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## Asian English Usage Contest

### Heat Event (Primary 5-6)

## Sample Question and Answer Paper

**Time allowed: 45 minutes**

Contestant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Admission Form Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Instructions to Contestants**

1. There are 40 questions in this paper and the total score is 120.
2. The use of dictionaries, reference works or electronic devices, is strictly prohibited.
3. Write answers on this Question and Answer Paper. It will be collected.
4. Write with blue/black ball pens or pencils.
5. Write legibly. Illegible answers will be counted as wrong.
6. The length of each blank is NO indication as to the number of words you should fill in.

## **Part A (42 marks, 3 marks @) – Multiple Choice Questions**

Choose the **MOST** suitable answer.

1. "I enjoy swimming in the morning." "\_\_\_\_\_."

- (a) So do I.
- (b) Nor am I.
- (c) Nor did I.
- (d) Nor do I.

2. "I don't like walking to school. I think most people prefer travelling by bus \_\_\_\_\_."

- (a) than walking
- (b) to walking
- (c) to walk
- (d) than walk

3. He was \_\_\_\_\_ to take a bath when the phone rang.

- (a) immediate
- (b) about
- (c) soon
- (d) went

4. Which word has 3 syllables?

- (a) television
- (b) captain
- (c) programme
- (d) Italy

5. Please excuse me for my \_\_\_\_\_ from school.

- (a) absent
- (b) absence
- (c) presence
- (d) present

6. You think your friend is playing some music too loudly. You want to make a polite request. You should say:

- (a) "Would you mind if you turn down the music?"
- (b) "Would you mind if you turn off the music?"
- (c) "Won't you turn down the music?"
- (d) "Won't you turn off the music?"

7. Many people think wolves are just \_\_\_\_\_ animals that attack people without reasons at all.

- (a) uncivilized
- (b) wild
- (c) domestic
- (d) endangered

8. Mary: "The birthday party this time is wonderful! We had a happy time!"

Mum: "You are right, Mary! So after the party, are you going to spend more than 2 hours to clean \_\_\_\_\_ the place?"

- (a) back
- (b) off
- (c) up
- (d) out

9. If you have a typewriter at home, it means ...

- (a) You can type on your computer and the typewriter prints what you type.
- (b) You can type on the typewriter and letters are printed on your piece of paper right away.
- (c) You have got someone to do the typing job for you.
- (d) You are learning how to type with a typewriting teacher.

10. There was plenty of time.

- (a) You mustn't have hurried.
- (b) You needn't have hurried.
- (c) You couldn't have hurried.
- (d) You must not hurry.

11. Someone asked you, "Are you busy?" You think he needs your help and you are about to help him. What will you say?

- (a) "None of your business!"
- (b) "My pleasure."
- (c) "Not at all."
- (d) "You are welcome."

12. The "th" sound in "thousand" is the same as the "th" sound in

- (a) "without"
- (b) "thermometer"
- (c) "themselves"
- (d) "further"

13. (In a police's notice) If you have any information about the case, please call the Police Hotline 27XX34XX or send us a Crime \_\_\_\_\_ Form.

- (a) Telling
- (b) Information
- (c) Fighting
- (d) Participation

14. Mum bought this chair \_\_\_\_\_ one thousand dollars \_\_\_\_\_ her credit card.

- (a) for, with
- (b) at, with
- (c) for, of
- (d) at, of

## **Part B (39 marks, 3 marks @) – Open Cloze**

Fill in each blank with **ONE** word only.

Have you ever been to a desert? Deserts 1. \_\_\_\_\_ about 33% of the land on Earth. They are mostly found in the western part of the Americas, Western Asia, Central Australia, and South and North Africa. The largest hot desert is the Sahara desert, in northern Africa, covering 9 million 2. \_\_\_\_\_ kilometers.

A desert is a 3. \_\_\_\_\_ of dry land. There is so 4. \_\_\_\_\_ rain that trees cannot grow, and even grass is 5. \_\_\_\_\_ seen.

Most of the people who live in a desert have flocks and herds and some camels. They live in tents which are made 6. \_\_\_\_\_ very hard cloth. They do not live at a fixed place in the desert 7. \_\_\_\_\_ the time. They set up their tents 8. \_\_\_\_\_ they can find food for their animals to eat. When the food in one place is 9. \_\_\_\_\_ up, they have to move to another place.

In the desert the air is always dry, and as there are no trees, there is not a place where you can find a 10. \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, people who live in deserts must wear more clothes. 11. \_\_\_\_\_ their skin will be burnt by the heat of the sun.



In the daytime the desert is very hot. The sand becomes so hot that no one can go out without 12.\_\_\_\_\_. At night the temperature lowers down very quickly, and the wind is getting cold every minute. The nights are so cold that the people must cover 13.\_\_\_\_\_ up with thick woolen blankets.

## Part C (39 marks, 3 marks @) – Proofreading

In the following passage, there can be **ONE** mistake in each numbered line. However, **some lines may be correct.** Find the mistakes and make corrections in the ways shown in the examples.

Examples:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Crossing out an extra word:</li></ul> <p>He is a <del>an</del> boy.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Adding a new word:</li></ul> <p>a</p> <p>He is ^ boy.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Changing a word:</li></ul> <p>a</p> <p>He is <u>an</u> boy.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Putting a tick at the end of the line if it is correct:</li></ul> <p>He is a boy. ✓</p>

1. A few months ago, Uncle John gave us a dog called Lucky. He was so cute we all loved him very much.
2. Two months later, we bought another dog and we named her Lucy. Lucy was cute but she was a bite shy.
3. Lucky did not like her. He would angry if she came too close. Lucy was afraid of Lucky because he was strong.
4. We had look out all the time because sometimes Lucky would bite Lucy.
5. Luckily, after several weeks, they became friends. We are all one happy family now.
6. Some people think that keeping cats is easier than keeping dogs because you do not need to walk with them.
7. However, I think dogs are more friendly and close to people than cats.
8. Keeping dogs help me develop a caring heart and live a healthier life.
9. When I talk to my dogs, they always look at me if they understand what I say!
10. I think people need to think twice before they decide to keep a pet.

11. They need to know about things such as food, fun, healthy, sleep and much more.
12. I am sure you would not be happy if you have to stay in a small flat you cannot get out of,
13. without enough food and someone to play with. So, please think about what a pet needs!

**~ This is the end of this paper ~**