

APPENDIX A

Cloze Test

Fill in each blank with a correct one-word answer. Use the Present Tense form. Marks will not be given for wrong spelling.

My name ..1.. May Lee. I ..2.. thirteen years old. I ..3.. at No. 2, Jalan Jaya, Taman Bukit Maluri. I ..4.. in Form One Orchard. Mathematics ..5.. my favourite subject. I ..6.. my homework everyday. I always ..7.. a lot of homework to complete before the end of the day. I often ..8.. the simple tasks first. When I ..9.. enough time I usually ..10.. my mother in the kitchen.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____
6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____

Tom and Aina ..11.. in my class. They ..12.. friendly and they always ..13.. very hard. They ..14.. also smart but they always ..15.. a lot of noise in class. They ..16.. their work together since they ..17.. a lot of things in common. At times, they ..18.. nice things to say to each other. Occasionally, they ..19.. things on their own.

11. _____ 12. _____ 13. _____ 14. _____ 15. _____
16. _____ 17. _____ 18. _____ 19. _____

Physically, Tom ..20.. short and thin. His hair ..21.. brown but his skin ..22.. fair. He ..23.. high cheek-bones. He ..24.. freckles on his cheeks. He sometimes ..25.. his homework at night but he ..26.. not check his work. He ..27.. not like to be told what to do. He ..28.. the best student in Mathematics. He ..29.. very interested in becoming an engineer.

20. _____ 21. _____ 22. _____ 23. _____ 24. _____
25. _____ 26. _____ 27. _____ 28. _____ 29. _____

He ..30.. two cats and two dogs. The cats ..31.. tame but the dogs ..32.. fierce. He ..33.. very fond of them. He often ..34.. them a bath on Sundays. He sometimes ..35.. the dogs with egg yolk.. The dogs ..36.. happy to see the food. The food ..37.. usually under the table.

30. _____ 31. _____ 32. _____ 33. _____ 34. _____
35. _____ 36. _____ 37. _____

Aina ..38.. different from Tom physically. She ..39.. tall and slim. She ..40.. short hair. Her hair ..41.. black and curly but her skin ..42.. fair. She ..43.. good care of her health because health ..44.. more important than wealth. She ..45.. not do aerobics twice a day. She never ..46.. each session for more than one hour. Since she ..47.. serious about her health, she ..48.. not drink coffee or tea. However, she ..49.. a hot Milo drink before she ..50.. to bed at ten o'clock every night.

38. _____ 39. _____ 40. _____ 41. _____ 42. _____
 43. _____ 44. _____ 45. _____ 46. _____ 47. _____
 48. _____ 49. _____ 50. _____

She ..51.. interested in having a bird as a pet. She ..52.. one in her house. It ..53.. a tame bird. It ..54.. an unusual name. It ..55.. called Soft Toys. It ..56.. two bright eyes. It ..57.. two black wings. The wings ..58.. strong. It ..59.. not drink milk. Sometimes, it ..60.. not eat the food even when it ..61.. hungry. It ..62.. from branch to branch and sometimes it ..63.. from the branch.

51. _____ 52. _____ 53. _____ 54. _____ 55. _____
 56. _____ 57. _____ 58. _____ 59. _____ 60. _____
 61. _____ 62. _____ 63. _____

Sports ..64.. our favourite activity. We ..65.. very interested in becoming netball champions. We usually ..66.. a match with other friends. We ..67.. our best to win the game. We ..68.. sure to win if we ..69.. hard. We ..70.. things well for our own satisfaction. We never ..71.. matches during the rainy season but we often ..72.. our coach to teach us some skills.

64. _____ 65. _____ 66. _____ 67. _____ 68. _____
 69. _____ 70. _____ 71. _____ 72. _____

Finally, this is what I think of you as a friend. You ..73.. precious and you ..74.. a lot of talents. You ..75.. patient for you ..76.. not do things hurriedly. You usually ..77.. your work without complaints. Even though you ..78.. doubts about yourself you never ..79.. up. You ..80.. on trying.

73. _____ 74. _____ 75. _____ 76. _____ 77. _____
 78. _____ 79. _____ 80. _____

APPENDIX B

STUDENT'S QUESTIONNAIRE

The reason behind this questionnaire is to find out your background. So please answer all questions honestly, without discussing any of the questions with your friends. Note that all your responses will be kept confidential.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Answer the following questions by placing a tick () against the most suitable answer.

1. Race:

- ☐ Malay
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Indian
- ☐ Others

2. Age:

- ☐ 12
- ☐ 13
- ☐ 14

3. What is the occupation of your a. father : _____
b. mother : _____
c. guardian : _____

4. Total monthly income of parents:

- ☐ Less than RM 500
- ☐ RM 501 - RM 800
- ☐ RM 801 - RM 1500
- ☐ RM 1501 - RM 2000
- ☐ RM 2001 and above

5. Medium of instruction while at Primary school :

- ☐ Bahasa Melayu
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ English
- ☐ Others

6. Do you read English books?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

7. If your answer is "Yes" , how many English books did you read last month?
☐ Four or more than four
☐ Two or three
☐ One
☐ None
8. Is the English newspaper available in your home at least three days a week?
☐ Yes
☐ No
9. How many English programmes do you watch on TV each week?
☐ Six or more than six
☐ Three to five
☐ One or two
☐ None
10. When you are watching an English programme do you read the subtitles?
☐ Yes
☐ No
11. Do you listen to any English radio programmes?
☐ Yes
☐ No
12. In what language do you speak with your friends, your parents, brothers and sisters?
- | | | | | |
|------------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Friends | Parents | Brothers | Sisters |
| Bahasa Melayu | | | | |
| Chinese | | | | |
| English | | | | |
| Tamil | | | | |
| Others (specify) | | | | |
13. What was the first language you learnt at home (before you went to school)?
- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bahasa Melayu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chinese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | English |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tamil |
| _____ | Others (specify) |
14. What was the percentage marks you obtained in the English language paper for your end-of -year examination, 1999?
 _____ %

APPENDIX C

Types of errors found in the cloze test

NOTE: Errors in **bold** indicate the highest frequency of occurrence for that question.

Category 1: Singular subject + *does* and Plural subject + *do*

Question no.	Correct form(s)	Errors (Frequency)
45	does	the (1), than (1), world (2), to (1), sometime (1), doing (2), go (1), make (2), exercise (1), like (2), has (2), have(1), was (5), is (7), do (18)
46	does	the (1), on (3), a (6), to (3), busy (1), rest (1), for (1), and (1), is (6), go (2), take (3), play (1), stop (1), leave (2), finish (2), did (2), got (1), missed (1), lost (2), spent (3), do (7)
48	does	for (1), to (1), done (1), can (1), was (2), were (1), are (4), is (7), do (3), like (1), did (15)
25	does	you (1), on (1), from (1), doing (3), was (2), go (1), finish (1), works (1), have (1), is (3), do (22)
26	does	no (1), his (1), never (4), can (2), will (1), did (7), was (4), were (1), are (2), do (6), has (1), have (2), is (10)
27	does	you (1), on (1), his (1), also (3), did (4), was (2), would (1), will (1), live (1), do (7), has (2), have (2), is (12)

Category 1: Singular subject + *does* and Plural subject + *do*

Question no.	Correct form(s)	Errors (Frequency)
59	does	to (2), a (1), can (2), were (2), are (2), is (9), do (6), did (15)
60	does	in (1), so (1), at (1), it (2), can (1), also (1), is (8), have (2), do (6), was (4), did (11)
6	do/ finish	than (1), does (3), can (2), like (1), is (3), read (3), work (5)
8	do/ write	here(1), a (2), to (5), at (1), in (3), this (1), ready (1), all (3), from (1), my (1), on (2), have(5), does (3), check (2), correct (1), get (2), take (2), writed (6)
16	do	in (1), that (1), at (1), also (1), playing (1), does (2), is (2), asked (3), finished (4), worked (2), were (6), are (10)
19	do	may (1), to (1), no (1), a (1), can (2), here (1), the (1), same (2), done (2), always (1), playing (1), changing (1), taking (6), has (3), is (5), have (4), put (1), are (8)

Category 1: Singular subject + *does* and Plural subject + *do*

Question no.	Correct form(s)	Errors (Frequency)
76	do	the (1), an (1), from (1), and (4), it (1), friend (1), can (1), will (1), also (1), did (2), is (6), does (2), are (5), think (1), but (11)
77	do/finish/ complete	on (2), to (3), and (2), some (1), but (1), with (1), have (4), like (2), help (1), done (1), is (6)
67	do/try	and (1), also (1), the (1), you (1), an (1), to (1), did (2), was (2), feel (1), enjoy (2), know(1), is (4), have (3), are (18)
70	do	in (2), the (1), on (1), also (1), must (2), doing (1), was (1), were (4), did (4), used (1), is (7), have (5), like (1), are (9)

Category 2: Singular subject + *is* and Plural subject + *are/am*

Question no.	Correct form(s)	Errors (Frequency)
39	is	a (2), you (1), are (1), was (1), very (4)
47	is	in (1), an (1), the (1), also (1), to (3), are (5), go (1), take (2), do (2), were (2) was (5), very (6)
51	is	in (1), you (1), very (3), are (6), has (3), have (1), lives (1), was (2), more (8)
28	is	a (1), so (1), the (1), not (2), always (1), are (3), am (1), have (1), do (1), has (1), were (1), was (4)
29	is	in (1), also (1), always (1), are (2), has (4), have (1), hope (1), were (4), was (6)
33	is	the (1), his (1), also (1), always (1), are (2), have (1), take (2), like (2), were (2), did (1), had (1), loved (1), was (12)
53	is	a (2), on (3), of (1), she (1), bird (1), was (4)
55	is	than (1), can (1), a (1), bird (2), the (1), name (4), we (1), to (2), are (5), has (3), was (7)
61	is	in (1), and (2), not (1), no (1), were (2), has (3), are (6), live (1), was (9), very (10)

Category 2: Singular subject + *is* and Plural subject + *are/am*

Question no.	Correct form(s)	Errors (Frequency)
12	are	a (1), and (1), two (1), to (1), my (1), is (1)
14	are	the (2), on (1), book (1), very (2), a (1), was (1), were (3)
65	are	at (1), to (1), has (3), am (1), is (3), had (1), a (2), was (5)
68	are	and (1), will (1), very (1), so (1), also (1), can (1), am (1), have (3), do (1), go (1), like (1), were (2), was (1), is (5)
73	are	you (1), her (1), to (2), and (1), can (2), must (1), will (1), have (4), is (14)
75	are	here (1), on (1), can (1), to (1), very (1), not (1), can (3), must (3), will (1), was (2), has (2), have (2), do (1) go (1), is (12)
2	am	my (2), the (1), are (1), was (5)
4	am	an (1), on (2), a (1), class (2), studying (7), the (2), can (2), is (4), go (2), live (1), read (7), was (8)

Category 3 : Singular subject + *has* and Plural subject + *have*

Question no.	Correct form(s)	Errors (Frequency)
40	has	in (1), on (1), were (2), had (2), was (2), is (3), save (1), have (14)
49	has/takes/ drinks	are (2), is (4), have (2), live (2), like (3), want (2), gave (1), drink (24)
52	has/keeps	the (1), for (1), is (6), keep (5), live (3), stay (1), was (3), have (7)
23	has	the (1), for (1), of (1), the (1), too (1), was (4), were (2), had (2), have (6), like (2), looks (2), get (1), is (7)
24	has	the (1), to (1), a (1), wider (1), always (1), have (2), are (3), was (4), take (1), like (5), get (2), puts (1), is (17)
30	has	you (1), is (2), had (1), was (2), have (23)
54	has	a (1), you (1), I (1), to (1), name (1), were (1), was (4), have (8), are (1), give (1), get (1), is (19)
56	has	and (1), to (1), the (2), on (1), is (4), are (1), was (4), have (20)
57	has	than (1), the (1), and (1), was (2), had (3), are (2), is (3), have (16)

Category 3 : Singular subject + *has* and Plural subject + *have*

Question no.	Correct form(s)	Errors (Frequency)
17	have	on (2), tin (1), in (1), also (2), always (1), doing (5), just (1), is (6), has (3), are (3), live (1), say (1), was (3), finish (2), make (7)
18	have	the (2), one (1), to (1), on (1), very (1), was (2), were (2), has (3), is (5), do (1), use (1), are (18)
66	have/play	a (2), hold (1), to (1), it (1), in (1), watching (1), is (6), are (3), do (4), see (1), live (1), make (1), playing (8)
71	have	You (1), and (2), of (1), the (1), rest (1), to (1), at (1), in (1), do (1), is (5), were (1), lose (3), give (1), use (1), for (1), busy (1), on (1), see (6)
74	have	in (1), the (1), at (1), am (1), has (6), are (4), had (5), was (2), got (1), is (7)
78	have	for (1), because (3), on (1), the (2), very (2), to (3), and (1), do (4), is (3), has (5), use (1), does (1), try (1), get (1), are (13)
7	have	in (1), on (1), doing (1), is (3), has (3), does (1), check (4), read (3), finish (4), compute (1), make (1), do (15)
9	have	an (1), to (1), at (2), not (1), enjoy (2), were (3), has (4), is (2), do (1), study (1), was (6)

Category 4: Singular subject + *full verb* and Plural subject + *full verb*

Question no.	Correct form(s)	Errors (Frequency)
43	takes	the (1), has (4), have (5), do (5), had (1), was (1), were (1), did (2), like (1), take (7), is (17)
50	goes	a (1), you (1), it (1), on (1), up (1), is (6), sleeps (5), go (26)
34	gives	may (1), so (1), and (1), the (4), it (1), a (2), with (4), must (1), to (3), is (4), are (1), give (6), make (1), take (5), help (11)
35	feeds	and (2), on (2), to (2), of (1), with (1), bath (1), is (4), do (2), have (1), play (2), take (2), bring (1), feed (7), make (1), gave (2), give (18)
62	flies	the (1), so (1), also (1), in (1), was (7), were (1), ran (1), us (1), came (4), go (3), rest (1), sleep (2), fly (3), take (1) comes (1), are (1), is (12)
63	falls	in (1), than (1), can (1), no (1), to (1), with (1), the (1), and (1), doing (1), back (1), home (1), branch (1), was (4), were (1), came (4), found (1), have (2), are (3), stay (1), fall (3), flies (1), sings (2), jump (1), hide (1), goes (1), eat (1), is (10)

Category 4: Singular subject + *full verb* and Plural subject + *full verb*

Question no.	Correct form(s)	Errors (Frequency)
3	live	house (1), home (1), life (3), lived (2), lives (7)
10	help	on (1), he (1), and (3), of (1), to (1), was (1), are (1), is (3), do (2), ask (1), helps (6)
13	work/study	day (1), an (1), the (2), of (1), good (1), see (2) ready (1), playing (1), is (6), have (2), read (11)
15	make	on (2), because (1), the (1), doing (1), have (4), is (4), has (2), makes (2), made (2), do (6)
79	give	in (1), so (1), on (1), to (1), the (1), hungry (10) if (1), past (1), being (1), has (1), do (2), is (3), say (1), it (1), get (2), go (2), stand (7)
80	keep/go	the (1), it (1), you (1), can (4), at (1), will (1), must (1), on (1), was (4), is (8), does (1), has (5), have (1), go (1), are (14)
69	try/work/ practise	the (1), you (1), at (2), free (1), very (10), with (1), training (3), playing (2), was (2), were (1), do (1), is (5), are (12)
72	ask/request	in (1), on (1), as (1), can (1), to (2), the (2), with (2), only (1), or (4), because (1), for (2), was (2), had (1), is (6), do (2), are (2), play (3), go (1), concentrate (1), want (1), open (1), call (8)

Category 5 : Countable noun + *verb* and Uncountable noun + *verb*

Question no.	Correct form(s)	Errors (Frequency)
1	is	No errors
20	is	here (1), a (1), was (2), has (2), live (1), he (1), at (1), are (3)
38	is	has (3), very (1), was (2), a (2), are (6)
11	are	here (1), also (1), in (1), the (1), on (1), city (1), live (2), studying (2), read (2), were (1), is (13)
31	are	the (1), but (1), to (2), it (1), did (1), very (1), work (1), also (1), no (1), is (22)
32	are	very (1), has (1), was (1), were (2), a (1), go (1), live (1), but (1), it (2), on (1), is (15)
36	are	here (1), you (1), on (1), be (1), most (1), it (2), ear (1), bad (2), was (4), were (5), take (3), eat (5), get (2), bark (1), bit (1), share (1), is (11)
58	are	or (1), in (1), for (1), it (1), was (2), has (1), were (1), been (1), see (2), is (26)

Category 5 : Countable nouns + *verb* and Uncountable nouns + *verb*

Question no.	Correct form(s)	Errors (Frequency)
5	is	have (1), in (2), and (1), at (1), of (1), are (6)
64	is	an (1), was (1), am (4), go (1), at (1), are (14)
21	is	has (5), a (1), on (1), have (1), was (3), to (2), are (10)
41	is	in (1), that (1), on (1), curly (1), him (1), are (9)
22	is	can (1), go (1), also (1), it (2), his (2), a (2), no (1), you (2), in (2), will (3), him (1), they (2), has (3), have (2), are (9)
42	is	from (1), to (1), with (2), did (1), a (1), it (1), on (2), than (3), of (4), by (2), have (4), was (1), are (9)
37	is	the (2), it (1), on (2), his (1), put (1), so (1), was (2), have (2), are (15)
44	is	come (1), it (2), do (2), on (1), make (2), as (1), was (4), also (1), he (1), are (10)