

ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)



SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2010  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PRIMARY 5

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

Class : P 5 . ( )

Date : 11 May 2010

**BOOKLET A**

30 Questions

30 Marks

Total Time For Booklet A and B : 1 hour 50 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 9 printed pages (inclusive of cover page)

Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.



## Travel With Ease Tours

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See the famous Sphinx and Pyramids at Giza and enjoy 4 nights aboard a luxury cruise on the Nile

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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. (5 marks)

1 Travel with Ease Tours \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) does not have an online website
- (2) deals with only Mediterranean travels
- (3) does not offer travel during the school holiday period
- (4) was voted Best Travel Agent in 2010 by a travel magazine

2 Tourists who intend to enjoy a luxury cruise will have to spend \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) 11 Days on one of the Asian Specials
- (2) 15 Days on one of the Asian Specials
- (3) 9 Days on one of the Mediterranean Specials
- (4) 10 Days on one of the Mediterranean Specials

3 All packages include only \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) airfares and fuel surcharges
- (2) airfares, fuel surcharges, hotel transfers and all meals
- (3) airfares, fuel surcharges, hotel transfers, lunch and dinner
- (4) airfares, fuel surcharges, accommodation, hotel transfers and all meals

4 If Leela and Sam make a booking on the 31 March 2010, they will save \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) \$150 per couple
- (2) \$150 per person
- (3) \$800 per couple
- (4) \$800 per person

5 Details on the package rates during school holidays, eve of public holidays and holidays can be obtained by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) calling the tour agency
- (2) e-mailing the tour agency
- (3) checking the tour agency's website
- (4) faxing over your questions via the agency's fax number

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. (7 marks)

- 6 We spent a \_\_\_\_\_ afternoon at the park last Sunday.
- (1) relax
  - (2) relaxes
  - (3) relaxed
  - (4) relaxing
- 7 When Francis opened his birthday present, he \_\_\_\_\_ spellbound for a few seconds.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
- 8 Dennis went \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of difficulties before he could sit for his examinations.
- (1) by
  - (2) down
  - (3) under
  - (4) through
- 9 The two boys appeared from out of \_\_\_\_\_ and scared the living daylights out of me.
- (1) nowhere
  - (2) anywhere
  - (3) somewhere
  - (4) everywhere
- 10 I \_\_\_\_\_ help wishing that my Dad had brought me along to see the Chingay Parade.
- (1) can't
  - (2) didn't
  - (3) won't
  - (4) haven't
- 11 The audience was reminded to turn \_\_\_\_\_ their mobile phones during the performance to prevent any disruption.
- (1) on
  - (2) off
  - (3) out
  - (4) down
- 12 Singapore is famous \_\_\_\_\_ its Chilli Crab.
- (1) of
  - (2) by
  - (3) for
  - (4) with

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. (3 marks)

"I got you the CD you wanted," I told my sister.

"Really (13) she asked. "I bought you a new iPod."

We listed all the things we bought for friends and family, forgetting that we were in the police station. Finally, the police interrupted our conversation to open the door and say, "Your parents are here."

We scrambled out and raced down the driveway. I'll never forget my mother's face that night (14) bloodless and terrified. She ran towards us with open arms and hugged us in tears. We hurled ourselves at her, though we were both considerably taller than she was and nearly toppled her over. Dad looked at us, satisfied too that we weren't hurt, and some tension went out of his shoulders (15) What are you crying about?"

*Adapted from "Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul"*

- 13 (1) [ . ] full stop and inverted commas  
(2) [ , ] comma and inverted commas  
(3) [ ? ] question mark  
(4) [ ?" ] question mark with inverted commas
- 14 (1) [ . ] full stop  
(2) [ , ] comma  
(3) [ ; ] semicolon  
(4) [ !" ] exclamation mark with inverted commas
- 15 (1) [ : ] colon  
(2) [ , ] comma  
(3) [ ." ] full stop and inverted commas  
(4) [ !" ] exclamation mark and inverted commas

For each question 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. (5 marks)

- 16 The helicopter is \_\_\_\_\_ over the building like a huge mosquito.
- (1) floating
  - (2) buzzing
  - (3) hanging
  - (4) hovering
- 17 If you were to make so many copies of this DVD, you will \_\_\_\_\_ the copyright laws and will be persecuted by the police.
- (1) revoke
  - (2) broken
  - (3) exceed
  - (4) infringe
- 18 John \_\_\_\_\_ to be a lawyer when he grows up.
- (1) expires
  - (2) aspires
  - (3) inspires
  - (4) transpires
- 19 The lady offered to give me a reward for returning her purse but I turned \_\_\_\_\_ the offer.
- (1) in
  - (2) up
  - (3) over
  - (4) down
- 20 In an unfortunate accident, his left leg was \_\_\_\_\_ by the doctors in an attempt to save his life.
- (1) severed
  - (2) eliminated
  - (3) amputated
  - (4) decapitated

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

The sirens of reinforcement resounded in the dark forest of the nature reserve. The officials gathered around the bonnet of a Land Rover, their heads bowed low and deep in discussion. They had referred to all the land maps of the entire region but were still unable to confirm the exact location of the lost trekkers. If this part of the forest was not ~~situated~~ so remote, it would probably have made their jobs easier.

(21)

(22)

As minutes passed like hours, they were becoming like cats on hot bricks, knowing that the trekkers might just be lost forever. Those high school boys should never have travelled so far and deep into these regions. It was barred for a good reason, one that they might possibly not live to understand.

(23)

(24)

Is it truly worth it to be so captivated by the dangerous adventures in the wild? Perhaps these overly adventurous boys would now have the answer.

(25)

- 21 (1) be sure of  
(2) be heard of  
(3) be careful of  
(4) be mindful of
- 22 (1) at a high altitude  
(2) in the heart of town  
(3) near the coastal area  
(4) far away from civilisation
- 23 (1) afraid  
(2) anxious  
(3) discouraged  
(4) uncomfortable
- 24 (1) tricky  
(2) forgotten  
(3) forbidden  
(4) dangerous
- 25 (1) fearless  
(2) attracted  
(3) confused  
(4) discouraged

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

A famous thief escaped from jail and to escape the authority, he had to hide in the woods. As he was running, he stumbled upon a woodcutter. This woodcutter had worked in the woods since he was very young and was an expert with the axe.

The thief, feeling he had nothing to fear, let himself be seen by the woodcutter. The woodcutter recognised the thief immediately because he was so well known. As soon as the woodcutter saw the thief, he thought, "if I kill him and bring his head to the authorities, I will get a reward and never have to work in the forest again." 5

However, the thief, having been trained in reading people's minds, knew exactly what the woodcutter was thinking. He told the woodcutter, "You are thinking about trying to kill me now."

The woodcutter was so stunned that he did not know what to do. He started cutting a tree again and thought, "How can the thief read my mind? I don't understand." 10

The thief again told him what he was thinking, "You have given up to trying to kill me because you know I can read your mind now."

By this time, the woodcutter was so astonished that he just could not think and so he kept on cutting the tree. The thief started laughing, but suddenly, the woodcutter threw the axe, catching the thief on his head. 15

With his last breath, the thief told the woodcutter, "I thought I could read your mind?" Then he died.

The reason why the thief could not read the woodcutter's mind in the end was because the woodcutter did not have the intention to kill the thief at first. He acted out of pure instinct to defend himself from danger. 20

*Adapted from "The Woodcutter"*

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 Why did the thief hide in the woods?

- (1) He was a fugitive.
- (2) He broke into a jail.
- (3) He did not want to be sentenced to death.
- (4) He was caught for a crime he did not commit.

27 Why did the woodcutter want to kill the thief?

- (1) The thief was very famous.
- (2) He wanted a reward for killing the thief.
- (3) He knew that the thief was not guarded against him.
- (4) He knew that the thief was a trespasser of his forest.

28 Why did the thief start laughing at the woodcutter?

- (1) He felt that he should not be cutting trees.
- (2) He felt that the police would never find him.
- (3) He felt that he could kill the woodcutter easily.
- (4) He felt that he could read the woodcutter's mind.

29 Why was the woodcutter able to kill the thief at the end?

- (1) The woodcutter reacted instinctively.
- (2) The woodcutter had no intention of killing the thief at all.
- (3) The thief underestimated the intelligence of the woodcutter.
- (4) The thief did not understand why the woodcutter started cutting trees.

30 What do you think this story is trying to tell us?

- (1) Do not laugh at anyone.
- (2) Do not escape from the law.
- (3) Do not underestimate a woodcutter.
- (4) Do not underestimate your opponent.

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Parent's Signature

**BOOKLET B**

50 Questions

65 Marks

Total Time For Booklets A and B : 1 hour 50 minutes

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Booklet	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
<b>A</b>		<b>30</b>	
<b>B</b>	Grammar Cloze	10	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	10	
	Comprehension Cloze	15	
	Synthesis and Transformation	10	
	Comprehension OE	20	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>65</b>
<b>TOTAL for Booklets A and B</b>		<b>95</b>	

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. (10 marks)

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

(A) with	(D) in	(G) and	(K) an	(N) which
(B) the	(E) after	(H) of	(L) even	(P) off
(C) that	(F) to	(J) A	(M) without	(Q) before

A long time ago, there lived a king who was very wise. Nothing was unknown (31) \_\_\_\_\_ him and many people feared his great powers.

The king had one very odd habit. Every night at dinner, after the courtiers had withdrawn from his chambers (32) \_\_\_\_\_ he was all alone, a trusted servant would bring him a special dish. This dish was always covered and no one, not (33) \_\_\_\_\_ the servant, knew what it contained.

This went on for many years until one day, the servant was overwhelmed (34) \_\_\_\_\_ curiosity. He decided to bring the dish to his room and steal a glance (35) \_\_\_\_\_ anyone could catch him. When he was sure (36) \_\_\_\_\_ he had carefully locked the door, he took the cover off the dish. To his surprise, he saw a white snake lying (37) \_\_\_\_\_ the middle of the dish.

At the sight (38) \_\_\_\_\_ the snake, he could not resist tasting it. He quickly sliced (39) \_\_\_\_\_ a piece and shoved it into his mouth. The instant his tongue touched the flesh of (40) \_\_\_\_\_ snake, he heard the king's screams in the distance. He was in deep trouble now!

Adapted from 'Grimms' Fairy Tales – The White Snake'



Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

"Help!" Stuart screamed. "It's dark in here. It's cold in this refrigerator

(41)

(42)

and I'm getting colder by the **minit**." However, little Stuart's voice is not strong

enough to penetrate the thick wall.

(43)

In the darkness, he stumbled and fallen into a saucer of prunes. The

(44)

juice caused him to shiver and his teeth **chattered** non-stop. It wasn't until

(45)

half an hour later that Mrs Little open the refrigerator door. To her

(46)

astonishment, she found Stuart standing on a butter plate, flap his arms up

(47)

and down. He was try his best to keep warm.

Mrs Little screamed and pulled Stuart out of the refrigerator, insisting

(48)

that he gulp down a bowl of **hot porige**. Sadly, Stuart still ended up catching a

(49)

(50)

severe cold. He even suffered from a terrible case of **brōnkitis**. Poor Stuart!

Adapted from 'Stuart Little'



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

As a child, I was never a believer of superstitions even though I was (51) \_\_\_\_\_ up in a traditional Chinese family. My mother would say, "Never walk under a ladder or let a black cat cross your path. That's bad luck!" I would always laugh it off saying, "Don't (52) \_\_\_\_\_ to add Friday the Thirteenth to the list because that is supposed to be an unlucky day." However, something (53) \_\_\_\_\_ one Chinese New Year Eve which caused me to change my (54) \_\_\_\_\_.

It was eight o'clock in the (55) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Chinese New Year Eve when I woke up, stretching and yawning. I was (56) \_\_\_\_\_ the task of decorating the living room and Mother was busy in the (57) \_\_\_\_\_ preparing food all morning, having confidence that I was able to (58) \_\_\_\_\_ the task myself.

Bravely, I focused on the task at (59) \_\_\_\_\_. I took out a Chinese lantern, marched to the store room to get a (60) \_\_\_\_\_ and some adhesive tapes. I placed the ladder next to the wall. Unfortunately, the roll of adhesive tape slipped out of my hand as I reached for it, only to stop rolling at the bottom of the ladder. Quickly, I crawled under the ladder to retrieve it.

With the lantern in one hand and some adhesive tape in the (61) \_\_\_\_\_, I climbed up the ladder. All of a (62) \_\_\_\_\_, I slipped and fell with a resounding thud onto the ground. There was so much pain that I could not utter a (63) \_\_\_\_\_. Recovering from the initial shock, I started crying loudly, tears (64) \_\_\_\_\_ down my face.

Mother rushed me to the nearest clinic and I was (65) \_\_\_\_\_ by the doctor and nurses there. My left ankle was put in a cast for two months. From that day onward, I would think twice before renouncing any type of superstitions totally.



For each of the questions 66 to 70, 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)

66. John brushed his teeth. Then, he went to bed.

After John \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. This is the school. My father used to teach here ten years ago.

\_\_\_\_\_ where  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. The match is likely to be postponed. It is raining heavily.

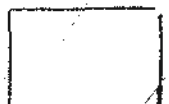
Since \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Sam studied very hard. He still could not pass his examination.

However \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. There was nothing for Cathy to do at the resort. She could only sleep all day.

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



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Six double-decker buses, worth about three million dollars, went up in flames at the Ang Mo Kio bus depot last Sunday morning.

Bus drivers arriving for work at the depot along Ang Mo Kio Street 63 were confronted by the acrid smell of smoke, and the burnt-out shells of the smouldering half a dozen buses. 5

"There were so many policemen and firemen around. I was shocked to hear that six buses had been burnt. This is the first time anything like this has ever happened," said one 44-year-old bus driver, who was among the first few to arrive at around 5.30am.

The Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) is currently 10 investigating the cause of the fire, though it is not known at this point if someone deliberately set fire to vehicles, estimated to be about \$500,000 each. Other possibilities include an electrical malfunction and human error.

The SCDF added that the fire was contained within the six 15 buses, which were parked close together. The rest of the fleet were parked further away. The night security guard who had been on duty raised the alarm. No one was hurt. However, the security guard could not be contacted for further information.

To ensure the morning services were not disrupted, buses were 20 redeployed from other depots. The six buses all plied the Number 25 route from Ang Mo Kio interchange to Bedok interchange. A spokesman for SBS Transit told The Straits Times that the loss of the buses will have 'some impact' on day-to-day operations but that it would try to minimise inconvenience to its commuters by redeploying buses where possible. SBS apologises for the inconvenience caused to the general public and 25 seek their understanding in this matter.

Adapted from 'The Straits Times'

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What was the approximate cost of damage caused by the fire at the Ang Mo Kio bus depot?

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72. From paragraph 2, quote the word that has the same meaning as 'bitter and pungent'.

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73. How can we tell that SBS has never experienced such an incident before?

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74. Name two possible causes of the fire.

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75. Explain clearly why the damage was only limited to the six buses and not the other buses.

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76. Which sentence in the passage tells you who alerted the authorities?

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77. In line 22, there was 'some impact on the day-to-day operations'. Explain clearly what this impact was.

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78. In line 23, what does the word 'it' refer to?

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79. How did SBS temporarily attempt to solve the problem of inconvenience to its commuters?

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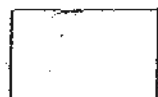
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80. Based on the passage, why did SBS apologise to its commuters?

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**END OF BOOKLET B**



# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2010**

**SCHOOL : ACS (JUNIOR) PRIMARY  
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**TERM : SA1**

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

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

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
Q	C	D	H	P	B

- 41)minute      42)was      43)fell      44)chattered      45)opened  
46)flapping      47)trying      48)porridge      49)severe      50)bronchitis  
51)brought      52)forget      53)happened      54)mind      55)morning  
56)assigned      57)kitchen      58)handle      59)hand      60)ladder  
61)other      62)sudden      63)word      64)rolling      65)treated

- 66)After John had brushed his teeth, he went to bed.  
67)This is the school where my father used to teach ten years ago.  
68)Since it is raining heavily, the match is likely to be postponed.  
69)However hard Sam studied, he still could not pass his examination.  
70)There was nothing for Cathy to do at the resort but sleep all day.  
71)The total cost was three million dollars.  
72)It is "acrid".  
73)A bus driver mentioned that this was the first time such an incident had happened.  
74)It was human error and electrical malfunction.  
75)The six buses were parked very close together while the rest of the buses were parked further away.  
76)It is " The night security guard who had been on duty raised the alarm".  
77)There were fewer buses on the Number 25 route.  
78)It refers to SBS.  
79)They deployed buses where possible.  
80)They apologised for the in convenience.