



AI TONG SCHOOL
2014
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION
PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

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

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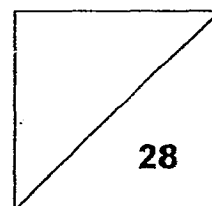
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Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Paper 4	Total Marks
55	95	20	30	200

Section A: Grammar MCQ (10x1 mark)

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.

1. Audrey rarely loses her temper, _____ she?
- (1) did
 - (2) does
 - (3) didn't
 - (4) doesn't
2. I am expecting the pizza delivery man to arrive _____ 11.15 a.m.
_____ 12 noon.
- (1) at ... to
 - (2) either ... or
 - (3) from ... and
 - (4) between ... and
3. Elijah will be working with Jack and _____ for the Science project.
- (1) I
 - (2) me
 - (3) mine
 - (4) myself
4. "Please behave _____ when you go for the learning journey tomorrow," Mrs Lam told one of her sons.
- (1) himself
 - (2) yourself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) yourselves
5. Mary, together with her sisters, _____ in the library now.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

6. Had I _____ that Faith was unwell, I would have helped her to the sickbay.
- (1) know
 - (2) knew
 - (3) knows
 - (4) known
7. The audience gasped in horror when they saw the runner _____ in front of the finishing line.
- (1) fall
 - (2) fell
 - (3) falls
 - (4) fallen
8. Craig _____ take his medicine if he wants to get well soon.
- (1) may
 - (2) must
 - (3) could
 - (4) would
9. Samuel is a hardworking boy who _____ his homework carefully.
- (1) do
 - (2) did
 - (3) does
 - (4) done
10. _____ you have a driving licence, you are not allowed to drive in the eyes of the law.
- (1) As
 - (2) Since
 - (3) Unless
 - (4) However

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (5x1 mark)

For each question from 11 to 15, 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. Kevin understood his opponent well and won the table tennis match easily because he found his opponents' game play _____.
- (1) random
 - (2) systematic
 - (3) predictable
 - (4) challenging
12. The boxing champion won the tournament when he _____ his opponent with just ten powerful punches.
- (1) took on
 - (2) took off
 - (3) took away
 - (4) took down
13. Many customers regard Pauline as a thoughtful waitress as she always tries her best to _____ their dining requests.
- (1) answer
 - (2) address
 - (3) assemble
 - (4) accommodate
14. Uncle Timothy is a/an _____ man who always puts up with the mischief of his nephews and nieces.
- (1) upright
 - (2) tolerant
 - (3) generous
 - (4) charitable
15. People find it hard to trust the things Daisy says as she likes to _____ matters.
- (1) falsify
 - (2) amplify
 - (3) beautify
 - (4) intensify

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5x1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, 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.



Edmund was a lonely child. Home support for Edmund was minimal because
(24)(16)
his parents were hardly at home. They had to slog for long hours just to make ends
(22)(17)
meet. One day, Edmund hurled a brick from his tenth-storey corridor owing to
(23)(18)
boredom. Unfortunately, the brick hit a passer-by who was walking along the foot of
the block, hurting the victim gravely. Edmund was shocked. It was apparent to him
(24)(19) (25)(20)
that his moment of folly had caused harm to someone. Edmund regretted his actions
and was ready to face the music for his inconsiderate act.

Source: Casey Low

16. (1) minor
(2) absent
(3) lacking
(4) insignificant
17. (1) toil
(2) drag
(3) suffer
(4) persevere
18. (1) flung
(2) bowled
(3) released
(4) discarded
19. (1) seriously
(2) accidentally
(3) desperately
(4) intentionally
20. (1) visible
(2) evident
(3) noticeable
(4) pronounced

Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8x1 mark)


Study the following flyer carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.



The Little Media Academy Presents ...

Lights, Camera, Action!


A day camp for 10 to 12-year-olds



The annual Little Media Academy Day Camp is back! The theme this Year is 'Lights, Camera, Action!'. Over three days, you will learn skills in one of the following FUN-tastic programmes:

- * Little Reporter
- * Little Performer
- * Little Photographer

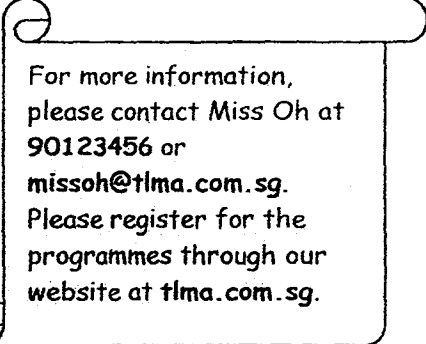
You will be awarded a certificate of participation upon completion of the programme that you register for.




Exciting Details!

- * Fees: \$120
- * Venue: The Little Media Academy (5 Star Avenue, Singapore 808080)
- * Time: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- * Dates: Participants can choose from the following options:

TUESDAY - THURSDAY	FRIDAY - SUNDAY
2 - 4 December	5 - 7 December
9 - 11 December	12 - 14 December






For more information, please contact Miss Oh at 90123456 or missoh@tlma.com.sg. Please register for the programmes through our website at tlma.com.sg.

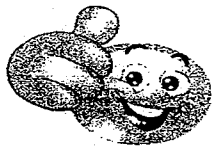


Early Bird Special!
Register before 1 November 2014 and pay only \$100.

The first 50 to sign up will receive a free goodie bag and a \$20 voucher from Acts Boutique.

Sponsors: Happy Bookstore Acts Boutique Shutter Friends





FUN-tastic Programmes!

~ Testimonials ~



"My daughter really enjoyed the 'Little Performer' programme! In a span of three days, she learnt interesting skills from the dance, drama and vocal lessons. As a parent, I was really impressed with the mini musical the participants staged at the end of the programme. Who would have expected these children to achieve so much within three days?"

I would like to thank the team of dedicated trainers in this programme! They made every session fun and applicable for the children. My daughter had so much fun and she became a confident performer. It's such a joy to see her grow in confidence through this programme. I will surely recommend my friends to sign their children up for this wonderful day camp! It's worth every cent!"

~ Mrs Annie Wong



In the News!



"People think I have an inquisitive mind and I can't agree more! I love to read up on the latest and hottest news! The 'Little Reporter' programme has taught me how to report news well!

I love that chance I had to present a piece of news in front of a video camera! Mrs Shankar, my trainer, taught me how I could have good body postures and gestures when I stood in front of the camera.

Through my wonderful trainers and the interesting projects I had to do, I have become more confident. Thank you, Little Media Academy, for giving me this experience!"

~ Bervyn Lim, 12

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21. The day camp is organised by _____.

- (1) Acts Boutique
- (2) 5 Star Avenue
- (3) Shutter Friends
- (4) The Little Media Academy

22. The Little Media Academy Day Camp is held every _____.

- (1) year
- (2) two years
- (3) Tuesday in December
- (4) weekend in December

23. At the end of the day camp, all participants will receive a _____.

- (1) goodie bag
- (2) certificate of participation
- (3) discount for the registration fee
- (4) \$20 voucher from Acts Boutique

24. Jen would like to sign up for a weekend slot of the day camp. However, she will be overseas on 5 December. Which dates of the day camp should Jen register for?

- (1) 2 to 4 December
- (2) 5 to 7 December
- (3) 9 to 11 December
- (4) 12 to 14 December

25. Participants of the 'Little Performer' programme will _____.

- (1) act in front of a camera
- (2) perform in a small scale musical
- (3) share the latest news expressively
- (4) teach dance, vocal and drama lessons

26. The 'Little Reporter' programme focuses on _____.
- (1) appreciating the trainers
 - (2) lessening one's curiosity about news
 - (3) reporting the latest news on hot days
 - (4) improving one's poise during presentations
27. Which one of the statements is false?
- (1) The theme for the day camp is different every year.
 - (2) There are two programmes running in the day camp.
 - (3) The programmes aim to help participants grow in self-confidence.
 - (4) Interested participants can sign up through the website tlma.com.sg.
28. Many exclamation marks are used in the testimonials to _____.
- (1) attract children to read the testimonials
 - (2) demonstrate how easy it is to learn new skills
 - (3) encourage children to register for the day camp
 - (4) show how simple it is to participate in the programmes



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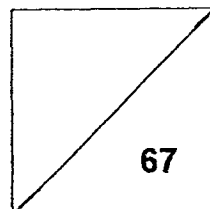
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Section E: Grammar Cloze (10x1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, 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.

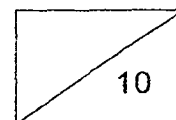
(A) a	(D) away	(G) for	(K) of	(N) them
(B) an	(E) back	(H) in	(L) on	(P) when
(C) and	(F) by	(J) it	(M) or	(Q) where

The Singapore Glove Project (SGP) was started by Mr Tan Ken Jin, an avid marathon runner. During one (29) _____ his training sessions, Mr Tan noticed that the park was badly littered. He felt that the environment would be more scenic if it was not littered (30) _____ public users. Hence, (31) _____ idea hatched in him.

(32) _____ his own accord, Mr Tan started picking up pieces of trash he saw along his running routes. He would then discard (33) _____ in the nearest bins. He felt a growing need (34) _____ the community to play a bigger part (35) _____ keeping Singapore clean, thus he initiated the SGP.

Mr Tan would organise either walks (36) _____ jogs in various areas (37) _____ participants could pick up litter while exercising. These were simple ways for participants to give (38) _____ to society. Mr Tan hoped that SGP would be a movement that would encourage everyone to work together to create a cleaner and greener Singapore.

Adapted from Tan, K.J. (2014, Jan 16). 'The Singapore Glove Project' www.publichygienecouncil.sg.



Section F: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12x1 mark)

Each of the underlined word contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

Almost every Singaporean would recall growing up with Singa the Lion.

(39)

With more than 30 years on the job, Singa announced that he needed a long break. He

(40)

(41)

was too tired to kontinew with his job because of the need to face an increasing disagreeable society.

(42)

In an open letter posts on the Singapore Kindness Movement website, Singa

(43)

explained his resignation, claiming that kindness should not be a mere campain. He

(44)

(45)

added that people in athoriti should lead by example. Thus, he beleafed it was time for

(46)

him to step down to his role as the kindness ambassador.

(47)

Singa also kamplaned that Singaporeans had become less gracious when they

(48)

(49)

faced pressed problems. He urged us to risen above our differences and be gracious

even in challenging times. Before bidding farewell to Singaporeans, Singa had reminded

(50)

us that our choices would diturmin the kind of society we lived in. Singaporeans would definitely miss having this renowned mascot around.

Adapted from Chiu, P. (2013, May 15). Singapore Kindness Mascot Singa the Lion Quits. <http://sg.news.com>.

Section G: Comprehension Cloze (15x1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

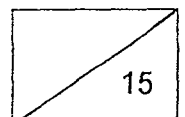
James had a special liking for fish. Whenever he walked (51) _____ a pet shop that sold fish, he would stop in his tracks and (52) _____ the different species of fish carefully, paying close attention to (53) _____ every move. He had always hoped to own an aquarium someday.

On his seventh birthday, James' parents (54) _____ his wish by giving him a tank of guppies. James promised to take good (55) _____ of his fish. When James looked at his guppies, he was intrigued by the (56) _____ of them swimming before him. To James, the guppies' (57) _____ tails resembled that of a rainbow.

Wanting to be a responsible pet (58) _____, James resolved to make sure his prized guppies would never go hungry. That was a (59) _____ he thought he could achieve easily. However, something (60) _____ James. He could not understand (61) _____ his guppies never seemed to be full. They would swarm to the water surface quickly, each time he poured in fish feed. Before turning (62) _____ that night, James poured extra fish feed into the tank so that his guppies would not starve in the (63) _____ of the night.

When James awoke the next morning, he hurried to his fish tank to greet his guppies. To his horror, all his guppies were not moving, (64) _____ lifelessly on the water. Each of them had a swollen belly. It dawned on James that he could have overfed his guppies last night, thus causing their unexpected (65) _____. Overwhelmed by sadness, James sobbed uncontrollably.

Source: Casey Low



Section H: Synthesis / Transformation (5x2 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. John loves to play the guitar. Daniel loves to play the guitar.

Both _____

67. Kelly saw a flying cockroach. She screamed in fear.

_____ because

68. Clarissa is not sleeping early. She is staying up to complete her revision.

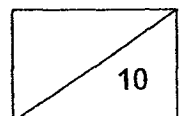
_____ instead of

69. Ray fumed in anger when he knew who had stolen his money.

On _____

70. "Did you speak with Mrs Lim yesterday?" Mother asked Joel.

Mother asked Joel _____



Section I: Comprehension Open-Ended (20 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

"Pistol. Checked. Baton. Checked. Handcuffs. Checked. I'm ready!"
Desiree chirped excitedly.

Enthusiasm bubbled in Desiree as she meticulously prepared for her first night patrol as a volunteer police officer. The thought of being able to put what she had learnt into practice fuelled her excitement. Donned immaculately in her police uniform, Desiree was all ready to embark on her **night mission**. As a safety measure, police officers must remain in pairs whenever they go on patrols. Together with her partner, Paul, Desiree started her walk around the neighbourhood, Bukit Gembira.

Desiree was impressed that the crime rate in Bukit Gembira had been low for the last five years. The residents in Bukit Gembira were known for being friendly and public-spirited, always keeping a lookout for one another. Hence, Desiree assumed that the night patrol would be a peaceful one. **That** was true enough for a large part of the night patrol.

During the last lap of their patrol, Paul had a sudden stomach upset. While Paul answered nature's call at the washroom in a nearby 24-hour coffee shop, Desiree waited patiently for him. As Desiree glanced at the night sky, she realised that it was ominously red. Streaks of lightning also flashed across the starless night sky. For a brief moment, Desiree wondered if those were signs which hinted that something bad was going to happen. However, she brushed the unpleasant thought aside.

Suddenly, Desiree spotted a young man loitering suspiciously at the foot of a block. He also held an odd-looking bag in his hand. Minutes later, he crept up the quiet staircase of the block. Suspecting that something could be amiss, Desiree thought of tailing the young man. However, Desiree was in a dilemma. Should she tail the suspicious character alone or wait for Paul before they pursued him together? Finally, she decided to follow her instinct.

Not wanting to lose sight of the suspect and be spotted by him, Desiree climbed up the staircase with swift but quiet footsteps. After ascending five sets of stairs, Desiree saw the suspicious young man again. Using a brush coated with fresh red paint, the young man frantically **scribbled huge words on the wall of the staircase landing**.

"Stop what you are doing right now!" Desiree commanded firmly.

Caught red-handed, the young man knew he had no escape. He lifted his hands in surrender. Skilfully, Desiree twisted the arms of the suspect behind his back. Seconds later, she wrapped the cold handcuffs around his wrists. As Desiree escorted the suspect down the stairs, she smiled. She was pleased. She had arrested a loanshark runner that night. The peace of Bukit Gembira was maintained as well. Still, Desiree understood that what she had done was risky. Her precious life could have been endangered.

Source: Casey Low

71. What items did Desiree bring along for the "night mission" (line 6)? (2m)

72. Explain clearly why Desiree was enthusiastic. (2m)

73. Which word in the second paragraph has the same meaning as 'neatly'? (1m)

74. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True/False	Reason
Desiree thought the red night sky suggested that the night patrol would be peaceful.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Desiree was alone throughout the night patrol.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Very few crimes took place in Bukit Gembira.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

75. What does "That" in line 13 refer to? (2m)

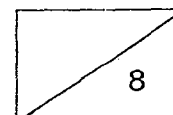
76. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage (1m).

_____	Desiree spotted the young man vandalising.
_____	Desiree reached the staircase landing.
_____	Desiree tailed the young man.

77. The table below shows the characters' actions and the causes of their actions. Fill in the blanks using information from the passage. (3m)

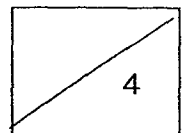
	Cause	Action
The young man		Lifted his hands in surrender
Desiree	Did not want to be spotted by the suspect	
Paul		Used the washroom in the 24-hour coffee shop

78. How did the young man feel when he "scribbled huge words on the wall of the staircase landing" (lines 31 – 32)? Explain why he felt that way. (2m)



79. How did Desiree arrest the loanshark runner after he had surrendered? (2m)

80. Do you think Desiree would choose to confront a suspect alone again? Support your answer with information from the passage. (2m)



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- CHECK YOUR WORK CAREFULLY -

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1) 2	6) 4	11) 3	16) 3	21) 4	26) 4
2) 4	7) 1	12) 4	17) 1	22) 1	27) 2
3) 2	8) 2	13) 4	18) 1	23) 2	28) 3
4) 2	9) 3	14) 2	19) 1	24) 4	
5) 1	10) 3	15) 1	20) 2	25) 2	

29) K	31) B	33) N	35) H	37) Q
30) F	32) L	34) G	36) M	38) E

39. After

40. continue

41. increasingly

42. posted

43. campaign

44. authority

45. believed

46. from

47. complained

48. pressing

49. rise

50. determine

51. least

52. observe

53. their

54. granted

55. care

56. sight

57. colourful

58. owner

59. goal

60. puzzled

61. why

62. in

63. middle

64. floating

65. death

66. Both John and Daniel love to play the guitar.

67. Kelly screamed in fear because she saw a flying cockroach.

68. Clarissa is staying up to complete her revision instead of sleeping early.

69. On knowing who had stolen his money, Ray fumed in anger.

70. Mother asked Joel if he had spoken with Mrs Lim the previous day.

71. Desiree had brought along her pistol, baton and handcuffs for her night mission.

72. Desiree was enthusiastic as it was her first night patrol as a volunteer police officer and the thought of being able to put what she had learnt into practice made her excited.

73. Immaculately

74. False; She wondered if the red night sky, along with flashes of lightning, were hinting that something bad about to occur.

False; She was with her partner, Paul for the night patrol until he went to the toilet.

True; Bukit Gembira's crime rate had been low for the past few years.

75. It refers to Desiree's assumption that the night patrol would be peaceful and no crimes would occur.

76. 3, 2, 1

77. Desiree caught him red-handed and told him to stop what he was doing at once.

Climbed up the staircase with swift but quiet footsteps.
Paul had a sudden stomach upset.

78. He felt anxious as he did not want to be caught by someone and be reported to the police for his act of vandalism.

79. Desiree twisted the arms of the loan shark runner behind his back and wrapped the cold handcuffs around his wrists.

80. I do not think Desiree would choose to confront a suspect alone again. She understood what she had done was risky and her life could have been endangered by the loan shark runner had she not been careful.