with a minimum purchase of \$100 will receive a special bookmark!</p>	<p>11.30 am: Autograph session with Arthur Smith, award-winning illustrator of children books</p>
<p> Free poster for every purchase of a music CD or movie DVD!</p>	<p>Free dictionary worth \$79.90 for 50 winners at our lucky draw!</p>	<p>3.30 pm: Afternoon tea session with Catherine Page, acclaimed author of 'Mind Your Body Language', at our bookstore café, The Gallendria, and pose for a photograph with her</p>
<p>30% discount on all items for members of Bubbles Bookstore!</p> 	<p>Customers who sign up for membership will get a free voucher worth \$30!</p> <p><i>Don't miss our opening! Make a date with us on 1 June 2009.</i></p>	<p>5.00 pm: Autograph session with Daniel Simpson, winner of the Golden Pen Award, for crime and detective fiction</p> <p>8.00 pm: Demonstration by Joseph McQueen, author of the bestseller, 'Flash Effects', on ways to enhance digital photographs</p>

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. The opening of Bubbles Bookstore's new outlet will take place on \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) 1 June 2009
  - (2) 4 June 2009
  - (3) 7 June 2009
  - (4) 9 June 2009
  
2. As a member of Bubbles Bookstore, Thomas is entitled to a 30% discount on \_\_\_\_\_ at the opening of the new outlet.
  - (1) all items
  - (2) music CDs
  - (3) movie DVDs
  - (4) selected books
  
3. Which of the following statements is **not** true of the advertisement?
  - (1) Bubbles Bookstore is opening its fourth outlet in Singapore.
  - (2) Bubbles Bookstore is opening its biggest outlet in Singapore.
  - (3) Bubbles Bookstore is opening a ~~three~~<sup>two</sup>-storey outlet in Singapore.
  - (4) Bubbles Bookstore is opening a new outlet with a café in Singapore.
  
4. The first 20 customers to spend at least \$100 at Bubbles Bookstore's new outlet will receive a free \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) notebook
  - (2) dictionary
  - (3) magazine
  - (4) bookmark
  
5. Jonathan is an avid reader of detective stories. He wants to visit the new outlet on its opening to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) get an autograph from Arthur Smith
  - (2) get an autograph from Daniel Simpson
  - (3) take a photograph with Catherine Page
  - (4) take a photograph with Joseph McQueen

**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. \_\_\_\_\_ Barry \_\_\_\_\_ Larry have black eyes and dark hair.

- (1) Either ... or
- (2) Both ... and
- (3) Neither ... nor
- (4) Not only ... but also

7. Jenny placed the puppy into \_\_\_\_\_ kennel.

- (1) it
- (2) its
- (3) its'
- (4) it's

8. By asking so many questions, the reporters show no regard \_\_\_\_\_ the feelings of the victim.

- (1) to
- (2) at
- (3) for
- (4) with

9. How long \_\_\_\_\_ Mary \_\_\_\_\_ Jane?

- (1) did ... knew
- (2) has ... known
- (3) have ... known
- (4) was ... knowing

10. Leslie always \_\_\_\_\_ his bag before going to bed every night.

- (1) pack
- (2) packs
- (3) packed
- (4) packing

11. You will not be a spoilsport by not attending the party, \_\_\_\_\_ you?

- (1) will
- (2) won't
- (3) would
- (4) wouldn't

12. Please cross \_\_\_\_\_ your mistakes in green ink.

- (1) on
- (2) out
- (3) over
- (4) down

**Section C: Punctuation MCQ (3 marks)**

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

"Hey, Rachel (13) Samuel said over the phone, "I saw fish in the canal yesterday. Let's go fishing!"

Rachel agreed enthusiastically. She grabbed her fishing net (14) packed her bag and headed towards the canal to meet Samuel.

It had been raining over the past few days. The canal by the road was almost overflowing with rainwater (15) Samuel thought that it was perfect for fishing.

13. (1) [.]  
(2) ["]  
(3) [']  
(4) [?"]

14. (1) [.]  
(2) [,]  
(3) [!]  
(4) [?]

15. (1) [.]  
(2) [!]  
(3) [?]  
(4) [,]

Section D: Vocabulary MCQ (5 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. The principal did not \_\_\_\_\_ his harsh words when he reprimanded the pupil for theft.
- (1) mill
  - (2) mix
  - (3) mind
  - (4) mince
17. Jumping and smiling, Mr. Tan was \_\_\_\_\_ at winning the first prize in the lucky draw.
- (1) frenzied
  - (2) overjoyed
  - (3) stimulated
  - (4) mesmerized
18. Jane was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ when she heard that her hometown had been destroyed in a flood.
- (1) dismay
  - (2) humility
  - (3) anguish
  - (4) remorse
19. The speaker tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his audience by telling them a joke.
- (1) ~~enliven~~ <sup>enthrall</sup>
  - (2) engage
  - (3) enthrall
  - (4) entertain
20. George looked \_\_\_\_\_ and dirty after he slipped and fell down the muddy slope.
- (1) uncouth
  - (2) irregular
  - (3) misshapen
  - (4) dishevelled

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)

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

Last week, my mother agreed to my request. She said she had no  
(21)  
issue in allowing me to travel alone to Japan. Since I was to stay with my  
(22)  
cousin, Gina, my mother felt assured that I would be fine. However,  
(23)  
she told me that I should take care of myself and warned me about causing  
(24)  
inconvenience to Gina. She also told me to help out with the household  
chores during the one-week stay over there. I hoped that my visit would be  
memorable as it would be my first time going to Japan.  
(25)

21. (1) adhered  
(2) accepted  
(3) complied  
(4) consented
22. (1) solitarily  
(2) uniquely  
(3) distinctly  
(4) exclusively
23. (1) relaxed  
(2) euphoric  
(3) confident  
(4) appeased
24. (1) exhorted  
(2) cautioned  
(3) threatened  
(4) reproached
25. (1) notable  
(2) laughable  
(3) remarkable  
(4) unforgettable

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Most people probably link coyotes, which look like wolves, with Western America. Indeed, these handsome and adaptable animals are native to that part of the world. However, over the past hundred years, the species has greatly enlarged its territory. It has moved steadily eastward and into areas that are more densely populated. Today, the melodious howls of coyotes can be heard throughout the United States of America and in parts of Northern and Central America. 5

Why have coyotes been so successful? Their omnivorous eating habits certainly have helped them. They are known to eat just about anything, including insects, snakes, grass, apples, cactus fruit and even watermelon. Coyotes also prey on livestock. For this reason, some people seek to reduce their numbers or even eliminate them altogether. Ranchers have long felt hatred toward the coyotes because the animals kill hundreds of sheep each year. In turn, ranchers and hunters kill thousands of coyotes annually by poisoning, trapping and shooting them. 10 15

People living in the cities may also feel worried about the presence of coyotes. A hungry coyote may attack and kill a pet cat or dog. Yet there is also reason to commend coyotes. They play an important role in maintaining the balance of nature. Their preferred foods are rats, gophers and other small rodents. Without coyotes to keep their numbers down, these rodents would do enormous damage to the crops. 20

Can humans and coyotes share a common living space? To what degree they would be able to exist in harmony remains to be seen. Meanwhile, this wily animal that Native Americans call the Trickster continues to thrive. 25

26. Coyotes were first found only in \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Central America
  - (2) Eastern America
  - (3) Western America
  - (4) Northern America
27. Coyotes are able to survive and increase in numbers because they \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) eat almost anything
  - (2) are able to avoid hunters
  - (3) produce melodious howls
  - (4) move freely all over America
28. Why do ranchers seek to reduce the numbers of coyotes?
- (1) They want to drive coyotes to the cities.
  - (2) They want to stop coyotes from killing livestock.
  - (3) They want to stop coyotes from enlarging their territory.
  - (4) They want to prevent coyotes from destroying fruit trees.
29. According to the passage, coyotes benefit mankind by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) attacking cats and dogs kept as pets
  - (2) preying on rodents that destroy crops
  - (3) killing sheep to create space on the ranches
  - (4) tricking hunters to maintain the balance of nature
30. Which of the following statements is not true?
- (1) Coyotes have great adaptability for survival.
  - (2) Coyotes have almost been eliminated by ranchers.
  - (3) Coyotes have been trapped and poisoned by hunters
  - (4) Coyotes have been called the Trickster by Native Americans.

End of Booklet A

BOOKLET B

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Class : Pr 5 \_\_\_\_\_

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.**

(A) is	(D) their	(G) are	(K) to	(N) its
(B) being	(E) but	(H) for	(L) of	(P) has
(C) in	(F) have	(J) during	(M) at	(Q) too

Fast food is often tempting and convenient, especially (31) \_\_\_\_\_ this day and age when we are always rushing for time. Big fast-food companies all over the world advertise (32) \_\_\_\_\_ fast food as trendy and delicious.

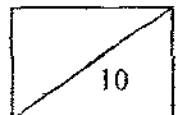
We have been consuming far too much fast food. The excessive consumption is detrimental (33) \_\_\_\_\_ our health as well as to our earth.

First, many types of fast food contain a lot of fat. Too much fat, especially animal fat, is bad (34) \_\_\_\_\_ us. It can make us overweight and (35) \_\_\_\_\_ not good for our hearts. Fast food diets (36) \_\_\_\_\_ caused an epidemic of obesity.

Second, the processed meat in fast food such as hot dogs increases the risk (37) \_\_\_\_\_ diabetes, a serious disease in which there is too much sugar in the blood, by about 50% in men. So, be warned – eat (38) \_\_\_\_\_ many hot dogs and they will bite you back!

Another argument in support of a reduction in the consumption of fast food is the extraordinarily high number of animals (39) \_\_\_\_\_ slaughtered. For example, to make the meat for the 30 million burgers sold in fast-food stores every day, 20 000 animals (40) \_\_\_\_\_ killed.

Adapted from Teaching Text Type in Singapore Primary Classroom, Ruth YL Wong



Section H : Editing for Spelling and Grammar ( 10 x 1 marks )

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

The residents were sleeping soundly. Suddenly, a tall and dark shadow  
(41)   
runs past the stretch of houses along the quiet road. The shadow stopped at the front

(42)   
gate of Jim's bungalow. The shadow belonged to a **carning** thief!

He climbed over the front gate nimbly and landed with a light 'thud' in the  
(43)   
yard. Then he creeps silently through the backyard to the back door of the bungalow.

(44)   
In the **pail** moonlight, he shone a torch, then tucked it safely behind his ear. He

(45)   
climbed up the pipe silently, slipped off but tried again and again till he **sukcided** in

(46)   
climbing onto the second floor balcony. He broke into the room and stole **valewber**

(47)   
items like diamond rings. He also rummaged to the drawer, taking stacks of money.

(48)   
He took out his folded bag from his pocket and began to put all he had took into his  
bag.

(49)   
Satisfied with his loot, he step out of the room and decided to leave the house.

(50)   
He tiptoed across the **coridoor**, walking towards the kitchen, trying to leave by the  
back door.

**Section I : Comprehension Cloze ( 15 x 1 mark )**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Singapore Changi Airport, situated at the eastern end of Singapore, is an international airport. It was (51) \_\_\_\_\_ on a large piece of reclaimed land. It serves aircrafts (52) \_\_\_\_\_ all over the world.

Singapore Changi Airport opened (53) \_\_\_\_\_ 1 July 1981 with one terminal. The second and bigger terminal, Terminal 2, was opened in 1990. To get from one terminal to another, you can (54) \_\_\_\_\_ a skytrain. A skytrain runs automatically and can (55) \_\_\_\_\_ 100 passengers at a time.

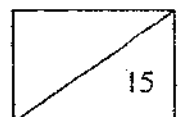
Singapore Changi Airport is well-known <sup>for</sup> its (56) \_\_\_\_\_ facilities for handling air cargo. It can also deal efficiently with more than 35 million passengers annually. Many support services are also provided for airlines using Singapore Changi Airport. These (57) \_\_\_\_\_ the Air Traffic Control Tower, Meteorological Service, Airport Emergency Service and Aircraft Maintenance Service.

The Air Traffic Control Tower, equipped with radar and communications facilities, helps aircraft to land and take (58) \_\_\_\_\_ safely and quickly from the airport. The Meteorological Service provides reports and weather forecasts to aircraft entering and (59) \_\_\_\_\_ Singapore. Other maintenance services like the cleaning of the interior of the aircraft, checking of engines and replenishing aircraft with food and drinks are also (60) \_\_\_\_\_. Singapore Changi Airport never rests as round-the-clock operations carry on (61) \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the whole year.

High standards of <sup>of</sup> efficiency and service have won the airport many (62) \_\_\_\_\_, including the title of the 'Best Airport in the World' yearly since 1988.

With (63) \_\_\_\_\_ people and bigger planes expected to make use of Singapore Changi Airport (64) \_\_\_\_\_ the future, Terminal 3 has been constructed. The new facility is (65) \_\_\_\_\_ to handle 64 million passengers annually. There are now ten train services to make transfers between the three terminals convenient.

Adapted from The new resource atlas for Social Studies by Virginia Cheng and Dorothy Tay.



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. "I am going to the supermarket later," said Mrs Tan

Mrs Tan said \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. Mr Lee stepped hard on the brakes. Yet he failed to stop the lorry.

\_\_\_\_\_ even though  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. The pupils are singing the national anthem. Do not enter the hall.

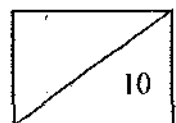
\_\_\_\_\_ when  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. My mother is on leave today. My father has to go to work.

\_\_\_\_\_ whereas  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Peter is going to relax. The year-end examination is finally over.

\_\_\_\_\_ now that  
\_\_\_\_\_



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

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

In my childhood, one of the worst memories was the time my youngest sister nearly drowned in the sea. As her eldest brother, I shudder whenever I think of the incident. My parents used to take us to the beach during the school holidays. My cousins would often join us on our trip to the beach. At the beach, we would lay the food out on big straw mats and the adults would chat away the time while the children played in the sea. 5

We would usually swim a little. Since none of us were strong swimmers, we never ventured far in case the tides swept us out to sea. On one of these trips, Lily, my three-year-old sister, was playing in the shallow waters while the rest of us were playing 'Poison Ball'. Engrossed in the game, we did not pay any attention to Lily. So no one noticed when she walked along the shore and fell into the water. She struggled and waved in vain to attract our attention. The tide quickly swept her out to sea. 10

Luckily, at that point, the ball was thrown in Lily's direction. I turned to catch the ball and caught a glimpse of her floundering in the water. 15

"Lily is in trouble!" I shouted.

Upon hearing that, Zen, our eldest cousin, wanted to jump into the water to get Lily. However, my parents concerned for his safety, stopped him. We were fortunate that two teenagers responded to the emergency. They swam towards Lily while we watched with anxiety. Was it just a coincidence that the ball and my struggling sister came into my sight? Perhaps not. Till today, I feel that the ball had been deliberately guided in its speed and flight path to ensure my sister's rescue. I believe **an angel was watching over Lily** that day. 20

Lily was almost going under by the time the two teenagers rescued her. Back to shore, she shivered and coughed violently as she had swallowed a lot of seawater. We hovered over her, comforting her as she started whimpering in fear. She held onto my mother and refused to let go. Eventually, she tired herself out crying. 25

On the next few trips we made to the beach, Lily refused to go 30  
anywhere near the water. No matter how we coaxed her or tried to bribe her  
with sweets, she was adamant. While she sat by my parents and occupied  
herself with building sandcastles, my siblings and I would play in the sea.  
Fortunately, Lily's fear did not get the better of her - she could not resist having  
fun. After we promised to keep an eye on her, she decided to join in the fun, 35  
frolicking in the water and playing beach ball. Gradually, she was comfortable  
enough to play on her own again.

The incident turned out to be a **blessing in disguise**. It prompted Lily  
to take her swimming lessons later on in primary school very seriously. My  
sister is now an excellent swimmer and she represents her school at national 40  
competitions. When reminded of the incident, she would deny with a cheeky  
grin that it had ever happened.

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. What was the writer's worst memory in his childhood?

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72. Why did the children not venture far when they were swimming in the sea?

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73. Why did Lily fail to get the attention of other children while she was struggling in the water?

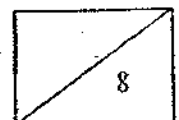
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74. Why did the writer think that 'an angel was watching over Lily' (line 23)?

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75. Who rescued Lily from the sea?

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76. Which three-word phrase from lines 25 – 29 tells you that the family was concerned for Lily immediately after her rescue?

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77. Why did Lily finally stop crying?

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78. Which word from lines 30 – 35 tells you that Lily strongly refused to play in the sea?

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79. How did Lily's family members succeed in getting her to play in the sea again?

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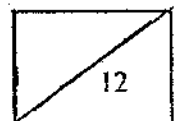
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80. Why did the writer say that the incident was 'a blessing in disguise' (line 38)?

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# ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

SCHOOL : AITONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUBJECT : PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH

TERM : SA 1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
3	4	4	4	1	3	2	4	3	1	2	2	2	C	D	K	H

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
A	F	L	Q	B	G

41)ran      42)cunning      43)crept      44)pale      45)succeeded

46)valuable      47)through      48)taken      49)stepped

50)corridor      51)built      52)from      53)on      54)take

55)ferry      56)excellent      57)include      58)off      59)leaving

60)provided      61)endlessly      62)awards      63)many

64)in      65)able

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**70)Peter is going to relax now that the year-end examination is finally over.**

**71)The writer's worst memory in his childhood was that time his youngest Sister nearly drowned in sea.**

**72)They were not strong swimming did it would have been dangerous to swept them away.**

**73)The other children were playing 'Poison Ball', so they did not know that Lily was struggling in the water.**

**74)He felt that the ball had rescued Lily from the sea.**

**75)Two teenagers rescued Lily from the sea.**

**76)The three-word phrase is "hovered over her".**

**77)She stopped crying after she became tired from crying.**

**78)The word is "adamant."**

**79)The whole family members promised to keep an eye on her , so she can play in the sea again.**

**80)It caused Lily to take her swimming lessons seriously and became an excellent swimmer.**

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