

ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)



SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2010
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 4

Name _____)

Class : P 4)

Date : 11 May 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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VOCABULARY MCQ (1 MARK X 11)

For each question from 1 to 11, four options are given. Choose the most appropriate answer (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The giant anteater has become _____ as humans have taken over its home.
- 1) rare
 - 2) distinct
 - 3) endangered
 - 4) extinguished
2. The show was _____. The audience could not stop laughing.
- 1) exciting
 - 2) hilarious
 - 3) enjoyable
 - 4) interesting
3. The _____ runner surprised the crowd by winning the championship title.
- 1) avid
 - 2) efficient
 - 3) amateur
 - 4) professional
4. Joel is _____ of Kate who has been the top student in his class for the past three years.
- 1) envious
 - 2) relieved
 - 3) ashamed
 - 4) confused

5. War is often the art of knowing how to _____ the enemy.

- 1) ape
- 2) crow
- 3) outfox
- 4) monkey

6. My family is adventurous and we like to visit countries that are _____ different from Singapore.

- 1) vastly
- 2) vaguely
- 3) intensively
- 4) extensively

7. When the doctor told Jade that she would be getting her new artificial legs, she was filled with _____.

- 1) elation
- 2) jealousy
- 3) kindness
- 4) sympathy

8. "_____ before you leap!" Andy reminded her brother.

- 1) See
- 2) Look
- 3) Watch
- 4) Glance

9. From the evidence, the detective _____ that the gardener had committed the crime.

- 1) decided
- 2) detailed
- 3) deduced
- 4) deducted

10. The hungry puppy _____ at its owner for food.

- 1) yelled
- 2) whined
- 3) shrieked
- 4) chuckled

11. The _____ was delighted when her museum was chosen as one of the locations for the touring Egyptology exhibit.

- 1) curator
- 2) engineer
- 3) invigilator
- 4) manager

GRAMMAR MCQ (1 MARK X 11)

For each question from 12 to 22, four options are given. Choose the most appropriate answer (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

12. Jack and Jill have not seen each other _____ the misunderstanding they had two years ago.
- 1) as
 - 2) for
 - 3) since
 - 4) because
13. Mandy was busy tidying up the house _____ her sister lazed on the bed.
- 1) until
 - 2) then
 - 3) while
 - 4) during
14. Look! There _____ flocks of swallows flying towards south in the sky.
- 1) is
 - 2) are
 - 3) was
 - 4) were
15. The book that I found interesting had characters _____ seemed to come alive.
- 1) whom
 - 2) which
 - 3) where
 - 4) whose

16. Sophia told her friends a joke but no one laughed at _____ joke.

- 1) her
- 2) hers
- 3) their
- 4) theirs

17. Prizes were given to all the participants _____ not just the top winners.

- 1) so
- 2) or
- 3) but
- 4) and

18. My mother _____ the young salesman _____ for being rude.

- 1) told...in
- 2) told...on
- 3) told...off
- 4) told...over

19. You should stir the coffee before _____ it.

- 1) drink
- 2) drinks
- 3) drank
- 4) drinking

20. Alan is really intelligent but sometimes he has problems _____ his ideas _____

- 1) getting...up
- 2) getting...out
- 3) getting...over
- 4) getting...across

21. When Ella heard that she had won a million dollars, she was so shocked that she _____.

- 1) passed in
- 2) passed out
- 3) passed over
- 4) passed through

22. _____ of the classrooms has an air-conditioner.

- 1) Any
- 2) Each
- 3) Every
- 4) Some

GRAMMAR PUNCTUATION (1 MARK X 3)

For each question from 23 to 25, four options are given. Choose the most appropriate answer (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Ken stood up and silently willed the bus to come quickly. He wanted to be home where he could feel warm(23) comfortable and secure. A pair of headlights flashed at him.

"It(24)s about time!" Ken muttered.

He stretched out his arm and signaled the bus to stop. To his disbelief, the bus zoomed past him.

"Hey(25)" Ken yelled but the bus had already disappeared.

23. 1) [,] comma
2) [.] full stop
3) ['] apostrophe
4) [;] semi colon
24. 1) [,] comma
2) [.] full stop
3) ['] apostrophe
4) [;] semi colon
25. 1) [,] comma
2) [.] full stop
3) [?] question mark
4) [!] exclamation mark

Comprehension MCQ (1 MARK X 5)

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

If you cringe at the thought of climbing a 1000 metre-high mountain, double amputee Mark Inglis will put you to shame. Last year, the New Zealander became the first man to conquer the 8,848 metres high Mount Everest on two artificial limbs. "When people see me, they see a double amputee. But when I see myself, I see a person who will never get frostbite on my legs again," the 47 – year old half joked.

The competitive cyclist and former search and rescue climber lost his legs 24 years ago due to frostbite while climbing New Zealand's Mount Cook. Trapped in an ice cave with a partner, they were rescued after two weeks but the badly frostbitten legs had to be amputated below the knee.

Still he fulfilled his childhood dream on May 15 last year when he finally reached the summit of Everest along with 10 other climbers. "Climbing Everest is very tough. Just getting up in the middle of the night and putting your boots on can already make you dizzy," he said, "but it is far harder for a double amputee. When you climb, the knee hurts a lot but you just have to go on."

A heart-stopping accident happened during his climb to the summit when he stumbled and a part of his artificial leg snapped off. He simply replaced it with another leg. He laughed it off by commenting that the number one rule is to always carry a spare leg. His jovial demeanour belied the demons, like hallucinations, heart attacks and frostbite that he and other climbers had to battle against to get to the top.

These days, he would not be scaling any more large mountains. Instead, he is actively involved in a charity that he founded, Limbs4All, which aims to help disabled people. "Climbing Everest is just a hill on the journey of life," he said thoughtfully. "It helps you understand yourself better, then gives you power to go on."

(Adapted from Straits Times, Life Section, Happy Feet)

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. Choose the most appropriate answer (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. According to the passage, "If you cringe at the thought of climbing a 1000 metre-high mountain", it means that you would _____
- 1) do it in future
 - 2) look forward to it
 - 3) stay away from doing it
 - 4) dread doing it but will definitely do it
27. Mark had both his legs amputated because he _____
- 1) suffered from frostbite
 - 2) got lost in the mountain
 - 3) was trapped in the ice cave
 - 4) was trying to rescue another climber
28. "His jovial demeanour belied the demons" in line 18 means that Mark cheerfully hid his _____
- 1) evil thoughts
 - 2) difficulties in overcoming the obstacles
 - 3) intention to battle against the other climbers
 - 4) fear for the demons residing in the mountain
29. What does "it" in line 13 refer to?
- 1) Climbing Mount Everest.
 - 2) Having frostbite on your knee.
 - 3) Keeping abreast with the other climbers.
 - 4) Putting on your boots in the middle of the night.
30. Which of the following statement about Mark Inglis is **NOT** true?
- 1) He is the founder of Limbs4All.
 - 2) He still wants to conquer other mountains.
 - 3) He managed to fulfill his childhood dream.
 - 4) He lost his legs while climbing New Zealand's Mount Cook.

END OF BOOKLET A

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BOOKLET B

25 Questions

35 Marks

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A		30	
B	Grammar Cloze	5	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	5	
	Synthesis and Transformation	10	
	Comprehension Cloze	5	
	Comprehension OE	10	
	Total	35	
TOTAL for Booklets A and B		65	

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GRAMMAR CLOZE (1 MARK X 5)

Read the passage carefully. From the list of words given on the box below, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to K) in the blanks provided. The letter (I) has been omitted.

(A) as	(C) been	(E) for	(G) be	(J) if
(B) than	(D) only	(F) into	(H) then	(K) has

The old lady was deeply tired. She was tired not (31) _____
by the journeys, but by life itself. She lowered herself carefully (32) _____
the large old leather armchair, which creaked as she did. She was fond of all old things,
but this armchair was her favourite. It had (33) _____, hers until she
had left her own home to live with her daughter. Now here it was in her grandson's
house, still and comfortable (34) _____ it had been years ago.

The old lady closed her eyes. Presently, she heard Ruth whisper, 'I think Gran is
asleep. The journey must have taken more out of her (35) _____ we
anticipated. Poor old soul!'

Adapted from 'Janice Scott, The Birthday Treat'

EDITING FOR SPELLING AND GRAMMAR (1 MARK X 5)

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

My first hamster was called Cuttie. I got him when I was around three. My mum

(36)

got home from work one night and there he was – my first real pet. I had pestird my

mum for weeks to buy me a hamster. I am not sure why I am so interested in them.

(37)

Some of my friends hate them. They found them creepy, a bit like rats. However I do not

(38)

think that they look anything like rats. I just think that they are **inkredibly** cute.

(39)

Sometimes they can be annoying too. Sometimes when I woke up at night, I hear this

(40)

strange **squicking** noise and realize that it is Cuttie running round his wheel.

That can scare me sometimes but I still love him.

SYNTHESIS & TRANSFORMATION (2 MARKS x 5)

For each of the questions, 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).

- 41 Sheila lives in Toronto. She started living in Toronto during her teenage years.

_____ since

- 42 Sam is delighted. He has passed his test with flying colours.

_____ because

- 43 The Zoo was closed. We went to Marina Bay.

_____ so

- 44 I looked for the mechanic. He was supposed to repair my car.

_____ who

- 45 Mathew has a black bag. He is in primary one this year.

Mathew, whose _____

COMPREHENSION CLOZE (1 MARK X 5)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word.

About a year ago, I was volunteering at a home for elderly women. On this particular day, as I was preparing to leave for the home, the telephone rang. For a moment I toyed with the idea of not (46) _____ it, but I ran back to the hall anyway.

It was my husband. "Sorry, honey, but I have to work overtime. Guess you'll just have to (47) _____ up Taylor after school. I'll be home as soon as I can." I decided that rather than find a babysitter, I would take Taylor with me to visit with the residents.

With my unexpected companion, we started our rounds. After Taylor and I had visited the third or fourth woman, I noticed that just as we were ready to leave each room, my son would hug each woman and whisper something in her ear to make her smile. Later that evening, during (48) _____, my husband asked how my volunteer job worked out with our son in tow.

"It was actually lots of fun," I said.

"We were quite a pair. Whatever Taylor said to the ladies, it definitely made them happy." As I stood up to clear the dishes, I stopped and glanced across the table at our son.

"What was it that you whispered?"

Looking up at both his (49) _____ and me, his big brown eyes and angelic face, he responded, "I whispered, 'I love you, Grandma, and I wanted you to (50) _____ that you look so beautiful today.'"

I asked Taylor why he did that. He responded, "I just knew it would make them feel good."

Adapted from "A Child's Gift" by Pamela Strome-Merewether

COMPREHENSION OPEN-ENDED (2 MARKS X 5)

Read the passage below and answer Questions 51 to 55.

Twenty- one years ago, my husband gave me Sam, a four-week-old schnauzer, to help ease the loss of our daughter, who died shortly after birth. Sam and I developed a very special bond over the next fourteen years.

At one point, my husband and I decided to relocate from our New York apartment to a new home in New Jersey. After we were there awhile, our neighbour, whose cat had recently had kittens, asked us if we would like one. ~~We were~~ a little apprehensive about Sam's jealousy and how he would handle his turf being invaded. Anyway, we decided to risk it and agreed to take a kitten. We named her Lightning.

At first, Sam and Lightning were very cautious with each other and kept their distance. But slowly, as the days went on, Lightning started following Sam – up the stairs, down the stairs, into the kitchen to watch him eat, into the living room to watch him sleep. As time passed, they became inseparable. When they slept, it was always together. When I played with one, the other one joined in. When I took either one out of the house, the other was always waiting by the door when we returned. That was the way it was for years.

Then without any warning, Sam was diagnosed as having a weak heart. I had no other choice but to have him put down. The pain of making that decision, however it was nothing compared with what I experienced when I had to leave Sam at the vet and walk into our house alone. This time, there was no Sam for Lightning to greet and no way to explain why she would never see her friend again.

In the days that followed, Lightning seemed heart-broken. She could not tell me in words that she was suffering, but I could see the pain and disappointment in her eyes whenever someone opened the door or whenever she heard a dog bark.

One day as I walked into our living room, I happened to glance down on the floor next to our sofa where we had a sculptured replica of Sam that we had bought a few years before. Lying next to the statue, one arm wrapped around the statue's neck, was Lightning, contently sleeping with her best friend.

(Adapted from "Friends" by Karen Del Tufo)

51 Why did the author's husband give her Sam?

52 Quote the sentence from the second paragraph that tells us that the author and her husband were unsure about taking in a kitten at first?

53 Which word in the third paragraph tells us that Sam and ^{Lightning}~~Lightning~~ were careful with one another?

54 After Sam was diagnosed having a weak heart, why was he left at the vet?

55 Why was Lightning disappointed whenever she heard a dog bark?

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2010

SCHOOL : ACS PRIMARY
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

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

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

35)B 36)pestered 37)find 38)incredibly 39)wake

40)squeaking

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46)answering 47)pick 48)dinner 49)father 50)know

51)The author's husband gave her Sam to help ease the loss of their daughter, who shortly after birth.

52)The sentence is "We were a little apprehensive about Sam's jealousy and how he would handle his turf being invaded".

53)The word is "cautious".

54)After Sam was diagnosed having a weak heart, the author had no choice but to put him down, the author knew he would die.

55)She felt lonely with out sam.