

TAO NAN SCHOOL

PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH LANGUAGE MID-YEAR EXAMINATION – 2006

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Date: 8 May 2006

Class: Primary 3 _____

Time: 1.45 – 3.30 p.m.

Total Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

	SCORE	MARKS
Section A - D		30
Section E - I		40
TOTAL		70

Section A (5 x 1m)

Graphic Stimulus

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

THE FRESH TASTE OF BEO

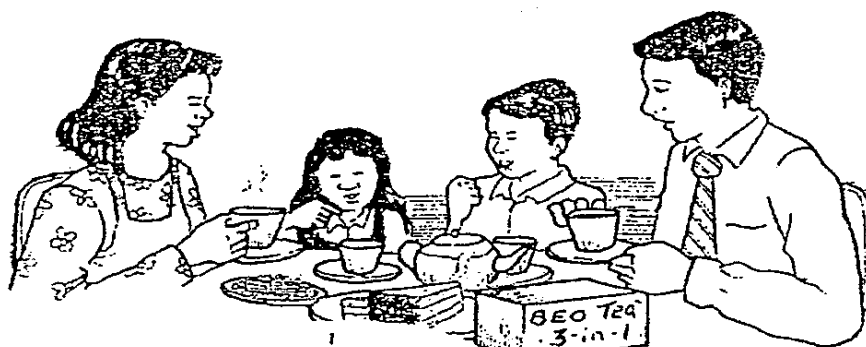
A chance to win attractive prizes, including cash vouchers, cameras and the top prize of a trip to Fantasy Land in America.

CONTEST FORM

BEO 3-in-1 teabags are not only air-flown but are also tested for quality at our research centre at Emerald Place.

Colour the picture.

"Tea brings the family together."



Tick the correct answer:

BEO tea is grown in Sri Lanka and _____.

Penang

☐☐

India

NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS: _____

AGE: _____ NRIC NO: _____

ADDRESS: _____

To enter this contest, simply send the completed form together with 4 used BEO 3-in-1 teabags to:

**BEO TEA
CONTEST 6
101 EMERALD PLACE
SINGAPORE 487283**

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Write your option (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. The first prize winner of the contest gets to win a _____.

- (1) camera
- (2) voucher
- (3) free trip to America
- (4) free trip to Sri Lanka

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2. The theme of the contest is _____.

- (1) BEO Tea Contest
- (2) BEO Tea 3-in-one
- (3) The Fresh Taste of BEO
- (4) Tea Brings The Family Together

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3. BEO tea is tested for its freshness in _____.

- (1) India
- (2) Penang
- (3) Sri Lanka
- (4) Singapore

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4. Seng Kiat wants to take part in the contest.
He must _____.

- (1) cut out the contest form and then mail it
- (2) cut out the form and colour the picture well
- (3) complete the colouring and then mail the contest form
- (4) complete the contest form and then mail it together with four used teabags

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5. Which of the following statements is true of the advertisement?

- (1) There were six other BEO contests.
- (2) BEO tea is grown in Penang and India.
- (3) BEO teabags are imported from Sri Lanka.
- (4) BEO tea is tested for its quality at Sri Lanka research centre

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Section B (10 × 1m)

Grammar

Choose the most suitable answer for each of the following questions and write your option (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

6. I must work harder _____ Science. It is my weakest subject.
(1) at
(2) to
(3) with
(4) over ()
7. The new supermarket is not as crowded as it _____ yesterday.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were ()
8. Donald and Ivana asked their parents whether they could _____
_____ for a movie.
(1) go
(2) goes
(3) gone
(4) went ()
9. Our aunt from Sydney _____ us next week. We cannot wait to see her.
(1) visit
(2) visiting
(3) will visit
(4) has visited ()
10. I usually _____ up at six in the morning to prepare for school.
By quarter to seven, I am ready to take the school bus.
(1) wake
(2) woke
(3) am waking
(4) was waking ()

11. There _____ no more eggs in the house for my mother to make an omelette.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) has
 - (4) have
- ()
12. He was _____ a cup of coffee when the phone rang.
- (1) make
 - (2) made
 - (3) makes
 - (4) making
- ()
13. "_____ Miss Lim is looking for her pair of glasses, tell her it's on her desk in the staff room," George told me.
- (1) If
 - (2) Even
 - (3) Unless
 - (4) Although
- ()
14. Sally and her sister _____ to the library that afternoon and borrowed many books.
- (1) walk
 - (2) walked
 - (3) are walking
 - (4) were walking
- ()
15. My mother took _____ to the library.
- (1) my brother and I
 - (2) my brother and me
 - (3) I and my brother
 - (4) me and my brother
- ()

Section C (10 x 1m)

Vocabulary

Choose the most suitable answer for each of the following questions. Write your option (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

16. Johnny is the _____ of our class as he always makes us laugh with his funny tricks.
(1) clown
(2) leader
(3) champion
(4) representative ()
17. Badminton has become a _____ sport which is well-liked by old and young all over the world.
(1) local
(2) school
(3) country
(4) universal ()
18. When a fire broke out in the middle of the night in Bukit Ho Swee, the residents were screaming and running for their lives in all directions. The situation was indeed _____!
(1) crazy
(2) exciting
(3) chaotic
(4) puzzling ()
19. I invited my new neighbour to my house for a Christmas party as a _____ of friendship.
(1) way
(2) sign
(3) symbol
(4) gesture ()
20. Stealing is a serious offence. The discipline master will not _____ to punish pupils who steal.
(1) agree
(2) promise
(3) beckon
(4) hesitate ()

21. Many _____ birds have flown away to another country to avoid the bitter cold in winter.
- (1) roaming
 - (2) homeless
 - (3) migratory
 - (4) wandering ()
22. The library is _____ closed for repairs. You will not be able to borrow any books in the month of May.
- (1) briefly
 - (2) partly
 - (3) partially
 - (4) temporarily ()
23. The movie was so _____ that the audience roared with laughter.
- (1) boring
 - (2) thrilling
 - (3) hilarious
 - (4) interesting ()
24. Ali played in the rain and was soon _____ from head to toe.
- (1) sprayed
 - (2) drowned
 - (3) drenched
 - (4) submerged ()
25. Peter _____ his experience at the Longhouse in Sumatra to his classmates.
- (1) described
 - (2) translated
 - (3) explained
 - (4) recounted ()

Section D (5 x 1m)

Comprehension MCQ

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30. Your answer must be based on the passage.

Kimton, a reporter, disappeared mysteriously in his sleep a week ago. When he woke up, he found himself in a strange place. He wandered around for three days till he met Axon who kindly allowed him to stay in his house.

One day while Kimton was still at Axon's house, some strangers suddenly called on Axon. At first Kimton thought they were detectives as they questioned Axon in a business-like tone. However, they turned out to be government officials in charge of planning visits to other planets like Mars and Mercury. One of them, a tall, dark man, came forward and spoke to Kimton,

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"We brought you here to Lofrita because we wanted to find out about your Earth people. My colleague had been watching you closely. When the officials chased and questioned you, they were actually putting you to the test. We now know you are a person with the qualities we need to promote our friendship with Earthlings. We want you to accompany us to Earth so that we can become friends with your people. If you agree to help us, you will be able to return home."

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Kimton was pleased. He agreed immediately. A week later, he waved goodbye to Axon and boarded a spaceship.

26. Kimton thought that the strangers were detectives because they _____.

- (1) chased him
- (2) arrested Axon
- (3) sounded serious
- (4) questioned him

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27. The strangers were _____.

- (1) Earthlings
- (2) four agents
- (3) Axon's friends
- (4) government officials

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28. Kimton was from _____.

- (1) Earth
- (2) Lofrita
- (3) Space
- (4) Mercury

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29. How did the strangers find out about the people of Earth?
They _____.

- (1) chased Kimton
- (2) sent Kimton to Earth
- (3) had someone to observe Kimton
- (4) asked Axon many questions about Kimton

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30. Why did Kimton cooperate with the strangers?
He wanted to _____.

- (1) save his life
- (2) please them
- (3) leave for Lofrita
- (4) escape from Axon

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Section E (5 × 1m)

Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words in the box. Write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) have	(B) reach	(C) has	(D) off	(E) of
(F) reached	(G) on	(H) at	(J) are	(K) were

Butterflies and moths have very interesting life cycles. The cycle begins with a tiny egg laid (31) _____ a leaf. From this egg hatches a caterpillar that eats continuously.

Once the caterpillar has (32) _____ the right size, it begins looking around for somewhere to make a pupa.

After a couple of weeks, the butterfly emerges from the pupa. It sits for about an hour while its wings grow stronger and dry before taking (33) _____ to explore its surroundings.

Most butterflies (34) _____ nectar feeders using their long tongue like a straw to gather nectar from flowers.

Butterflies are insects so they (35) _____ six legs and three main body parts: the head, thorax and abdomen. Butterflies also have four wings.

Section F (8 × 1m)

Comprehension Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words in the box. Write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) dumbfounded	(B) shook	(C) pride	(D) greeted	(E) cradled
(F) said	(G) gentle	(H) inquired	(J) explained	(K) loudest

Mr Wilson is an old friend of mine. I stopped by his house one day and was (36) _____ by a rather old looking dog. She was a (37) _____ beast who wagged her tail as she pushed her nose against my hand.

"What's her name?" I asked.

"I call her 'Dog Face,'" replied the old man, beaming with (38) _____.

"Why do you call her that?" I (39) _____.

"Isn't it obvious?" Mr Wilson replied.

"Not really."

Mr Wilson (40) _____ the old animal's head in his hands. "If you look at just the right angle, you can see that she seems to have a dog's face," he (41) _____.

"But she *is* a dog!" I said.

"Shhhh!" Mr Wilson responded with the (42) _____ whisper I had ever heard. "Don't let her hear you say that!"

I was (43) _____. I didn't know what to say.

Section G (4 × 2 m)

Synthesis

For each of the questions 44 to 47, rewrite the given sentences using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

44. Mary was not feeling well. Mary stayed in bed.

_____ so

45. The cat waited patiently for its food. The cat was really hungry.

Although _____

46. Ravi likes potatoes. Ravi does not like peas.

_____ but

47. The thieves broke into Sumei's house. Sumei was asleep.

While _____

Section H (7 × 1m)

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPG)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical mistake. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in the box.

(48)

Harry had failed his test. He was afraide to show his test paper to

his mother. His marks were not very good. Harry was worried that his

(49)

mother might be angry

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Eventually, Harry showed his mother his test paper. His mother was

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sad but did not scold him. Instead she asked him to working harder for

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the next test. Ashamed, Harry promise to be more hardworking.

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Usually, Harry wakes up at 9 o'clock on Sundays. Now he

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wakes up early so that he will has more time to study and do his homework.

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Soon, Harry became the hapyest boy in the class. Harry's mother

was very pleased with his improvement.

Section I (6 x 2m)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 55 to 60. Your answer must be based on the passage.

Pekka was born in 1965 on the island of Anau to the north-east of Parnesia. The following year, his father moved to Parnesia with his family.

By the age of two, Pekka had his first ride on the back of the family buffalo. It was used to draw the plough in the fields. Throughout his childhood, he sat on the back of the same buffalo while his father ploughed the rice fields. He and his buffalo were inseparable. Villagers teased and named him 'Buffalo Boy'. 5

By the time Pekka was twelve years old, he had learnt many skills. One of them was hunting. He had gone on several hunting trips with the men in the village. Although he had not yet killed as many animals as the older men, he had won in the annual spear-hunting contest several times. He became quite famous when he won the title of Chief Young Hunter in his village. Many Parnesian parents had offered their daughters as brides. However, Pekka was not interested as he was only eighteen. He had yet to reach the marriageable age. 10 15

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

55. In which year did Pekka and ^{his} family move to Parnesia?

56. What did Pekka's father do for a living?

57. How many times a year did the villagers compete in spear-hunting?

58. What award did Pekka receive?

59. Why did many parents want their daughters to marry Pekka?

60. Which phrase in the passage tells you that Pekka did not want to marry?

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Answer Sheets
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| 1) 3 | 2) 4 | 3) 4 | 4) 4 | 5) 3 |
| 6) 1 | 7) 3 | 8) 1 | 9) 3 | 10) 1 |
| 11) 2 | 12) 4 | 13) 1 | 14) 2 | 15) 2 |
| 16) 1 | 17) 4 | 18) 3 | 19) 4 | 20) 4 |
| 21) 3 | 22) 4 | 23) 3 | 24) 3 | 25) 4 |
| 26) 3 | 27) 4 | 28) 1 | 29) 3 | 30) 1 |
| 31) G | 32) F | 33) D | 34) J | 35) A |
| 36) D | 37) G | 38) C | 39) H | 40) E |
| 41) J | 42) K | 43) A | | |
| 48) afraid | 49) . | 50) work | 51) promised | |
| 52) , | 53) have | 54) happiest | | |

- Q44. Mary was not feeling well so she stayed in bed.
Q45. Although the cat was really hungry, it waited patiently for its food.
Q46. Ravi likes potatoes but not peas.
Q47. While Sumei was asleep, the thieves broke into her house.
- Q55. It was in 1966.
Q56. He was a farmer.
Q57. It was once a year.
Q58. He won the title of Chief Young Hunter.
Q59. He was very famous as he won the title of Chief Young Hunter in his village.
Q60. The phrase is "***not interested***".