



AI TONG SCHOOL

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO

PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

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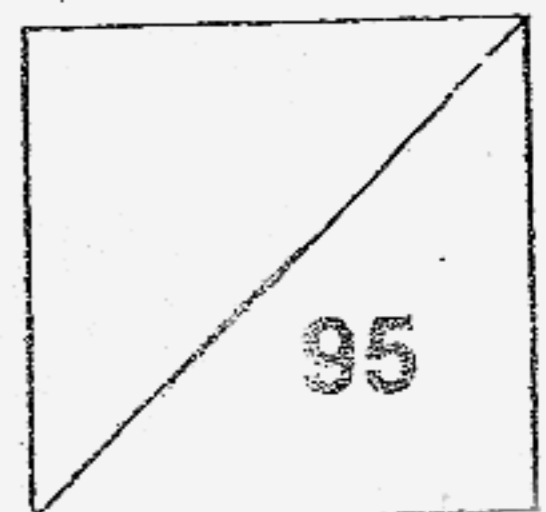
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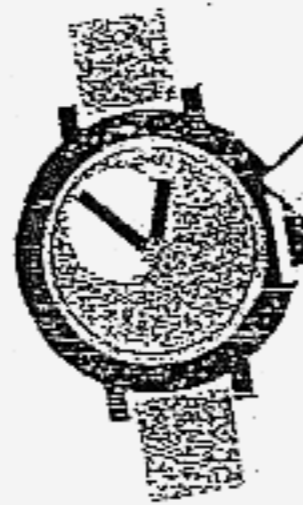
BOOKLET A

Section A: Comprehension-Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

Exclusive 9-DAYZ offer not to be missed!

>> 1-year subscription
(52 issues) at \$135

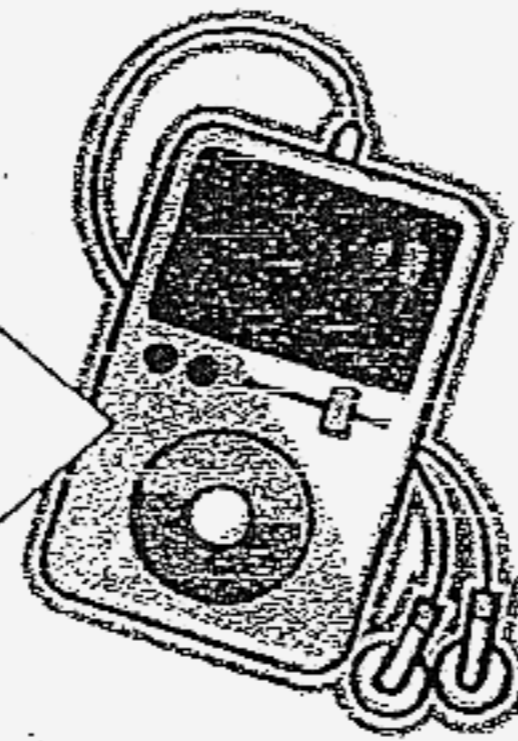


FREE!
Swatchy
watch
worth \$98!

OR top up
\$29.95 to get
a SOMY MP3
player worth
\$158!

>> 2-year subscription
(104 issues) at \$255

FREE!
Somy MP3
player worth
\$158!



OR :
Hand in completed form
and cash payment at
participating*
WALTSUNS outlets and
redeem your gifts
instantly!

Complete the order form printed overleaf and

Fax to (for credit card payment only):
6412 3457

Mail to (for cheque or credit card payment only):
Medicorn Publishing
Subscription Division, 1 Medicorn Street,
Singapore 641 234

Enquiries :
mdcpsubhelp@medicorn.com.sg
or call 6412 3458 (Mon-Fri, 10am – 4pm)

Promotion ends December 31, 2007
Gifts available while stocks last

*Participating outlets :
Bisham J10, Toa Pagah Central,
AMK Hut, Thornsom Plaza
~ Subscribe in October to receive an
additional gift of \$20 Waltsuns voucher ~

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. "9-Dayz" is likely to be _____.
- (1) a watch
 - (2) an MP3 player
 - (3) a weekly magazine
 - (4) a monthly publication
2. There are _____ ways of submitting the subscription forms.
- (1) one
 - (2) two
 - (3) three
 - (4) four
3. Angelina wants to find out more about this offer. She should _____.
- (1) call 6412 3457
 - (2) visit any Waltsun's store
 - (3) email to mdcpsubhelp@medicom.com.sg
 - (4) send a fax to Medicom Publishing
4. Han Sheng reads this advertisement in November. He wants to subscribe to "9-Dayz" for two years. He will receive _____.
- (1) 52 issues of "9-Dayz" and a watch
 - (2) 104 issues of "9-Dayz" and an MP3 player
 - (3) 104 issues of "9-Dayz", \$29.95 and a watch
 - (4) 52 issues of "9-Dayz", \$20 Waltsuns voucher and an MP3 player
5. Which of the following is NOT true?
- (1) The subscription offer is valid till the end of 2007.
 - (2) Ms Tan can send a cheque with the completed order form to Medicom Publishing for subscription.
 - (3) Jamal has to pay an additional \$29.95 for his 1-year subscription to receive a free MP3 player.
 - (4) Mr Lim will receive a \$20 Waltsuns voucher if he subscribes at the AMK Hut Waltsuns outlet in September.

Section B : Grammar MCQ (7 x 1 mark)

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. Mdm Rosnah has paid for the tickets, _____?
- (1) has she
 - (2) does she
 - (3) hasn't she
 - (4) doesn't she
7. You should not start writing _____ I tell you to do so.
- (1) if
 - (2) until
 - (3) since
 - (4) despite
8. I heard the girl _____ at the concert yesterday. She gave a marvellous performance.
- (1) sing
 - (2) sang
 - (3) sung
 - (4) sings
9. You, unlike your cousin, _____ not at all interested in sports.
- (1) is
 - (2) do
 - (3) are
 - (4) does
10. Mrs Tan is very generous _____ her praises when we behave well.
- (1) to
 - (2) on
 - (3) for
 - (4) with

11. "Collect your tickets _____ from the counter, I will not be able to do so for you," Mrs Fong told her daughters.

- (1) herself
- (2) yourself
- (3) yourselves
- (4) themselves

12. Joshua, _____ I have known since Primary 1, is migrating to Australia next month.

- (1) who
- (2) who's
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

Section C : Punctuation MCQ (3 x 1 mark)

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.

She took out a box, lined with red velvet, from her school bag. Inside was the finest yo-yo Alma had ever seen.

"Gosh!" she exclaimed. "It's beautiful (13)

"It's also extremely expensive (14) Arabella confirmed, snatching it away before Alma could even touch it.

Alma sighed. She knew she could never afford such a wonderful yo-yo. A good yo-yo was one of the things Alma wished she had. Others in her wish list included (15) a doll which could walk and talk, a stopwatch and a room of her own.

Adapted from : Alma and the Magic Yo-Yo

13. (1) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas
(2) [?" question mark and inverted commas
(3) [," comma and inverted commas
(4) [." full-stop and inverted commas

14. (1) [.] full-stop
(2) [?" question mark and inverted commas
(3) [," comma and inverted commas
(4) [." full-stop and inverted commas

15. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full-stop
(4) [;] semi-colon

Section D: Vocabulary MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 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.

16. Celia was _____ when she learnt that her brother was up to mischief again.
- (1) puzzled
 - (2) gracious
 - (3) liberated
 - (4) annoyed
17. When Keane reached home, he realised that the house was in a topsy-turvy condition. It must have been _____.
- (1) tattered
 - (2) ransacked
 - (3) trespassed
 - (4) investigated
18. I had to _____ Nicole's birthday party invitation as I had another appointment.
- (1) turn off
 - (2) turn over
 - (3) turn away
 - (4) turn down
19. Both movies, Ratatouille and Arctic Tale, were screened _____ and we could only choose one to watch.
- (1) tardily
 - (2) punctually
 - (3) concurrently
 - (4) consecutively
20. When Sam the great magician was on the stage, he managed to create the _____ that he was walking through a block of wood.
- (1) illusion
 - (2) allusion
 - (3) alliteration
 - (4) illumination

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

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

Peter got off the bus and looked around (21) eagerly at the surroundings. His heart was beating very fast and he was so excited. He had wanted to join this (22) excavation trip for a long time but his parents had objected to it. Finally, he passed all his subjects with flying colours and his parents allowed him to go for the trip with the school teacher.

The pupils were organised into groups of four. They had to work on the ruins of the ancient temple. This trip was led by (23) an expert in this field. Peter's school teacher, Mr Lee had led (24) numerous trips before.

Peter was so thrilled that he was not aware what was going to (25) befall him.

21. (1) with joy
(2) in curiosity
(3) with keen interest
(4) slowly and carefully
22. (1) discovery
(2) exploration
(3) exhumation
(4) archaeological
23. (1) a teacher
(2) a professor
(3) a specialist
(4) an apprentice
24. (1) plenty
(2) many
(3) a handful
(4) uncountable
25. (1) fall on
(2) happen to
(3) place with
(4) move around

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

"We're out of petrol!" Dad muttered angrily, chiding himself for being overconfident. "We should never have travelled in this old wreck."

My family and I had decided to spend the weekend in Penang with my Malaysian uncle and aunt. Before we departed, Mum had nagged at Dad repeatedly to fill up the fuel tank, but he simply answered, "I have driven this car for ten years and I know its mileage. We can get there and back on half a tank of fuel." Mum sat back and stopped protesting.

However, things had not gone that way. Almost half way through the journey, Dad found out that the rusty tank had sprung a small leak, letting out a slow but steady stream of the precious black gold. Drops of oil stained the highway, clearly visible on the road surface.

As the skies darkened and night approached, we felt more obliged to stay in the car, though Dad continued waving down any car that passed by. Most of the passing cars slowed down, only for the drivers and passengers to stare at us. I was beginning to feel thoroughly disillusioned with people's lack of concern, when a car sputtered to a halt just behind ours. I looked up to see a rough-looking man coming out from the car. His jeans were torn, his jacket was patched. My heart sank. Just as we were so helpless and defenseless, this weird fellow had turned up to rob us!

How wrong I was! It turned out that the stranger worked at an auto workshop a few kilometres down the road. With an assortment of tools that he drew from the trunk of his battered old car, he expertly fixed a temporary seal on our fuel tank to stop the leak. He even gave us half the amount of fuel in his fuel tank to sustain us till we reached the next petrol station. I was touched by this Good Samaritan's sincerity. He refused to accept any money from Dad, not even for the petrol! He simply nodded modestly at our repeated thanks and praise, got into his car and drove off into the night. As we watched his taillights gradually fade into the horizon, we wondered if we would ever meet such a warm, mild-mannered and kind-hearted man again.

Source : Always in Season – A Second Harvest of Kindness Stories

26. Where were the author and his family?

- (1) They were in Penang.
- (2) They were at a petrol station.
- (3) They were on an Malaysian expressway.
- (4) They were on their way home after visiting their Malaysian relatives.

27. What happened to their car?

- (1) It suffered a puncture.
- (2) Its engine broke down.
- (3) It met with an accident.
- (4) Its fuel tank had a hole.

28. What did Dad mean when he said, "...and I know its mileage..." ?

- (1) He knew how old his car was.
- (2) He knew the fuel tank was rusty.
- (3) He knew when the car would break down.
- (4) He knew the distance the car could travel on a tank of petrol.

29. The Good Samaritan probably worked as a _____.

- (1) mechanic
- (2) samaritan
- (3) highway patrol officer
- (4) petrol kiosk attendant

30. What lesson did the author learn from this incident?

- (1) To listen to his mother.
- (2) Not to drive to Penang.
- (3) Not to judge a book by its cover.
- (4) To be familiar with a car's mileage.

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.

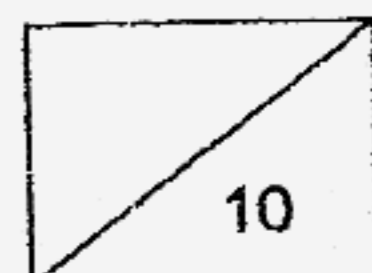
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) of	(D) by	(G) in	(K) the	(N) to
(B) within	(E) a	(H) off	(L) at	(P) on
(C) or	(F) and	(J) an	(M) as	(Q) for

December 26, 2004 is a date to remember. That fateful morning, a severe earthquake occurred off the coast of Aceh, Indonesia. It caused (31) _____ ocean floor to shift abruptly. This movement (32) _____ turn caused a big volume of seawater to be displaced. As a result, a tsunami was formed.

Fishermen noticed that the seawater retreated (33) _____ a few hundred metres from the shore. A period of stillness followed; (34) _____ minutes, however, a huge tidal wave rushed towards the shore (35) _____ a speed of 800 kilometres per hour, equivalent to the speed of (36) _____ airplane. The wave reached a height of ten metres!

The tsunami destroyed a lot of property along the coast. The impact (37) _____ the waters claimed many lives as the victims were not fast enough (38) _____ escape. The tsunami travelled (39) _____ far as the east coast of India. It persisted (40) _____ several hours. Almost 300 000 people drowned in the sea, were lost or declared missing. Indonesia was especially badly hit. This was deemed the worst natural disaster of the year.



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

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

The Great Wall of China, which stretches more than 6 000 kilometres from the
(41)
east to the west of China, is one of the eight wonders of the world. It was build 2000
(42) (43)
years ago. It was used as a **defense** against the attacks of **neiboring** countries.

Some sections of the Great Wall are now in ruins. Over the years, the Great
(44) (45)
Wall goes through many repairs and extensions. In the Ming **dinasty**, a major
renovation was carried out.

The Badaling section of the Great Wall is the most popular section. Many
(46)
tourists visited the Great Wall here. You can climb up the steps, enter the watch towers
(47) (48)
and take away distant views. A cable car is also **availlebel** here. This place is usually
(49)
packed with tourists and **souvinier** vendors.

A large number of Chinese flock to the Great Wall every year. There is a
(50)
Chinese say that goes, "If you have not been to the Great Wall, you are not a good man."

Section I : Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

An elderly woman was cheated of more than \$5 000 by a conman claiming to be a 'miracle' doctor. Madam Tan Si Lian (51) _____ the conman at the void deck of her flat when she was there chatting with her friends.

Madam Tan said that the man introduced himself as Physician Loh, a doctor from Tibet. He commented that Madam Tan was not in good health and showed (52) _____ some black stones which were (53) _____ in a red bag. He claimed that the black stones had divine healing (54) _____. They would be able to (55) _____ her back to health. He also said that the black stones had cured many people with incurable illness in China. Thus, he was sure that the black stones (56) _____ help Madam Tan too. Because Physician Loh spoke so politely and looked so sincere, she readily (57) _____ him. She confided that she indeed often suffered (58) _____ backaches and pains in her joints.

He told her that numerous people wanted the black stones but as he was (59) _____ to meet Madam Tan, he decided to sell the black stones to her for a (60) _____ fee. Madam Tan was elated and quickly went to an ATM and (61) _____ her money from her savings account without a second (62) _____. It was after she had handed the money (63) _____ to Physician Loh and taken the stones home that she (64) _____ she had been duped. When she washed the stones in hot water, their colour began to (65) _____. What she was left with were stones that had been painted with water colour!

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. Kelvin prefers playing basketball to rollerblading.

_____ would rather _____

67. "Meimei, will your mother be home today?" Mdm Soh asked.

Mdm Soh asked Meimei _____

68. The diners were very annoyed. Their orders had been mixed up by the waiter.

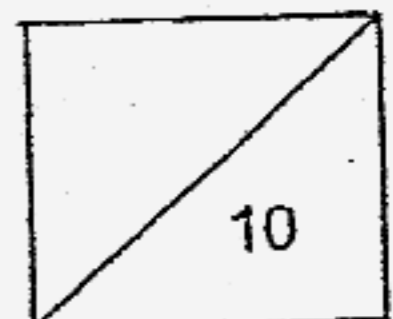
_____ whose _____

69. My baby sister will not sleep. She must drink her milk first.

Unless _____

70. Even though the house was in a poor condition, Mr and Mrs Lim decided to buy it.

_____ in spite of _____



Section K : Comprehension OE (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

For more than a month, Ron's father had planned to trek into the rugged Trinity Alps and photograph the rare weeping spruce trees. Ron had begged to go along with him to this American mountain range close to Ron's hometown.

"I've only got a week to get in there and back," his father protested. "My editor wants the photographs for the next issue of the magazine. It's too hard a trip for a thirteen-year-old." "Ron can do it. He's got courage," his mother said. "And I'll feel better if you don't go alone."

So here Ron was in the jeep with his father. They had left home at dawn and headed for the hills. ~~At first it was fun watching the mountains get closer and bigger, but now, all Ron wanted was food and sleep.~~

"End of the road," his father finally called out, as he pulled up near a lake. "You unroll the sleeping bags and I'll build a fire and warm up the stew." Ron's plate of stew went down fast. He was asleep ten minutes later.

He awoke the next morning to the smell of frying bacon. They ate quickly, then they started up an old rocky trail. After some steep climbing, the trail leveled off along a deep gorge.

"This looks treacherous," his father told him. "You wait here, Ron. I'll go ahead and look." Ron sat down, grateful for the rest. He watched his father pick his way carefully over the loose rocks.

Then Ron leapt to his feet as he saw a rock break loose from the slope and ~~hurdle~~ directly toward his father. "Look out, Dad!" Ron yelled.

His father saw the big rock coming and jumped back, but it smashed into his leg. He wavered, lost his balance and slid off the trail and down into the gorge.

Gone was Ron's weariness. He scrambled down the side of the gorge, calling as he went. No answer. Then, nearer the bottom, he saw the still form of his father and ran to him. His father tried to sit up. "It's my leg, Ron. It's broken, I think."

Ron looked up at the tall mountain above him. The peak was not far away. He would climb that and build a fire. It was a hard climb, but Ron seemed to have an inner strength. His breath was coming in choking gasps when he reached the top. He rested for a while, then he gathered a big pile of dry wood that blazed up when he put a match to it. Afterward he cut green branches and threw them on to make smoke. 30

A long time seemed to pass. Then he heard a sound coming closer and closer – it was a helicopter! He jumped up and down and waved his arms. The helicopter floated to a landing on the grassy slope. Ron ran to it. 35

A ranger got out of the helicopter. "What's the big idea of building a big fire up here?" he demanded angrily.

"We need help. My father's hurt," Ron told him.

"All right – **we'll douse the fire then take off.**" They circled down the mountain and found a landing place near Ron's father. 40

Source : D'Light Vol. 87

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. In which country were the Trinity Alps located?

72. What was Ron's father's occupation?

73. Why was Ron's mother in favour of Ron going on the trip?

74. How did Ron and his father travel to the mountain range?

75. What foodstuff did the duo pack for the trip?

76. What injury did Ron's father sustain?

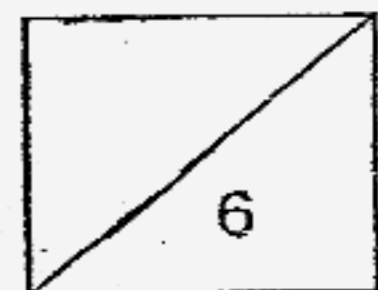
77. What alerted the ranger to the mountain?

78. Why did the ranger 'douse the fire' (line 38) first before offering help to Ron and his father?

79. Which word in the passage means to move or fall very fast?

80. Which sentence in the passage tells us that Ron was tired and hungry?

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Ai Tong Primary School

Primary 5 English SA2 Exam (2007)

Answer Keys

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	3	3	2	4	3	2	1	3	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	3	1	3	1	4	2	4	3	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
3	4	3	2	2	3	4	4	1	3
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
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| 41. built | 46. visit | 51. met | 56. could | 61. withdrew |
| 42. deface | 47. some | 52. her | 57. trust | 62. thought |
| 43. neighbouring | 48. available | 53. put | 58. from | 63. over |
| 44. went | 49. souvenir | 54. powers | 59. fated | 64. realized |
| 45. dynasty | 50. saying | 55. nurse | 60. small | 65. disappear |

66. Kelvin would rather play basketball than rollerblading.
67. Mdm Soh asked Meimei if her mother would be home that day.
68. The dinners, whose orders had been mixed up by the waiter, were very annoyed.
69. Unless my baby sister drinks her milk first, she will not sleep.
70. Mr and Mrs Lim decided to buy the house in spite of its poor condition.
71. The Trinity Alps were located in America.
72. He was a magazine photographer.
73. She did not want Ron's father to go alone as she thought that the trip(would be dangerous and felt Ron had courage and could take care of himself.
74. They traveled to the mountain range by a jeep.
75. The duo packed bacon and stew.
76. He sustained a broken leg.
77. The smoke from the fire that Ron started alerted ranger.
78. He did not want the fire to spread.
79. The word is "hurtle".
80. The sentence is "At first, it was fun watching the mountain get closer and bigger, but now, all Ron wanted was food and sleep.