

ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)



CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2010  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PRIMARY 4

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

Class : P 4 . ( )

Date : 5 March 2010

BOOKLET A

30 Questions

30 Marks

Total Time For Booklet A and B : 1 hour 20 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.  
(11 marks)

- 1 Samantha \_\_\_\_\_ over the problem sum before deciding on an answer.
- (1) studied
  - (2) decided
  - (3) pondered
  - (4) wondered
- 2 The spot marked "X" is where the hidden treasure is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) buried
  - (2) shown
  - (3) drowned
  - (4) displayed
- 3 It was Christopher Columbus who made the \_\_\_\_\_ that the Earth is round.
- (1) story
  - (2) theory
  - (3) research
  - (4) discovery
- 4 We should all listen to the \_\_\_\_\_ as it tells us about current issues.
- (1) news
  - (2) drama
  - (3) comedy
  - (4) advertisement
- 5 Dad gave me some \_\_\_\_\_ on what I could do for my school project.
- (1) ideas
  - (2) reports
  - (3) promises
  - (4) decisions
- 6 Can you tell me the \_\_\_\_\_ for your tasty chicken dish?
- (1) fillings
  - (2) articles
  - (3) materials
  - (4) ingredients

- 7 The scouts are busy \_\_\_\_\_ their tents.
- (1) setting
  - (2) making
  - (3) building
  - (4) pitching
- 8 Kenny took his pet rabbit to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) doctor
  - (2) surgeon
  - (3) physician
  - (4) veterinarian
- 9 Let's see if you can answer this \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) joke
  - (2) trick
  - (3) riddle
  - (4) illusion
- 10 It is wrong to upset others by making \_\_\_\_\_ calls on the telephone.
- (1) prank
  - (2) boring
  - (3) friendly
  - (4) courtesy
- 11 Let's take the more \_\_\_\_\_ route up the hill. This one is too easy.
- (1) exciting
  - (2) winding
  - (3) dangerous
  - (4) challenging

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.  
(11 marks)

12 If it rains today, we will \_\_\_\_\_ the game.

- (1) cancel
- (2) cancels
- (3) cancelled
- (4) cancelling

13 We will go out for dinner \_\_\_\_\_ Dad returns early today.

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

14 Neither John nor his classmates \_\_\_\_\_ the thief.

- (1) see
- (2) saw
- (3) sees
- (4) seen

15 Mervyn \_\_\_\_\_ not tell untruths now as he was punished severely for doing so.

- (1) do
- (2) did
- (3) does
- (4) doing

16 When you cover the teapot with a cloth, the tea inside \_\_\_\_\_ warm.

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

- 17 This book was \_\_\_\_\_ by a famous author.
- (1) write
  - (2) wrote
  - (3) writes
  - (4) written
- 18 The stall owner shouted \_\_\_\_\_ at the boy who stole some fruits from his stall.
- (1) lazily
  - (2) angrily
  - (3) weakly
  - (4) sweetly
- 19 This shirt is too tight. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ me a bigger one?
- (1) get
  - (2) got
  - (3) gets
  - (4) gotten
- 20 Are there \_\_\_\_\_ sweets in the container?
- (1) any
  - (2) none
  - (3) much
  - (4) plenty
- 21 Paul and Jessica were reminded to always be polite \_\_\_\_\_ their elders.
- (1) at
  - (2) to
  - (3) for
  - (4) over
- 22 The giraffe is the \_\_\_\_\_ animal in the zoo.
- (1) tall
  - (2) taller
  - (3) tallest
  - (4) most tall

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)

An elderly couple goes to Burger King, where they carefully split a burger and fries. A trucker takes pity on them and offers to buy the wife her own meal.

"It's all right (23)," says the husband. "We share everything."

After a few minutes, the trucker notices that the wife hasn't taken a bite. He walks over to her and asks, "Madam, why aren't you eating (24) I can always buy you another meal if he's not sharing his with you."

The wife glares at the trucker for a few seconds before yelling back, "It's not his fault. I'm just waiting to share his teeth (25)"

*(Adapted from Reader's Digest)*

- 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) [ ! ] exclamation mark

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it.

There are about 30,000 species of spiders alive today. A few hundred of these spiders are called mygalomorphs. They are hairy, large, and are active hunters. You may know these creatures as tarantulas. You can find tarantulas on every single continent except Antarctica. Two of the Northern Australian species have dangerous toxic bites but most of the other species do not. The biggest tarantula is called the "bird eating" spider of South America.

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Tarantulas have eight legs, two body segments, silk-spinning glands and large fangs with venom. They also have eight eyes but have surprisingly poor eyesight. Their most important sensory organs are their furry bristles. These furry bristles can detect vibrations from great distances. They can also be used to defend themselves. If a tarantula feels threatened in any way, it can kick the bristles off into a predator's face.

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Tarantulas are nocturnal ground-hunters. They eat insects, small frogs, lizards, baby mice and birds, and other tarantulas. That's why it's a good idea if you plan to have more than one for a pet, to keep them in separate cages. You can identify a male by the hook-like protrusions on its front knees. They use these to grasp females during mating. The male usually dies soon afterwards. All tarantulas will shed their exoskeletons periodically. This shredded skin keeps its shape so well, that sometimes it is mistaken for another spider.

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*(Adapted from "Information on Tarantulas – <http://www.esortment.com>")*

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 Most species of tarantulas \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) are hairy and large
- (2) are bird eating spiders
- (3) have dangerous toxic bites
- (4) do not have dangerous toxic bites

27 Tarantulas have \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) two bodies
- (2) large fangs
- (3) excellent eyesight
- (4) furry bristles with venom

28 A tarantula can \_\_\_\_\_ to defend itself.

- (1) eat lizards
- (2) use its eight legs and two body segments
- (3) kick its bristles into the faces of its predators
- (4) use its excellent eyesight and hide from predators

29 It is essential to keep two tarantulas in separate cages because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) they will eat each other
- (2) the male dies soon after
- (3) they are nocturnal ground-hunters
- (4) it helps to differentiate male from female

30 Which of the following sentences is false?

- (1) Tarantulas cannot be found in Antarctica.
- (2) Tarantulas are also known as mygalomorphs.
- (3) The "bird eating" spider of South America is the largest tarantula.
- (4) Male and female spiders look alike and are difficult to differentiate.

END OF BOOKLET A

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**BOOKLET B**

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Booklet	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
A		<b>30</b>	
B	Grammar Cloze	5	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	5	
	Synthesis and Transformation	10	
	Comprehension Cloze	5	
	Comprehension OE	10	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>35</b>
<b>TOTAL for Booklets A and B</b>		<b>65</b>	

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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. (5 marks)

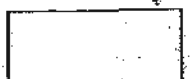
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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|--------|--------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| (A) a  | (C) at | (E) while | (G) by   | (J) than  |
| (B) to | (D) in | (F) of    | (H) then | (K) which |

Mark Zuckerberg founded Facebook with his college roommates and fellow computer science students while he was a student at Harvard University. The website's membership was initially limited (31) \_\_\_\_\_ the founders to Harvard students. However, it later expanded to other colleges (32) \_\_\_\_\_ the Boston area, the Ivy League, and Stanford University.

The main purpose (33) \_\_\_\_\_ Facebook was to allow administrators to get to know the students better. It later expanded further (34) \_\_\_\_\_ include any university student, then high school students, and, finally, to anyone aged 13 and over. The website currently has more (35) \_\_\_\_\_ 350 million active users worldwide. It has become one of the most popular social networking sites ever created.

*(Adapted from 'Facebook User', Wikipedia)*



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

Our Sun **is** not unique in the universe. It is a common middle-sized yellow star which

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scientist s **has** named Sol. This is why our system of planets is calling the Solar System. There are

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trillions of other stars in the Universe just like it. Many of these star have their own systems of

planets, moons, asteroids, and comets. The Sun was born in a vast cloud of gas and dust around

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five **billeon** years ago. Indeed these vast nebulae are the birth places of all stars. Over a peeriot of

many millions of years, this gas and dust began to fall into a common center under the force of its

own gravity. This was the beginning stages of the Sun's formation.

*(Adapted from 'Our Sun', Astronomy for Kids)*

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 My father was a taxi driver. He is now a businessman.

Before \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

42 Fendy completed his chores quickly. He did his chores carefully.

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

43 We were preparing for the picnic at East Coast. It started raining.

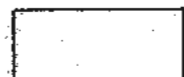
\_\_\_\_\_ when  
\_\_\_\_\_

44 The school's rugby team was given a trophy. They won the championship title.

\_\_\_\_\_ after  
\_\_\_\_\_

45 Kenny ran all the way to school. He woke up late.

\_\_\_\_\_ for  
\_\_\_\_\_



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

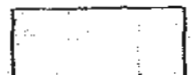
(5 marks)

ASEAN or Association of South East Asian Nations is made up of Singapore and several of its neighbouring countries. Singapore is an industrial country. Many Singaporeans (46) \_\_\_\_\_ in factories where they produce electrical items. These products are later exported to other ASEAN countries.

Malaysia is basically (47) \_\_\_\_\_ agricultural country. Malaysians cultivate coconut, rubber and palm-oil. These are exported to other countries. Thailand and the Philippines are agricultural countries too. Most of their people work on farms. Thais grow padi and tobacco as their main crops (48) \_\_\_\_\_ the Filipinos grow sugar-cane as their main crop. Many ASEAN countries import rice and sugar from these two countries.

Brunei Darussalam, another ASEAN country, is (49) \_\_\_\_\_ between Sabah and Sarawak and is very rich in oil. Indonesia, like Malaysia, also cultivates a lot of rubber, coconut and palm-oil. These crops are exported to many other countries as well. These crops being exported among the ASEAN countries help to ensure that there will always be an (50) \_\_\_\_\_ supply of food. Singapore has definitely gained tremendously by being one of the ASEAN countries.

*(Adapted from 'The ASEAN Region', Discovery Asia)*



Read the passage below and answer questions <sup>51</sup>56 to <sup>55</sup>60.

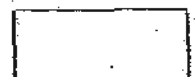
(10 marks)

The turkey is one of the most famous birds in North America. In fact, Benjamin Franklin wanted to make the wild turkey, not the Bald Eagle, the national bird of the United States! The turkey's popularity comes from the American people's love of eating the bird for special occasions like Thanksgiving and Christmas. The wild turkey we usually see in photos or pictures is not the same as 5 the domestic turkey that we serve at Thanksgiving. Domestic or tame turkeys weigh twice what a wild turkey does and are raised on farms for profit. Most domestic turkeys are so heavy they are unable to fly.

Wild turkeys (*Meleagris gallopavo*) live in woods in parts of North America and are the largest game birds found in this part of the world. They spend their 10 days foraging for food like acorns, seeds, small insects and wild berries. They also spend their nights in low branches of trees (yes, wild turkeys can fly!). Peacocks aren't the only birds who use their fancy tails to attract a mate. Each spring, male turkeys try to befriend as many females as possible. Male turkeys, also called "Tom Turkeys" or "Gobblers", puff up their bodies and spread their tail feathers. 15 They grunt, make a "gobble gobble" sound and strut about shaking their feathers. This fancy turkey trot helps the male attract females for mating.

After the female turkey mates, she prepares a nest under a bush in the woods and lays her tan and speckled brown eggs. She incubates as many as 20 eighteen eggs at a time. It takes about a month for the chicks to hatch. When the babies hatch, they flock with their mother all year. For the first two weeks, these poult are unable to fly. The mother roosts on the ground with them during this time. Wild turkeys are covered with dark feathers that help them blend in with their woodland homes. The bare skin on the throat and head of a turkey can change colour from flat gray to striking shades of red, white, and blue when the bird 25 becomes distressed or excited.

(Adapted from <http://www.kidzone.ws>)



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

51 What is the national bird of the United States?

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52 Name one difference between a domestic turkey and a wild turkey.

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53 Which word in the passage suggests that turkeys have to search for their own food?

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54 How do male turkeys attract female turkeys for mating?

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55 Quote the sentence from the last paragraph which tells us how wild turkeys avoid being detected in their environment.

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**END OF BOOKLET B**

# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2010**

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

**TERM : CA1**

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

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

35)J      36)have      37)called      38)stars      39)billion      40)period

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44)The school's rugby team was given a trophy after they won the championship title.

45)Kenny ran all the way to school for he woke up late.

46)work      47)an      48)while      49)located      50)good

51)The national bird of United States is the Bald Eagle.

52)A domestic turkey weighs twice as much as a wild turkey.

53)The word is "foraging".

54)Male turkeys puff up their bodies and spread their tail feathers. They grunt, make an a "gobble gobble" sound and strut and about shaking their feathers. This fancy turkey strut attracts female.

55)Wild turkeys are covered with dark feathers that help them blend in with their wood and homes.

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