



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2017

Name : _____ () Class: P4 _____

Your Score Out of 20 marks	
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3 May 2017

English Language

Duration: 50 min

CONTINUOUS WRITING

Write a composition of at least 120 words about misbehaving in public.

The pictures, not arranged in sequence, are provided to help you think about this topic. Your composition should be based on one, two or all of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- Where did the incident take place?
- What was going on?
- What was damaged?
- What happened in the end?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.

Helping Words:

- chasing each other
- knocked into the display
- tumbled to the floor
- sternly reprimanded
- hung their heads in shame





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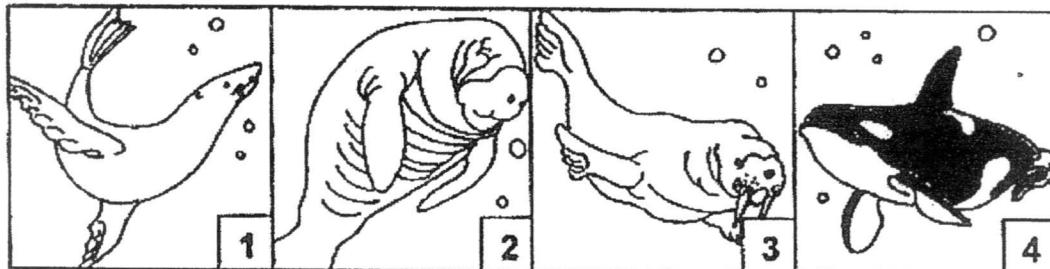
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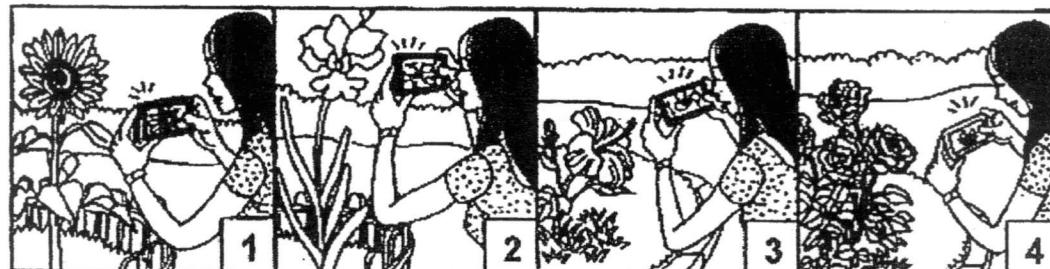
5 May 2017 English Listening Comprehension

Part 1: Picture Matching (4 marks)

For Question 1 and question 2, look at the set of pictures. I am going to read to you a sentence or a paragraph. Listen carefully. Then choose the picture that describes what I have read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.



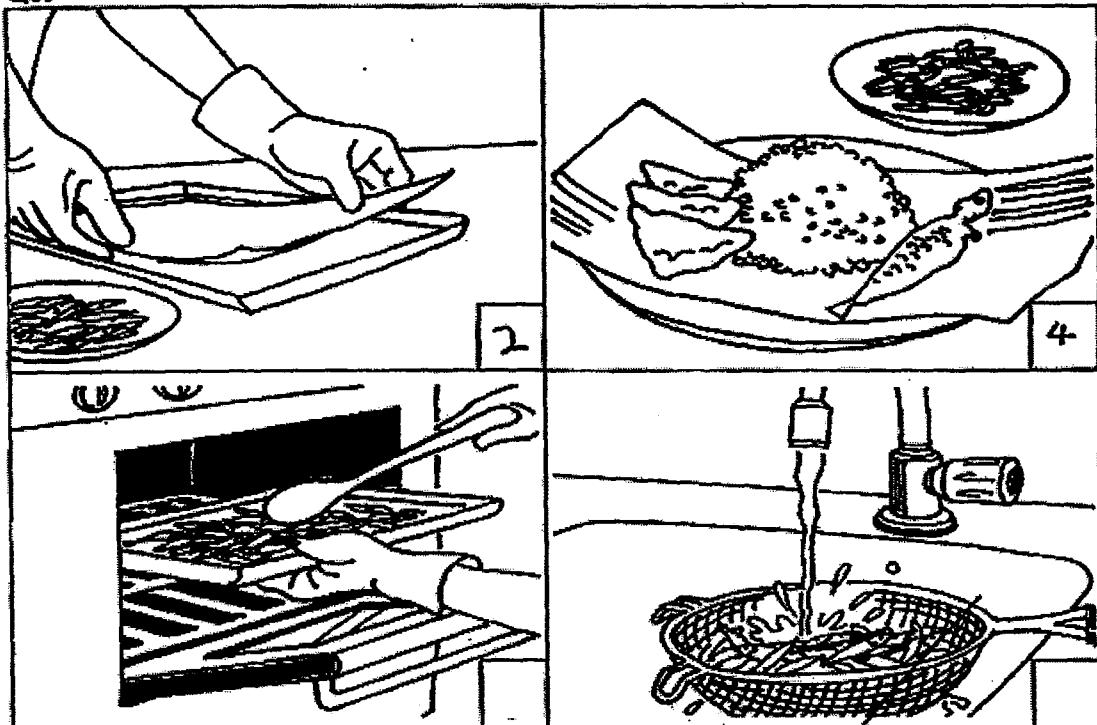
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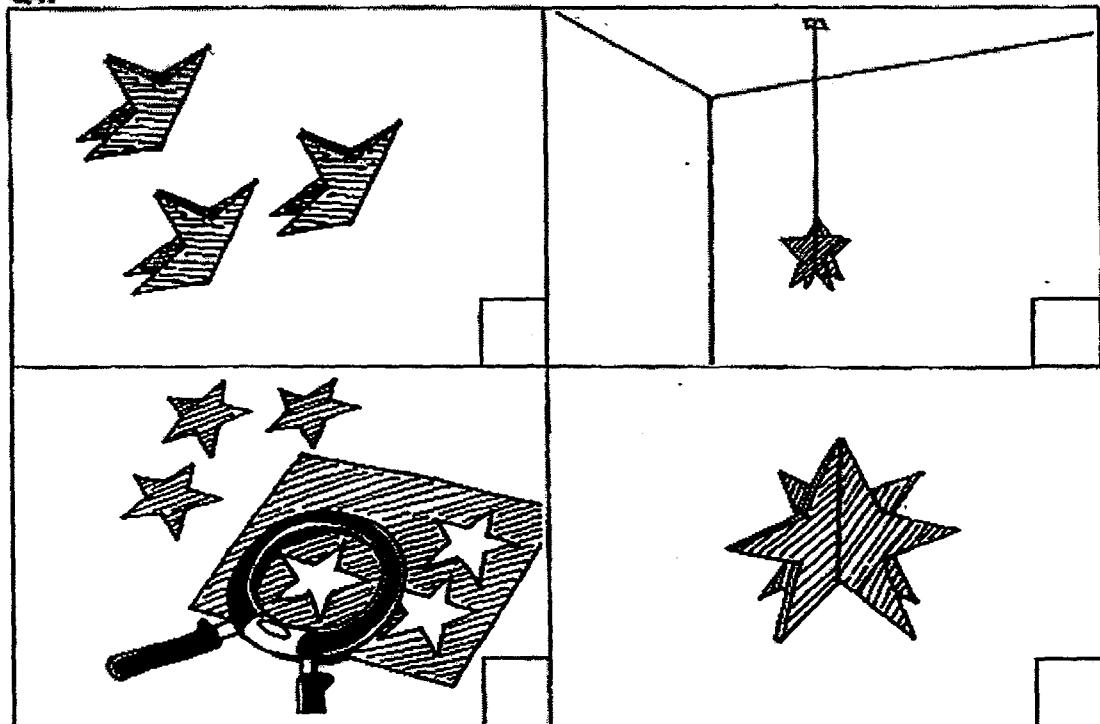
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For Questions 3 and 4, look at the set of pictures. I am going to read to you a set of instructions. Listen carefully. Then choose the pictures that show the correct sequence of what I have read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the box provided.

Q3.



Q4.



Part 2 – Note-taking (5 marks)

Q5 to Q9 is a note-taking test.

Here's good news for SingPost Customers.

As you listen, take down the missing information by filling in each blank numbered Q5 to Q9 with one word or a short phrase.

Q5. SingPost is the short form for _____ Post.

Q6. Month of announcement: _____.

Q7. Parcels will now be delivered from Mondays to _____.

**Q8. For more information, we can visit their _____ at
www.singpost.com.**

Q9. New three-wheeled _____ have replaced the old ones.

Part 3: Unseen Dictation

Dictation (5 marks)

This is a dictation test.

Listen carefully to your teacher's instructions.

Helen Keller was born in 1880.

---- End of English Language Listening Examinations ----



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Sections A to C	24
Sections D to G	26
Total	50
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Name : _____ Class: P4 Index No: _____

3 May 2017 ENGLISH (PART 1) Duration: 1 h 15 min (Part 1 and 2)

Section A: Grammar [8X1 mark]

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. I have lost my eraser. Can I borrow _____?
(1) my
(2) your
(3) mine
(4) yours

2. This toy phone looks exactly like the real one. It is difficult to tell them _____.
(1) on
(2) off
(3) from
(4) apart

3. In all my life, I have _____ to see a moose.
(1) so
(2) yet
(3) while
(4) although

4. Janesa was the _____ of all the ten participants when she heard that she had won the competition.
(1) happy
(2) happily
(3) happier
(4) happiest

5. Lucy and I _____ a song for the children just now.
- (1) sing
(2) sang
(3) sung
(4) sings
6. The policemen were told to station _____ around the neighbourhood where the thief last struck.
- (1) himself
(2) yourself
(3) yourselves
(4) themselves
7. "Could someone help me with _____ books?" Mrs Lim asked, pointing to the books next to her.
- (1) this
(2) that
(3) these
(4) those
8. Claire likes to eat durians, _____ she?
- (1) isn't
(2) won't
(3) hasn't
(4) doesn't

Section B: Vocabulary [6X1 mark]

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. Meen spilled the cold curry on her blouse and it caused an unsightly _____.
- (1) tear
(2) blotch
(3) scorch
(4) crease

10. A stream is usually a shallow and long _____ in the soil where water flows along into the sea.
- (1) tank
(2) puddle
(3) groove
(4) porthole
11. Bree does not _____ against anyone. Hence, he has friends from different backgrounds.
- (1) envy
(2) oppose
(3) compliment
(4) discriminate
12. Meredith broke her brother's mug out of spite. It was a/an _____ act.
- (1) cautious
(2) harmless
(3) accidental
(4) intentional
13. It was hard to ignore the throbbing in his leg, so after a few painful steps, Fandi finally _____ to the pain by crying out aloud.
- (1) agitated
(2) defeated
(3) succumbed
(4) compromised
14. To forge a stronger bond, my family members make it a habit to _____ with one another during dinner.
- (1) constrain
(2) conclude
(3) consolidate
(4) communicate

Section C: Comprehension 1 [10 marks]

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The Singapore Botanic Gardens was recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site at the 39th session of the World Heritage Committee in Bonn, Germany on Saturday, 4 July 2015. This Singapore attraction joins more than 1000 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. It is the third recognised Botanic Gardens after Kew Gardens in England and the Padua Gardens in Italy.

The Singapore Botanic Gardens is home to Burkill Hall, a rare colonial house which was built almost 150 years ago. Built before the days of air-conditioning, Burkill Hall was designed to be cool and airy, with high ceilings. It may even be the last surviving example of what we call the Anglo-Malay plantation-style house.

Next to Burkill Hall lies the National Orchid Garden. It houses an immense assortment of orchid species. To build relationships with other countries, more than 200 orchid hybrids are named after prominent figures.

Beyond heritage, the Singapore Botanic Gardens is also the ideal place for many fun-filled activities. On weekday afternoons, students of all ages visit it to learn about the flora and fauna. On weekends, friends and families may enjoy a picnic or a leisurely stroll. They may even watch musical performances at the Symphony Lake.

Adapted from <http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/singapore-botanic-gardens/1960028.html>

15. On which date was the Singapore Botanic Gardens recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site? [1m]

16. Tick your chosen answer.
What does the word "it" in paragraph 3 refer to? [1m]

Burkhill Hall
Kew Gardens
National Orchid Garden

17. Tick your chosen answer based on the passage.
In the National Orchid Garden, we will find _____.

houses
orchid hybrids
prominent figures

18. Read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Burkhill Hall is in Singapore Botanic Gardens.	✓	
(a)	It is very easy to find a building similar to Burkhill Hall.		
(b)	The 39 th session of the World Heritage Committee was held in Germany.		
(c)	Besides the Singapore Botanic Gardens, there are three other botanical gardens recognised by UNESCO World Heritage Sites.		

19. Which word in paragraph 3 has the same meaning as "variety"? [1m]

Answer question 20 in a complete sentence.

20. What is the importance of naming orchid hybrids after prominent figures? [1m]

21. State two activities mentioned in the passage that can be enjoyed in the Singapore Botanic Gardens during weekends. [2m]

i. _____

ii. _____

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Name : _____ Class: P4 _____ Index No: _____

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**3 May 2017 ENGLISH (PART 2) Duration: 1 h 15 min
(Part 1 and 2)**

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze [8 X1 mark]

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

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) appealing	(B) dismiss	(C) distract
(D) keep	(E) never	(F) often
(G) pleasure	(H) plots	(J) recollecting
(K) reduced	(L) resume	(M) wore

Diaries are back in fashion, I think. I used to (22) _____ one when I was much younger. However, the novelty (23) _____ off only a few weeks after starting it, and I have (24) _____ had another since. Diaries, for me, are history.

Anyway, they are now resurfacing, much to children's (25) _____. Lest you might (26) _____ all this as no big deal, let me tell you it is. Diaries have evolved, becoming more stylish and (27) _____. Think of Dork Diaries, or Diary of a Wimpy Kid. These books create much hype about diaries through (28) _____ that keep children engaged.

Perhaps, it is not too late to (29) _____ my diary writing. What do you think?

Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 [4X1 mark]

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) after	(B) into	(C) onto
(D) out	(E) under	(F) up

One evening, a princess was preparing to go out. (30) _____ putting on her bonnet and clogs, she went out for a walk in the wood. When she came to a pond, she sat herself down to rest for a while. She had her favourite toy in her hand, a golden ball, which she would always be tossing up (31) _____ the air and catching it again as it fell.

Once she threw it up so high that she could not catch it and the ball bounded away, rolling (32) _____ of reach until at last it fell into the pond. The princess peered into the pond but it was very deep, so deep that she could not see the bottom of it. She threw herself (33) _____ the ground.

"If only I could get my ball back, I would give all my fine clothes and jewels, everything I have," she thought.

Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 [4X1 mark]

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Bob Dylan is one of the most influential singer-songwriters of the 20th century. He

(34) [is / was] born on May 24, 1941, in America.

While attending university in the late 1950s, he began performing folk and country songs.

In 1961, Dylan (35) [signs/signed] his first recording contract and emerged as one of the most original and influential voices in the history of American popular music.

Showing no signs of slowing down, Dylan (36) [continues/continue] to tour in recent years. The legendary singer-songwriter (37) [has / have] received many awards and most recently, the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Section G: Comprehension 2 [10 marks]

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

In his chamber, Gaius was snoring. It was loud enough to cover the sound of his footsteps, but Merlin trod softly past him anyway, just to be on the safe side.

Gaius was lying on his back with his mouth wide open. As he crossed the room with gentle steps, Merlin smiled at the old man who was asleep. Gaius was like a father to him and he did not like sneaking off behind the old man's back, but he had to do this. Someone needed his help.

Merlin waited keenly to hear the voice again. However, the soft, continuous calls had stopped for quite some time now. The voice would help him get the sense of its direction.

The edge of his jacket caught on something on the table and before he knew it, a tin pot went clattering softly onto the carpet. Merlin tensed up and immediately looked at Gaius. The old man stirred and flapped an arm. Merlin could only stare, rooted to the spot, waiting for Gaius to open his eyes. He had no explanations to offer as to where he was going then.

Mercifully, Gaius went on sleeping. Relieved, Merlin tiptoed softly to the door. He was about to step out of the room when the voice unexpectedly boomed out. It had resumed, but instead of feeling glad, Merlin tensed up. The voice was too loud and would definitely wake Gaius up. Seconds passed but Gaius did not stir. This puzzled Merlin. Gaius was a light sleeper.

As he closed the door gently, Merlin realised that the voice could be only heard by him. He turned to the direction of the voice. It was calling out to him once more.

Adapted from Merlin, The Dragon's Call

Answer question 38 in a complete sentence.

38. What did Merlin do to prevent waking Gaius up? [1m]

For questions 39 – 41, write your answers in the boxes provided.

39. What does the word 'this' refer to in paragraph 2? [1m]

[1m]

40. Write down the word found in paragraph 3 which has the same meaning as each of the words below.

[2m]

(a)	eagerly	
(b)	endless	

41. Which sentence in paragraph 4 shows that Gaius reacted to the sound of the fallen tin? [1m]

42. Based on the story, put a tick () in the box to show if the statement is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	Statement	True	False	Reason
Example	Gaius was sleeping.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gaius was snoring.
(a)	Merlin dashed to the door as soon as a tin pot fell onto the carpet.			
(b)	Merlin did not know the exact location of the voice.			
(c)	Merlin was outside the room when the voice unexpectedly boomed out.			

43. How did Merlin know that the voice could only be heard by him? [2m]

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School: Raffles
 Level: P4
 Subject: English
 Term: SA1
 Year: 2017

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	4	2	4	2	4	3	4	2	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14						
4	4	3	4						

- 15) 4 – July 2015
 16) National Orchid Garden
 17) Orchid hybrids
 18) a) False b) True c) False
 19) assortment
 20) It builds relationships with countries.
 21) i) Families may enjoy a picnic or a leisurely stroll.
 ii) They may even watch musical performances.

Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31
D	M	E	G	B	A	H	L	A	B

- 32) D 33) C 34) was 35) signed 36) continues 37) has
 38) Merlin trod softly past him.
 39) It refers to him sneaking off.
 40) a) keenly
 b) continuous
 41) The old man stirred and flapped an arm.
 42) a) False / Merlin tensed up and immediately looked at Gaius
 b) True / The voice would help him to get the sense of direction.
 c) False / He was about to step out of the room when the voice unexpectedly boomed out.
 43) Gaius did not hear the loud sound though he was a light sleeper.





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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2017

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Total	50
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Name : _____ Class: P4 _____ Index No: _____

25 Oct 2017 ENGLISH (Part 1) Duration: 1 h 15 min (Part 1 & 2)

Section A: Grammar (8 X 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Last month, we _____ Grandmother who was happy to see us.

- (1) visit
- (2) visited
- (3) have visited
- (4) were visiting

2. While we _____ on a bench in the park, a huge dog ran past.

- (1) sit
- (2) will sit
- (3) have sat
- (4) were sitting

3. _____ cats running in that street were chasing a mouse.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) These
- (4) Those

4. Mrs Tan reminded _____ to eat less junk food.

- (1) herself
- (2) himself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

5. The child _____ happy when his mother bought him a toy.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

6. "Stop talking. Mother _____ instructions now." John said to his brother.

- (1) gave
- (2) gives
- (3) is giving
- (4) has given

7. The cakes are not sweet enough. They have too _____ sugar in it.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) many
- (4) much

8. Mary found her lost kitten _____ blocks away from her house.

- (1) little
- (2) none
- (3) a few
- (4) much

Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. The main _____ for making vanilla ice cream are cream, sugar and vanilla essence.

- (1) appliances
- (2) ingredients
- (3) Instructions
- (4) accessories

10. When timid Jialing saw the robber walking towards her with a knife, she was _____ and shivered with fear.

- (1) petrified
- (2) annoyed
- (3) disappointed
- (4) embarrassed

11. When Luke learnt that the _____ he would be playing against had won the tennis championship for the past five years, he lost confidence in himself.

- (1) judge
- (2) referee
- (3) supporter
- (4) opponent

12. The pupils finally _____ the question after the teacher had explained how to solve it several times.

- (1) believed
- (2) predicted
- (3) discovered
- (4) understood

13. After a thorough examination by the veterinarian, the cat was _____ with a skin infection that required treatment.

- (1) granted
- (2) assigned
- (3) diagnosed
- (4) prescribed

14. Mei arrived at the concert hall _____, just minutes before she was supposed to go onstage.

- (1) behind the times
- (2) from time to time
- (3) in the nick of time
- (4) for the time being

Section C: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 15 - 23.

Todd and Brett pushed their milk-carton boat to the starting line. They had collected hundreds of milk cartons and waterproofed each one before assembling them into this streamlined racing boat. It was the last year they could compete in the kids' division of the milk-carton boat race so they were determined to win it.

The boys glanced at the boats positioned at the starting line. Part of the fun of the race was to see all the unusual boats other kids had constructed out of ordinary milk cartons. Todd noticed a little boy struggling to keep his boat from drifting away from the starting line.

Soon, the race began. Todd and Brett's boat raced ahead.

Todd looked back. The little boy had scarcely moved from the starting line.

"We have to help him!" Todd yelled. Brett was reluctant but he knew there was no stopping Todd once he had made up his mind to do something. Together, they turned the boat around.

"Throw us your tow rope," Todd called as they reached the boy's boat. The boy did as he was told. Todd grabbed the rope and passed it to Brett who wound it through the tow hook on their boat.

Though the boys did not win, they made a new friend and gained respect from the other competitors.

Adapted from *The Race*, Heather Klassen, *Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul 2*

15. What did Todd and Brett use to build their boat?

_____ [1m]

For questions 16 – 17, read each statement and tick (✓) whether the statement is "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 1 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Statement		True	False
Example	Todd and Brett took part in a milk-carton boat race.	✓	
16.	Todd and Brett assembled the milk cartons into a racing boat before waterproofing them.		
17.	Todd and Brett would not be in the kids' division of the race the following year.		

18. Which word has the same meaning as "strange"? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Part of the fun of the race was to see all the unusual boats other kids had

(A)

constructed out of ordinary milk cartons.

(B)

19. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

Brett agreed to turn the boat around as he _____

[1m]

	felt sorry for the little boy
	did not want to win the race
	knew that he would not be able to stop Todd

Read paragraph 6 carefully. For Q20 – 22, decide who did the following actions.
Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Action	Todd	Brett	the little boy
Example	asked for the tow rope	✓		
20.	flung the tow rope			
21.	grabbed the tow rope			
22.	wound the rope through the tow hook			

23. What did Todd and Brett gain at the end of the race? [2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____



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2017

Sections D to G	28
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25 Oct 2017

ENGLISH (Part 2)

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X1 mark)

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

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) danger	(B) deposit	(C) diet
(D) extinct	(E) hatch	(F) help
(G) injuries	(H) name	(J) receive
(K) routine	(L) threatened	(M) travel

Green sea turtles are the world's largest species of hard-shelled sea turtles. It gets its (24) _____ from the green-coloured fat tissue under its shell. The fat tissue is green because the adult turtle's (25) _____ consists of seagrass and algae. Their carapace can be shades of black, brown or olive and their belly is creamy white or yellow.

Green sea turtles (26) _____ long distances between feeding grounds and nesting sites. Female green sea turtles emerge from the water and climb up on the beach. They dig a broad pit and an egg chamber with their flippers. Then, they (27) _____ an average of 110-115 eggs and cover the pit by sweeping sand over it. After about two months, the babies use a special "egg-tooth" to break their shells and (28) _____ from their eggs.

Seabirds, crabs and raccoons feed on baby green sea turtles on the beach. Fish and seabirds are a (29) _____ to hatchlings in the water.

Green sea turtles also face threats from human activities. They can get trapped in fishing nets and trash or suffer (30) _____ from collisions with boats.

Green sea turtles were listed as endangered and (31) _____ under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 1978. We must do our part for them before they vanish from the surface of the earth.

Adapted from <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/turtles/green.html>

Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (4 X 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) her	(B) them	(C) me
(D) she	(E) he	(F) they

Anne has been reading since she was five years old. She has (32) _____ own large collection of books. She reads (33) _____ every day. She often goes with her father to the library and (34) _____ will borrow many books together. Her father prefers horror books. (35) _____ likes to scare himself, something Anne does not understand. She prefers adventure books instead as she thinks they are more thrilling.

Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4 X 1 mark)

Read the paesage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Miss Penny is a Mathematics teacher at Sunshine Primary School.
She (36) [has / have] a passion for teaching. A responsible and committed teacher, she (37) [do / does] her work diligently by preparing interesting lessons for her pupils. All the pupils who (38) [is / are] in her class adore her. They (39) [look / looks] forward to her lessons. This makes Miss Penny very happy.

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Section G: Open-ended Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 - 46.

Tsunamis, one of nature's most powerful disasters, are also known as "killer waves". The most powerful ones can sweep buildings off their foundations.

In the event of a tsunami, run uphill. The safest place is a hill or a mountain, as far from the coastline as possible. Otherwise, the roof of a tall, sturdy building will do. Avoid low-rise buildings to prevent drowning. Climbing a tall tree is the last best option. However, trees often get torn out of the ground during tsunamis so choose wisely.

Another survival tip is to cling onto something that floats, like a log or a fishing boat.

Tsunamis can be unpredictable but it is possible to be prepared ahead of time. First, you need to learn whether you are in a region with a risk of tsunamis. Then, plan a route that will get you to the nearest high ground fast. Do not count on roads as they may be overcrowded or damaged from an earthquake. Have a disaster supply kit with food, water, and first-aid materials ready.

It is also important to know the warning signs of a tsunami. An earthquake is a clear sign. If you are on a beach, you can tell a tsunami is coming because the water often gets sucked away from the beach before rushing back onto land. Animals rushing away from the shore is another warning sign.

Once you are in a safe place, stay put until you get an official "all-clear". A tsunami consists of a series of waves so the danger of a tsunami can last for hours after the arrival of the first wave. After a tsunami, hazards remain: exposed electrical wires, rickety bridges and houses in mid-collapse.

Adapted from http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/explainer/2011/03/tsunami.html

40. What are tsunamis also known as?

[1m]

For questions 41-42, put a tick () in the box to show whether the statement describes a survival tip or a preparation tip. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

		Survival Tip	Preparation Tip
Example	Run uphill.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
41.	Cling onto something that floats.		
42.	Know the warning signs of a tsunami.		

43. Based on the passage, put a tick () in the box to show if the statement is true or false. Then, give one reason why you think so. [2m]

	Statement	True	False	Reason
Example	Climbing a tree is the best way to escape a tsunami.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trees often get torn out of the ground during tsunamis.
(a)	Low-rise buildings are safe in a tsunami.			
(b)	The route that would get one to the nearest high ground fast should not include only roads.			

44. List 2 warning signs of a tsunami if one is at a beach.

[2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

For question 45, write your answer in the box provided.

45. Which word in the last paragraph has the same meaning as "dangers"? [1m]

For question 46, answer in a complete sentence.

46. According to the passage, why does one have to stay put at a safe place until an official "all-clear" is given? [2m]

EXAM PAPER 2017 (P4)

SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS'

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

ORDER CALL :

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	4	4	1	3	3	2	3	2	1
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14						
4	4	3	3						

15)hundreds if milk cartons

16)False

17)True

18)A

19)Knew that he would not be able to stop Todd

20)the little boy

21)Todd

22)Brett

23)i)They made a new friend.

ii)They gained respect from the other competitors.

Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
H	C	M	B	E	A	G	L	A	B

34)F

35)E

36)has

37)does

38)are

39)look

40)killer waves

41)Survival Tip

42)Preparation Tip

43)a)False / Avoid low-rese buildings to prevent form drowning.

43)b)True / The route that would get one to the nearest high ground fast should not include roads as it would be over crowded and it might have a crack from a earthquake.

44)i)If the water often gets sucked away from the beach before rushing back onto land.

ii)If animals are rushing away from shore.

45)hazards

46)A tsunami consists of waves so the danger from a tsunami can last for hours.



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2009

Name : _____ Class: P4 Index No: _____

28 Oct 2009 ENGLISH (PART 1) Att: 1 h 15 min
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Section A: Grammar (6X1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.

1. As a result of a powerful storm a week ago, many trees _____ knocked down in the village.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were ()

2. "There is a knock on the door now. Who _____ us at this late hour?" James wondered.
(1) calls
(2) called
(3) is calling
(4) has called ()

3. After Chloe had bought _____ popcorn, she sat down to watch a movie.
(1) few
(2) some
(3) much
(4) many ()

4. The girls were instructed to cook dinner _____ as their mother would not be home.

- (1) myself
- (2) herself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

()

5. _____ children sitting over there were so engrossed in their books that they did not notice the librarian standing next to them.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) Those
- (4) These

()

6. Last night, Ronald and Kathy _____ for their examination when the electricity was suddenly cut off.

- (1) revised
- (2) are revising
- (3) was revising
- (4) were revising

()

Section B: Vocabulary (6X1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.

7. The _____ of the building is strong and is not affected by the recent earthquake.
(1) structure
(2) invention
(3) landmark
(4) monument ()
8. The car _____ to a halt as the road unexpectedly reached its terminus a few metres before the edge of a cliff.
(1) shrieked
(2) squealed
(3) squeezed
(4) screeched ()
9. The sailors were _____ on the island after their ship had capsized.
(1) rejected
(2) discarded
(3) marooned
(4) discharged ()
10. The _____ performance by the choir had everyone shouting for an encore.
(1) tranquil
(2) graceful
(3) collected
(4) harmonious ()
11. She is unaffected by her mother's nagging as she is _____ to it.
(1) immune
(2) opposed
(3) unmoved
(4) disinterested ()
12. As soon as the cat had spotted a mouse _____ through the toppled bin, it stalked the mouse stealthily.
(1) bursting
(2) flapping
(3) separating
(4) rummaging ()

Section C: Comprehension (MCQ) (5X2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

I was fascinated with hearts. In Science class, I studied the red anatomical model that showed mysterious chambers, vessels and valves.

Nothing, though, prepared me for the death of my vivacious mother when I was eight years old. One night, saying she experienced pain in her chest, she climbed into bed and promptly died of a heart attack. She was only 40 years old. Nearly a decade later, my father, Joseph, died from cardiac arrest, a heart-related problem, at the age of 50. I became a cardiologist partly to overcome the powerlessness I felt as a girl.

Now Paul, with chest tightness, sweating and shortness of breath would become my patient. Paramedics had taken him to the emergency room. He was having a tense company meeting when he felt a pressure in his chest. He tried to ignore it. It was not until Paul became light-headed and developed shortness of breath that he understood he was in trouble.

"I need to be excused," he blurted out to his colleagues and staggered out of the room. One of his colleagues found him unconscious on the floor in his office and called for an ambulance.

Adapted from an article in 'The Reader's Digest'

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.

13. The writer was fascinated with the model of a _____.
(1) heart
(2) chest
(3) valves
(4) chambers ()
14. The writer's father died when the writer was _____ years old.
(1) ten
(2) fifty
(3) eight
(4) eighteen ()
15. The writer became a cardiologist _____.
(1) as a way to deal with her parents' death
(2) to heal the heart diseases of other patients
(3) to find out the reason for her father's heart problem
(4) as she was not prepared for the death of her mother ()
16. Paul ignored the pressure in his chest as he _____.
(1) knew he would be treated by the writer
(2) was being taken care of by the paramedics
(3) understood his trouble and was able to control it
(4) did not realise the seriousness of his heart condition ()
17. Paul excused himself from the meeting room because he _____.
(1) wanted to call the paramedics
(2) was frightened of his colleagues
(3) could not focus as he was feeling faint
(4) wanted to be excused from a tense meeting ()



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2009

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8X1 mark)

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

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| (A) crucial | (B) deeds | (D) distributed |
| (C) efforts | (E) energy | (F) exercises |
| (G) habitual | (H) indoor | (J) issues |
| (K) major | (L) strengthen | (M) vigorous |

"Good health is important so that we can keep ourselves fit and also have a clear mind. If our health is poor, we would not be able to achieve the best results for any of our (1) _____. Therefore, it is (2) _____ to maintain a healthy lifestyle before we are faced with mental or physical (3) _____. " a Physical Education teacher told the class before asking a pupil, "How do you keep fit, Annette?"

"I do physical (4) _____ and outdoor games are my favourite pastimes."

"Wonderful," praised the teacher. "The exercises and games help to tone up our body, burn fat, (5) _____ the bones and muscles of skinny people. When we exert energy, we take in more oxygen. The oxygen is then absorbed into our blood stream and (6) _____ to all parts of our body. This in turn keeps our body healthy. The young can jog, hike, swim or take up more (7) _____ outdoor sports."

"Do old people need to exercise?" a pupil asked. "Certainly," answered their teacher. "The old can do light aerobics, walk, lift light weights or do other simple exercises. Nevertheless, one essential point for all of us to note is to make exercising (8) _____

Section E: Grammar Cloze (4X1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| (A) freeze | (B) freezes | (C) will freeze | (D) freezing |
| (E) frozen | (F) has frozen | (G) froze | |

Mother went to the market to buy a chicken. Upon returning home, she
 (9) _____ it. Now she is taking the (10) _____ chicken out from the
 refrigerator. The chicken is (11) _____ cold. Mother always (12) _____ the
 chicken soon after buying it from the market.

Section F: Grammar Cloze (4X1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|-------------|---------|----------|--------|
| (A) through | (B) to | (C) but | (D) by |
| (E) from | (F) and | (G) into | |

The Ban Yu Association was founded many years ago. It was set up
 (13) _____ a group of young businessmen and professionals. They are a new
 generation of immigrants (14) _____ China. The purpose of the association is to
 help one another settle and integrate (15) _____ Singapore society. The
 association plans (16) _____ hold different kinds of activities for Chinese
 nationals who are studying in Singapore.

Section G: Comprehension (Open-ended) (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answer in complete sentences.

Last Monday, something happened that dented our school basketball team's hopes of winning the upcoming national basketball tournament. Our star player and captain, Alan, was injured.

The training session had started normally, and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. Alan, as usual, was the best player during training and continued to impress everyone during the practice match. His skilful play, vision and will to succeed made him an excellent captain and player.

However, his team mates were equally competent and soon the match became very exciting, with each player trying to dominate the match.

As Alan saw his team mate ready to pass the ball, he quickly ran into space and called for the ball. Everything seemed normal, but soon things went terribly wrong.

Alan caught the ball with ease and was about to shoot when one of the opposition players knocked him down accidentally. Alan's nose was bleeding badly and his limbs looked swollen. The coach stopped the match without hesitation. He immediately realised that Alan needed serious medical attention and dialled for an ambulance.

Within five minutes of the call, an ambulance arrived at the school and the medical personnel swiftly made their way to the basketball court. The moment they saw Alan, they immediately put him on a stretcher and told the coach that Alan was going to the nearby general hospital. The coach duly informed Alan's parents of the accident and went along with Alan to the hospital as his parents could not make it there to register him in time.

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

17. Name ~~any~~ two characteristics that made Alan an excellent player.

18. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "control"?

19. How did Alan get hurt during the training?

20. Which sentence in the passage tells us that the match had ended immediately?

21. In the last paragraph, what does the word "there" refer to?

Answer Ke

EXAM PAPER 2009

SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY

SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

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PAPER2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16
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17)Alan's skilful play and will to succeed made him an excellent player.

18)The word is "dominate".

19)One of the opposition players Knocked him down accidentally.

20)The sentence is "The coach stopped the match without hesitation.

21)It refers to the nearby general hospital.



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2009

Name : _____ Class: P4 Index No: _____

13 May 2009 ENGLISH (PART 1) Att: 1 h 15 min
(Part 1 and 2)

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Section A: Grammar (6X1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.

1. The police have questioned the man _____ car was stolen this morning.
(1) who
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) whose ()

2. Julie, as well as her sisters, _____ in the concert next week.
(1) has sung
(2) is singing
(3) are singing
(4) have sung ()

3. Though Janice had _____ time to study than I, she did better in the examination.
(1) less
(2) little
(3) much
(4) plenty ()

4. Sam was tired _____ he went to sleep.
(1) so
(2) but
(3) since
(4) unless ()

5. Last December holiday, Jay took _____ kite flying as his new hobby.
(1) in
(2) up
(3) out
(4) over ()
6. Fandi knows that he has to exercise at least twice a week in order to keep _____ healthy and fit.
(1) he
(2) his
(3) him
(4) himself ()
- Section B: Vocabulary (6X1 mark)**
- Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.**
7. This restaurant is _____ for its delicious spicy food and great service.
(1) noted
(2) charmed
(3) notorious
(4) widespread ()
8. The skin and hair covering the top of the human head is called the _____.
(1) skull
(2) scalp
(3) temple
(4) forehead ()
9. Jim was so _____ in his work that he did not notice his sister drawing on the wall.
(1) fascinated
(2) enchanted
(3) engrossed
(4) concentrated ()
10. Kelly has to tidy her room as it is _____ with toys, books and clothes.
(1) clouded
(2) clattered
(3) cluttered
(4) clustered ()

11. Mr Tan suddenly groaned and _____ back in his chair.

- (1) sloped
- (2) drooped
- (3) slumped
- (4) subsided

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12. Jason is more _____ with his spending as the economy worsens and he has less money.

- (1) frugal
- (2) stingy
- (3) diligent
- (4) extravagant

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Section C: Comprehension (MCQ) (5X2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

As a young boy, Henry had always loved outdoor activities. He loved to explore the underwater world and catch fish with his spear gun. Sometimes he would laze in the sun while lying on the deck of his boat.

Now Henry is the captain of a large fishing boat with a crew of eight men. When they have stocked the boat with water, food and diesel oil and the weather is fine, they set sail for international waters. Henry is careful because he does not want to be stopped by foreign patrol boats and be fined for fishing in their waters.

Henry hopes to make the sea his home. Not a single day goes by where he does not watch the sunset. He enjoys watching the sea turn into a brilliant gold before it disappears over the horizon. Sometimes, the dolphins swim happily alongside his boat and the seagulls fly over it.

Sometimes Henry faces typhoons and has to battle with the strong winds and huge waves. However, Henry takes on these challenges as invaluable experiences. His love for the outdoors is so great that he overlooks the dangers of a life at sea.

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.

13. When Henry was young, he enjoyed _____ ()

- (1) rearing fish
- (2) sleeping on his boat
- (3) exploring the marine world
- (4) feeling the sun's rays on his face

14. Henry sets sail when the _____ ()

- (1) supply of food is low
- (2) weather is favourable
- (3) the diesel oil is pumped out
- (4) the patrol boats are not present

15. In the passage, it is an offence to _____ ()

- (1) fish in foreign waters
- (2) make the sea his home
- (3) invite foreign patrol boats
- (4) stock the boat with water, food and diesel oil

16. Henry loves to witness the _____ ()

- (1) dolphins at play
- (2) fury of typhoons
- (3) glory of a sunset
- (4) sea making gold

17. Henry will always love the sea because of _____ ()

- (1) the waves and the wind
- (2) his love for the outdoors
- (3) his battles with the storms
- (4) the changes in the weather



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8X1 mark)

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

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|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| (A) banned | (B) cancelled | (C) contribution |
| (D) disappearing | (E) extinction | (F) illegal |
| (G) legal | (H) part | (J) purchase |
| (K) skins | (L) tusks | (M) wildlife |

Many animals today are on the endangered species list. They are on the verge of

(1) _____ Some of the (2) _____ on the list are the giant pandas of China and the koalas of Australia. The United Nations has (3) _____ the sale of ivory. Poachers who kill elephants for their (4) _____ will be prosecuted. The World Wildlife Foundation has made the sale of tiger skins (5) _____ so as to protect the species.

We can do our (6) _____ to protect these animals. We should not (7) _____ products which cause animals to be killed. This includes fur coats and handbags made from the (8) _____ of animals.

Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (4X1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|---------------|----------|----------------|-----------|
| (A) are going | (B) go | (C) goes | (D) going |
| (E) gone | (F) went | (G) were going | |

Jenny enjoys songs. Children don't particularly like (9) _____ to the theatre but not Jenny. She often (10) _____ to watch musical performances with her mother. She has (11) _____ to watch "The Wizard of Oz" last year and next June holiday, they (12) _____ to catch the 'Alice in Wonderland' at the Esplanade.

Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4X1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|----------|------------|------------|
| (A) any | (B) few | (C) little |
| (D) much | (E) plenty | (F) some |

Reading is a great way to increase our vocabulary. Set aside (13) _____ time to read. It can be as (14) _____ as thirty minutes each day. However, you must be mindful of what you read. Read as (15) _____ as possible many challenging reading materials. Whenever you come across (16) _____ difficult word, you should look it up in a dictionary.

Section G: Comprehension (Open-ended) (5X2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

It was early morning, just before the start of the morning rush hour at the Pan Island Expressway (PIE). Tim pressed the accelerator as he did not want to be caught in the heavy flow of traffic. He was exhausted. Both he and Nat were on the night working shift. They always went home together because Nat stayed just a few units away from him. Tim glanced at Nat and saw that he had dozed off. Tim turned on the radio and sped along the expressway.

Suddenly, a dog dashed out across the PIE, just off the Eunos exit. Tim hit the brakes and swerved to his left. He managed to avoid the dog but crashed into the railing at the side of the road. Nat was thrown forward and he groaned as his face hit the dashboard. Tim hit the steering wheel and was saved by the inflated air bag. The motorist who was tailgating his car was not able to stop in time and slammed into their car. Another two speeding cars collided into them from behind.

Trembling, Tim unfastened his seat belt. Concerned for Nat's safety, he asked, "Nat, are you all right?" "I'm fine," Nat answered in a daze and slumped his head in his hands. Tim gathered himself then pushed his door open and climbed out of the wrecked car. Few other vehicles had pulled up to check on those involved in the accident. The motorist who had failed to keep a safe distance from him was trapped in his car. Though some of the people tried to free him, they were unsuccessful. The Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) officers had to cut the driver side of the car to free the man using hydraulic equipment. Except for some cuts and bruises, all the drivers involved were lucky to escape, unscathed. The accident caused massive traffic congestion on the PIE which lasted for nearly two hours. Strangely, the dog was nowhere in sight.

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

17. Why was Tim speeding along the expressway ?

18. Which word in the passage showed that Tim cared for Nat ?

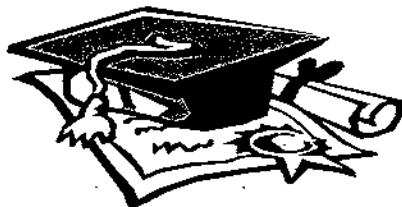
19. How many cars were involved in the collision ?

20. Which sentence tells you that the accident was not a serious one ?

21. Besides Tim, why were the other cars not able to stop in time to avoid crashing into one another ?

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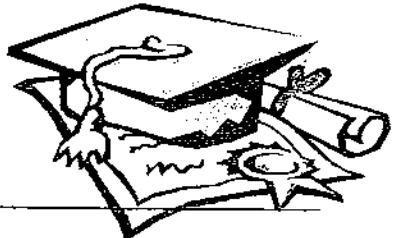


ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

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TERM : SA1



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PAPER 2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16
E	M	A	L	F	H	J	K	D	C	E	A	F	C	D	A

17)He did not want to be caught in the heavy flow of traffic, so he sped along the expressway.

18)The word is "concerned."

19)There were four cars involved in the collision.

20)The sentences is "Except for some cuts and bruises, all the drivers involved were lucky to escape, unscathed.

21)The motorist as tailgating his car while the other two cars were speeding, so they were not able to stop in time to avoid crashing into one another.

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RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2015

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Name : _____ Class: P4 Index No: _____

12 May 2015 ENGLISH (PART 1) Duration: 1 h 15 min (Part 1 and 2)

Section A: Grammar (8X1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Nobody _____ in the school yesterday as it was a public holiday.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

2. The children, together with Karen, _____ happily in the park now.

- (1) plays
- (2) played
- (3) is playing
- (4) are playing

3. Between Sarah and Jane, Sarah is the _____ one.

- (1) neat
- (2) neatly
- (3) neater
- (4) neatest

4. It is very late at night _____ there are many people still walking around the streets as it is New Year's Eve.

- (1) but
- (2) since
- (3) unless
- (4) because

5. Don't lean _____ the wall as there is paint on it!

- (1) into
- (2) along
- (3) under
- (4) against

6. _____ children here are waiting for their parents to pick them up after their camp.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) These
- (4) Those

7. While walking along the street, I saw a boy _____ across the road without looking out for oncoming cars.

- (1) ran
- (2) run
- (3) is running
- (4) was running

8. Did you _____ the list of names on the bulletin board?

- (1) saw
- (2) see
- (3) seen
- (4) seeing

Section B: Vocabulary (6X1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. John _____ that he had stolen Tom's pen after Miss Lee questioned him.

- (1) confided
- (2) convinced
- (3) confessed
- (4) consented

10. Although Cindy excels in her studies, she remains _____. She does not boast about her achievements and continues to work hard.

- (1) proud
- (2) furious
- (3) humble
- (4) conceited

11. The new railroad built across the mountainous area has made the place more _____.

- (1) possible
- (2) accessible
- (3) achievable
- (4) impassable

12. The authorities _____ the old building so that a new hotel could be built on that plot of land.

- (1) defeated
- (2) defended
- (3) deposited
- (4) demolished

13. The police are still looking for the robbers who had _____ with the bag of diamonds.

- (1) made off
- (2) made up
- (3) made for
- (4) made over

14. Mrs Lim read the _____ and followed the instructions to bake a delicious cake for Janice.

- (1) recipe
- (2) manual
- (3) programme
- (4) prescription

Section C: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Once upon a time, deep in a forest, there lived a huge king cobra who was very proud of his power. The king cobra loved eating and had an enormous appetite. At night, he would leave his hole on the forest floor, prowling in a quiet and cunning manner so that he would not frighten away prey with his menacing presence. Many of the animals of the forest would hide among the bushes in fear. He ate and grew so fat that it became difficult for him to get in and out of his hole, so he had to hold his breath and squeeze himself inside. This made life difficult for the king cobra. However, that did not stop him from eating.

One day, the king cobra decided to find a new home. He made up his mind to give up living in a hole and chose a big tree that overlooked the forest. The cobra thought, "Now, I will live without trouble."

However, there was an ant hill at its base that swarmed with activities. The cobra was displeased with the ants and did not want to share his new home with other creatures. Hence, he decided to scare them away. He hissed and spat threateningly, "I'm the king of this forest! **This place** is mine. If you value your lives, move your home somewhere else!"

The other creatures in the forest trembled in fear when they heard his words. However, the ants refused to give up their home without a fight. Thousands of ants spilled out of the ant hill in great fury, attacking the cobra. The cobra yelled in pain and tried to shake off the ants but he was outnumbered. Realising his defeat, he slithered away.

Adapted from Judge Monkey and Other Stories by Dr Tara

15. Which word has the same meaning as 'threatening'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

At night, he would leave his hole on the forest floor, prowling in a quiet and cunning
(A)
manner so that he would not frighten away prey with his menacing presence.
(B)

16. Read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". [3 m]

		True	False
(a)	All the animals in the forest were scared of the cobra.		
(b)	The cobra continued to eat even though he had grown very fat.		
(c)	The cobra did not want the ants to live in the tree because they were eating his food.		

17. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

What does "this place" refer to in paragraph 3? [1m]

- The bushes
- The big tree
- The hole on the forest floor

For questions 18 and 19, write 1, 2 or 3 in the brackets.

18. Based on the passage, which one of the following adjectives best describes the ants? [1m]

- (1) fearful
- (2) generous
- (3) determined

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19. Why did the king cobra have to look for a new home? [1m]

- (1) His home was destroyed.
- (2) He had outgrown his home.
- (3) He had eaten all the creatures he could find in the area.

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20. From paragraph 3, state two actions the cobra used to frighten the ants away.

_____ [1m]

_____ [1m]

21. Read the following events carefully. Put them in the right sequence, according to the flow in the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes provided. [1m]

The cobra threatened the ants.	
The cobra was defeated by the ants.	
The cobra looked for a new home.	



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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8X1 mark)

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

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) ajar	(B) entrance	(C) flight
(D) glanced	(E) glared	(F) noisily
(G) silence	(H) sight	(J) sound
(K) stealthily	(L) towered	(M) vehicles

John and Tom stared at the castle, no one speaking a word. The huge building (22) _____ over them, promising a day of adventure and excitement.

Finally, John broke the (23) _____ and said, "Let's do it."

Tom nodded, his heart racing. He followed John to their bicycles and pedalled quietly towards the castle.

They were soon at the (24) _____ of the castle. To check if anyone was nearby, Tom (25) _____ around. Thankfully, no one was in (26) _____.

The boys tiptoed (27) _____ to the forbidding doors, careful not to make any sound. To their surprise, the doors were (28) _____. Carefully, John peeked through the gap but it was too dark. With trembling hands, he pushed the ancient doors open. Sunlight filtered in and cast a ray of light on a magnificent statue that stood at a (29) _____ of stairs at the corner of the living room. With Tom behind him, John led the way and took a hesitant step into the room.

Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (4X1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) along	(B) at	(C) among
(D) between	(E) over	(F) under

Please follow the directions carefully.

Turn left at the junction between Smith Street and Terry Street. Walk (30) _____

Terry Street until you see a bridge. Climb up the bridge, look (31) _____ to your left and you will see a scenic view of the harbour. Take a picture of the harbour. Make sure you capture the view of the lighthouse. After crossing the bridge, you will see a ladder in front of a shop called "Hands At Work". Be sure not to walk (32) _____ the ladder as it is dangerous. Walk for another two blocks and your destination will be (33) _____ your right. Look out for a shop called 'Wishes'.

Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4 X 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

I made my way to the kitchen. My mother asked, "Jean, have you (34) [took / taken] your lunch?" I shook my head as I put my heavy backpack on the floor. It (35) [has / had] been a tiring day at school. The Mathematics sums that Mrs Tan wrote on the board (36) [was / were] mind-boggling. I tried but I (37) [cannot / could not] solve them. Letting out a deep sigh, I trudged towards the dining table.

Section G: Comprehension (Open-ended) (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Lawrence Anthony, a conservationist who helped protect the white rhinoceroses, also saved the crocodiles and other endangered species. However, he was best known as the "Elephant Whisperer". In the mid-1990s, his passion for protecting the animals prompted him to buy a nature reserve in South Africa.

One day, he was offered nine elephants and was told that if he did not take in this troublesome herd into his reserve, they would be killed. Sympathy for the elephants made him take in the animals.

One of the females, Nara, and her baby were injured before they were taken to the reserve. When they arrived at the reserve, the staff took some time to calm them down.

Nara was the leader of the herd and was known to be an expert at making escapes. She had worked out a plan on how to break through the fences once she was taken to the reserve. That night they arrived, Nara and another adult elephant worked together to fell a tree which pushed down the fence. They then headed for their freedom but it was short-lived. Lawrence and his staff managed to find them and bring the herd back to the reserve. The next night, Lawrence found the nine elephants facing the fence, ready to break it down again.

Having no other choice, Lawrence stood bravely in front of Nara and said as calmly as possible, "Don't do it, Nara. This is your home now. You are safe here." Suddenly, Nara seemed to understand that. She turned around and went back into the bushes, her herd lumbering behind.

Adapted from <http://cybershelley.hubpages.com/hub/THE-ELEPHANT-WHISPERER-The-Incredible-True-Story-of-Wild-Elephants>

Answer these questions in complete sentences.

38. What made Lawrence Anthony buy the reserve in South Africa? [1m]

39. Why did Lawrence decide to accept Nara and the herd of elephants even though they created problems? [2m]

40. Which sentence in paragraph 4 shows that the elephants were trying to make another escape? [2m]

41. For question 20, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.
The word "it" in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

[1m]

- (1) Nara
- (2) The herd
- (3) Lawrence's freedom
- (4) The elephants' freedom

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For Q42 - 43, read each statement. Tick ✓ "True" or "False" and give a reason for your answer based on information from the passage. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	True	False	Reason
Example	Lawrence protected not only elephants but also other animals	✓		Lawrence protected rhinoceros, crocodiles and other endangered animals.
42.	All the elephants were hurt before they reached the reserve.			
43.	Nara carried out the escape plan all by herself.			

44. How can we tell that the elephants respected Nara? [2m]

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# Ans

EXAM PAPER 2015

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| 2   | 4   | 1   | 1   |    |    |    |    |    |     |

15) B      16)a) False    b)True    c)False

17)The big tree      18)3      19)2

20) the cobra hissed , the cobra spat threateningly

21) 2 , 3 , 1    22) L    23) G    24)B    25)D    26)H    27)K    28)A    29)C

30)A    31) E    32) F    33)B

34) taken    35) had    36) were    37)could not

38) Lawrence Anthony's passion for protecting the animals prompted him to buy the reserve.

39) Lawrence's sympathy for elephants made him take in the animals.

**40) The next night ,Lawrence found the nine elephants facing the fence, ready to break it down again.**

**41) 4**

**41) False, Only Nara and her baby were taken to reserve.**

**43) False, Nara carried out the escape with another adult elephant**

**44) When Nara turned around and went back into the bushes, the elephants lumbered behind.**



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## SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 2 ) 2015

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2 Nov 2015      ENGLISH (Part 1)      Duration: 1 h 15 min (Part 1 & 2)

### Section A: Grammar (8 X 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The sisters followed the recipe and baked a cake \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) myself
- (2) herself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

2. The fisherman \_\_\_\_\_ elated when he caught a big fish.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

3. "Stop screaming. Your brother \_\_\_\_\_ for his test at the moment," Mother told Jill.

- (1) revise
- (2) revises
- (3) is revising
- (4) has revised

4. Last Friday, Sue \_\_\_\_\_ for her school bus after buying food from the canteen.

- (1) wait
- (2) waited
- (3) has waited
- (4) was waiting

5. As the pupils \_\_\_\_\_ the museum, they heard a commotion.

- (1) enter
- (2) will enter
- (3) have entered
- (4) were entering

6. \_\_\_\_\_ toddlers playing over there have the most toys in the nursery..

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) These
- (4) Those

7. Grandma goes to the community centre every day as she has \_\_\_\_\_ friends there.

- (1) little
- (2) many
- (3) much
- (4) none

8. The coffee is not sweet enough. It has too \_\_\_\_\_ sugar in it.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) many
- (4) much

**Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)**

**Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

9. Lisa was greatly \_\_\_\_\_ to write a novel after hearing a talk by a famous children's author.

- (1) angered
- (2) inspired
- (3) involved
- (4) disappointed

10. The \_\_\_\_\_ lined up at the starting line just before the race began.

- (1) athletes
- (2) referees
- (3) **witnesses**
- (4) spectators

11. My uncle can \_\_\_\_\_ delicious meals from the most random ingredients in the kitchen.

- (1) perform
- (2) prepare
- (3) compose
- (4) construct

12. The expensive watch cost Gordon a / an \_\_\_\_\_. He has to save for a month to buy it.

- (1) dead duck
- (2) piece of cake
- (3) arm and leg
- (4) dog with two tails

13. Joyce realised that she was lost when the surroundings looked \_\_\_\_\_ to her.

- (1) unseen
- (2) unfamiliar
- (3) unpopular
- (4) uninteresting

14. A honey bee \_\_\_\_\_ consists of three kinds of adult bees: workers, drones and a queen.

- (1) army
- (2) herd
- (3) flock
- (4) colony

### **Section C: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)**

**Read the passage carefully and answer questions 15 - 23.**

Patti and her family hurried along the boardwalk and into the water of the lower pool. After a long soak, they headed for the more secluded upper pool farther into the bush. Her son, Chris, got bored and wanted to talk to his friends. He walked to the lower pool where he had made some new friends earlier on. Climbing a flight of steps through the bush, Patti and Kenneth followed him. As they reached the turnoff leading to the Hanging Garden, Kenneth said, "Let's go and see the garden instead, Mom."

Soon, they came to a viewing platform in the Hanging Garden. Intent on identifying the exotic plants, Patti and Kenneth paid no attention to a rustling in the bushes beside them.

Then something behind them moved. Turning around, they faced an animal taller than they were, staring at Patti. Remembering what he had heard about bears at school, Kenneth said calmly, "Mom, don't make any sudden movements or sound." Patti tried to move away quickly when the bear charged straight at her. Kenneth watched in horror as the bear attacked his mother. The 13-year-old charged at the creature and kicked it in the face. Passers-by, who had heard the screams, hurled branches at the bear. It hesitated and scampered over a hillock.

"It's gone!" shouted Kenneth.

Source: Adapted from Reader's Digest Magazine June 2012 by Derek Burnett

**For questions 15 – 16, tick ( ✓ ) your chosen answer.**

**[2]**

15. Patti was attacked by the bear at the \_\_\_\_\_.

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
|  | lower pool     |
|  | upper pool     |
|  | Hanging Garden |

16. \_\_\_\_\_ threw branches at the bear to frighten it away.

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
|  | Patti          |
|  | Kenneth        |
|  | The passers-by |

17. Which word has the same meaning as "rushed"? Circle either (A) or (B). [1]

The 13-year-old charged at the creature and kicked it in the face.  
(A) (B)

**For questions 18 to 19, decide who did the following activities.**

Tick (✓) your chosen answer. Refer to paragraph 1 to help you.

The first example has been done for you.

[2]

| Activities |                                                   | Chris | Kenneth |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Example    | He kicked the bear.                               |       | ✓       |
| 18.        | He got bored and wanted to look for his friends.  |       |         |
| 19.        | He suggested taking a look at the Hanging Garden. |       |         |

**For questions 20 to 21, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'.**

Refer to paragraph 3 to help you.

The first example has been done for you.

[2]

| statements |                                               | True | False |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Example    | Patti had two sons.                           | ✓    |       |
| 20.        | The bear was taller than Patti.               |      |       |
| 21.        | The passers-by tried to escape from the bear. |      |       |

22. What two things did Kenneth advise his mother not to do when they came face to face with the bear?

**She should not make any:**

(i)

[1]

10

[11]

23. Read the following events carefully.

Put them in the right sequence according to the flow in the story.

Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes provided.

[1]

|  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
|  | Patti swam at the pool.             |
|  | Patti encountered a bear.           |
|  | Patti walked to the Hanging Garden. |

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2015

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2 Nov 2015 ENGLISH (Part 2)

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X1 mark)

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

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

|               |                  |                |
|---------------|------------------|----------------|
| (A) chided    | (B) crying       | (C) difficult  |
| (D) easy      | (E) grappled     | (F) held       |
| (G) imitating | (H) irritated    | (J) served     |
| (K) together  | (L) unapologetic | (M) remorseful |

A frail old man lived with his son, his daughter-in-law and his four-year-old grandson. The family would have their meals (24) \_\_\_\_\_ every night. However, the elderly man's shaking hands and poor vision made eating rather (25) \_\_\_\_\_. When he (26) \_\_\_\_\_ a glass bowl, it would slip off his fingers and shatter into pieces.

Soon, the son and daughter-in-law became (27) \_\_\_\_\_ with the mess and decided to set a small table at the corner of the room. There, the old man ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed their dinner at the dining table. Since he had broken a dish or two, his food was (28) \_\_\_\_\_ in wooden bowls. When he dropped a fork or spilled food, the couple (29) \_\_\_\_\_ him. The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening, the little boy brought a wooden bowl to his parents and said, "This is for you to use when you are as old as Grandfather." He was (30) \_\_\_\_\_ what he had observed at home.

The words struck the couple and they were (31) \_\_\_\_\_ for their past actions. Tears started to stream down their cheeks. That evening, the old man's son took his hand and gently led him back to the dining table.

**Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (4 X 1 mark)**

**Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.**

**USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.**

|         |         |          |
|---------|---------|----------|
| (A) her | (B) I   | (C) it   |
| (D) me  | (E) she | (F) them |

No one likes to be accused. When Jill said that I had stolen (32) \_\_\_\_\_ purse, I was very angry. Jill did not know that Minah and (33) \_\_\_\_\_ had spent the afternoon looking for it. Our teacher, Mrs Kaur, came to help us. I was glad that (34) \_\_\_\_\_ did not scold me.

Finally, we found Jill's purse. She had misplaced (35) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4 X 1 mark)**

**Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.**

Peter is an artist. He (36) [ love / loves ] to paint. To encourage Peter's love for painting, his parents often (37) [ buy / buys ] him paints of different colours so that he can paint the pictures he (38) [ has / have ] drawn more realistically. To date, there (39) [ is / are ] more than ten art pieces in Peter's room.

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### Section G: Open-ended Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 - 45.  
Write your answer in complete sentences.

The 28<sup>th</sup> Southeast Asian Games also known as the SEA Games closed in a spectacular fashion at Singapore's new Sports Hub on 16 June 2015 bringing down the curtain on nearly two weeks of continuous sporting action at the region's biggest multi-sports event.

Tan Chuan-Jin, the president of the SEA Games Federation, delivered an emotional closing speech in which he described the last two weeks as "extraordinary". After the speech, Singapore President, Dr. Tony Tan, officially declared the SEA Games over.

"This SEA Games will be a memorable one for years to come," Tan Chuan-Jin said. "It has been made possible by all the countries from our region." He also spoke about the spirit of friendship amongst the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries.

He thanked the thousands of volunteers who had made the games such a great success and cited two athletes for special attention: the 11-year-old Myanmar swimmer, Oo Shun Lei Maw, who persevered despite being unable to keep up with her older opponents, and the Singaporean marathon runner, Ashley Liew, who slowed down for his fellow competitors who had taken the wrong route.

"These are the people and events that made the SEA Games," he said. "This is the spirit of ASEAN and we have witnessed it at the SEA Games."

In keeping with the tradition, the SEA Games cauldron was then extinguished. The SEA Games flag was lowered and handed over to Malaysia, which will host the next SEA Games in 2017.

Source: Adapted from <https://www.seagames2015.com/news/news-articles/2015/6/28th-sea-games-closes-in-singapore>

**For questions 40 – 41, write your answer in the box provided.**

40. Where was the closing ceremony of the 28<sup>th</sup> SEA Games held?

[1]

|  |
|--|
|  |
|--|

41. On which date did the Singapore President declare the SEA Games over? [1]

|  |
|--|
|  |
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42. From **paragraph 1**, write down the word(s) which has / have the same meaning as each of the words below. [2]

|     |              |  |
|-----|--------------|--|
| (a) | breathtaking |  |
| (b) | non-stop     |  |

43. From **paragraph 4**, identify two athletes whom Tan Chuan-Jin spoke about in his closing speech.

What did each of them do to catch his attention?

Complete the table below.

[2]

|     | Name of athlete | What he/ she did |
|-----|-----------------|------------------|
| (a) |                 |                  |
| (b) |                 |                  |

44. Based on the story, put a tick (✓) in the box to show if the statement is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [2]

|         | Statement                                               | True | False | Reason                                                           |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Example | The SEA Games cauldron was lit at the closing ceremony. |      | ✓     | The SEA Games cauldron was extinguished at the closing ceremony. |
| (a)     | Tan Chuan-Jin officially declared the SEA Games over.   |      |       |                                                                  |
| (b)     | Malaysia will host the next SEA Games.                  |      |       |                                                                  |

45. From paragraph 4, which two qualities were shown by the athletes in the SEA Games? [2]

(i) \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_

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15) Hanging Garden

16) The passer-by

17) A

18) Chris

19) Kenneth

20) True

21) False

22)i) sudden movements

ii) sudden sound

23) 1 ; 3 , 2

24) K

25) C

26) F

27) H

28) J

29) A

30) G

31) M

32) A

33) B

34) E

35) C

36) loves

37) buy

38) has

39) are

40) Singapore's new sport hub

41) 16 June 2015

43)a) Oo Shun Lei Maw . She persevered despite being unable to keep up with her older opponents.

42)a) Spectacular b) continuous

**43)b) Ashley Liew. He slowed down for his fellow competitors who had taken the wrong route.**

**44)a) False. After Tan Chuan-Jin delivered a speech. Dr Tony Tan, Singapore president, officially declared the SEA Games over.**

**b)True. The SEA Games flag was lowered and handed over to Malaysia which will host the next SEA Games in 2017.**

**45)i) persevered                    ii)graciousness**



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## SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 2 )

2014

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Class: P4 Index No: \_\_\_\_\_

13 Oct 2014    ENGLISH (PART 1)    Duration: 1 h 15 min

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| Sections A to C    | 24 |
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### Section A: Grammar (8X1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.

1. "Call me later. I \_\_\_\_\_ my baby sister now," Anna said.

- (1) fed
- (2) feeds
- (3) have fed
- (4) am feeding

(        )

2. May and her sister read the recipe and cooked the dish \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) herself
- (2) himself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

(        )

3. During English lesson yesterday, Mr Lim \_\_\_\_\_ annoyed when the pupils kept interrupting his lesson.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

(        )

4. Matthew \_\_\_\_\_ very happy when his friends told him the news.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

(        )

5. Two days ago, we \_\_\_\_\_ in the debate tournament after training for weeks.
- (1) participate  
(2) participated  
(3) have participated  
(4) were participating ( )
6. While Mother \_\_\_\_\_ a shower, the phone rang.
- (1) takes  
(2) will take  
(3) has taken  
(4) was taking ( )
7. \_\_\_\_\_ shopper queuing there is waiting to collect his free gift.
- (1) That  
(2) This  
(3) These  
(4) Those ( )
8. We must leave soon as we have very \_\_\_\_\_ time left to reach school.
- (1) few  
(2) little  
(3) many  
(4) much ( )
- Section B: Vocabulary (6X1 mark)**
- Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.**
9. The spectators need not worry about where to park their cars as there is \_\_\_\_\_ parking space at the Sports Hub.
- (1) full  
(2) ample  
(3) restricted  
(4) insufficient ( )
10. She always has an \_\_\_\_\_ for cakes, no matter how much she has eaten.
- (1) appetite  
(2) ambition  
(3) attention  
(4) aspiration ( )

11. The vicious dog attacked a child and had to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) put in  
(2) put off  
(3) put back  
(4) put down ( )
12. During the famine, there was a shortage of food and many people \_\_\_\_\_ to death.  
(1) froze  
(2) burnt  
(3) starved  
(4) drowned ( )
13. The concert will be \_\_\_\_\_ to a later date.  
(1) modified  
(2) improved  
(3) concluded  
(4) postponed ( )
14. When the singer won the most popular singer award, she was \_\_\_\_\_ and shed tears of joy.  
(1) in hot water  
(2) over the moon  
(3) at loggerheads  
(4) green with envy - ( )

### **Section C: Comprehension 1 (10marks)**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

As I was growing up, I travelled to many parts of the world to perform. I went to different circuses, amusement parks and zoos. People often shouted my name, "Tarra" whenever they saw me. Fame was not important to me, though. Over the years, I grew old and sick. I was taken to The Elephant Sanctuary, a place for sick and retired elephants like me.

I frequently walked by myself although I was always surrounded by many of my own kind. Then, a canine, Bella, was brought in. I noticed that she spent a lot of time tailing me around when not guarding a bulldozer. She wagged her tail and barked whenever she saw me. I tried to avoid her as she was too noisy.

At first, I thought she found shelter from the heat by staying under my belly. Bella desired to be with me wherever I went. She walked with me every day. Over time, her warmth melted my frozen heart. I began to enjoy her company. I did not mind her at all.

Then, just last month, Bella had a spinal cord injury and had to undergo surgery. She could not move her legs and wag her tail for three long weeks. I could only stand from afar, waiting longingly for her return. When Bella was well again, no words could express my joy!

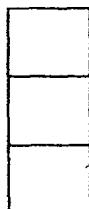
*Adapted from <http://www.elephants.com/tarra/TarraBella.php>*

For Q15 and Q16, decide who did the following activities. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.  
Refer to paragraphs 1 and 2 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

| Activities described in paragraphs 1 and 2 |                               | Tarra | Bella |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Example                                    | entered an elephant sanctuary | ✓     |       |
| 15.                                        | performed in many countries   |       |       |
| 16.                                        | wagged her tail and barked    |       |       |

17. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The Elephant Sanctuary is meant for \_\_\_\_\_ elephants. [1m]



noisy

lonely

retired

18. Which word has the same meaning as 'following'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

I noticed that she spent a lot of time tailing me around when not guarding a bulldozer.  
(A) (B)

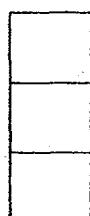
19. Name two things Bella did so that she could be with Tarra.

i. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

ii. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

20. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

In paragraph 3, the phrase "her warmth melted my frozen heart" suggests that \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]



- the weather was freezing  
Tarra was touched by Bella  
Bella succeeded in irritating Tarra

For Q21 and Q22, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 4 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

| Statements |                                                                      | True | False |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Example    | Bella was well again.                                                | ✓    |       |
| 21.        | Tarra looked forward to her friend's return after the surgery.       |      |       |
| 22.        | Tarra could not move her legs for three long weeks after her injury. |      |       |

23. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines below to show the order of events that happened in paragraph 2. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ Bella followed Tarra around.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tarra walked by herself frequently.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tarra avoided Bella as she was too noisy.



# RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 2 )

2014

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| Sections<br>D to G    | 26 |
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Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Class: P4 Index No: \_\_\_\_\_

13 Oct 2014 ENGLISH (PART 2) Duration: 1 h 15 min

### Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8X1 mark)

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

**USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.**

- |               |                 |                |               |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| (A) actively  | (B) against     | (C) breeding   | (D) decreased |
| (E) despite   | (F) drastically | (G) endangered | (H) halt      |
| (J) increased | (K) protecting  |                |               |

The leatherback turtle has survived for more than a hundred million years but is now facing extinction. The leatherback turtle population in Malaysia has 1) \_\_\_\_\_, with not a single nesting sighted so far this year, 2) \_\_\_\_\_ ongoing conservation efforts.

The eastern Terengganu coast in Malaysia used to be one of the largest nesting sites for the 3) \_\_\_\_\_ leatherback turtle, where thousands of female leatherbacks, having crossed the Pacific Ocean, return to the place they were born.

In the last two decades, their numbers have dwindled 4) \_\_\_\_\_. Last season saw just two nests on the beach and this year, there has been none. This is in spite of strict laws 5) \_\_\_\_\_ nesting sites and efforts to build hatcheries.

Conservationists and wildlife experts called for an immediate action plan to 6) \_\_\_\_\_ the decline. They blame global climate change, egg harvesting and 7) \_\_\_\_\_ coastal fishing for upsetting the turtles' 8) \_\_\_\_\_ habits. "Many turtles have died from injuries caused by fishing boats," said Kitty Simmonds, a conservationist.

Adapted from Channel News Asia, 21 Aug 2007

**Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4X1 mark)**

**Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.**

I am here at the new shopping mall with my mother. There [ is / are ] many shoppers at the mall. The mall [ has / have ] a variety of shops at each level. My mother [ read / reads ] the directory to locate the stationery shop. To avoid the crowd, we [ walk / walks ] quickly towards the shop to buy some stationery. After that, we head for a drink at the food court.

### **Section G: Comprehension (Open-ended) (5x2 marks)**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.**

Sixty-year-old Chen leads her life with a daily routine – waking up in the wee hours of the morning, she makes her way to the vegetable wholesaler, collects her vegetables and sets up her stall at the market, which she tends all by herself till seven or eight in the evening. Being the first to arrive and last to leave, the other stall owners have fondly given her the title of 'market manager'.

The stall her father left her means everything to her. Even though she does not earn much from selling vegetables, she is able to donate a large sum of money towards various charitable causes, including helping schools, orphanages and poor children.

Oscar-winning director, Lee Ang, said of Chen, "Money is only worthy if given to those in need." He added, "Of all she has given away, her greatest gift is to set a good example to others and inspire them."

Regular customers turn up at the stall with a vegetable basket and a camera, hoping for a picture with Chen. Despite all the attention, Chen remains humble. "I have done nothing extraordinary and everyone who wants to can do it. I do not place great importance on money. When I donate to help others, I feel happy and I can sleep well at night."

"My philosophy in life is simple: If doing something makes you worried, then it must be wrong. If it makes you happy, then you must have done the right thing. What others say is not important," says Chen.

*Adapted from: The Reader Digest, 2012*

**Answer these questions in complete sentences.**

17. Where does Chen get her vegetables from? [1 m]

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18. Why do the other stall owners call Chen the 'market manager'? [2 m]

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19. Which sentence in the second paragraph tells us that Chen's vegetable stall was passed down to her? [2 m]

For Q20-22, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False" and state the reason from the passage. The first example has been done for you. [3 m]

|                | <b>Statement</b>                                                      | <b>True</b> | <b>False</b> | <b>Reason</b>                                                    |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Example</b> | Regular customers at Chen's stall wanted an autograph from her.       |             | ✓            | The customers at Chen's stall wanted to take a picture with her. |
| Q20            | Chen <u>sells</u> vegetables only on weekends.                        |             |              |                                                                  |
| Q21            | Chen <u>does</u> not hire any worker for her stall.                   |             |              |                                                                  |
| Q22            | According to Lee Ang, Chen <u>is</u> not a good role model to others. |             |              |                                                                  |

23. Besides being humble, what other word would you use to describe Chen? Explain why. [2 m]

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# Exam Paper 2014 Answer Sheet

**School: RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Subject: PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH**

**Term: SA2**

## Part 1

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| 1) | 4 | 6)  | 4 | 11) | 4 |
| 2) | 4 | 7)  | 1 | 12) | 3 |
| 3) | 3 | 8)  | 2 | 13) | 4 |
| 4) | 3 | 9)  | 2 | 14) | 2 |
| 5) | 2 | 10) | 1 |     |   |

15. Tarra

16. Bella

17. retired

18. A

19. i. Bella walked with Tarra everyday.  
ii. Bella kept tailing Tarra.

20. Tarra was touched by Bella

21. True

22. False

23. 2, 1, 3

## Part 2

|    |   |     |   |     |   |
|----|---|-----|---|-----|---|
| 1) | D | 6)  | H | 11) | C |
| 2) | E | 7)  | J | 12) | D |
| 3) | G | 8)  | C |     |   |
| 4) | F | 9)  | B |     |   |
| 5) | K | 10) | F |     |   |

13. are

14. has

15. reads

16. walk

17. She gets her vegetables from the vegetable wholesaler.

18. She is always the first to arrive and the last to leave the market.

19. The stall her father left her means everything to her.

20. False: She tends the stall daily from morning till evening.

21. True: She works by herself.

22. False: According to Lee Ang, Chen is a good role model to others.

23. Chen is charitable. She donates a huge sum of money to people in need.



# RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2014

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| Sections A to C    | 24        |
| Sections D to G    | 26        |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>50</b> |
| Parent's Signature |           |

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Class: P4 Index No: \_\_\_\_\_

7 May 2014

ENGLISH (PART 1)

Duration: 1 h 15 min (Part 1 and 2)

### Section A: Grammar (8X1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the development of the new train routes, the MRT system is now more convenient.

- (1) At
- (2) By
- (3) With
- (4) Along

(        )

2. The heavy downpour has really dampened everyone's mood, \_\_\_\_\_ it?

- (1) has
- (2) have
- (3) hasn't
- (4) haven't

(        )

3. One of the actors for this movie \_\_\_\_\_ receiving an award for his outstanding performance next month.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

(        )

4. \_\_\_\_\_ of my friends wants to go with Mark to Universal Studios.
- (1) All  
(2) Few  
(3) None  
(4) Several ( )
5. "Participants, make \_\_\_\_\_ comfortable as the organiser gets everything ready," Mr Haymitch said.
- (1) themselves  
(2) yourselves  
(3) herself  
(4) himself ( )
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ a book when the telephone rang.
- (1) reads  
(2) am reading  
(3) was reading  
(4) were reading ( )
7. \_\_\_\_\_ oranges here are for my friends.
- (1) This  
(2) That  
(3) These  
(4) Those ( )
8. At the rate that we are working, there is \_\_\_\_\_ chance that we can complete the project on time.
- (1) few  
(2) little  
(3) many  
(4) plenty ( )

**Section B: Vocabulary (6X1 mark)**

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. As he was the heir to the throne, the prince \_\_\_\_\_ all the money after the king's death.

- (1) inherited
- (2) crowned
- (3) descended
- (4) succeeded

(        )

10. Angeline could not find any \_\_\_\_\_ in the kitchen so she decided to go to the market to buy some disposable forks and spoons.

- (1) tool
- (2) cutlery
- (3) apparatus
- (4) equipment

(        )

11. The tenants were \_\_\_\_\_ from the flat as they had not paid their monthly rent for the past few months.

- (1) limited
- (2) evicted
- (3) invaded
- (4) excused

(        )

12. The prisoners were \_\_\_\_\_ to five years of imprisonment.

- (1) jailed
- (2) accused
- (3) punished
- (4) sentenced

(        )

13. Jason was so \_\_\_\_\_ that he stormed off.

- (1) jovial
- (2) elated
- (3) furious
- (4) lethargic

(        )

14. The show was so popular that thousands of spectators \_\_\_\_\_ to watch it.

- (1) came off
- (2) turned up
- (3) came about
- (4) turned down

(        )

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### **Section C: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

Janice rang the doorbell reluctantly and wished that the afternoon would go by quickly.

"Welcome!" Grandma greeted, opening the door. "There's tea and cake in the dining room. Help yourself to them."

Janice went to have her tea. She decided to explore the house after tea. Janice started with the attic. In the attic, she found a unique key. She brought the key down to show her grandfather. "Grandpa, what's this key for?"

"Where did you find that? I haven't seen it in years. This is the key to a magical room," Grandpa whispered. "It was the room I used to go to when I wanted to hide from your grandmother," he said with a wink.

"Magical room?" Janice asked.

"It's a room filled with wonderful surprises," Grandpa said. "Let's play a game. Try to find the magical room by the time I finish my tea," said Grandpa.

Janice grabbed the key and stared at it. "The key looks old. The old things are kept in the store room. Maybe I should start there."

**Grandpa sipped his tea and shook his head.**

Janice knew that meant she was going the wrong way. She halted and wondered, "Old key. I am looking for an old room! The oldest part of the house!"

Janice thought about the oldest part of the house. "The basement! It's the first part that's built!" she exclaimed. She rushed to the basement and looked at the lock. It was unique. "This has to be it!" she said to herself. She slid the key inside and turned it. With a click, the door opened.

Janice walked down the stairs. There was nothing but a box in the middle of the giant room. She walked to the box briskly and opened it gingerly. What she experienced after that was stranger than a dream.

Adapted from: [http://www.superteacherworksheets.com/reading-comp/4th-foggy-figure\\_FOGGY.pdf](http://www.superteacherworksheets.com/reading-comp/4th-foggy-figure_FOGGY.pdf)

15. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

What does the word "it" in paragraph 4 refer to?

[1 m]

|  |
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|  |
|  |
|  |

The tea

The key

The attic

For questions 16 and 17, write 1, 2 or 3 in the brackets.

16. The magical room was where \_\_\_\_\_.

[1 m]

- (1) Grandpa had tea
- (2) Janice had found the key
- (3) Grandpa went to when he wanted to hide from Grandma.

( )

17. In paragraph 8, Grandpa "shook his head" because Janice \_\_\_\_\_.

[1 m]

- (1) had finished her tea
- (2) was going the wrong way
- (3) took the key without permission

( )

18. Which word has the same meaning as 'carefully'? Circle either (A) or (B).

[1 m]

She walked to the box briskly and opened it gingerly.

(A) (B)

19. Name 2 places in the house Janice went to after tea.

[2 m]

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20. Read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False".

[3 m]

|                                                                                     | True | False |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Janice was looking forward to visiting her grandparents when she rang the doorbell. |      |       |
| Janice found a unique key when she was having tea.                                  |      |       |
| Janice did not find anything in the magical room.                                   |      |       |



# RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2014

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| Sections<br>D to G    | 26 |
| Parent's<br>Signature |    |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: P4 Index No: \_\_\_\_\_

7 May 2014      ENGLISH (PART 2)      Duration: 1 h 15 min  
(Part 1 and 2)

### Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8X1 mark)

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

#### USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| (A) dented     | (E) flashed | (J) penetrate | (N) relieved |
| (B) devastated | (F) heard   | (K) suggest   | (O) roared   |
| (C) drenched   | (G) let     | (L) thank     | (P) vision   |
| (D) enriched   | (H) mission | (M) nursery   | (Q) ward     |

It was raining heavily. Lightning struck and thunder (1) \_\_\_\_\_ as I was in my father's car, on my way to school. Suddenly, a flash of lightning blinded my eyes. After that, there was a loud thud. A tree had fallen and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the roof of my father's car.

I was (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to know that my father was fine. Fortunately, he only suffered from minor cuts. Through my blurred (4) \_\_\_\_\_, I saw pedestrians rush towards us. I (5) \_\_\_\_\_ them yelling and the loud sirens approaching. I felt some people carrying me onto a stretcher before I lost consciousness.

When I opened my eyes again, I found myself lying on the hospital bed. I was informed that my father was also recovering well in the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ nearby. I was thankful we were not seriously injured. I really want to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ those strangers who braved the storm to help us. They were (8) \_\_\_\_\_ from head to toe in the heavy downpour. I would never forget what they had done to help us during the accident.

**Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (4X1 mark)**

**Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.**

**USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.**

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|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| (A) bake       | (B) baked     | (C) baking     |
| (D) was baking | (E) is baking | (F) are baking |

I am passionate about baking. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ helps me relax and unwind. I started baking when my mother signed me up for baking class at Bakerzin. There I learnt to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ cupcakes, rainbow cakes, swiss rolls and bread. I have made many new friends who share the same passion as me.

Last week, we (11) \_\_\_\_\_ macaroons while the instructor supervised us. It was not easy.

Next week, my friends and I (12) \_\_\_\_\_ macaroons for our class party. I hope our classmates will like them.

**Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4X1 mark)**

**Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.**

Dear Mum,

I am having so much fun at Auntie Maggie's house here in Australia. I (13) [ love / loved ] staying with her! She (14) [ has / have ] taken me to many places and we have had so much fun.

Yesterday, we (15) [ go / went ] to Sydney Opera house to watch a performance . We had the most amazing time. Everyone (16) [ dote / dotes] on me and I am so happy here. I hope to invite Auntie Maggie to Singapore next year.

Love,  
Jamie

### Section G: Comprehension (Open-ended) (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

A one-year-old baby gorilla was rescued from illegal hunters. She was rushed to the nearby headquarters. The veterinarians there concluded that she had insufficient food and water and was suffering from depression. These however, were not their immediate concern. They were much more worried about something else. She had been separated from her mother and was deprived of her mother's body contact.

"Baby gorillas cannot survive without their mother's constant body contact," said veterinarian Chris Whittier. "She surely would have died within a week if the hunters had not been caught." Many find it hard to believe that gorillas, which are well-known for their great size and strength, are extremely fragile creatures. The staff began holding and cuddling the little female. If they did not quickly establish a physical relationship with the baby gorilla named Duni, she would not survive.

Duni resisted attention at first, shying away from people who reached for her. "Duni needed contact, but there was no reason that she should trust people after what she had been through," Whittier said. Humans had killed her family.

Three caretakers were assigned to her so that she would be with a foster parent all the time. They worked in shifts, taking turns holding her, carrying her around on their backs, and cradling her while she slept. "She did not trust humans right away," said Whittier, "but she would rather be with somebody than be alone."

Gorillas are vegetarians. Fortunately, Duni had a healthy appetite for the diet she was given. After six months of loving care, a good diet, and a comfortable home at the project's headquarters, Duni was finally looking and acting like a healthy, happy young gorilla should.

Adapted from: <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/stories/animalsnature/gorillarescue/>

**Answer these questions in complete sentences.**

17. In paragraph 1, what was the one thing Duni lacked that the veterinarians were most concerned about? [2 m]

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18. What would have happened to Duni "if the hunters had not been caught"? [2 m]

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19. Why is it unbelievable that gorillas are extremely delicate creatures? [2 m]

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20. Which sentence in paragraph 3 tells you the reason why Duni did not trust people? [2 m]

21. Identify two ways Duni had changed six months after her rescue. [2 m]

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## Exam Paper 2014 Answer Sheet

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**Subject: PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH**

**Term: SA1**

### Part 1

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|----|---|-----|---|-----|---|
| 1) | 3 | 6)  | 3 | 11) | 2 |
| 2) | 3 | 7)  | 3 | 12) | 4 |
| 3) | 1 | 8)  | 2 | 13) | 3 |
| 4) | 3 | 9)  | 1 | 14) | 2 |
| 5) | 2 | 10) | 2 |     |   |

15. The key

16. 3

17. 2

18. B

19. Attic; Basement

20. False; False; False

21.

22.

23.

### Part 2

|    |     |     |   |
|----|-----|-----|---|
| 1) | 6)  | 11) | B |
| 2) | 7)  | 12) | F |
| 3) | 8)  |     |   |
| 4) | 9)  | C   |   |
| 5) | 10) | A   |   |

13. loved

14. has

15. went

16. dotes

17. She was not receiving enough touch.

18. Duni would have died in a week.

19. They are well-known for their great size and strength.

20. "Humans had killed her family."

21. Duni is happier and healthier.



## RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2010

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Class: P4 Index No: \_\_\_\_\_

25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2010

ENGLISH (PART 1)

Att: 1 h 15 min

(Part 1 and 2)

|                               |       |  |
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| Your Score<br>Out of 48 marks |       |  |
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| Highest score                 |       |  |
| Average score                 |       |  |
| Parent's Signature            |       |  |

Section A: Grammar (6 X 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.

1. The coffee is not sweet enough. It has too \_\_\_\_\_ sugar in it.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) much
- (4) many

(        )

2. \_\_\_\_\_ children standing over there have the best view of the fireworks.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) These
- (4) Those

(        )

3. Andrea \_\_\_\_\_ many books from that store before it closed down.

- (1) buy
- (2) buying
- (3) bought
- (4) had bought

(        )

4. If it \_\_\_\_\_, we will not have a football match.

- (1) rains
- (2) rained
- (3) has rained
- (4) had rained

(        )

5. "The instructor \_\_\_\_\_ a briefing to the campers just now," said the team leader.

- (1) gave
- (2) gives
- (3) given
- (4) is giving

( )

6. The boy, accompanied by his mother, bought the groceries and made lunch \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) myself
- (2) himself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

( )

**Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)**

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.

7. She bought her blouse many years ago; so the design is now \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) aged
- (2) ancient
- (3) primitive
- (4) outdated

( )

8. Susan was given a heavy sentence for hitting another woman as she showed little \_\_\_\_\_ over the offence.

- (1) shock
- (2) remorse
- (3) sympathy
- (4) compassion

( )

9. The doctors are worried that the victim will not be able to \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) pull off
- (2) pull out
- (3) pull over
- (4) pull through

( )

10. The tiger remains on high alert while \_\_\_\_\_ its prey.

- (1) stalking
- (2) haunting
- (3) capturing
- (4) defending

( )

11. Sandy was about to pay for a product when she \_\_\_\_\_ that her bag was not on the chair anymore.

- (1) believed
- (2) speculated
- (3) discovered
- (4) understood

(        )

12. He was unable to concentrate as his brothers were creating a \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) force
- (2) conflict
- (3) rampage
- (4) commotion

(        )

**Section C: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 X 2 marks)**

**Read the passage carefully. Then answer the questions below.**

A poorly dressed old woman was sitting on the steps of a staircase, near the lift lobby, with several heavy plastic bags next to her. A few oranges rolled out from one of the bags and were scattered all over the floor. There was an "out of order" sign in front of the lift door. It was the third time that week that the lift had broken down. She kept looking up at the long flight of steps and shook her head.

While waiting for their school bus in the void deck, Alan and his brother, Wayne, saw what was happening and noticed the old woman's distressed look.

"Wayne, what do you think is wrong with the old woman? Does she need our help?" asked Alan. Wayne said, "I remember her. Last month, I tried offering my seat to her on the crowded public bus, but she refused and scolded me instead. She doesn't deserve our help." Insisting that they should not miss the school bus, Wayne boarded the school bus and left, leaving Alan behind.

Alan had always believed that he should never leave a helpless person in the lurch. He remained in the void deck and offered to help the old woman with her groceries up to her flat. Surprisingly, she accepted his help and even thanked him. At her door, she said, "Thank you for helping me. Most people wouldn't help me. They think I'm mean and grumpy."

Out of curiosity, he asked, "Why wouldn't they help you?" As she opened the door, and replied, "See for yourself." He could not believe his eyes when he saw that the old woman had a twin sister, who had a sour look on her face all the time.

Alan had missed his school bus, so he was late for school. Wayne tried explaining to Alan's form teacher why Alan was late, but it fell on deaf ears.

During recess, Wayne asked Alan, "Did the old woman give you a hard time?" Smiling, Alan replied that it was simply a case of mistaken identity.

**Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.**

13. When Alan and Wayne saw the old woman, they were \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) going up the staircase  
(2) sitting on the staircase  
(3) waiting for the school bus  
(4) travelling home on the school bus ( )
14. Why did the old woman shake her head?  
(1) The lift was poorly maintained.  
(2) There was a long trail of oranges on the floor.  
(3) She left her plastic bags on the steps of the staircase.  
(4) She dreaded the thought of climbing up the long flight of steps. ( )
15. Wayne told his brother that the old woman did not deserve their help because \_\_\_\_\_  
(1) she took his seat on the public bus  
(2) she refused to help him on the crowded bus  
(3) she scolded him for not offering his seat to her  
(4) she refused his help previously and scolded him instead ( )
16. Why did Alan offer to help the old woman?  
(1) He did not believe Wayne's stories about her.  
(2) He believed that he should help those in need.  
(3) He was curious whether the old woman would scold him.  
(4) He did not believe that the old woman was mean and grumpy. ( )
17. Alan explained that it was a case of mistaken identity as \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) Wayne had refused to help the old woman  
(2) the old woman was mistaken for her twin sister  
(3) the teacher had mistakenly reprimanded Alan for being late  
(4) the old woman made the mistake of carrying too many heavy plastic bags ( )



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 2 )

2010

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

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

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| (A) bold      | (B) contacts   | (C) discovering |
| (D) exploring | (E) greeted    | (F) hailed      |
| (G) initiated | (H) originated | (J) sighted     |
| (K) stopped   |                |                 |

Christopher Columbus was born in 1451 in Genoa, Italy, and became a sailor at the age of 14.

Columbus sailed from Palos, Spain, on August 3, 1492. He (1) \_\_\_\_\_ at the Canary Islands southwest of Spain, then headed west into unknown seas. He had no idea what lay ahead, but he had faith in his sailing skills and his (2) \_\_\_\_\_ idea. A swift current carried his ships along. On October 12, the crew (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the islands of the Bahamas. Columbus thought he had reached Asia and called the islands The Indies.

Columbus was (4) \_\_\_\_\_ by the Arawak people who lived on the islands. They had much food to offer, but only a little gold. Columbus was disappointed not to find Asian treasures, but still felt sure he had reached Japan in Asia. He spent two months (5) \_\_\_\_\_, then headed home.

One of his ships sank in a storm, but back in Spain, he was (6) \_\_\_\_\_ as a hero. The king and queen offered rich rewards and made him "Admiral of the Ocean Seas".

He died in 1506 but he was best known as the explorer who (7) \_\_\_\_\_ widespread contact between Europeans and Americans. By crossing the Atlantic Ocean in 1492, Columbus opened (8) \_\_\_\_\_ between lands and peoples that were unknown to each other.

**Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (4 X 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

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|---------|----------|--------|
| (A) her | (B) me   | (C) my |
| (D) our | (E) them | (F) us |

We like our classmate, Joanne, because she helps (Q9) \_\_\_\_\_ with (Q10) \_\_\_\_\_ homework in school. I wish I had a sister just like (Q11) \_\_\_\_\_ so that she can take care of (Q12) \_\_\_\_\_ at home too!

**Section E: Grammar Cloze 2 (4 X 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

**USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.**

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|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------------|
| (A) but   | (B) despite | (C) hence | (D) nevertheless |
| (E) since | (F) than    | (G) until |                  |

"Where the Wild Things Are" is a children's picture book written and illustrated by Maurice Sendak. It is a delightful story. (Q13) \_\_\_\_\_, children enjoyed the book and were fascinated by the adventures of Max. (Q14) \_\_\_\_\_, it was banned in libraries at first due to content deemed unsuitable for children. The Wild Things are fearsome-looking monsters, (Q15) \_\_\_\_\_ Max is not afraid of them. (Q16) \_\_\_\_\_ 1963, the book has sold over 19 million copies worldwide.

**Section F: Comprehension (Open-ended) (5X2 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Between 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May, Oliver Fricker, a 33-year-old Swiss business consultant, and his accomplice vandalised a Singapore MRT train with spray paint. For his crime, he could be jailed up to three years or subject to a maximum fine of \$2000, plus three to eight strokes of the wooden cane.

Although the train was parked in a fenced depot and guarded by security officers, the vandals still managed to enter the depot by cutting through its fence along Xilin Avenue. They then spent several minutes spraying graffiti before slipping off undetected.

The train staff noticed the graffiti on the train on 17<sup>th</sup> May, but did not sound the alarm as it was done artistically and they mistook it for an advertisement. Two days later, train maintenance staff reported the incident when the train was brought to the workshop for servicing. The news has attracted international attention and is widely reported in the Swiss media, as a breach of security in Singapore is considered a serious matter.

Oliver and his accomplice could be part of a group of graffiti artists targeting trains worldwide. Oliver's accomplice, Briton Lloyd Dane Alexander, is wanted by the Singapore police as he fled Singapore for Hong Kong before the incident was reported. If arrested, Lloyd would be handed over to Singapore for trial.

Since the incident, the authorities have stepped up security on the public transport network by placing more cameras at train stations and bus interchanges.

*Adapted from The Straits Times and AsiaOne*

**Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.**

**Q17. What crime did Oliver commit between 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May?**

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**Q18. Name two security measures that were already in place at the train depot.**

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**Q19. Why did the train staff not report the incident to the police?**

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**Q20. Which sentence in the passage tells you that such vandals are not only found in Singapore?**

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**Q21. What action was taken by the authorities to prevent trains from being vandalised?**

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Mr Jonathan Teo*

Primary 4 English SA2 2010 (Answer Key)

PART 1

Section A - Grammar

1. (2)
2. (4)
3. (4)
4. (1)
5. (1)
6. (2)

Section B - Vocabulary

7. (4)
8. (2)
9. (4)
10. (1)
11. (3)
12. (4)

Section C – Comprehension

(MCQ)

13. (3)
14. (4)
15. (4)
16. (2)
17. (2)

PART 2

Section D – Vocabulary Cloze

- Q1) K
- Q2) A
- Q3) J
- Q4) E
- Q5) D
- Q6) F
- Q7) G
- Q8) B

Section E - Grammar Cloze 1

- Q9) F
- Q10) D
- Q11) A
- Q12) B

Section F - Grammar Cloze 2

- Q13) C
- Q14) D
- Q15) A
- Q16) E

Primary 4 English SA2 2010 (Answer Key)

| PART 2 – Cont'd | |
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| Comprehension (OE) | |
| <p>Q17.</p> <p>He vandalised a (Singapore MRT) train with spray paint. (2 marks)</p> <p>He vandalised a train. (1 mark)</p> <p>He committed vandalism. (1 mark)</p> | <p>Q21.</p> <p>They placed more cameras at train stations. (2 marks)</p> <p>They placed more cameras at train stations and bus interchanges. (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ mark)</p> |
| <p>Q18.</p> <p>The depot was fenced and guarded by security officers. (2 marks)</p> <p>The depot was fenced. (1 mark)</p> <p>The depot was guarded by security officers. (1 mark)</p> | |
| <p>Q19.</p> <p>The graffiti on the train was done artistically and they mistook it for an advertisement. (2 marks)</p> <p>They mistook the artistic graffiti on the train for an advertisement. (2 marks)</p> <p>The graffiti on the train was done artistically. (1 mark)</p> | |
| <p>Q20.</p> <p>The sentence is “Oliver and his accomplice could be part of a group of graffiti artists targeting trains worldwide.” (2 marks)</p> | |



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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2013

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9 Oct 2013 ENGLISH (PART 1) Duration: 1 h 15 min
(Part 1 and 2)

Section A: Grammar (8x1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.

1. Father told my brother and me to share the toys between _____.
(1) myself
(2) himself
(3) ourselves
(4) themselves ()

2. While walking home yesterday, Mrs Lim _____ surprised when she found wallet filled with cash.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were ()

3. The twins _____ overjoyed when their parents praised them for their good behaviour.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were ()

4. "Play quietly. Your older sister _____ for her test now," said my mother.
(1) studies
(2) studied
(3) is studying
(4) has studied ()

5. Last weekend, I _____ to the beach with my family.
- (1) go
(2) went
(3) have gone
(4) was going
- ()
6. While the baby _____, Mother prepared dinner in the kitchen.
- (1) sleeps
(2) will sleep
(3) has slept
(4) was sleeping
- ()
7. _____ ladies talking there are my teachers.
- (1) This
(2) That
(3) These
(4) Those
- ()
8. Harry does not like going to school because he has _____ friends there.
- (1) few
(2) little
(3) many
(4) much
- ()

Section B: Vocabulary (6X1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.

9. Mr Li _____ Tammy for winning the first prize in the 200-metre race.
- (1) consoled
(2) comforted
(3) commented
(4) congratulated
- ()

10. Smokers are reminded to _____ from smoking in public areas such as hospitals and cinemas.

- (1) stop
- (2) avoid
- (3) refrain
- (4) decrease

()

11. "Please tune up the volume of the radio as it is hardly _____," Father requested.

- (1) edible
- (2) visible
- (3) legible
- (4) audible

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12. He tried to persuade her to change her mind but in _____. She stuck to her decision.

- (1) vain
- (2) hope
- (3) futile
- (4) choice

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13. Tina could not stop crying as the hero was killed and the film had a _____ ending

- (1) silly
- (2) tragic
- (3) comical
- (4) hilarious

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14. The reservoirs are drying up because of the _____. There is a great shortage of water.

- (1) flood
- (2) famine
- (3) drought
- (4) typhoon

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Section C: Comprehension 1 (10marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Animals, for example dogs, are also feeling the ill effects of the haze in Singapore. How should we take care of them in this haze?

Dr Dawn Chong from The Animal Clinic says owners have been bringing dogs to her veterinary clinic for haze-related problems, including asthma, coughing and breathing difficulties. Dr Chong advises that if the Pollutant Standards Index (PSI) reading goes above 100, owners should only take their dogs out for quick toilet walks and avoid taking them out for walks entirely if the reading goes above 200. Owners should also try to turn on the air conditioner or fan where possible, change water bowls regularly and use artificial tears to aid the flushing of possible eye irritants.

Meanwhile, Mr Ricky Yeo, a dog owner, suggests using a simple home-made concoction for a daily wipe down. He advises adding two to three drops of high grade Lavender oil to a basin of water; soaking a cloth in it and using the cloth to wipe the dogs. He says owners can also use baby wipes to clean their dogs of dust particles. However, he reminds owners to bathe their dogs only occasionally because they will get a dry rash from showering frequently.

"Owners should not only take care of themselves, but also their dogs," he adds.

Adapted from <http://sg.news.yahoo.com/how-to-protect-your-pets-from-haze-151935212.html>

15. Some dogs suffer from haze-related problems. What are these three problems?

i. _____ [1m]

ii. _____ [1m]

iii. _____ [1m]

For Q16-18, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 2 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

| | Statement | True | False |
|---------|--|------|-------|
| Example | Dr Chong's advice is to turn on the air conditioner or fan where possible. | | |
| 16. | Dr Chong's advice is for owners to take their dogs out for toilet walks if the PSI reading is above 200. | | |
| 17. | Dr Chong's advice is not to change water bowls regularly. | | |
| 18. | Dr Chong's advice is to use artificial tears to help remove irritants found in the eyes of dogs. | | |

19. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

Mr Ricky Yeo suggests that the home-made concoction be used: _____ [1m]

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|--------------|
| every day |
| every month |
| occasionally |

every day

every month

occasionally

20. What is added to the water in the home-made concoction?

_____ [1m]

21. Which word has the same meaning as 'often'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

However, he reminds owners to bathe their dogs only occasionally because they will
(A)
get a dry rash from showering frequently.
(B)

22. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The words "Owners should not only take care of themselves, but also their dogs" suggest that

dogs _____. [1m]

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- must be washed as frequently as possible
are healthier than their owners
should be protected from the haze as well



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2013

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**9 Oct 2013 ENGLISH (PART 2) Duration: 1 h 15 min
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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8x1 mark)

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

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|----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| (A) approached | (B) arrived | (C) curious | (D) frantically |
| (E) moment | (F) profusely | (G) resident | (H) scene |
| (J) thorough | (K) victim | | |

As usual, Meili took the shorter route home after her piano lessons. As she

(1) _____ the void deck of her flat, she saw a man throw a frying pan from one of the upper floors. At that (2) _____, an elderly woman was walking below the flat.

Meili shouted (3) _____ at the elderly woman but it was too late. The frying pan had hit the elderly woman on her head. She bled (4) _____ and was lying in a pool of blood. Soon a crowd of (5) _____ onlookers gathered.

Meili quickly called the police. The police and paramedics soon arrived at the (6) _____. The victim was taken to the hospital while the police made a (7) _____ search floor by floor. The culprit was found three hours later. He was a (8) _____ living on the tenth floor.

Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (4X1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

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|--------|----------|---------|
| (A) he | (B) them | (C) she |
| (D) us | (E) I | (F) you |

Hi Steven,

School has just re-opened. How is your new school? We really miss having

(9) _____ around in class. The teachers gave all of (10) _____ a lot of homework today. However, instead of grumbling, we thanked (11) _____ as they are working very hard to help us improve in our work.

(12) _____ hope to see you soon.

Best regards,

Siew Mei

Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4X1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Miss Tan is our Science teacher. She (13) [enjoy / enjoys] teaching young children who (14) [has / have] an interest in Science. She is always working late but (15) [do / does] not complain as she loves her job. Everyone (16) [respect / respects] her and we like her very much. We hope Miss Tan will teach us next year too.

Answer the following questions.

For Q17 and Q18, write your answers in complete sentences.

17. Why did Roy go from door to door to sell packets of tissue paper?

[2m]

18. What was the "kindness" that Roy received from Emma?

[2m]

19. Write a word from paragraph 6 which has the same meaning as "puzzled".

[1m]

20. What does the word "case" in paragraph 6 refer to?

[1m]

21. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines below to show what Roy did first, next and last, according to the flow in the story.

[1m]

_____ Roy wrote on the hospital bill.

_____ Roy treated Emma's illness.

_____ Roy drank a glass of milk.

Section G: Comprehension (Open-ended) (5x2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Roy Tan came from a poor family. To pay for his school fees, he had to go from door to door to sell packets of tissue paper. One hot day, after knocking on many doors and failing to sell his goods, he was very hungry and thirsty. He decided he would ask for a glass of water at the next house. A lovely young woman opened the door.

"May...I...have a glass of water, please? I...am thirsty," Roy pleaded.

Emma looked at the skinny boy and thought he looked hungry. Without another word, she brought him a large glass of milk instead. Gratefully, he drank it and then asked, "How much do I owe you?"

"You don't owe me anything," Emma replied. "Mother has taught me never to accept payment for a kindness."

As Roy Tan left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but also his spirits were lifted. He had been ready to give up and quit school.

Years later, Emma became critically ill and the doctors were baffled. They finally called in a specialist, Dr Roy Tan, to study her rare disease. Dressed in his doctor's gown, he went in to see her. He recognised her at once. He was determined to do his best to save her life. From that day onwards, he paid special attention to Emma's case.

After a long struggle with the illness, the battle was won. Dr Tan requested the final bill to be passed to him for approval. He looked at it, wrote something on the edge and the bill was sent to Emma's hospital ward.

Emma feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally, she looked and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. Emma's tears rolled down her cheeks as she read the following words, "Paid in full with one glass of milk."

Adapted from <http://academictips.org/blogs/a-glass-of-milk-paid-in-full/>

For Q22, write your answers in complete sentences.

22. Why would it take the rest of Emma's life to pay for her hospital bill?

[2m]

23. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The words "Paid in full with one glass of milk" suggest that _____

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Roy wanted Emma to drink more milk

Emma did not have to pay for her hospital bill

Roy wanted Emma to pay with a glass of milk

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EXAM PAPER 2013

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| 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

PART I

- Q15) i) asthma
ii) cough
iii) breathing difficulties

Q16) True

Q17) True

Q18) False

Q19) every day

Q20) Lavender oil

Q21) B

Q22)

Should be protected from the haze as well

PART II

Section D

Q1) A

Q2) E

Q3) D

Q4) F

Q5) C

Q6) H

Q7) J

Q8) G

Section E

Q9) F

Q10) D

Q11) B

Q12) E

Section F

Q13) enjoys

Q14) have

Q15) does

Q16) respects

Section G

Q17) Roy had to pay his school fees as he came from a poor country

Q18) It was a glass of milk that Roy received from Emma when he was hungry and thirsty

Q19) Baffled

Q20) It refers to Emma's illness

Q21)

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| 3 | Roy wrote on the hospital bill |
| 2 | Roy treated Emma's illness |
| 1 | Roy drank a glass of milk |

Q22) The bill to Emma's illness was very expensive so Emma could not afford it.

Q23)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Emma did not have to pay for her hospital bills |
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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2010

Name : _____ Class: P4 _____ Index No: _____

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Section A: Grammar (6X1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.

1. The construction of flats in the neighbourhood _____ currently being undertaken by Artland company.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were ()

2. You _____ wish to check with the school dental clinic on its operating hours during the school holidays.
(1) will
(2) can
(3) may
(4) shall ()

3. The heavy downpour which flooded parts of Bukit Timah _____ sometime in October 2009.
(1) happens
(2) happened
(3) is happening
(4) has happened ()

4. I cannot stop to talk with you because I do not have _____ time.
(1) a
(2) much
(3) many
(4) some ()

5. Visitors are not allowed to touch the stones from the Stonehenge monument, but they are able to walk _____ it from the fields nearby.

- (1) in
- (2) on
- (3) above
- (4) around

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6. Athletes, such as Usain Bolt, are doing well in track and field and making a name for _____.

- (1) him
- (2) them
- (3) himself
- (4) themselves

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Section B: Vocabulary (6X1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.

7. Don't drink your tea when it is hot or you will _____ your tongue.

- (1) scald
- (2) bruise
- (3) wound
- (4) dissolve

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8. She was perspiring so much that _____ of sweat ran down her cheeks.

- (1) islets
- (2) outlets
- (3) tablets
- (4) rivulets

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9. Douglas set off on a/an two-month _____ to look for the lost city of Atlantis.

- (1) camp
- (2) vacation
- (3) excursion
- (4) expedition

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10. The Health Promotion Board has launched a _____ to help students battle the problem of obesity.

- (1) slogan
- (2) activity
- (3) measure
- (4) campaign

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11. Despite objections from her family, Mrs Lim was _____ and went ahead with the operation.

- (1) insistent
- (2) inconsolable
- (3) disillusioned
- (4) discontented

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12. The sales promoters were trying to _____ shoppers to sign up for membership by offering freebies and vouchers.

- (1) sway
- (2) affect
- (3) cajole
- (4) provoke

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Section C: Comprehension (MCQ) (5X2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Dinosaurs lived millions of years before human beings first appeared, and they all vanished for some reason. Some say that at some time in the past, the climate of the earth changed.

Most dinosaurs required enormous quantities of food. Eventually, they died of starvation because they could not get sufficient food to eat. Though most dinosaurs were huge reptiles, some were rather small - almost as small as the crocodiles of today - and yet they also died out. The reason could not have been insufficient food, so their extinction still baffles everyone today.

There is one small animal living today whose ancestors roamed the earth at the same time as the dinosaurs. It is considered by scientists to be very closely related to the dinosaurs, but not to present-day reptiles. It is the tuatara which is found in New Zealand. It is only 30 centimetres in length, very different from the enormous dinosaurs which interest children.

For some years, there were rumours about a dinosaur-like creature called the Loch Ness monster which lived in the depths of a lake in Scotland. A Londoner, George Spicer, and his wife, saw "the nearest approach to a dragon or pre-historic animal" that he had ever seen in his life. He was in his boat when he saw it trundling across the road toward the Loch carrying "an animal" in its mouth. Scientists have for some time been trying to photograph the monster and record the sounds it makes but they have not succeeded.

So the only dinosaurs we have today are the bones of some of them in certain museums, and the only live ones are the tiny tuataras of New Zealand.

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.

13. In actual fact, of what size were dinosaurs?

- (1) They were all very large.
- (2) Most of them were enormous.
- (3) They were the size of crocodiles.
- (4) They were either very large or very small in size.

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14. The disappearance of dinosaurs from the earth _____

- (1) remains a mystery
- (2) is caused by a shortage of food
- (3) is caused by the earth's change of climate
- (4) could be due to the large dinosaurs eating the small dinosaurs for food

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15. Which of the following about the ~~turtle~~^{turtle} is true?

- (1) It is related to present-day reptiles as it lives today.
- (2) It is not related to the dinosaurs as they lived millions of years ago.
- (3) It is not a relative of the dinosaurs as it is only 30 centimetres long.
- (4) It is related to the dinosaurs as its ancestors lived at the same time as them.

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16. How do people know about the Loch Ness monster?

- (1) It has been photographed before.
- (2) Scientists have recorded the sounds it makes.
- (3) There were eyewitnesses who claimed to have seen it.
- (4) There was a decline in the population of animals around the Loch Ness.

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17. Which of the following is a suitable title for the passage?

- (1) Dinosaurs and their relatives
- (2) Dinosaurs, past and present
- (3) Busting myths about dinosaurs
- (4) The similarities between dinosaurs and the Loch Ness monster

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RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2010

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6 May 2010 ENGLISH (PART 2) Att: 1 h 15 min
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| Your Score Out of 26 marks | | |
| | Class | Level |
| Highest score | | |
| Average score | | |
| Parent's Signature | | |

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8X1 mark)

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

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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| (A) achievement | (B) certificate | (C) conquering |
| (D) inspiration | (E) intention | (F) motivation |
| (G) record | (H) rendition | (J) scaled |
| (K) summit | (L) ticket | (M) valley |

A 76-year-old Nepalese man has been officially recognised by Guinness World Records as the oldest man to reach the (1) _____ of Mount Everest. By (2) _____ the world's highest peak in May 2008, Min Bahadur Sherchan broke the previous (3) _____ held by Japanese climber, Katsusuke Yanagisawa, who (4) _____ the peak at age 71. In Kathmandu, Sherchan received an official (5) _____ as recognition of his (6) _____. In his speech, he said his (7) _____ was to encourage senior citizens as well as be an (8) _____ to the youth of Nepal.

Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (4X1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| (A) performers | (B) performer | (C) performance | (D) performances |
| (E) performing | (F) perform | (G) performs | |

A (9) _____ or (10) _____ arts, comprises a group of
(11) _____ behaving in a certain way for an audience. Sometimes, the
audience is involved in "participatory theatre", where they get a chance to
(12) _____

Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4X1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| (A) whenever | (B) wherever | (C) and |
| (D) while | (E) which | (F) although |

Beowulf is an Old English poem (13) _____ was often recited
at kings' feasts and bards' gatherings. (14) _____ Beowulf enters
battle, he tries to minimise casualties (15) _____ he places his
people's welfare before his own. In his elder years, (16) _____ he wishes
he could still grapple his foes, he had to use weapons to defeat his greatest
enemy.

Section G: Comprehension (Open-ended) (5X2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

The shed was near the house. There was only one small window covered with cobwebs. There were some tools in the shed - a spade and a rake - but there was something else in the dark as well, that not many people knew about. If you stood still in the shed, you could hear the crackle of straw and perhaps a tiny cry.

The cry came from a box standing in a corner. In the box were a mother cat, Minnie, and her three newborn kittens.

A lady named Mrs Plum lived in the kitchen. Every day she brought Minnie's meal to her. When Minnie finished the food, the dish was licked as clean as if it had been washed.

One night, while the kittens were asleep, a storm raged. Thunder rumbled and the winds lashed fiercely at the window. Minnie was petrified. The river ran at the bottom of the garden and she could hear it *roaring by*. It sounded like a fierce growling animal.

The kittens were so young that their eyes had not yet opened. But Minnie's eyes shone like green lamps. She could see, under the door, a trickle of water. The trickle grew to a puddle. The situation was dangerous.

"If it gets any deeper, I shall take the kittens in my mouth and jump onto the shelf. I don't think the water could get as high as that," Minnie thought to herself.

The water flowed faster with each passing minute. Just as Minnie was getting ready to take the first kitten, a strange thing happened. The wooden box began to move about. It was floating like a boat!

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

17. Why was the shed described as dark in the first paragraph?

18. Did Minnie enjoy the food that Mrs Plum gave her? How do you know?

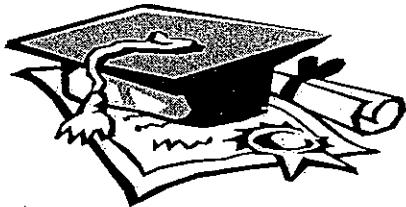
19. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'very frightened'?

20. The author used the words 'roaring by' to describe the river. What does it tell you about the waters?

21. Why did Minnie decide to take her kittens and jump onto the shelf?

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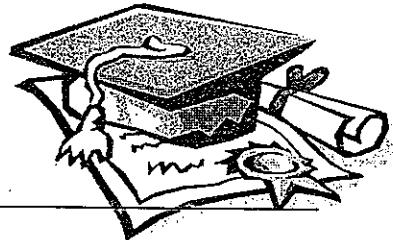
## ANSWER SHEET

### EXAM PAPER 2010

SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY

SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1



| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q5 | Q6 | Q7 | Q8 | Q9 | Q10 | Q11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 | Q15 | Q16 | Q17 |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
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### PART 2

| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q5 | Q6 | Q7 | Q8 | Q9 | Q10 | Q11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 | Q15 | Q16 |
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| K  | C  | G  | J  | B  | A  | E  | D  | C  | E   | A   | F   | E   | A   | C   | F   |

17)There was only one small window covered with cobwebs.

18)Minnie enjoyed the food that Mrs Plum gave her. When she finished her food, she always licked the dish clean as if it was washed.

19)The word is "petrified".

20)It tells me that the water strong and rapid.

21)She wanted to escape from the rain with her kittens.



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2012

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Class: P4 Index No: \_\_\_\_\_

12 Oct 2012      ENGLISH (PART 1)      Att: 1 h 15 min  
(Part 1 and 2)

|                    |       |       |
|--------------------|-------|-------|
| Sections A to C    | 24    |       |
| Sections D to G    | 26    |       |
| Total              | 50    |       |
| P4H                | Class | Level |
| Highest            |       |       |
| Average            |       |       |
| Parent's Signature |       |       |

**Section A: Grammar (8X1 mark)**

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.

1. We were instructed by our teacher to complete the project \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) myself
- (2) herself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

(        )

2. While we were having dinner yesterday, my parents \_\_\_\_\_ angry when my sister started talking on the telephone.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

(        )

3. He \_\_\_\_\_ blowing up the balloon when it exploded.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

(        )

4. "The water \_\_\_\_\_ now. Let's make some coffee," suggested Annie.

- (1) boils
- (2) boiled
- (3) is boiling
- (4) has boiled

(        )



5. Mr Tan \_\_\_\_\_ this letter an hour ago.
- (1) delivers  
(2) delivered.  
(3) has delivered  
(4) were delivering ( )
6. While everyone \_\_\_\_\_ the shelves, I swept the floor.
- (1) dusts  
(2) will dust  
(3) has dusted  
(4) was dusting ( )
7. I am not free to talk to you now as I have too \_\_\_\_\_ work to do.
- (1) few  
(2) some  
(3) many  
(4) much ( )
8. \_\_\_\_\_ lioness sleeping in the enclosure over there is playful and friendly.
- (1) This  
(2) That  
(3) These  
(4) Those ( 2 )

**Section B: Vocabulary (6X1 mark)**

**Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.**

9. My sister is a very \_\_\_\_\_ person. She will believe everything that you say.

- (1) naive
- (2) mature
- (3) dubious
- (4) understanding

10. Tom smashed the shuttlecock powerfully with his badminton racquet and sent it whirling towards his \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) jury
- (2) witness
- (3) audience
- (4) opponent

(        )

11. I forgot the words of my speech so I had to \_\_\_\_\_ by saying something else.

- (1) deduce
- (2) alleviate
- (3) improvise
- (4) reimburse

(        )

12. Scientists have recently \_\_\_\_\_ a unique clam-eating turtle species in the Pearl River.

- (1) invented
- (2) pioneered
- (3) formulated
- (4) discovered

(        )

13. Jill thought very carefully before she decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the responsibilities of looking after a pet.

- (1) absorb
- (2) commit
- (3) dispatch
- (4) undertake

(        )

14. Smoking is \_\_\_\_\_ in all shopping centres.

- (1) polluted
- (2) censored
- (3) prohibited
- (4) endangered

(        )

**Section C: Comprehension (MCQ) (5x2 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Albert was a crew member on a large sailing vessel, one of three bound for the Malay Peninsula. His task was to feed the crew. However, after a few months of sailing, the patience of the crew was wearing thin. They had been cooped up for some time with no sign of their destination.

"Dried meat, again?" Benjamin complained as Albert served his meal. Benjamin missed fresh foods and was suffering from scurvy, a disease caused by a shortage of vitamin C.

"I miss my wife," David moaned. "She's expecting me to return with fame and riches. Instead, I will come back all skin and bones!"

"Be strong, men!" Albert told them. "Our fine captain will steer us to our destination."

"Or, he'll take us to the edge of the world," Benjamin grumbled. "He's a lunatic, that Charles!"

Albert had faith that the ship would soon reach land. When the voyage was over, he would have exciting tales to tell. For now, he had to pacify his disgruntled shipmates. He portioned out their scanty rations.

That night, Albert was awakened from a restless sleep by a loud shout. He hurriedly jumped out of bed and joined the other sleepy men on deck. From a distance, they could see bright lights and buildings. An audible sigh came from the crew. They were saved!

**Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.**

15. How many ships were going to the Malay Peninsula?

- (1) one
- (2) two
- (3) three
- (4) four

(        )

16. Why was Benjamin suffering from scurvy?

- (1) He ate scanty portions of food.
- (2) There was no vitamin C in his diet.
- (3) He had been eating fresh foods only.
- (4) He had been cooped up for some time.

(        )

17. Why did David join the expedition?

- (1) He wanted to feed the crew.
- (2) He wanted to be rich and famous.
- (3) He wanted to tell his wife exciting tales.
- (4) He wanted to go to the edge of the world.

(        )

18. Who was the captain of the ship?

- (1) Albert
- (2) Benjamin
- (3) Charles
- (4) David

(        )

19. How did Albert know that he had reached land?

- (1) The crew sighed audibly.
- (2) He saw lights and buildings.
- (3) Someone woke him up to inform him.
- (4) He had faith that the ship would reach land.

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## RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

### SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 2 )

2012

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Class: P4 Index No: \_\_\_\_\_

|                       |       |
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| Sections<br>D to G    | 26    |
|                       | Class |
| Highest<br>score      |       |
| Average<br>score      |       |
| Parent's<br>Signature |       |

**ENGLISH (PART 2)** Att: 1 h 15 min  
(Part 1 and 2)

#### Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8X1 mark)

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

**USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.**

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|---------------|----------|-------------|---------------|
| A) appetising | B) caned | C) credible | D) culinary   |
| E) discipline | F) error | G) judging  | H) optimistic |
| J) mistake    | K) wrong |             |               |

More than 40 years ago, neighbours often approached Madam Chong to complain about her son, Tony. They would ask the widow to 1) \_\_\_\_\_ the boy and stop him from terrorising their children. Indeed, it seemed all too 2) \_\_\_\_\_ then that Tony would not amount to much. He loved fights and was 3) \_\_\_\_\_ in front of his peers in school for misbehaving.

Fortunately, he saw the 4) \_\_\_\_\_ of his ways. He decided to make his mother proud and prove his critics 5) \_\_\_\_\_. He rose from a coffee shop assistant to a highly decorated chef with many 6) \_\_\_\_\_ medals to his name. His creative and 7) dishes wowed the judges.

Today, Tony is 8) \_\_\_\_\_ about his future. He will be launching his cookbook soon.

Adapted from: the Sunday Times (May 20, 2012)

**Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (4X1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

**USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.**

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|---------|--------|---------|
| (A) her | (B) I  | (C) my  |
| (D) she | (E) we | (F) our |

Dear Janet,

There is a new girl in my class and I am her buddy. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ name is Leela. She sits next to me and has long hair. I want to keep long hair too so that (10) \_\_\_\_\_ can tie my hair like her. After school, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ often play together. I like Leela because (12) \_\_\_\_\_ is friendly and kind. I hope to take a picture with her soon so that I can send it to you.

Well, till next time.

Your pen-pal,

May

**Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4X1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

My name is Jill and I am ten years old. I (13) \_\_\_\_\_ [ enjoy / enjoys] the weekly English Show and Tell sessions very much. Every Monday, selected pupils (14) \_\_\_\_\_ [ bring / brings ] their favourite things to class and talk about them.

Next week, it (15) \_\_\_\_\_ [ is / are ] my turn to share but I am not sure what I should do. My mother (16) \_\_\_\_\_ [ say / says ] I should talk about what I like. I am going to take her advice and perform some magic tricks for my classmates!

**Section G: Comprehension (Open-ended) (5x2 marks)**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.**

A farmer painted a sign advertising the puppies he needed to sell and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy.

"Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies."

"Well," disclosed the farmer, "these puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money."

The boy reached deep into his pocket and pulled out a handful of change. "I've got twenty-two dollars. Is that enough to take a look?"

"Sure," said the farmer. "Here, Dolly!" he roared.

Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the fence. His eyes danced with delight.

As the puppies made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse. Slowly another little ball appeared. This one was noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner the little puppy began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up.

"I want that one," the little boy replied, pointing to the runt.

The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and explained, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."

The little boy began rolling up one leg of his trousers to reveal a steel brace running down both sides of his leg. Looking at the farmer, he muttered, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands."

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

17. What was the farmer doing when he felt a tug on his overall?

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18. Which six-letter <sup>word</sup> phrase tells you that the farmer was selling the puppies at a high price?

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19. How did the little boy feel when he first saw the four puppies?

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20. Why did the farmer think that the boy would not want to buy the runt?

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21. In the last paragraph, who was the "someone" the boy was referring to?

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EXAM PAPER 2012

SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS'
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

Part 1

| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q5 | Q6 | Q7 | Q8 | Q9 | Q10 | Q11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 | Q15 | Q16 | Q17 | |
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Part 2

| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q5 | Q6 | Q7 | Q8 | Q9 | Q10 | Q11 | Q12 |
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| E | C | B | F | K | D | A | H | A | B | E | D |

13)enjoy 14)bring 15)is 16)says

17)He was driving the last nail into the post when he felt a tug on his overalls.

18)The phrase is "cost a good deal of money".

19)He was happy and his eyes danced with delight.

20)The runt would never be able to run and play with the boy like other dogs would.

21)He was referring to himself.





RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2011

Name : _____ Class: P4 Index No: _____

5 May 2011

ENGLISH (PART 1)

Att: 1 h 15 min
(Part 1 and 2)

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| Your Score
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22 marks | | |
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| Highest score | | |
| Average score | | |
| Parent's Signature | | |

Section A: Grammar (6X1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.

1. My mother and I usually _____ to the park every weekend.

- (1) cycle
- (2) cycles
- (3) are cycling
- (4) have cycled

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2. Mike waited in _____ cafe for his friends for more than _____ hour.

- (1) a ... a
- (2) a ... the
- (3) an ... the
- (4) the ... an

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3. The dirty laundry _____ been in the basket since last week.

- (1) has
- (2) had
- (3) have
- (4) having

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4. I would not _____ if I _____ you.

- (1) agree ... am
- (2) agree ... were
- (3) agreed ... were
- (4) be agreeing ... was

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5. I had difficulty in my studies but Jane pulled me _____.
(1) in
(2) off
(3) over
(4) through ()

6. Mark like my friends, _____ interested in dancing.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) has
(4) had ()

Section B: Vocabulary (6X1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.

7. The gardener used a _____ to dig a hole in the ground.
(1) hose
(2) spade
(3) tractor
(4) lawn mower ()

8. Many different animals live on the wetland of the _____.
(1) sty
(2) apiary
(3) swamp
(4) abattoir ()

9. This piece of music is a slight _____ of the original.
(1) edition
(2) sample
(3) example
(4) variation ()

10. The parrot _____ and its high-pitched sound hurt my ears.
- (1) sang
(2) shouted
(3) squeaked
(4) screeched ()
11. My grandmother went back to the village where she grew up and began to _____ about the past.
- (1) recall
(2) retain
(3) reconcile
(4) reminisce ()
12. Stealing is an offence which cannot be _____.
- (1) convened
(2) condoned
(3) confirmed
(4) conformed ()

Section C: Comprehension (MCQ) (5X2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Armed and dressed in black, Ali and his accomplices boldly entered the bungalow of a wealthy businessman and took all his cash. It was their fourth robbery and the loot was shared evenly in the getaway car before the robbers went their separate ways.

A month ago, Ali had enjoyed an easy and extravagant life after robbing Tiffany's Jewels. He and his accomplices had got away with more than ten thousand dollars worth of valuables at that jewellery shop.

Ali was unable to sleep peacefully whenever he carried out a robbery. That night was no exception. While lying awake in bed, the telephone rang. Thinking that something disastrous had happened, Ali answered nervously. One of his partners had been arrested. Immediately, Ali took the loot and left his home, knowing that the police would be knocking on his door at any moment. For the next two weeks, he had to go into hiding, wandering from street to street, avoiding all encounters with the police.

Now, Ali was a wanted man. Sitting on a bench in a park, Ali felt exhausted and hungry. "What a miserable life!" he thought.

Finally, he made up his mind to surrender to the police, realising that it was only a matter of time before he would be arrested. Ali stood up and headed for the nearest police station. In a way, he was glad that it would end the dreadful life he had been living for the past fourteen days.

Tried in court and found guilty, Ali was jailed for ten years. "I must turn over a new leaf when I get out," he promised himself solemnly.

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.

13. Why did Ali answer the telephone nervously?

- (1) He was unable to sleep.
- (2) His partner was arrested.
- (3) He had an encounter with the police.
- (4) He was afraid that something bad had happened.

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14. Ali committed his third robbery _____.

- (1) a month ago
- (2) ten years ago
- (3) two weeks ago
- (4) on the night just before the fourth robbery

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15. Why did Ali decide to give himself up to the police?

- (1) He was exhausted and hungry.
- (2) He was found guilty by the court.
- (3) He knew he would be caught sooner or later.
- (4) He wanted to lead an easy and extravagant lifestyle again.

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16. The word 'it' in the fifth paragraph refers to _____.

- (1) the dreadful life Ali led
- (2) Ali surrendering to the police
- (3) Ali hiding and avoiding the police
- (4) Ali walking to the nearest police station

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17. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "audaciously"?

- (1) boldly
- (2) solemnly
- (3) nervously
- (4) peacefully

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RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2011

Name: _____ Class: P4 Index No: _____

5 May 2011 ENGLISH (PART 2) Att: 1 h 15 min
(Part 1 and 2)

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|----------------------------|-------|-------|
| Your Score Out of 26 marks | | |
| | Class | Level |
| Highest score | | |
| Average score | | |
| Parent's Signature | | |

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8X1 mark)

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

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|-----|------------|-----|-----------|-----|---------|-----|---------|
| (A) | attendants | (B) | bruises | (C) | contact | (D) | control |
| (E) | passers-by | (F) | scene | (G) | sirens | (H) | swerved |
| (J) | victim | (K) | witnesses | | | | |

Mr Tan was driving home after a hard day's work at the office. He had just turned into Hillview Road from Queen Street when suddenly, a young girl dashed across the road. Mr Tan quickly (1) _____ his car to the right to avoid knocking the girl down. However, the ground was slippery from the afternoon rain and Mr Tan lost (2) _____ of his vehicle. The car was now heading towards the pavement where some students were gathered! It knocked one boy down and finally came to a stop.

(3) _____ were shocked by the accident they were witnessing and tried to help the (4) _____. Soon, ambulances, their (5) _____ blaring, tore down the road towards the (6) _____ of the accident. The paramedics quickly lifted the injured boy onto the stretcher and carried him into the ambulance. Fortunately for Mr Tan and the other pedestrians, they had escaped with minor injuries and (7) _____. Police are now looking for (8) _____ who saw what had happened and can help in the investigations.

Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (4X1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) lead

(B) leader

(C) leading

(D) leads

(E) led

(F) leadership

(G) have led

Last week, my week was well spent and I would not forget it. I attended a one week training camp (9) _____ by the youth leaders of a community club. They conducted various workshops and fun-filled activities to foster independence and promote (10) _____ qualities in young children. I was inspired by their belief that every child has the potential to be a (11) _____.

After attending the camp, I had gained more confidence in my ability to (12) _____. Now, I am looking forward to the opportunity to the next training camp.

Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4X1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|-------------|--------|--------|
| (A) amongst | (B) on | (C) to |
| (D) from | (E) at | (F) in |

Aesop's fables are written by Aesop, a Greek writer. These stories have always been popular (13) _____ the children due to the values that they teach.

Apart (14) _____ Aesop's fables, there are many famous short stories for children to read at home. The Ugly Duckling, written by Hans Christian Anderson, is a story that is based (15) _____ the transformation from an ugly duckling to a beautiful swan. Another example is the story, The Boy Who Cried Wolf. It conveys (16) _____ the children the importance of being honest in life in all situations.

Section G: Comprehension (Open-ended) (5X2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Scientists are learning more about the green sea turtles, the endangered reptiles.
In order to learn how they live, scientists used the best underwater reality-filming device,
Crittercam. A suction cup holds the camera to the turtle's shell before releasing it after a
few hours. The camera floats to the surface where scientists can recover it and see what
it has recorded.

The idea that sea turtles plod proves untrue as biologist Mike Heithaus tried to
catch a 100-kilograms turtle in the ocean but failed. When the turtle saw him approaching,
it took off like an Olympian swimmer.

Scientists also discover the reason for the relatively clean shells of the green sea
turtles. Green sea turtles have been seen taking sponge baths – rubbing their bodies
against the sea sponges.

Besides eating mostly sea grass, they may gobble up free-swimming jellyfish when
floats into view – even the dead ones. As a result, sea turtles often mistake some plastic
bags in the ocean for jellyfish. Eventually, many sea turtles have been starved to death
due to the plastic being stuck in their throats or stomachs.

With this knowledge that green turtles eat more jellyfish than ever suspected is
significant in how people can protect turtles.

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Q17. What is the purpose of placing a Crittercam on a green sea turtle?

Q18. What does the sentence, 'When the turtle saw him approaching, it took off like an Olympian athlete' tell you about how the green sea turtles move?

~~Swimmer~~

Q19. Why does a green sea turtle have cleaner shells than other turtles?

Q20. What does the 'dead ones' in the fourth paragraph refer to?

Q21. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'important'?

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17)It help scientist learn more about how green sea turtles.

18)It tells me that green sea turtles can swim very fast.

19)Green sea turtles take sponge baths by rubbing their bodies against sea sponges which keep them clean.

20)It refers ' to the dead jellyfish'.

21)The word is "significant".

