

ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)



SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 – 2008
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
(LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Name : _____ ()

Class : P2. ()

Date : 13 October 2008

Parent's Signature

50 Questions

55 marks

Total Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.

Pages	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
-	Composition	10	
1 – 3	Vocabulary	15	
4 – 7	Grammar	20	
8	Comprehension Cloze	5	
9 – 10	Comprehension MCQ	5	
11 – 12	Comprehension OE	10	
	Total	55	
	Total	65	

Section A: Vocabulary (15 marks)

For questions 1 to 10, choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. The thunder boomed _____ and woke the baby.

- (1) loudly (3) softly
(2) quietly (4) sweetly ()

2. The kangaroo gave birth to a healthy _____.

- (1) calf (3) kitten
(2) joey (4) lamb ()

3. The eagle _____ its wings as it soars into the sky.

- (1) crunches (3) flaps
(2) splashes (4) zooms ()

4. The rabbit lives in a small _____ under the ground.

- (1) burrow (3) stable
(2) coop (4) kennel ()

5. John _____ the soccer ball and scores a goal!

- (1) kicks (3) misses
(2) jumps (4) serves ()

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6. A bee _____ but a horse neighs.

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| (1) bleats | (3) meows | () |
| (2) buzzes | (4) moos | |

7. The colour of her eyes is as _____ as grass.

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|-----------|------------|-----|
| (1) blue | (3) indigo | () |
| (2) green | (4) violet | |

8. Ahmad picked many colourful _____ to put them in his mother's vase.

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|--------------|------------|-----|
| (1) branches | (3) trunks | () |
| (2) flowers | (4) twigs | |

9. Sheela arranges her new and used _____ in her album.

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|-----------------|--------------|-----|
| (1) cutlery | (3) stamps | () |
| (2) instruments | (4) utensils | |

10. Minah bought a _____ of milk from the shop.

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| (1) carton | (3) plate | () |
| (2) piece | (4) slice | |

For questions 11 to 15, fill in each blank with the most suitable word from the box. Use each word ONCE only.

left shapes visited many tiny spots

it was the school holidays. Tom and his family

(11) _____ the zoo. They saw animals of different (12) _____ and sizes. Tom's favourite section was the butterfly garden. He saw (13) _____ butterflies flying freely. They were brightly coloured; yellow, orange, black and blue. Some had (14) _____ and some had stripes. Some were enormous and some were very (15) _____

Tom enjoyed the day with his family.

Section B: Grammar (20 marks)

For questions 16-25, choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

16. Look over there! _____ monkeys have dark brown fur.

(1) This

(3) These

(2) That

(4) Those

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17. Mother added _____ salt to the vegetable soup.

(1) a few

(3) many

(2) any

(4) some

()

18. Mrs Ali _____ her plants in the garden now.

(1) water

(3) are watering

(2) is watering

(4) was watering

()

19. Those children are drawing pictures of _____.

(1) itself

(3) ourselves

(2) himself

(4) themselves

()

20. _____ did she start learning gymnastics?

(1) Who

(3) Which

(2) When

(4) What

()

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21. Hopscotch and chess _____ fun to play.

- (1) are (3) is
(2) am (4) was ()

22. Last night, I _____ to bake a cake.

- (1) am trying (3) tries
(2) tried (4) try ()

23. This toy car belongs to Muthu. It is _____.

- (1) his (3) theirs
(2) ours (4) yours ()

24. Hens and owls _____ feathers.

- (1) has (3) had
(2) have (4) is having ()

25. You need to swim _____ the river and cycle along the road.

- (1) across (3) on
(2) between (4) under ()

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For questions 26-30, fill in each blank with the PAST TENSE of the verb given in the brackets.

26. He _____ playing golf when he was six.
(start)

27. Jane _____ her pencil under the table.
(find)

28. The class _____ the first prize for the game.
(win)

29. The baby _____ loudly last night.
(cry)

30. Last night, Joseph _____ his book in his bag.
(put)

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For questions 31-35, re-arrange the words to form complete sentences. Begin each sentence with a CAPITAL LETTER and end with a FULL-STOP.

31. class my is to going hotdogs sell

32. flowers garden from some she her picked

33. fruits you healthy eating and vegetables keeps

34. family Uncle John pictures our likes taking of

35. the hisses at deer the snake poisonous two

Section C: Cloze Passage (5 marks)

For questions 36-40, fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Jerome's hobby is playing badminton. He has badminton lessons every Sunday. He practises (36) _____

week by playing with his family. Jerome

(37) _____ playing with his father most of all

because he always encourages him. Before a game, Jerome

(38) _____ on his favourite T-shirt and a pair of

special shoes. His favourite badminton racket was

(39) _____ to him by his grandfather, who is

also a badminton player. His grandfather enjoys

(40) _____ Jerome play badminton. Jerome

hopes to make it to the badminton school team next year.

Section D: Comprehension (15 marks)

Read Passage A carefully.

Passage A

A farmer did not want his worker, Ming, to stop working in the field. One morning after breakfast, he told Ming, "It is too **bothersome** to come in from the field, wash up for lunch and take time to eat. Why don't we save time and have lunch now?"

Ming agreed. The farmer's wife brought in some cold meat and fried potatoes. The two men ate again.

When they had finished, the farmer said, "While we are still at the table, let us have supper, too." They were now served steak, boiled potatoes and mixed vegetables. The farmer and Ming then ate once more.

"Now that **we have had our fill**," the farmer announced, "we can go out to the field and work all day without stopping."

"Oh no," answered Ming, "I never work after supper."

For questions 41-45, choose the correct answer for each question and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

41. The farmer wanted Ming to have his lunch right after breakfast because _____.

- (1) it was time to eat
 - (2) he was still hungry
 - (3) he wanted to save time
 - (4) there was too much food
- ()

42. 'It is too bothersome to come in from the field'. The word 'bothersome' means _____.

- (1) easy
 - (2) simple
 - (3) unusual
 - (4) inconvenient
- ()

43. The phrase 'we have had our fill' means that the men _____.

- (1) were tired of eating
 - (2) were full from eating
 - (3) wanted to stop working
 - (4) wanted to continue working
- ()

44. In this story, Ming was a _____ man.

- (1) kind
 - (2) nasty
 - (3) fierce
 - (4) clever
- ()

45. The most suitable title for this story is '_____.'

- (1) The Caring Farmer
 - (2) The Loving Farmer
 - (3) The Selfish Farmer
 - (4) The Friendly Farmer
- ()

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Read Passage B carefully.

Passage B

Rikki was a mongoose. One day, a flood washed him out of the burrow where he lived with his father and mother. It carried him, kicking and clucking, down a roadside ditch. He saw a tree and clung on to the trunk until he fainted. When the flood water went down, Rikki was lying in the hot sun. A little boy, Ken, saw Rikki and said, "Here's a dead mongoose."

"Hmmm," said his mother, "let us take him in and pat him dry. Perhaps he is not dead yet."

They took him into the house and Ken's father picked him up between his fingers and thumb. He said the mongoose was not dead. Quickly, he wrapped him up in cotton wool and kept him warm. The little mongoose finally opened his eyes and sneezed.

Rikki looked at the cotton wool around him and decided that it was not good to eat. He ran around the table, sat up and looked at Ken. Then he slowly climbed up to Ken's shoulder and sat there. "Do not be frightened, Ken," said his father. "That is his way of making friends."

Adapted from 'Rikki-Tikki-Tavi' by Rudyard Kipling

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For questions 46-50, answer the questions in complete sentences.

46. Where was Rikki when the flood came?

47. Why did Rikki cling on to the tree?

48. How was Rikki kept warm?

49. What was the first thing Rikki did when he opened his eyes?

50. How did Rikki make friends with Ken?

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ANSWER SHEET

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SCHOOL : ACS PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUBJECT : PRIMARY 2 ENGLISH

TERM : SA 2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	2	3	1	1	2	2	2	3	1

11)visited 12)shapes 13)many 14)spots 15)tiny

16)4 17)4 18)2 19)4 20)2 21)4 22)2

23)1 24)2 25)1 26)started 27)found 28)won

29)cried 30)put

31)My class is going to sell hotdogs.

32)She picked some flowers from her garden.

33)Eating fruits and vegetables keeps you healthy.

34)Uncle John likes taking pictures of our family.

35)The two poisonous snakes hisses at the deer.

36)every 37)likes 38)puts 39)given 40)watching

41)3 42)4 43)2 44)4 45)3

46)In the burrow where he lived with his mother and father.

47)Rikki clung on to the tree because he wanted to be safe so that the flood would not carry him away.

48)Rikki was kept warm by cotton wool.

49)The first Rikki did when he opened his eyes was to look for food.

50)Rikki climbed on to his shoulder and sat there.