

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2017

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Name: _____ Class: P3 _____ Index No: _____

3 May 2017

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Duration: 1 h 15 min

Section A: Grammar (8 X 1 mark)

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

1. We _____ the aquarium next Thursday afternoon.

- (1) visits
- (2) visited
- (3) will visit
- (4) have visited

2. This car belongs to Candice. It is _____.

- (1) she
- (2) her
- (3) hers
- (4) herself

3. Please switch off your mobile phones in the cinema _____ you do not disturb others.

- (1) if
- (2) so
- (3) but
- (4) since

4. Despite Nadal's arm injury, he did not give _____ playing tennis.

- (1) in
- (2) up
- (3) off
- (4) out

5. As the storm was approaching, grey clouds _____ the sky.
- (1) darken
(2) darkens
(3) darkened
(4) darkening
6. _____ roller coaster ride over there is the most thrilling one in the amusement park.
- (1) This
(2) That
(3) These
(4) Those
7. Jean is happy as she always receives _____ presents during Christmas.
- (1) any
(2) little
(3) many
(4) much
8. "_____ you like to have dessert after dinner?" James asked his brother.
- (1) Can
(2) May
(3) Would
(4) Should

Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

9. If you have chickenpox, you should stay at home as it is highly _____ and spreads easily to others through contact.
- (1) conscious
(2) continuous
(3) contagious
(4) conscientious

10. The detective saw through the criminal's _____ even though he had put on a wig and sunglasses.

- (1) illusion
- (2) disguise
- (3) covering
- (4) appearance

11. They knew he was as _____. They would need a very good plan to outwit him and win the competition.

- (1) sly as a fox
- (2) busy as a bee
- (3) quiet as a mouse
- (4) graceful as a swan

12. Susan _____ into the room angrily when she heard that her sister had lost her favourite toy.

- (1) dived
- (2) glided
- (3) barged
- (4) strolled

13. Oceans are _____ when oil from the ships leak into the water.

- (1) distilled
- (2) polluted
- (3) infested
- (4) sterilised

14. I go to my grandmother's house for dinner once every two weeks. I enjoy the _____ visits very much as I get to spend time with her and taste her scrumptious cooking.

- (1) yearly
- (2) weekly
- (3) monthly
- (4) fortnightly

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Read the story 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) capture	(B) escape	(C) endangered	(D) habitats
(E) hard	(F) houses	(G) insects	(H) number
(J) predators	(K) range	(L) risk	(M) toxic

Poison dart frogs are formerly known as Poison arrow frogs. They live in rainforest
(15) _____ in Central and South America. They can be found in trees, as well as under leaves and logs on the floor of the forest. These tiny frogs (16) _____ from one to five centimetres long, so they are (17) _____ to see. There are many species of poison frogs that can be found in every colour under the sun!

As people are cutting down rainforests for farming and ranching, Poison dart frogs are at (18) _____. In fact, they are the most (19) _____ species as they have also become popular as pets.

Poison dart frogs are considered one of Earth's most (20) _____, or poisonous animals. How does a poison dart frog (21) _____ its prey? It darts out its long and sticky tongue, zapping the unsuspecting bug!

The frogs eat many kinds of small (22) _____, including fruit flies, ants, termites, young crickets, and tiny beetles. Scientists think that this may be the reason for the frogs' toxicity.

Adapted from: <http://www.kidzone.ws/lw/frogs/facts-poison.htm>
<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/poison-dart-frog/>

Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Cloze Passage 1

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.

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| (A) drank | (B) drink | (C) drinks | (D) drinking |
| (E) drunk | (F) had drunk | (G) was drinking | |

Water is essential for all living things. In order to stay hydrated, I (23) _____ at least eight glasses of water every day. Last Monday at the NEWater plant, I learnt about how water is treated so that it is safe for (24) _____. By the end of the excursion, I was so thirsty that I immediately (25) _____ the bottle of NEWater I was given. Then, I excitedly turned to my classmate and asked, "Have you (26) _____ yours?" She smiled and nodded her head.

Cloze Passage 2

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.

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| (A) against | (B) back | (C) between | (D) by |
| (E) inside | (F) with | (G) towards | |

"I can't wait to finally meet Ashley!" cried Kayla. She saw the nursery and ran excitedly (27) _____ it. She tiptoed and pressed her nose (28) _____ the glass. Kayla looked (29) _____ the nursery and tried to spot her baby sister. All but one baby had a pink blanket wrapped around her. Unable to hold (30) _____ her excitement, she gave a little wave when she spotted Ashley opening her eyes.

Section E: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It was the peak hour. John, who had never been late for school, travelled on his usual route from Bugis to Hillview MRT station. Jostling his way through the sardine-packed cabin, John's backpack brushed against the shoulders of fellow commuters. Beside him stood a well-dressed man holding onto his briefcase.

John yawned. He had burnt the midnight oil to revise for an English language examination. His mind was still preoccupied with the similes and idioms he had been memorising the night before. Just then, the train jerked and abruptly screeched to a halt. Like dominoes, panic-stricken commuters screamed as they lost their balance and fell over one another.

Missing the handrail by centimetres, John landed sideways onto the floor. "Here, let me help you," a well-dressed man said while extending his hand to him. Taking his hand, John got up and quickly dusted his uniform. Before he could express his gratitude, an announcement came on, "This is Ramesh, your train captain speaking. This train will be delayed due to a faulty track. We apologise for any inconvenience caused." John whispered a silent prayer, hoping to reach the school on time to sit for his examination.

For questions 31, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

(1m)

31. In paragraph 1, John was a/an _____ student.

	helpful
	punctual
	irresponsible

For questions 32 to 34, write your answer in the boxes provided.

32. When John made his way to school, which train station did he alight at? (1m)

33. Which word in paragraph 1 has the same meaning as "pushing"? (1m)

34. In paragraph 2, how did the commuters react when the train screeched to a halt?

List 2 actions or feelings. (2m)

i) _____

ii) _____

For questions 35 and 36, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'. (2m)

Refer to paragraph 2 to help you.

The first example has been done for you.

Statements		True	False
Example	John was tired	✓	
35.	The train jerked before it completely stopped.		
36.	John went to bed early after revising for his English language examination.		

For questions 37 to 39, decide who did the following activities. (3m)

Tick (✓) your chosen answer. Refer to paragraph 3 to help you.

The first example has been done for you.

Activities		John	Well-dressed Man	Train captain
Example	He was in a school uniform.	✓		
37.	He offered his help.			
38.	He fell on the ground.			
39.	He made an announcement.			

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Section F: Open-ended Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

There was once a farmer who had lived seventy years of his life with only his fields and animals as companions. He devised a competition between his dog and his rabbit. He made a large hole in one of his biggest fields. Then, he hid a carrot and a bone in it. He wanted to see which animal would find them first.

The rabbit was very cheerful and optimistic. He threw himself into looking for the carrot, digging here and there, totally convinced that he would find it. The dog, however, was skeptical. After sniffing around for a bit, he thought he smelled something familiar but he did not think much about it. Instead, he lay down on the ground and complained about the heat.

The rabbit dug for hours while the dog did not stir in his place. With every new hole the rabbit dug, the dog complained that it was difficult to find the bone and carrot in such a big field. The rabbit, on the other hand, thought that each hole dug was one hole less that needed digging. When there was no place in the whole field left to dig, the rabbit dug a tunnel right under where the dog had been lying all the while. There he found the carrot and the bone.

This was how the dog lost because of his pessimism. Due to his natural ability, he had already found the right place at the very beginning. However he did not persevere, unlike the rabbit.

Adapted from: <http://freestoriesforkids.com/children/stories-and-tales/pessimistic-dog>

Write your answers to Question 40 in a complete sentence.

(1m)

40. Why did the farmer devise a competition between the rabbit and the dog?

41. What does "it" in paragraph 1 refer to?

(1m)

42. Which word in paragraph 2 has the same meaning as "doubtful"?

(1m)

For questions 43 to 45, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'.

(3m)

Refer to paragraph 3 to help you.

The first example has been done for you.

Statements		True	False
Example	The dog stayed in his position	✓	
43.	The dog was cheerful and optimistic about finding the carrot and the bone.		
44.	The rabbit dug a tunnel in the direction of where the dog was lying.		
45.	The dog found the carrot and the bone.		

For question 46, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

46. Which of these statements best describe the farmer? Refer to paragraph 1 to help you.

	He was young.
	He was creative.
	He was lazy.

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

	The rabbit dug for hours but the dog did not.
	The dog had been at the right place at the very beginning.
	A farmer came up with a competition between his dog and his rabbit.

48. What quality does the rabbit have? Why do you think so? (2m)

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EXAM PAPER 2017(p3)

SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

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

15) D

16) K

17) E

18) L

19) C

20) M

21) A

22) G

23) B

24) D

25) A

26) E

27) G

28) A

29) E

30) B

31) punctual

32) Hill view MRT station

33) Jostling

34) i) panic - stricken

ii) lost their balance and fell over one another

35) True

36) False

37) Well-dressed Man

38) John

39) Train captain

40) He wanted to see which animal would find the carrot and the bone first.

41) The large hole in one of the farmer's biggest fields.

42) Skeptical

43) False

44) True

45) False

46) He was creative.

47) 2

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48) The rabbit is very hard working. He continued digging even though he did not find anything for hours.



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2015

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Name : _____ Class: P3 Index No: _____

2 Nov 2015

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Duration: 1 h 15 min

Section A: Grammar (8 X 1 mark)

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

1. Lisa and Sally _____ home from school when they found the wallet.

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

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2. The man in the red sports car _____ past us as he was being chased by the police.

- (1) sped
- (2) speed
- (3) speeds
- (4) speeding

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3. All the pupils can solve this question in the Mathematics examination. It is the _____ question.

- (1) easy
- (2) easily
- (3) easier
- (4) easiest

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4. Your favourite subject is English. _____ it?

- (1) is
- (2) isn't
- (3) was
- (4) wasn't

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5. Please finish the food. I have cooked too _____ dishes today.

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

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6. It was kind of _____ to help the villagers affected by the flood.

- (1) they
- (2) their
- (3) them
- (4) theirs

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7. Everyone _____ allowed to participate in the singing competition as long as he or she shows great interest.

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

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8. He missed the bus _____ he had run very fast to catch it.

- (1) until
- (2) since
- (3) because
- (4) although

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Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

9. The policemen ran after the thief and when they finally caught him, he _____ away from them.

- (1) forced
- (2) jabbed
- (3) nudged
- (4) wrenched

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10. Lisa is always messy when she writes. However, Mr Jim _____ her on her neat handwriting today.

- (1) chided
- (2) favoured
- (3) disapproved
- (4) complimented

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11. Gregory studies hard every night and is not having enough rest. Nevertheless, he is too _____ to score well in his final examinations to give up now.

- (1) weary
- (2) sincere
- (3) resigned
- (4) determined

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12. During Science lesson, Raslee is asked to list the differences between a frog and a grasshopper that _____ them from each other.

- (1) classify
- (2) describe
- (3) distinguish
- (4) characterise

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13. Mary has a lot of storybooks. She likes reading as she can _____ new words and improve her English.

- 1) desire
- 2) aspire
- 3) require
- 4) acquire

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14. When the building collapsed, the _____ was blamed for its faulty design.

- 1) actress
- 2) architect
- 3) astronaut
- 4) accountant

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Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

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| (A) appear | (B) blaming | (C) fleeing |
| (D) force | (E) frightened | (F) hilarious |
| (G) horrible | (H) patting | (J) pleasant |
| (K) suggested | (L) wits | (M) worse |

I had a dream last night. It was a nightmare and simply (15) _____ to say the least. I was scared out of my (16) _____ and woke up in the middle of (17) _____ from a four-eyed monster chasing me. Already very upset by the unpleasant dream, it got (18) _____ when I was unable to return to sleep.

It was no use (19) _____ my brother for the nightmare. There was no denying that it was all my fault. After all, he did not (20) _____ me to watch the horror movie. Rather, for some thrill on a boring night, he merely (21) _____ that we watch it. If I had known the scary monster in the movie would (22) _____ in my dream, I would have watched a comedy instead.

A sudden rustling under my bed momentarily froze me before I bolted out, screaming for my mother.

Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Cloze Passage 1

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) at | (B) below | (C) between |
| (D) from | (E) into | (F) with |

A crocodile is a big reptile. It has a large, long mouth (23) _____ a lot of sharp teeth. A mother crocodile lays her eggs (24) _____ a shallow hole on the river bank and covers them with mud. The mother crocodile has to be (25) _____ the hole when the babies climb out of it. This is because they may be eaten by other animals as they make their way (26) _____ the hole to the river. Therefore, she makes sure she is never far from where her eggs are buried.

Cloze Passage 2

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) has been telling | (B) tell | (C) tells |
| (D) telling | (E) told | (F) was telling |

Jeff loves stories. When he was young, his mother (27) _____ him many bedtime stories. Since then, Jeff has read a variety of stories. Now, he even (28) _____ these stories to his own children. In particular, he likes (29) _____ them detective stories. He hopes that his children continue to (30) _____ those stories to their children. Jeff is a great story-teller.

Section E: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The first rays of dawn touched Okari's face and he opened his eyes to the glare. Cold, aching and hungry, he decided to pluck up the courage and search for food in the forest.

Okari was separated from his family when they went hunting yesterday after dusk. Now, he was lost. As he walked down the hill towards the river, Okari noticed how beautiful the sight was when the edges of a fern leaf caught the gleam of the sun. "Going without dinner the previous night has sharpened my vision," he said to himself.

The soft chirping of a cricket reached him next. It seemed to him he could also hear things better that morning than ever before. His uncle had told him that people could see and hear better when they did not have any food for a time.

As Okari trod on the damp ground, he was cautioned by a noise. It sounded like a growling of an animal. He slowed down and finally stopped to listen more closely. He looked around, trying to figure out its source. It did not take him long, for the sound came from his own stomach. It was growling with hunger.

Adapted from Children of the Longhouse

31. Okari woke up when _____.
(1) he was freezing
(2) he had enough courage
(3) he decided to fill his stomach
(4) the sun began to shine on him ()
32. According to the passage, Okari parted from his family when _____.
(1) a cricket chirped
(2) they were hunting in the night
(3) he was walking towards the river
(4) he was admiring the beautiful view ()
33. Okari thought that he could hear better that morning because he _____
(1) was in the forest
(2) had a good sleep
(3) was separated from his family
(4) had not eaten since lunch the previous day ()
34. In paragraph 4, Okari tried to figure out _____.
(1) where he was
(2) where the sound came from
(3) why his stomach was growling
(4) why an animal was attacking him ()
35. Which one of the following words has the same meaning as 'cautioned' in paragraph 4?
(1) found
(2) alerted
(3) stopped
(4) frightened ()

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

Read the passage carefully and answer questions that follow.

Once there was an elderly widow, Chen Ma, who lived with her only son in a forest. Her son was a tiger hunter and they got by on profits from the sale of tiger skins, meat and bones.

All was well until Chen Ma's son was separated from his fellow hunters and became food for a hungry tigress. One day, the hunters succeeded in killing the tigress that ate Chen Ma's son and they brought her the tigress' newborn cub. Before that, they had tied a thick rope around its neck. It was an unnecessary act. When she saw it, Chen Ma's heart instantly went out to this helpless creature, whose body was shaking with fright and eyes glistening with tears.

The elderly widow looked at the cub and shuddered. The hunters had told her to kill it for her meat supply. Its skin was also good for boots against the cold floor. However, it would break her heart to kill it. It was so young and helpless. It was just not right.

Chen Ma untied the rope from the little tiger's neck and looked after it from then on. When spring came, it had grown into the size of a calf, showing a full set of teeth and claws. The women who visited Chen Ma told their hunter husbands to kill the frightening young tiger.

When Chen Ma heard about that, she was determined to protect the young tiger at all costs.

Write your answers for question 36, 37 and 40 in complete sentences.

36. What did Chen Ma's son do for a living? (2m)

37. Why was it not necessary to tie a thick rope around the cub's neck? (2m)

38. Write 1, 2 or 3 in the boxes below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (2m)

The hunters gave Chen Ma the tigress' newborn cub.	
The little tiger grew in size and was in danger of being killed by the hunters.	
The hunters tied a thick rope around the tigress' newborn cub.	

39. In paragraph 3, write down the sentence that tells you the cub could be a source of warmth for Chen Ma's feet. (2m)

40. Why did the women who visited Chen Ma find the young tiger frightening? (2m)

EXAM PAPER 2015

LEVEL : PRIMARY 3

SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q 9	Q 10
4	1	4	2	2	3	1	4	4	4
Q 11	Q 12	Q 13	Q 14	Q 15	Q 16	Q 17	Q 18	Q 19	Q 20
4	3	4	2	G	L	C	M	B	D
Q 21	Q 22	Q 23	Q 24	Q 25	Q 26	Q 27	Q 28	Q 29	Q 30
K	A	E	E	A	D	E	C	D	B
Q 31	Q 32	Q 33	Q 34	Q 35					
4	2	4	2	2					

Q36. He was a tiger hunter and sold tiger skin's meat and bones.

Q37. The cub was helpless.

Q38. 1 – The hunters tied a thick rope around the tigress' newborn cub.

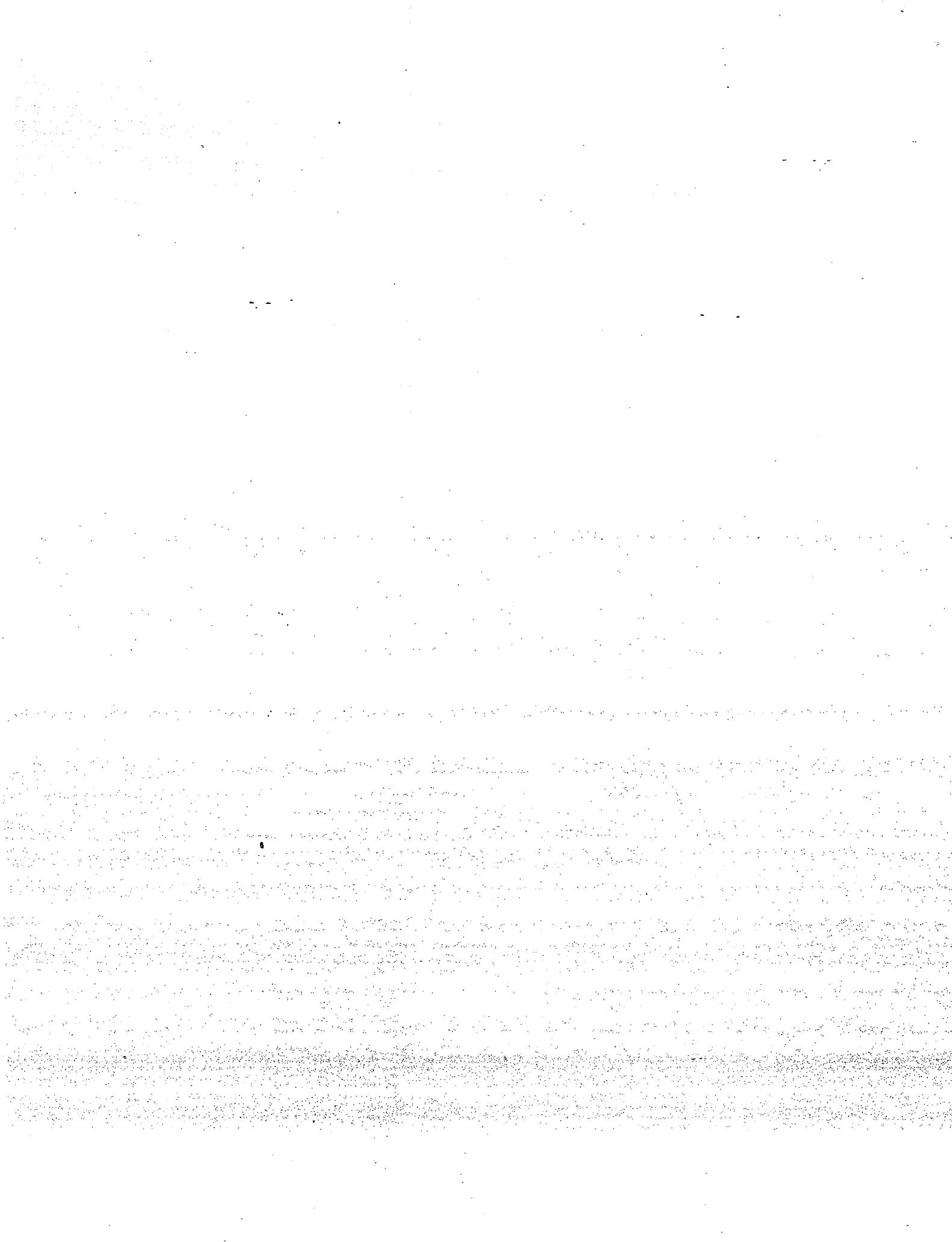
Q38. 2 – The hunters gave Chen Ma the tigress' newborn cub.

Q38. 3- The litter tiger grew in size and was in danger of being killed by the hunters.

Q39. It's skin was also good boots against the cold floor.

Q40. It had grown into the size of a calf, showing a full set of teeth and claws.

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Section A: Grammar (8 X 1 mark)

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

1. " _____ cupcakes over there look delicious," Siti pointed at the display.

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

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2. You _____ want to bring an umbrella with you. It looks like it is going to rain soon.

- (1) must
- (2) could
- (3) might
- (4) should

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3. " _____ for your life!" yelled Stephen as they were being chased by a wild boar.

- (1) Run
- (2) Ran
- (3) Runs
- (4) Running

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4. There is _____ wrong with my computer. It is not working properly.

- (1) nothing
- (2) anything
- (3) everything
- (4) something

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5. Janet did not have _____ rest as she was tossing and turning the whole night.

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

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6. Ivan is never on time. He always arrives _____ than anyone of us.

- (1) late
- (2) later
- (3) latest
- (4) lateness

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7. The parade was too crowded _____ we left early.

- (1) or
- (2) so
- (3) but
- (4) otherwise

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8. Ben had cleaned his bedroom before his friends _____ over.

- (1) come
- (2) came
- (3) comes
- (4) coming

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Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

9. The pupils laughed as the clown _____ them with his funny antics.

- (1) bored
- (2) saddened
- (3) applauded
- (4) entertained

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10. Tom _____ himself to completing the homework his teacher has assigned him.

- (1) denies
- (2) devotes
- (3) demands
- (4) depends

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11. Bored, Fred _____ a piece of paper into a ball before tossing it across his room into the trash bin.

- (1) tore
- (2) threw
- (3) kicked
- (4) crumpled

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12. There are many dishes on the dining table for the dinner party. We are having a _____ tonight.

- (1) fast
- (2) food
- (3) feast
- (4) famine

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13. The actor gave a/an _____ to a group of reporters this morning. He had to answer many questions about his new movie.

- (1) quiz
- (2) show
- (3) interview
- (4) conversation

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14. When Sarah accused Alex of cheating in the test, he claimed that he was _____ and that he had not cheated at all.

- (1) guilty
- (2) gullible
- (3) innocent
- (4) inconsiderate

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Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Read the story 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) accused	(B) amazed	(C) annoyed	(D) argued
(E) came	(F) celebrate	(G) ending	(H) excited
(J) explanation	(K) insufficient	(L) party	(M) tickets

I woke up feeling upset this morning. There was a perfect (15) _____ for this.

It was the start of a long school holiday yesterday, and my brother and I were

(16) _____ beyond words. We had been eagerly waiting for it and were supposed to (17) _____ the occasion with a dinner and a movie. However, when the day (18) _____, we spent most of it quarrelling. This was because both of us had mysteriously forgotten to bring our wallets and could not pay for our movie (19) _____ to enter the cinema. We (20) _____ so loudly over whose fault it was that we (21) _____ the salesperson at the counter. As if that was (22) _____, we irritated him further when we disagreed over who had started the argument.

Finally, we decided to search for our wallets at home. Strangely, they were nowhere to be found.

Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Cloze Passage 1

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| (A) as | (B) at | (C) but |
| (D) in | (E) inside | (F) since |

It was Amanda's ninth birthday. That morning, Amanda was (23) _____ high spirits when she woke up. She had been looking forward to her birthday (24) _____ a month ago. She was excited because her mother had hinted that she would be getting a nice birthday present.

Amanda nearly slipped (25) _____ she ran down the stairs to look for her mother. She gasped in surprise when she saw her new dollhouse (26) _____ the foot of the staircase. "Thank you, Mum!" she shrieked in delight.

Cloze Passage 2

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) watch | (B) watched | (C) watching |
| (D) has watched | (E) is watching | (F) was watching |

Daisy loves to (27) _____ television. She was especially fond of (28) _____ Cartoon Network. She knew the schedule of her favourite cartoons by heart.

During the school holidays, she often (29) _____ her favourite cartoons past her bedtime. One night, her mother walked into the living room when Daisy (30) _____ The Looney Tunes Show. "It is already 11.30 p.m. now," sighed Mother. Despite Daisy's pleas, her mother switched off the television and told her to go to bed.

Section E: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Kenny was excited to compete in his first fishing competition. However, the rough and choppy waves made him slightly nervous.

Nonetheless, he was determined to catch the heaviest fish to win a brand-new boat. Kenny paddled to a nearby cove where he had caught a big catfish before. When he got there, it was already crowded with competitors.

Seeing the crowd, Kenny continued to paddle to another spot that looked good. He remembered that he had seen many fishes and prawns splashing around in those shallow waters. Just when he was getting ready his fishing equipment, Kenny realised that he had left all of his squid bait on the beach with his father.

"Great, now what can I use?" Kenny grumbled to himself. An idea struck him when he saw the cheese sandwich his father had packed for his snack. He tore off some bread and wetted them with some seawater before rolling them into little balls. He put them in the fishing hook and started fishing.

Soon, his fishing pole jerked down towards the water. Kenny was ecstatic when he saw that he had caught a big carp!

31. What was the prize of the competition?

- (1) boat
- (2) big carp
- (3) fishing pole
- (4) fishing hook

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32. The word 'it' in paragraph 2 refers to the _____.

- (1) cove
- (2) boat
- (3) catfish
- (4) heaviest fish

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33. Why was Kenny upset with himself?

- (1) He felt nervous.
- (2) His fishing pole broke.
- (3) He did not win the brand-new boat.
- (4) He left all of his squid bait with his father.

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34. What did Kenny use as bait during the competition?

- (1) squid
- (2) bread
- (3) prawn
- (4) catfish

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35. Which of the following has the same meaning as "ecstatic" in paragraph 5?

- (1) calm
- (2) grumpy
- (3) nervous
- (4) overjoyed

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

My four siblings and I gathered around Father, our bowls in our hands. Once we were seated around him, he started to scoop up some rice and gave each of us a piece of bone with some meat on it.

Being the skinniest, I was given the meatiest piece. I walked over to the corner of the hut and picked the meat off until there was no more. Then, I chewed on the bone to get the flavour out. That night, I went to sleep on a full stomach.

My brother, Kim, worked at the house of the village chief so he could bring us the leftovers from the village chief's family every night. It was his only payment. It was clear from the red marks on his face and legs that Kim suffered abuses from the village chief's children whom he considered his friends. My stomach knotted each time I saw Father's face as he received the food from Kim. There were embarrassment and sadness on it.

Kim was only ten. Suffering from malnutrition, his hair was thinning and it grew close to his head, exposing his large forehead. His brown skin stretched over his thin face, causing his eyes and teeth to bulge like those of a monkey.

Each morning as he walked off to the village chief's house, Mother watched and whispered, "My poor little monkey."

Adapted from "A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers" (Loung Ung)

Write your answer for question 36 in a complete sentence.

36. What did Father do when the writer and her siblings had gathered around him? (2m)

37. Which four-word phrase in the passage in paragraph 2 shows that the writer was no longer hungry? (2m)

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38. Write True or False in the boxes next to the sentences. (2m)

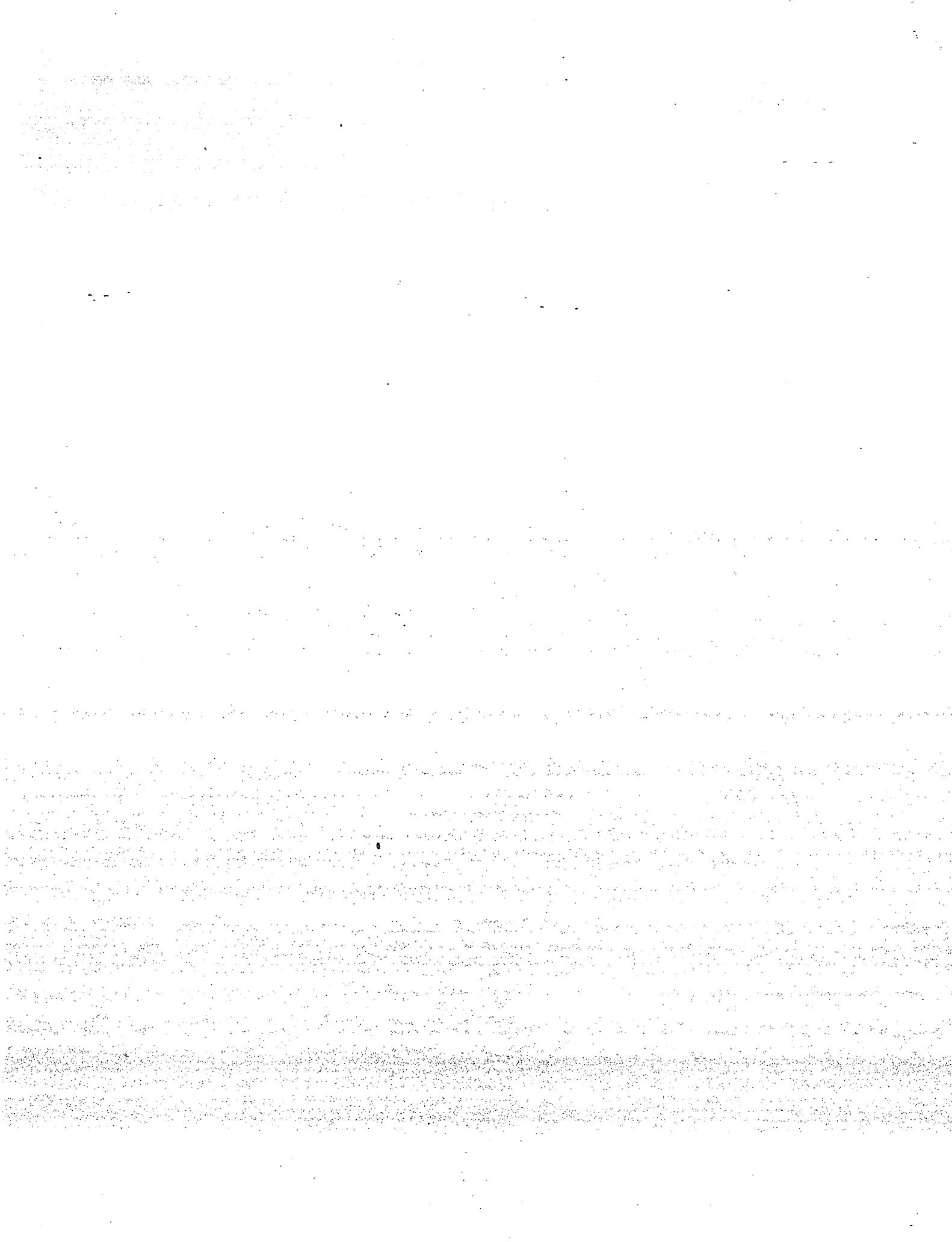
The village chief's children bullied Kim.	
Kim worked in the village chief's house for money.	

Write your answer for question 39 in a complete sentence.

- 39! What did the writer see in her father's face as he received the food from Kim? (2m)

40. Which word in paragraph 4 has the same meaning as 'undernourishment'? (2m)

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Q36. He would start scooping up some rice and gave a bone with some meat on it.

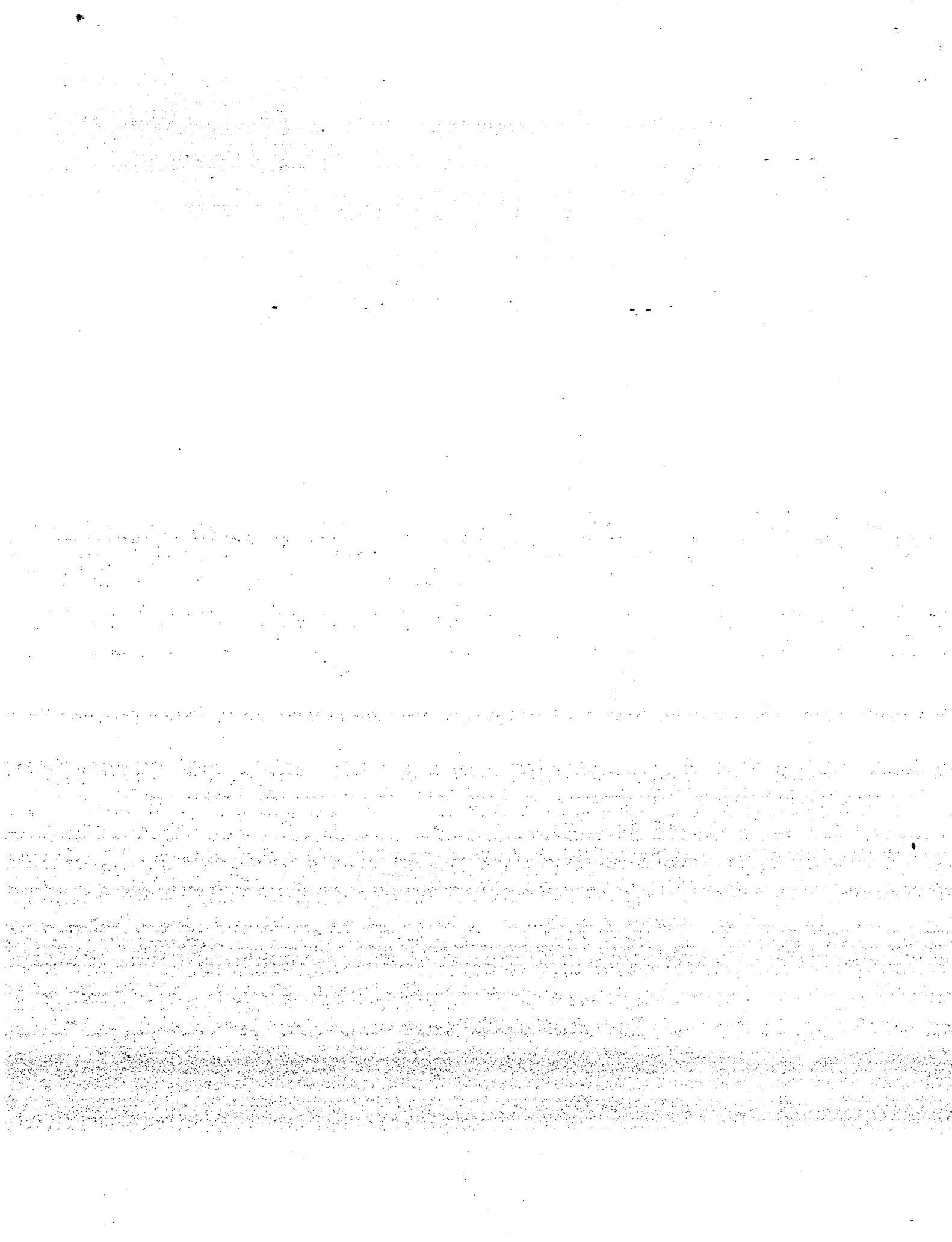
Q37. On a full stomach

Q38. TRUE / FALSE

Q39. The writer saw embarrassment and sadness on his face.

Q40. Malnutrition

THE END





RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCH. 'OT

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2014

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Name : _____ Class: P3 _____ Index No: _____

13 Oct 2014

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Duration: 1 h 15 min

Section A: Grammar (8 X 1 mark)

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

1. My teacher _____ to Mrs Tan when I walked into the general office just now.
(1) is talking
(2) are talking
(3) was talking
(4) were talking ()

2. Is Nadia _____ for the concert tonight?
(1) go
(2) goes
(3) gone
(4) going ()

3. As the two sisters love _____, they always exchange gifts between themselves.
(1) no one
(2) someone
(3) everyone
(4) each other ()

4. The children are going for enrichment lessons later, _____ they?
(1) is
(2) are
(3) isn't
(4) aren't ()

5. Amy screamed when she saw a large rat on the floor running _____ her.
(1) on
(2) over
(3) through
(4) towards ()
6. My sister and her husband left for Korea one week ago and _____ finally called home last night.
(1) us
(2) we
(3) they
(4) them ()
7. These apples on the table _____ rotten.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) has
(4) have ()
8. Start doing your homework now _____ you will not be able to hand it in on time.
(1) or
(2) and
(3) until
(4) unless ()

Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

9. Freda could recall the incident clearly as her memory of it was still _____ in her mind.
(1) big
(2) near
(3) hard
(4) fresh ()
10. Sue was embarrassed when her wet shoes _____ loudly as she walked in the library.
(1) beeped
(2) shouted
(3) screamed
(4) squeaked ()

11. Chocolates are produced in _____, buildings where workers use machines to make them.
- (1) factories
(2) laboratories
(3) pharmacies
(4) warehouses ()
12. Both of our uncles _____ in training dolphins at the zoo. They really know how to teach the dolphins many tricks.
- (1) study
(2) attempt
(3) perform
(4) specialise ()
13. Every holiday, my family will rent a seaside _____. We will stay there for a few days and enjoy family barbecues and other activities.
- (1) shop
(2) salon
(3) shelter
(4) bungalow ()
14. As I could not _____ the expensive watch, I would have to buy the cheaper one.
- (1) afford
(2) adopt
(3) admire
(4) absorb ()

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Read the story 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) against	(B) born	(C) defeated	(D) determination
(E) developing	(F) ending	(G) exhaled	(H) held
(J) looking	(K) lost	(L) successful	(M) title

Jon was puzzled. (15) _____ by a mere cat?

He took a deep breath, then (16) _____ slowly, his chest falling before rising again. He started (17) _____ plans to keep his stare for a longer time. The gleam in his eyes reflected his (18) _____. Tomorrow, he was going to stage a (19) _____ comeback. He would regain his Blink-master (20) _____.

His mind wandered and he imagined winning the game (21) _____ a fish.

"Jon!" his mother called, (22) _____ his thoughts. "Have you finished your homework?"

Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Cloze Passage 1

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) at | (B) away | (C) from |
| (D) inside | (E) onto | (F) over |

Jessica looked around sneakily to make sure no one was looking. Then, she tiptoed to a spot under the tree. Thrilled, she took out a small shovel (23) _____ under her long coat. She began to dig, peeping (24) _____ her shoulders every few minutes to see if anyone ~~is~~^{was} watching. Moments later, something shiny sparkled from (25) _____ the hole she had dug. She pulled the shiny box out and dusted (26) _____ the soil. She ~~has~~^{had} finally found the family treasure!

Cloze Passage 2

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) has swum | (B) is swimming | (C) swam |
| (D) swim | (E) swimming | (F) swims |

Siti is an outstanding swimmer and she loves to (27) _____. She enjoys (28) _____ at the Jurong Swimming Complex. She usually (29) _____ there twice a week.

Last week, Siti participated in the National Swimming Competition. She (30) _____ well and won three gold medals. Everyone was proud of Siti.

Section E: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Hate the breakfast your mother forces you to have every morning? Here are the reasons you should start loving it.

Experts claim that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. If you intend to lose weight, having regular breakfast every morning is an effective way to do so. When you start your day with a proper breakfast, it will keep you full until lunch. As a result, you cut down on snacking that causes you to gain weight. Gaining a lot of weight can lead to obesity. This will in turn lead to health problems such as heart diseases and breathing difficulties. When you are not able to breathe properly, you cannot take part in certain activities.

Besides losing weight, breakfast also provides you with the energy to get through the various classes and activities in school. You need energy to solve problem sums. You need it to analyse questions and write a composition. You need it too to move about in school.

In short, you can never do without a good breakfast. Hence, start eating your breakfast regularly and start loving it.

31. According to the passage, being full from eating breakfast will _____.
(1) lead to heart diseases
(2) cause you to gain weight
(3) cause breathing difficulties
(4) help you cut down on snacks ()
32. The word 'it' in paragraph 2 refers to _____.
(1) snacking all day
(2) starting your day
(3) having breakfast
(4) wanting to lose weight ()
33. Which of the following is not mentioned in the passage as a use of energy?
(1) Analysing questions
(2) Focusing on lessons
(3) Writing a composition
(4) Playing pranks on friends ()
34. The word "regularly" in paragraph 4 means _____.
(1) seasonally
(2) consistently
(3) continuously
(4) occasionally ()
35. The most suitable title for the passage is "_____".
(1) Activities in School
(2) How to Gain Weight
(3) Eating a Balance Meal
(4) The Importance of Breakfast ()

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

Read the passage carefully and answer questions that follow.

One Saturday, Jason wanted to go rollerblading in the park but was put off by the thunderstorm. Instead, he stayed at home to watch his favourite television show, 'America's Funniest Animals'.

As he was enjoying the show, he heard a cat meow. At first, he thought it came from the television. However, the meowing did not stop after a long time. He then realised that it came from the window. He walked towards it and saw a cat sitting on the window ledge. It was drenched. As the cat looked weak too, he decided to carry it into the house. He dried it with a towel and gave it some food.

Thinking that the cat might belong to one of his neighbours, Jason brought it to their house the following day but unfortunately, it did not belong to anyone. Keeping the cat was out. His sisters would not put up with it. As he was thinking of what to do, the doorbell rang. It was his friend, Max, who had come to return a book. Max saw the cat and liked it very much. Jason decided to let Max bring it home.

Although Jason was disappointed that he was not able to keep the cat, he could not be happier that it had found a home.

Write your answer for question 36 in a complete sentence.

36. Why did Jason not go to the park to rollerblade? (2m)

37. Write 1, 2 or 3 in the boxes below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (2m)

Jason brought the cat to his neighbours' house.	
Jason's friend took the cat home.	
Jason heard a cat meowing.	

38. Which word in paragraph 2 tells us that the cat was wet? (2m)

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39. In paragraph 3, write down the sentence that tells you that Jason's sisters were not fond of cats. (2m)

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40. Write True or False in the boxes next to the sentences. (2m)

Max was the cat's new owner.	
Jason was not happy that the lost cat had found a home.	

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Section B

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Section C

Q15) C	Q16) G	Q17) E	Q18) D	Q19) L	Q20) M	Q21) A	Q22) F
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Section D

Cloze Passage 1

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Cloze Passage 2

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Section E

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Section F

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Jason brought the cat to his neighbors' house.	2
Jason's friend took the cat home.	3
Jason heard a cat meowing.	1

38) drenched

39) His sisters would not put up with it.

40)

Max was the cat's new owner.	True
Jason was not happy that the lost cat had found a new home.	False



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2017

Your Score	
Out of 50 marks	
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Name: _____ Class: P3 Index No: _____

25 Oct 2017

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Duration: 1 h 15 min

Section A: Grammar (8 X 1 mark)

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

1. My sister and _____ managed to solve the problem ourselves.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) mine
- (4) myself

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2. All the workers _____ having their break time in the staff _____ now.

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

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3. Everyone in Julia's family _____ to eat durians. They have the fruit at least once a week.

- (1) love
- (2) loves
- (3) is loving
- (4) was loving

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4. Siti always passes her examinations with flying colours, _____ she?

- (1) did
- (2) does
- (3) didn't
- (4) doesn't

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5. Mr Lau said that he _____ the movie twice?
(1) watch
(2) watches
(3) had watched
(4) have watched ()
6. "There isn't _____ food left on the table, John, but it should be enough for you," said Grandmother.
(1) any
(2) many
(3) much
(4) some ()
7. One of the girls _____ not feeling well last week.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were ()
8. _____ you have a paid ticket, you cannot enter the concert theatre.
(1) If
(2) Since
(3) While
(4) Unless ()

Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

9. The injured man screamed from the _____ pain when the paramedics lifted him onto the stretcher.
(1) enriching
(2) exhilarating
(3) excruciating
(4) entertaining ()

10. My parents' love for fine art has _____ me to become an artist when I grow up.

- (1) aspired
- (2) expired
- (3) inspired
- (4) respiration

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11. The documentary is showing a _____ of lions hunting for their prey.

- (1) hive
- (2) nest
- (3) litter
- (4) pride

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12. The _____ reminded the pupils to check their work when they were taking the examination.

- (1) creator
- (2) spectator
- (3) invigilator
- (4) conductor

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13. I shouted with joy as I was _____ with my good examination results.

- (1) elated
- (2) annoyed
- (3) intrigued
- (4) offended

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14. The robber was _____ of his crime and sent to the prison.

- (1) judged
- (2) acquitted
- (3) convicted
- (4) sentenced

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Section C: 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 M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) affection	(B) available	(C) burden	(D) chance
(E) console	(F) confront	(G) happened	(H) money
(J) realised	(K) received	(L) task	(M) wealthy

Alyssa was a popular girl at school and got on well with everyone. Unfortunately, with so many friends, she hardly had a (15) _____ to spend time with individual friends.

On Friendship Day, each pupil had to give a present to her best friend. Alyssa enjoyed the (16) _____ of choosing one from amongst all her friends. When all the presents were given out. Alyssa was the only one who had not (17) _____ a present! She felt terrible and spent hours crying. How could no one see her as their best friend? Everyone tried to (18) _____ her for a while. However, they only stayed for a short time before leaving.

This was exactly what Alyssa had done so often to others. She (19) _____ that she had not been a true friend to anyone, but was just a good companion. She could not understand why this had(20) _____.

That night, Alyssa asked her mother where she could find true friends. Her mother answered, "If you really want true friends, you will have to give them real time and (21) _____. In good and bad time , a true friend must always be (22) _____. You cannot buy friends with a smile or a few good words."

Adapted from: <https://freestoriesforkids.com/children/stories-and-tales/fiona-famous>

Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Cloze Passage 1

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word(s) 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) can swim | (B) could swim | (C) swam | (D) swim |
| (E) swims | (F) swimming | (G) swum | |

"Let's go play by the river," Nguyen suggested to his friends. Everyone agreed. They headed straight for the Mekong River behind their house. It was there that Nguyen first learnt how to (23)_____ . He had never ever (24)_____ and was afraid to go into the river. When he saw that all his friends were (25)_____ , he felt ashamed. He asked his friends to teach him the skills. He then (26)_____ till it was time for dinner.

Cloze Passage 2

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) at | (B) about | (C) during | (D) for |
| (E) from | (F) into | (G) with | |

Dear Aunt Agony,

My name is Sarah and I am nine years old. I have a problem which has been bothering me (27)_____ some time now. I am shy and find it difficult to make friends in school. Whenever I try to join in conversations (28)_____ my classmates, I would become tongue-tied and awkward. I am really (29)_____ my wit's end.

Please tell me what to do. I hope to hear (30)_____ you soon. I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Brown

Section E: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

One night, a woman was waiting at an airport, with several hours before her flight. She bought a bag of cookies and found a bench to sit and read her book.

Engrossed in her book, she happened to see the man sitting beside her boldly grabbing a cookie from the bag placed in between them. She tried to ignore him to avoid a commotion. She munched on the cookies as the gutsy cookie thief chomped on. She was getting more irritated as the minutes ticked by.

Every cookie she took, he took one too. When only one was left, she wondered what he would do. With a nervous smile, he broke the last cookie in half. He offered her one half, as he ate the other. She snatched it from him and thought, "This guy is so bold!"

She sighed with relief when her flight was called. She gathered her belongings and boarded the plane. Taking a seat, she reached in her bag to retrieve her book. She gasped in surprise when she saw her bag of cookies in front of her eyes.

"If mine are here," she moaned, "the ones I had been eating were his!" It was too late to apologise, she realised. She was the rude one, the real cookie thief.

Adapted from: <http://academicclips.org/blogs/the-cookie-thief/>

31. What did the woman do before her flight? (2m)

i) _____

ii) _____

32. Which word in paragraph 2 has the same meaning as "preoccupied"? (1m)

33. Which 3 word phrase in paragraph 2 tells you that the woman was becoming annoyed? (1m)

For questions 34 to 36, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'. (3m)

Refer to paragraph 3 to help you.

The first example has been done for you.

Statements		True	False
Example	The man took only one cookie.		
34.	Whenever the woman took one cookie, the man took one too until one cookie was left.		
35.	The woman broke the last cookie in half and shared it with the man.		
36.	The woman felt grateful towards the man.		

For question 37, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

37. Which one of these statements is the most suitable title for the story? (1m)

	A Misunderstanding
	An Apology
	A Brave Act

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

	The man sitting beside her kept eating the cookies.
	The woman realised that her bag of cookies was in her bag.
	A woman was waiting at the airport for her flight.

For question 39, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

39. How did the woman feel when she realised she was the cookie thief instead? (1m)

	embarrassed
	proud
	relieved

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Section F: Open-ended Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Laura Gladstone is a scientist and she works in Antarctica. Scientists in Antarctica need warm clothes. Every day, Laura wears a heavy coat, three pairs of socks and boots. Her clothes weigh 6 kilograms! She has to plan when she goes outside. "I certainly do not want to be out for a long time. It's cold, you know!" she explains. When Laura sleeps at night, she uses three blankets and her coats to cover herself up.

All the food for the scientists has to be flown in by plane. This means that strawberries and fruit are a rare treat. Laura and the other scientists also have fun making food like ice cream. They mix powdered milk and water and put the bowls outside. Their ice cream freezes in just three minutes! Laura has to be careful not to touch the metal spoon to her lips, or else it will stick to her!

Getting to take a shower is a treat too. The scientists have to be careful to save water and fuel. Laura is allowed to take two showers a week and each shower can only be two minutes long!

Even though doing science in Antarctica is hard work, the scientists learn a lot and enjoy themselves.

Adapted from: <http://static.ehs.osu.edu/sites/beyond/penguins/downloads/feature-stories/ice-cube-23-text.pdf>

For question 40, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

(1m)

40. Based on paragraph 1, Laura uses _____ to keep warm at night.

	socks and boots
	blankets and coats
	a heavy coat

41. Which word in paragraph 2 shows that the strawberries and fruit are hard to come by?

(1m)

42. Why must Laura plan when she goes outside?

(1m)

43. What does "it" in paragraph 2 refer to?

(1m)

For questions 44 to 46, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'.

(3m)

Give a reason for your answer. Refer to paragraph 2 to help you.

The first example has been done for you.

Statements		True	False	Reason
Example	Statement			
	Scientists in Antarctica need warm clothes			Laura wears a heavy coat, three pairs of socks and boots everyday.
44.	The scientists grow their own food.			
45.	The ice cream takes hours to freeze.			
46.	The scientists only use two ingredients to make ice cream.			

Write your answers for Questions 47 – 48 in a complete sentence.

47. How do you know that the scientists try to save water and fuel?

(1m)

48. Do you think Laura will want to work in Antarctica for as long as possible? Give a reason
(2m)

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EXAM PAPER 2017 (P3)

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Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
A	B	D	G	F	C	D	G	A	E

31)i)bought a bag of cookies. ii)found a bench to sit and read her book

32)engrossed

33)getting more irritated 34)True 35)False 36)False

37)A Misunderstanding 38)2, 3 ,1 39)embarrassed

40)blankets and coats 41)rare

42)Laura must plan when she goes outside because it is cold outside.

43)The metal spoon.

44)False / All the food for the scientists has to be flown in by plane.

45)False / The ice cream only takes three minutes to freeze.

46)True / The scientists only use powdered milk and water to make ice cream.

47)Scientists are allowed to take two showers a week and each shower can only be two minutes long.

48)Yes . Larva enjoys herself there.

Yes, I think Larva will want to work in Antarctica for as long as possible. Even though doing science in Antarctica is hard work, Larva learn a lot and is enjoying herself.



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2009

Your Score Out of 48 marks		
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Name : _____ Class: P3 _____ Index No: _____

28th October 2009 ENGLISH LANGUAGE Attn: 1h 15 min

Section A: Grammar (6 X 1 mark)

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

1. John, together with his parents, _____ at the concert last night.

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

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2. Neither my sister nor I, _____ going to Rachel's birthday party.

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

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3. Everyone _____ at the way the clown juggles the balls.

- (1) laugh
- (2) laughs
- (3) laughed
- (4) are laughing

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4. Who is the _____ of the twins, Mary or Jane?

- (1) short
- (2) shorter
- (3) shortest
- (4) most short

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6/ My brother will not be going to school _____ he is ill.

- (1) or
- (2) so
- (3) as
- (4) but

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6/ Miss Tan, the teacher _____ you are looking for, is standing at the counter.

- (1) which
- (2) where
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

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Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

7. Whenever my father needs to drive to an unfamiliar place in Singapore, he will _____ by using the street directory.

- (1) discover
- (2) navigate
- (3) investigate
- (4) manoeuvre

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8. With today's advanced technology, _____ of the weather or any impending natural disasters can be made more quickly and accurately.

- (1) prediction
- (2) imagination
- (3) hallucination
- (4) investigation

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9. It is still a common practice for most people to host _____ wedding feasts in posh hotels.

- (1) modest
- (2) simple
- (3) lavish
- (4) cheap

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10. Most tourists will like to visit places of _____ in the country they travel to.

- (1) modernisation
- (2) development
- (3) convenience
- (4) interest

()

11. Mother always reminds me to take _____ breaks whenever I read or use the computer.

- (1) sudden
- (2) frequent
- (3) impulsive
- (4) improvised

()

12. The police are appealing for _____ notices at the site where the fatal accident had occurred.

- (1) suspects
- (2) witnesses
- (3) bystanders
- (4) pedestrians

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Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the list of 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) behave | (B) complaints | (C) compliments | (D) filthy |
| (E) gobbls | (F) laps | (G) neglecting | (H) opened |
| (J) placed | (K) protecting | (L) speaks | (M) supply |

A five-year-old Russian girl was found in a (13) _____ apartment imitating the cats and dogs she was locked up with. Her father and other relatives were charged for (14) _____ her.

Officials said the girl barks like a dog, (15) _____ food directly off the plate and seems to have been "raised" by the animals. The girl was kept with the animals in the place called Chita, Siberia. She lived in the apartment which had no water or power (16) _____ with her father, grandparents and other relatives.

Although the girl understands Russian, she rarely (17) _____. She mimics the behaviour of animals. She does not know how to (18) _____ at the table and if someone leaves the room, she will jump up to the door and start to bark.

The girl has been (19) _____ in a children's home after the police found her in that condition. They had received (20) _____ from her neighbours who had been observing her and noticed her strange behaviour.

Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Cloze Passage 1

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

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|--------|------------|----------|-----------------|
| (A) at | (B) behind | (C) in | (D) in front of |
| (E) of | (F) on | (G) with | |

Surely, I may have looked strange. However, no one could tell that I was an undercover agent (21) _____ disguise. I sat

(22) _____ my back to the counter and slipped

(23) _____ my rearview sunglasses. They were like regular sunglasses,

except small mirrors were taped to the lenses. This way, I could face forward but still see

what was going on (24) _____ me!

Cloze Passage 2

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the list of 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) build | (B) builds | (C) have built | (D) has built |
| (E) were building | (F) was built | (G) building | |

Peter has an interesting hobby. He enjoys using recycled materials to

(25) _____ robots. He likes (26) _____ things using his own pair of hands. Using his imagination, he often (27) _____ interesting robots using various materials like cardboard, empty tins, wood and sticks.

Since wood is Peter's favourite material, he (28) _____ many robots of all shapes and sizes. At a recent competition, he won the first prize. Peter often displays his robots at home or gives them away as gifts. His teachers and friends always compliment him on his creativity.

Section E: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Moiri is a 46-year-old Kadazan woman from Sabah. She is a housekeeper who cleans the rooms of doctors at the Singapore General Hospital (SGH). She works every day, including weekends and public holidays, so that she can earn overtime pay. She is unfailingly courteous, cheerful and meticulous in her work.

Her husband died in a traffic accident more than ten years ago. She has never been to school but has managed to single-handedly bring up her two children.

Initially, she farmed her land but whatever the harvest yielded was barely enough to feed her family. She came to Singapore five years ago and is now working ~~now~~ for a cleaning company.

Moiri had cancer last year and was treated in SGH. Her company paid her hospital bill because she was a consistently good worker who did her job well.

Her 24-year-old daughter will be graduating from university soon and will proceed to a teacher's training college. Moiri intends to eventually put her 14-year-old son through university as well.

Although Moiri's life had been hard and challenging, she often says that she has peace of mind, happiness in her heart and many friends in Singapore.

(Adapted from the Straits Times, 31 May 2009)

29 From the passage, we learn that Moiri is a _____.

- (1) widow
- (2) widower
- (3) employer
- (4) grandmother

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30 Moiri's two children were brought up by _____.

- (1) the hospital
- (2) their mother
- (3) their parents
- (4) the cleaning company

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31 The word 'meticulous' in the first paragraph means _____.

- (1) sloppy and lazy
- (2) irresponsible and careless
- (3) careful about small details
- (4) not concerned about small details

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32 Moiri's life was hard and challenging because her _____.

- (1) employer did not let her rest
- (2) farm yielded abundant food
- (3) children abandoned her
- (4) husband died and she had cancer

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33 Moiri's daughter hopes to become a _____.

- (1) doctor
- (2) farmer
- (3) cleaner
- (4) teacher

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

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

There are many different kinds of stuffed animals. Possibly the most popular stuffed animal is the stuffed toy bear nicknamed the "teddy bear". Have you ever wondered how these cute little bears got their name? It's an interesting story!

In 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt was on a hunting trip in Mississippi with a group of hunters. One of the hunters had chased a bear up a tree. He told the President to shoot it. President Roosevelt, who was known as a sportsman, refused to shoot the bear. He said it was "unsportsmanlike". A newspaper made a cartoon about President Roosevelt's refusal.

According to popular legend, a shopkeeper saw the cartoon, and asked the President's permission to make stuffed bears called "Teddy's bears". "Teddy" was a nickname for Theodore, and although the President disliked the nickname, many people called him that.

Whether the President approved the bears named after him (or if he was even asked) is not certain. What is certain is that teddy bears have been a popular and beloved toy for at least a hundred years.

Teddy bears can be found in almost every toy store. They can also be found in museums, in art shows, in collector's trade shows, and many other places. They show no signs of leaving the hearts of children and collectors any time soon.

Adapted from abcteach.com

34. From paragraph 1, what is the most common stuffed toy called?

35. Why did President Roosevelt refuse to shoot the bear?

36. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "consent"?

37. According to the passage, name the two places that you can find teddy bears.

38. Which sentence in the passage suggests that teddy bears are popular among the young and old?

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# Answer Ke

## EXAM PAPER 2009

SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY

SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

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| Q18      | Q19      | Q20      | Q21      | Q22      | Q23      | Q24      | Q25      | Q26      | Q27      | Q28      | Q29      | Q30      | Q31      | Q32      | Q33      |
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34)It is called teddy bear.

35)President Roosevelt said that shooting the bear was unsportsmanlike.

36)It is "permission."

37)The two places are museums and act shows.

38)It is "They show no signs of leaving the hearts of children and collectors any time soon.



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2009

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Class: P3 Index No: \_\_\_\_\_

13 May 2009 ENGLISH LANGUAGE Attn:1h 15 min

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**Section A: Grammar (6 X 1 mark)**

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

1. The referee \_\_\_\_\_ the whistle when the game ended.

- (1) blow
- (2) blew
- (3) blows
- (4) blown

(      )

2. Mother always \_\_\_\_\_ that honesty is the best policy.

- (1) say
- (2) says
- (3) saying
- (4) has said

(      )

3. There is \_\_\_\_\_ water in the jug than in the cup.

- (1) few
- (2) less
- (3) little
- (4) fewer

(      )

4. Janice nodded \_\_\_\_\_ agreement to my suggestion.

- (1) in
- (2) on
- (3) for
- (4) with

(      )

5. Mary and John are excited. \_\_\_\_\_ are going on an excursion to the zoo.

- (1) He
- (2) We
- (3) She
- (4) They

(      )

6. This carton of apples \_\_\_\_\_ bought by my mother two days ago.

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

(      )

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

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

7. Mr White and his wife tried different \_\_\_\_\_ of food at the Newton Hawker Centre when they visited Singapore.

- (1) styles
- (2) options
- (3) samples
- (4) varieties

(      )

8. The shopping centre became \_\_\_\_\_ with many shoppers screaming when all the lights suddenly went out.

- (1) chaotic
- (2) exciting
- (3) mysterious
- (4) threatening

(      )

9. Mei Li was \_\_\_\_\_ when she heard that she was named the top PSLE pupil.

- (1) frantic
- (2) terrified
- (3) ecstatic
- (4) distracted

(      )

10. My uncle and his family went to Island Photo Studio to have their family \_\_\_\_\_ taken.

- (1) portrait
- (2) drawing
- (3) painting
- (4) treasure

(      )

11. Sam was happy that he was given the \_\_\_\_\_ to work in his father's office and gain some experience.

- (1) plan
- (2) attempt
- (3) opportunity
- (4) responsibility

(      )

12. Mr Chin is a well-known \_\_\_\_\_ and he has designed hotels and buildings for many Asian countries.

- (1) painter
- (2) architect
- (3) engineer
- (4) carpenter

(      )

### Section C: 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 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) avoided | (B) challenge    | (C) decided | (D) disgust  |
| (E) gasping | (F) horribly     | (G) opted   | (H) punished |
| (J) pushed  | (K) satisfaction | (L) soaked  | (M) terribly |

San San had just finished her daily four laps around the track. She had (13) \_\_\_\_\_ herself very hard so that she could lose some extra weight and be fitter.

While resting, she looked down at her slim body with (14) \_\_\_\_\_. Perspiration (15) \_\_\_\_\_ her hair and ran down her legs but she did not mind at all. A year ago, San San was overweight and (16) \_\_\_\_\_ unfit. She was unable to climb a flight of stairs without (17) \_\_\_\_\_ for air.

One day, she looked in the mirror and (18) \_\_\_\_\_ to do something about her weight. Losing weight and becoming fit had been a (19) \_\_\_\_\_ for San San. She began by walking around her neighbourhood every evening. She (20) \_\_\_\_\_ fatty and fried food in her diet.

Soon, she slimmed down. She was proud that she was able to lead a healthier lifestyle.

**Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)**

**Cloze Passage 1**

**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) after | (B) at | (C) for  | (D) into |
| (E) on    | (F) up | (G) with |          |

A shepherd felt bored looking at his sheep. He decided to play a trick

21) \_\_\_\_\_ the villagers. He shouted loudly, "Wolf! Wolf!" Immediately, the villagers came running. He laughed (22) \_\_\_\_\_ them. He did this a few times. The villagers were angry (23) \_\_\_\_\_ him.

One fine day, a wolf really came. The shepherd again shouted, "Wolf! Wolf!". This time, nobody came to his rescue. They thought that the shepherd was (24) \_\_\_\_\_ to his tricks again and ignored him.

## Cloze Passage 2

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) happen       | (B) happened      | (C) has happened | D) have happened |
| (E) is happening | (F) was happening | (G) will happen  |                  |

Mother stared in disbelief at the mess in the living room. "What  
(25) \_\_\_\_\_ just now?" I looked at Mother guiltily. "Mom, I didn't want  
this to (26) \_\_\_\_\_ either." I told Mother that I had forgotten to close the  
front door. Before I knew what (27) \_\_\_\_\_, my dog, Snoopy, started  
racing around the living room. He leapt at Mother's precious vases and smashed them.  
Mother sighed, "I warned you about Snoopy, didn't I? Now you know what  
(28) \_\_\_\_\_ when he is allowed to come indoors."

### **Section E: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 X 2 marks)**

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

Having sufficient sleep is very important to all of us. If we do not sleep enough, it is likely that we will be irritable. Some of us cannot even stay awake for an entire day.

Everyone needs sleep. It is important for us to sleep well so that we can function well. As we get older, we require less sleep. An average adult needs around six to eight hours of sleep each day while a growing child requires more than eight hours of sleep daily. A newborn infant practically spends all his or her time sleeping!

By the time a child turns two, he or she will require about fourteen hours of sleep a day. The number of hours can be accumulated, thus it is common for young children to take naps throughout the day.

Sleep is **essential** to allow our body to rest and repair itself. After a good night's rest, we will feel refreshed. ~~work~~

Those who do not get enough sleep will get eye bags and dark rings which make them look unattractive. They are also grouchy at work or play.

**Answer the following questions.**

- 29 If we have enough sleep, we will \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) be less irritable  
(2) not be able to function well  
(3) not stay awake the entire day  
(4) require less sleep on another day ( )
- 30 The younger a person is, the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) less sleep he or she needs  
(2) more sleep he or she needs  
(3) less irritable he or she will be  
(4) more irritable he or she will be ( )
- 31 An adult needs to sleep for about \_\_\_\_\_ hours.  
(1) five  
(2) nine  
(3) seven  
(4) fourteen ( )
- 32 Having insufficient sleep will \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) affect our appearance  
(2) give us energy to work and play  
(3) cause us to skip afternoon naps  
(4) help our body to feel rejuvenated ( )
- 33 The word 'essential' in the fourth paragraph means \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) deep  
(2) suitable  
(3) sufficient  
(4) important ( )

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

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

Once, there were several people aboard an aeroplane flying towards an island. One of them was a pilot. The other three included an old woman, the smartest man in the world and a little boy. Suddenly, the pilot announced that the aeroplane was going to explode in mid-air due to some mechanical faults. These four people knew that they had to jump to safety but there were only three parachutes in the aeroplane.

The pilot thought of his lovely wife and adorable children. He felt that he was a very important person, so he grabbed the parachute and jumped out of the plane first. The smartest man claimed that he was very important to the world too. He then jumped out of the aeroplane.

The old woman, being kind and merciful, then turned to the little boy and said, "Boy, take the last parachute and jump. Don't worry about me. I am already an old woman."

The little boy laughed and replied, "You are very kind but neither of us will die. We still have two parachutes left. The smartest man has taken my bag and jumped."

Just before the aeroplane exploded, both the old woman and the little boy put on their parachutes and secured them tightly before they made their jump to safety. As it turned out, the smartest man, in panic, became the silliest man.

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

34. How many people were on board the aeroplane?

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35. What problem did the people encounter when they wanted to escape?

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36. Which sentence in the passage suggests that the smartest man thought highly of himself?

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37. How did the old woman show that she was selfless?

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38. Who ended up being the most foolish person? Why?

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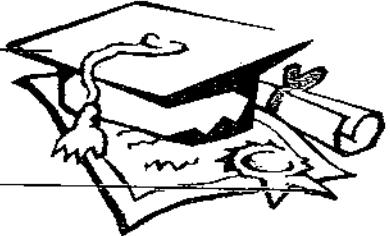


# ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH

TERM : SA 1



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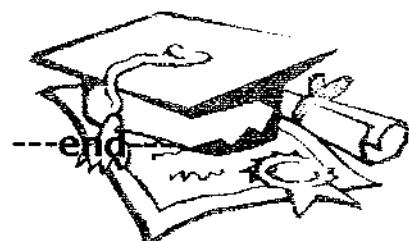
34)Four people were on board the aeroplane.

35)There were four people but three parachutes.

36)It is "The smartest man claimed that he was very important to the world too."

37)She told the boy to take the last parachute and jump.

38)The smartest man ended up being the most foolish person. He took the boy's bag and jumped off the plane.





RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2012

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Class: P3 Index No: \_\_\_\_\_

12 October 2012 ENGLISH LANGUAGE Att: 1 h 15 min

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| Your Score<br>Out of 48 marks |       |       |
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**Section A: Grammar (6 X 1 mark)**

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

1. "This isn't the first time you are dining at this restaurant, \_\_\_\_\_ it?" asked Tom.

- (1) is
- (2) can
- (3) was
- (4) isn't

2. Thankfully, \_\_\_\_\_ was hurt when the group of students ran down the slope.

- (1) nobody
- (2) anybody
- (3) somebody
- (4) everybody

3. Su Lynn and Jim fanned \_\_\_\_\_ with paper plates as the weather was very warm.

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

4. Mary studied hard for the examination \_\_\_\_\_ to her disappointment, she did not perform as well as she had expected.

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

( )

5. Mrs Tan \_\_\_\_\_ in the kitchen when her baby cried for milk.

- (1) cook
- (2) cooks
- (3) cooking
- (4) was cooking

( )

6. Lisa is \_\_\_\_\_ protecting the environment. She encourages everyone around her to save energy.

- (1) by
- (2) for
- (3) with
- (4) against

( )

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

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

7. The teacher was approached by the student who was \_\_\_\_\_ to ask her a question.

- (1) keen
- (2) fluent
- (3) sensitive
- (4) industrious

( )

8. When Tom fell, he \_\_\_\_\_ his ankle. Now, he is walking with a limp.

- (1) bent
- (2) rolled
- (3) curled
- (4) twisted

( )

9. The workers were unable to continue with the \_\_\_\_\_ to find the buried treasure, due to the bad weather.

- (1) provision
- (2) renovation
- (3) excavation
- (4) hibernation

( )

10. The \_\_\_\_\_ aroma of the hot freshly-baked cake made her hungry.

- (1) lingering
- (2) bellowing
- (3) exhausting
- (4) conducting

( )

11. He was late due to the \_\_\_\_\_ traffic.

- (1) confined
- (2) congested
- (3) concealed
- (4) concentrated

( )

12. The poor man was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ for her help. He thanked her again and again.

- (1) grief
- (2) anger
- (3) torture
- (4) gratitude

( )

### **Section C: 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 M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.**

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| (A) clutched | (B) direction | (C) distract  |
| (D) huge     | (E) overcast  | (F) reassured |
| (G) relaxed  | (H) respond   | (J) splashed  |
| (K) spoil    | (L) stayed    | (M) swim      |

"Don't swim too far out!" Susan's mother advised.

"Don't worry, Mum!" Susan (13) \_\_\_\_\_ her mother she would not.

Susan was enjoying the river under the shade of the slightly (14) \_\_\_\_\_ sky. She always followed her mother to the river where she would (15) \_\_\_\_\_ in the water while her mother washed the clothes.

Susan's mother happened to look up in her (16) \_\_\_\_\_ when she saw a floating figure coming close to Susan. Screaming for her daughter to get out of there, she threw a shirt at the floating figure to (17) \_\_\_\_\_ it. Susan, too terrified to move away, (18) \_\_\_\_\_ suspended in the water, staring at the figure drifting towards her. Her mother jumped in and swam furiously, shouting along as she (19) \_\_\_\_\_ about in a most noisy manner:

When she reached Susan, the girl was grinning widely. "Look, Mother!"

Her mother, wet and feeling silly all at once, looked at the piece of wood Susan (20) \_\_\_\_\_ in her hand. They both laughed.

### **Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)**

#### **Cloze Passage 1**

**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.**

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| (A) had walked | (B) has walked | (C) have walked |             |
| (D) walk       | (E) walks      | (F) walked      | (G) walking |

My father is a policeman. Last Friday, I (21) \_\_\_\_\_ with him to work. Father enjoys (22) \_\_\_\_\_ to work every day. Rain or shine, Father (23) \_\_\_\_\_ to work without fail. When asked the reason why, he answers with much gusto, "Our legs are made to (24) \_\_\_\_\_. It is the best form of exercise!"

#### **Cloze Passage 2**

**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.**

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|--------|-------------|------------|----------|
| (A) as | (B) because | (C) but    |          |
| (D) or | (E) since   | (F) unless | (G) when |

Mary loves music. (25) \_\_\_\_\_ young, she has been able to play the piano effortlessly. (26) \_\_\_\_\_ she was in primary school, she was identified for the music talent programme. She has won many competitions (27) \_\_\_\_\_ remains humble. When she grows up, she hopes to become a world-class pianist (28) \_\_\_\_\_ a music teacher. She believes her dream will come true one day.

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

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 29 to 33.

A long time ago, there was a war. Two countries came together and fought for twelve long years until both kings ran out of money. When the money was gone, they declared peace and sent their armies home. However, they had no way to pay their soldiers. They gave every man his uniform, his musket, his sword, a loaf of bread and a square of cheese and said, "Thank you very much."

Some soldiers could walk home in a day or two, some in three or four. One soldier, however, lived on the other side of the kingdom. It would take him weeks to walk home. After a few days, his bread and cheese were gone and he was hungry. He came to a small village and said to himself, "I have fought for these people for a dozen years. I'm sure they will give me something to eat."

He knocked on the first door. An old man, wrinkled and bent with age, answered the door with a frown on his face. "What do you want?" he asked.

"I'm a soldier coming home from war. Can you offer me a piece of fruit or some bread and cheese? I'm hungry."

"Go away," said the old man. "We hardly have enough to feed ourselves." He slammed the door in the soldier's face.

The soldier shook his head in disappointment.

(Extracted from 'Stories of Hope and Spirit, Folktales from Eastern Europe')

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

29. The two countries declared peace after twelve years of war because both kings \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) came together
- (2) had run out of money
- (3) had fought for too long
- (4) sent their armies home

( )

30. The word 'declared' in paragraph 1 means \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) withheld
- (2) declined
- (3) announced
- (4) commanded

( )

31. What did the kings give the soldiers after the war? The kings gave the soldiers \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) fruit, sword, bread and cheese
- (2) fruit, musket, sword and bread
- (3) uniform, musket, milk and cheese
- (4) uniform, musket, sword and bread

( )

32. The word 'they' in paragraph 2 refers to the \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) king
- (2) armies
- (3) old man
- (4) villagers

( )

33. Which adjective best describes the old man whom the soldier met? The adjective is \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) polite
- (2) gracious
- (3) uncaring
- (4) understanding

( )

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

We were travelling in the late afternoon in the woods.

"I wish we were out of these woods," said my master, Edward.

"Yes, sir," said John, the driver. "It would be dangerous if one of these branches came down on us."

The words were scarcely out of his mouth when there was a groan, a crack, and a splitting sound. Crashing down among the other trees came an oak which had been torn up by the roots. It fell right across the road just in front of us. I was frightened. I stood still and trembled, but I did not turn around or run away.

"That was a narrow escape," said Edward.

By the time we got to the bridge, it was nearly dark but we could still see that the water was rising fast. We had to cross it quickly so we moved forward. However, the second my feet touched the bridge, I could sense something was wrong. I stopped and would not go ahead.

"Go on, Beauty," said Edward. He gave me a sharp cut with the whip, but I refused to move.

John jumped out of the cart and came over to me. He tried to lead me forward. "Come on, Beauty, what's the matter?" he asked.

Just then, the man at the gate to the bridge ran out. "Stop!" he shouted.

"What's the matter?" asked Edward.

"The bridge is broken in the middle. If you try to cross it, you will land in the river," answered the gatekeeper.

Edward stroked my hair gently, with an appreciative look in his eyes.

"Thank you, Beauty!" said John as he took the bridle and gently turned me around.

(adapted from Black Beauty)

**Write your answer in complete sentences.**

34. Which part of the day were the writer and Edward travelling in the woods?

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35. What was the narrow escape Edward was referring to?

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36. What would happen to the writer if it had crossed the bridge?

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37. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'barely'?

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38. Which sentence tells you that Edward was grateful to the writer?

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RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

Semestral Assessment (2) 2012

Primary 3 - English

Section A: Grammar

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

Section B: Vocabulary

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

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze

13. F 14. E 15. M 16. B 17. C 18. L 19. J 20. A

Section D: Grammar Cloze

21. F 22. G 23. E 24. D 25. E 26. G 27. C 28. D

Section E: Comprehension (MCQ)

29. (2) 30. (3) 31. (4) 32. (4) 33. (3)

Section F: Comprehension (Open-ended)

34

Q: Which part of the day were the writer and Edward travelling in the woods?

A: They were travelling through the woods in the late afternoon.

35

Q: What was the narrow escape Edward was referring to?

A: The narrow escape referred to them having missed being nearly hit by an oak that had been torn up by its roots and had fallen across the road just in front of them.

36

Q: What would happen to the writer if it had crossed the bridge?

A: The writer would have fallen into the river if it had crossed the bridge.

37

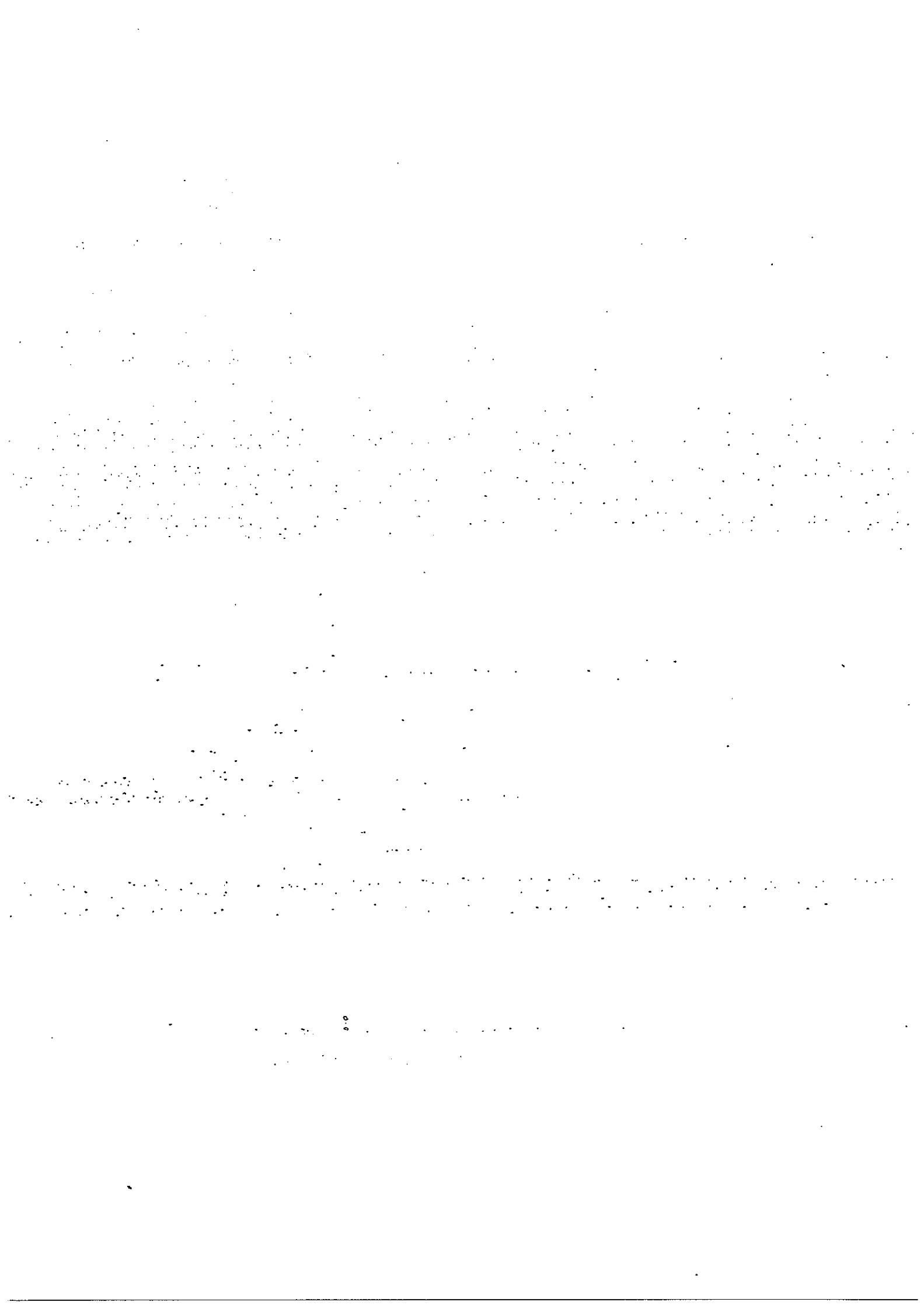
Q: Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'barely'?

A: The word is 'scarcely'.

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Q: Which sentence tells you that Edward was grateful to the writer?

A: The sentence is "Edward stroked my hair gently, with an appreciative look in his eyes".





RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2013

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| Your Score
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Name : _____ Class: P3 Index No: _____

9 October 2013

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Duration: 1 h 15 min

Section A: Grammar (6 X 1 mark)

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

1. The bag of oranges _____ put into the refrigerator last night

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

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2. Lily and Ben often quarrel as they cannot work well with _____.

- (1) no one
- (2) nobody
- (3) someone
- (4) each other

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3. Mary's nephew injured _____ after falling from the tall cupboard

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

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4. Team Raffles cheered _____ at the National Sports Carnival last week.

- (1) loud
- (2) loudly
- (3) louder
- (4) loudest

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5. My grandmother _____ me every Sunday.

- (1) visit
- (2) visits
- (3) visited
- (4) visiting

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6. Jim's cat was drinking milk, _____ it?

- (1) isn't
- (2) aren't
- (3) wasn't
- (4) weren't

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Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

7. Sue is so _____ by the bad news that she has not been eating well.

- (1) aspired
- (2) assured
- (3) affected
- (4) appreciated

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8. He was a/an _____ student who revised his lessons daily as he wanted to do well in his studies.

- (1) diligent
- (2) indifferent
- (3) permanent
- (4) complacent

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9. Mother was in the kitchen slicing carrots with a _____.

- (1) knife
- (2) beater
- (3) rolling pin
- (4) can opener

()

10. John is a liar. He likes to tell tales about others that are _____.
- (1) unable
(2) untrue
(3) unaffordable
(4) unsuccessful ()
11. The sick man was _____ for dengue fever in the hospital.
- (1) treated
(2) infected
(3) prescribed
(4) discharged ()
12. Many children _____ unhealthy snacks as they seem more appealing than healthy ones.
- (1) resume
(2) assume
(3) presume
(4) consume ()

Section C: 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 M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

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| (A) accomplishment | (B) attempt | (C) beams |
| (D) celebrate | (E) chased | (F) face |
| (G) grumble | (H) handing | (J) knock |
| (K) party | (L) sneaked | (M) succeeded |

Draculea is an ancient creature. Today, as he looks at the calendar, he
(13) _____ with great pleasure. He is going to (14) _____ his 500th
birthday!

He feels a sense of (15) _____. He has (16) _____. in
outliving his enemy, Yak, a disgusting-looking zombie that died last week.

Once, when no one was looking, Yak had quietly (17) _____ into his
castle. The zombie then made a silly (18) _____ to eat Draculea while he was
taking a nap. Luckily, he woke up in time and (19) _____ Yak away with a
broom.

"Master, a present from Yak," his butler says, (20) _____. Draculea a
small box.

"What? He's still alive?" Draculea exclaimed.

Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Cloze Passage 1

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) which | (B) what | (C) where |
| (D) whose | (E) when | (F) who |

Singapore is a city bustling with life and entertainment. It is an island

(21) _____ is situated in Southeast Asia.

Orchard Road is a popular place (22) _____ tourists and locals like to shop and feast in. The Christmas season is (23) _____ the streets in Orchard Road are lit with colourfull lights and decorations.

Singapore's clean and green environment is also (24) _____ she is well known for.

It's no wonder Singapore is also known as the Garden City.

Cloze Passage 2

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) read | (B) reads | (C) reading |
| (D) is reading | (E) was reading | (F) had read |

Books are Melvin's favourite. He cannot fall asleep unless he (25) _____

a book every night.

Melvin (26) _____ 'Fantastic Mr. Fox' when the doorbell rang. When he answered the door, he was surprised to see his father with a bag of Roald Dahl books.

"Now, you have enough books to (27) _____ every night," his father said.
(28) _____ is indeed Melvin's favourite pastime.

It took him less than a week to finish reading all the books.

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Section E: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 29 to 33.

Bala became his neighbourhood's young hero overnight. Just last Tuesday, he helped a pregnant lady get back her handbag from a ruthless robber on his way home.

That fateful day, Bala was walking along the void deck of his home after his Mathematics tuition class. Just before he entered the lift, he heard a helpless shriek from behind him. He turned around immediately and saw a man running away with a handbag in his hands and a pregnant lady crying helplessly. Without hesitation, Bala gave chase.

Bala chased the robber across a few blocks. While chasing, Bala ran across a busy road and was almost run over by an oncoming truck. Luckily, the driver stopped in time. Two policemen were alerted and they joined Bala in the chase. Within minutes, the robber was nabbed.

To recognise Bala's efforts, they presented the 'Helpful Resident' plaque to him at the community centre the next day. The Chief of Police, Mr. Singh, also commended him for his bravery. Bala's family and many of his neighbours cheered for him. The family of the pregnant lady also thanked Bala profusely for his help.

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

29. How did Bala become a hero overnight in his neighbourhood?

- (1) He was run over by a truck.
- (2) He heard a helpless shriek.
- (3) He walked home after his Mathematics tuition class.
- (4) He helped a pregnant lady recover her handbag from a robber. ()

30. Bala was going _____ last Tuesday when he first saw the robber.

- (1) home
- (2) across the block
- (3) to the community centre
- (4) to his Mathematics tuition class ()

31. Bala was presented the 'Helpful Resident' plaque on _____.
(1) Friday
(2) Tuesday
(3) Wednesday
(4) Thursday ()
32. The word '_____ ' has the same meaning as 'commended'.
(1) praised
(2) scolded
(3) remarked
(4) mentioned ()
33. Who presented Bala with the 'Helpful Resident' plaque?
(1) Bala's family
(2) The policemen
(3) Bala's neighbour
(4) The pregnant lady ()

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

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 34 to 38.

Seeing the weather was perfect for fishing, three friends decided they should set out for the sea

They rented a small boat and eagerly rowed out. They believed it was best to fish when the tide was high and the moon was up, but only after vainly waiting for two hours, did Ahmad exclaim excitedly he had a catch. However, it was resisting and putting up a fierce fight.

As they were fumbling with Ahmad's line, Jasad sighted a light rocketing straight towards them. He fleetingly thought it was a shooting star. Then, it dawned on him that it was a speeding boat! Jumping to his feet, he waved and bellowed warnings to alert it of their presence.

"Stop hopping about and rocking the boat dangerously!" Ah Heng cried out. He was concerned they would be thrown into the water. "I hate to be wet!" Then, he realised what was happening too. At once, he sprang up and joined Jasad, waving wildly and hollering their lungs out, convinced they were going to die. Ahmad, unaware of any boat zipping towards them, yelled to them to end the din as he continued labouring against the thrashing fish, totally oblivious to his surroundings.

Only metres away now from a possible collision, the speeding boat unexpectedly made a sharp turn, swinging around and spraying a mountain of water on them. The wave that resulted caused their boat to tilt, flinging Ah Heng and Jasad into a corner where they sat petrified, too overwhelmed by their narrow escape. Drenched and shaking with fright they watched Ahmad scold the water below him.

Turning to his friends, Ahmad accused, "I lost the line! And who poured water all over me?"

Write your answer in complete sentences.

34. What were the three friends doing at sea?

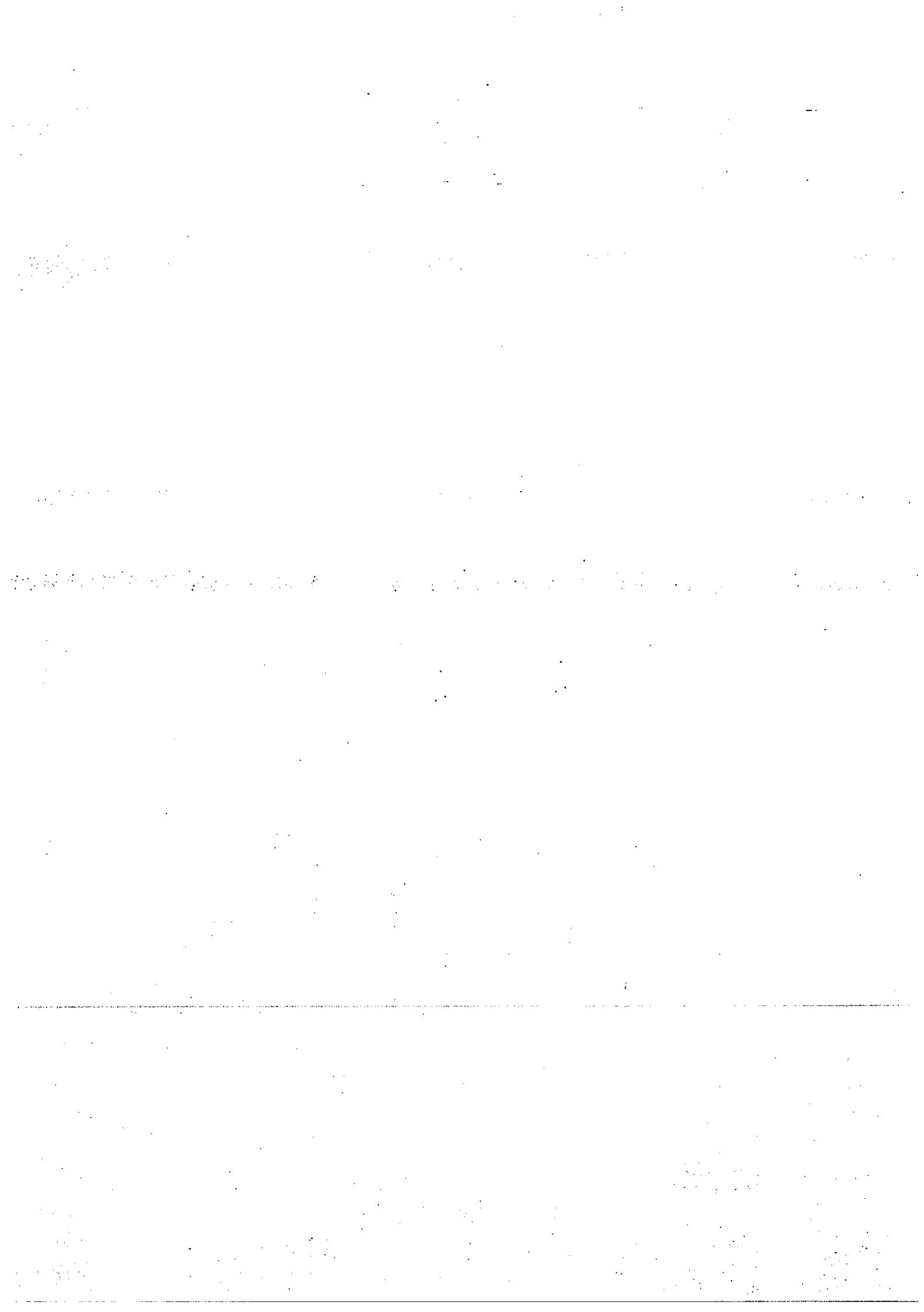
35. What does 'it' in the sentence 'Jumping to his feet, he waved and bellowed warnings to alert it of their presence.' refer to?

36. What would happen if the speeding boat had not made a sharp turn?

37. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as the word 'spotted'?

38. Why was Ahmad angry with the water below him?

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**EXAM PAPER 2013**

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**TERM : SA2**

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Q13) C

Q14) D

Q15) A

Q16) M

Q17) L

Q18) B

Q19) E

Q20) H

Q21) A

Q22) C

Q23) E

Q24) B

Q25) B

Q26) E

Q27) A

Q28) C

Q29) 4

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Q30) 1

Q31) 3

Q32) 1

Q33) 2

- Q34) They were fishing at sea.
- Q35) It refers to the speeding boat.
- Q36) The three friends would all be thrown into the water.
- Q37) sighted
- Q38) He had lost the line.



## RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 2 )

2010

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Class: P3 \_\_\_\_\_ Index No: \_\_\_\_\_

25 Oct 2010 ENGLISH LANGUAGE Att: 1 h 15 min

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**Section A: Grammar (6 X 1 mark)****Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.**

1. Mary and her sisters often play tricks on \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) herself
- (2) each other
- (3) themselves
- (4) one another

(      )

2. They understand the instructions, \_\_\_\_\_ they?

- (1) can't
- (2) don't
- (3) won't
- (4) haven't

(      )

3. \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ as she put her baby down to sleep?

- (1) Is, singing
- (2) Had, sung
- (3) Has, sung
- (4) Was, singing

(      )

4. She is disappointed with her share of food as it is \_\_\_\_\_ less than her sister's.

- (1) very
- (2) a lot
- (3) a few
- (4) a lot of

(      )

5. The children are having a great time at the party. \_\_\_\_\_, much as they wish to stay on, they have to go home.

- (1) So
- (2) But
- (3) And
- (4) However

(      )

6. "Who is the \_\_\_\_\_ singer of the two?" asked Sheila curiously.

- (1) best
- (2) least
- (3) good
- (4) better

(      )

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

**Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.**

7. The auditorium can \_\_\_\_\_ at least two hundred people.

- (1) retain
- (2) accept
- (3) occupy
- (4) accommodate

(      )

8. Raju had studied very hard for the test and was \_\_\_\_\_ sure that he would do well.

- (1) truly
- (2) possibly
- (3) absolutely
- (4) desperately

(      )

9. My parents only allow me to play computer games which are \_\_\_\_\_ as they want me to practise what I have learnt in school.

- (1) educational
- (2) exceptional
- (3) inspirational
- (4) international

(      )

10. I cannot wear earrings as my ears are not \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) poked
- (2) pierced
- (3) pinched
- (4) prodded

( )

11. The view at the top of the mountain is \_\_\_\_\_. I am so glad I did not give up the climb even though I was exhausted.

- (1) powerful
- (2) elevating
- (3) engaging
- (4) breathtaking

( )

12. Besides money, we can also donate blankets, food and clothes to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earthquake.

- (1) victims
- (2) patrons
- (3) dwellers
- (4) residents

( )

**Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)**

Read the diary entry 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) attention | (B) began    | (C) believed | (D) blow  |
| (E) cheer     | (F) composed | (G) focus    | (H) harm  |
| (J) made      | (K) mature   | (L) older    | (M) stamp |

It is said that birthday celebrations (13) \_\_\_\_\_ as a form of protection.

It was (14) \_\_\_\_\_ that evil spirits were more dangerous to a person when he experienced a change in his daily life, such as turning a year (15) \_\_\_\_\_. To protect him from (16) \_\_\_\_\_, friends and family would gather around the birthday person and bring good cheer, thoughts and wishes. Giving gifts brought even more good (17) \_\_\_\_\_ to ward off the evil spirits. The birthday history of lighting candles started with people believing that the gods lived in the sky. By lighting candles and torches, they were sending a signal or prayer to the gods. When you (18) \_\_\_\_\_ out the candles and make a wish, this is another way of sending a signal and a message.

The song "Happy Birthday to You" was (19) \_\_\_\_\_ by two sisters, Mildred and Patty Hill, in 1893. However, nobody really paid much (20) \_\_\_\_\_ to it until the original words, "Good Morning to You", were changed to "Happy Birthday to You", words that are sung in virtually every home across the world at least once during the year.

**Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)**

**Cloze Passage 1**

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.

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|-------------|--------|--------|----------|
| (A) at      | (B) in | (C) on | (D) over |
| (E) through | (F) to | (G) up |          |

It was late at night and the two sisters were still playing in their room. "Let's jump (21) \_\_\_\_\_ the stool without touching it!" one of them suggested. However, their mother scolded them, "I want both of you (22) \_\_\_\_\_ bed now!" Reluctantly, they dragged their feet (23) \_\_\_\_\_ the bathroom and brushed their teeth. Finally, they walked (24) \_\_\_\_\_ to their parents and kissed them goodnight.

**Cloze Passage 2**

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) sew       | (B) sewed       | (C) sews   | (D) sewn |
| (E) is sewing | (F) were sewing | (G) sewing |          |

Mother loves to sew. Everyone admires her work as she (25) \_\_\_\_\_ beautifully.

She has been (26) \_\_\_\_\_ since she was a teenager. She will (27) \_\_\_\_\_ during her free time. A week ago, she (28) \_\_\_\_\_ a pretty dress for me.

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

All honeybees are social and cooperative insects. There are generally a few types of honeybees. Worker bees are the only bees that most people ever see. These bees are females. Worker bees search for food, build and protect the hive as well as look after the young.

The queen's job is to lay eggs. There is usually only a single queen in a hive. If the queen dies, the worker bees will create a new queen by feeding one of them a special diet of a food called "royal jelly." This substance enables the female bee to develop into a fertile queen. The queen produces chemicals that guide the behaviour of the other bees.

Finally, the third type of honeybees is called drones. Drones are male bees that are defenseless and cannot protect the hive. Their main function is to mate with the queen to produce the next generation of bees. Several hundred drones live in each hive during spring and summer. However, they usually die upon mating or forced to leave the hive during the winter months when there is little food left.

Honeybees live on stored honey and pollen all winter, and cluster into a ball to keep warm. Larvae are fed from the stores during this season and by spring, the hive is swarming with a new generation of honeybees.

(Source: Adapted from <http://www.nationalgeographic.com>)

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

29. How many types of bees are mentioned in the passage?

- (1) five
- (2) two
- (3) three
- (4) four

(      )

30. What are the main duties performed by the worker bees?

- (1) They develop into queen bees.
- (2) They mate with the queen bees.
- (3) They take care of the young and build and protect the hive.
- (4) They produce chemicals to guide the behaviour of other bees.

(      )

31. Why are drones driven out from the hive in winter?

- (1) They need to cluster to keep warm.
- (2) They are of no use to the hive in winter.
- (3) They have completed their duty of mating.
- (4) They have to leave the hive to look for food.

(      )

32. The word '**cluster**' in the last paragraph means \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) attach
- (2) group
- (3) scatter
- (4) separate

(      )

33. Which one of the following sentences is not true?

- (1) Worker bees are all females.
- (2) Only the queen bee is able to lay eggs.
- (3) Male bees live in the hive only in winter.
- (4) Royal jelly is the substance needed to help a worker bee become a queen bee.

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

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

I looked pleadingly at the group with hopeful eyes. It was getting tougher searching for food in the newly-renovated coffeeshop. The floor was spotless and customers were now reluctant to throw food on it.

I had not eaten since the previous morning. Though weak with hunger, I waited patiently near the table. However, twenty minutes went by and my hope gradually faded. I had to move on. There was no point in waiting for something that was certainly not coming. 5

The night wind blew into the coffeeshop and I shivered. I had always been cold and hungry. Since birth, I had been roaming the streets, fending for myself. The humans, especially the boys, were always cruel to me. Some had even tried to fling me down from a high storey. I was fortunate when my frantic mewing caught the attention of a kind adult who had then tried to help by reprimanding the boys. After the alarming experience, I was wary of boys. 10

I dragged my exhausted body to the next table and was about to settle down next to it when a boy reached down for me.

Immediately, I drew back.

14

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

34. What animal do you think the writer was?

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35. Which sentence tells you why it was difficult for the writer to find food in the newly-renovated coffeeshop?

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36. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'tired'?

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37. What was the alarming experience that the writer was referring to in line 11?

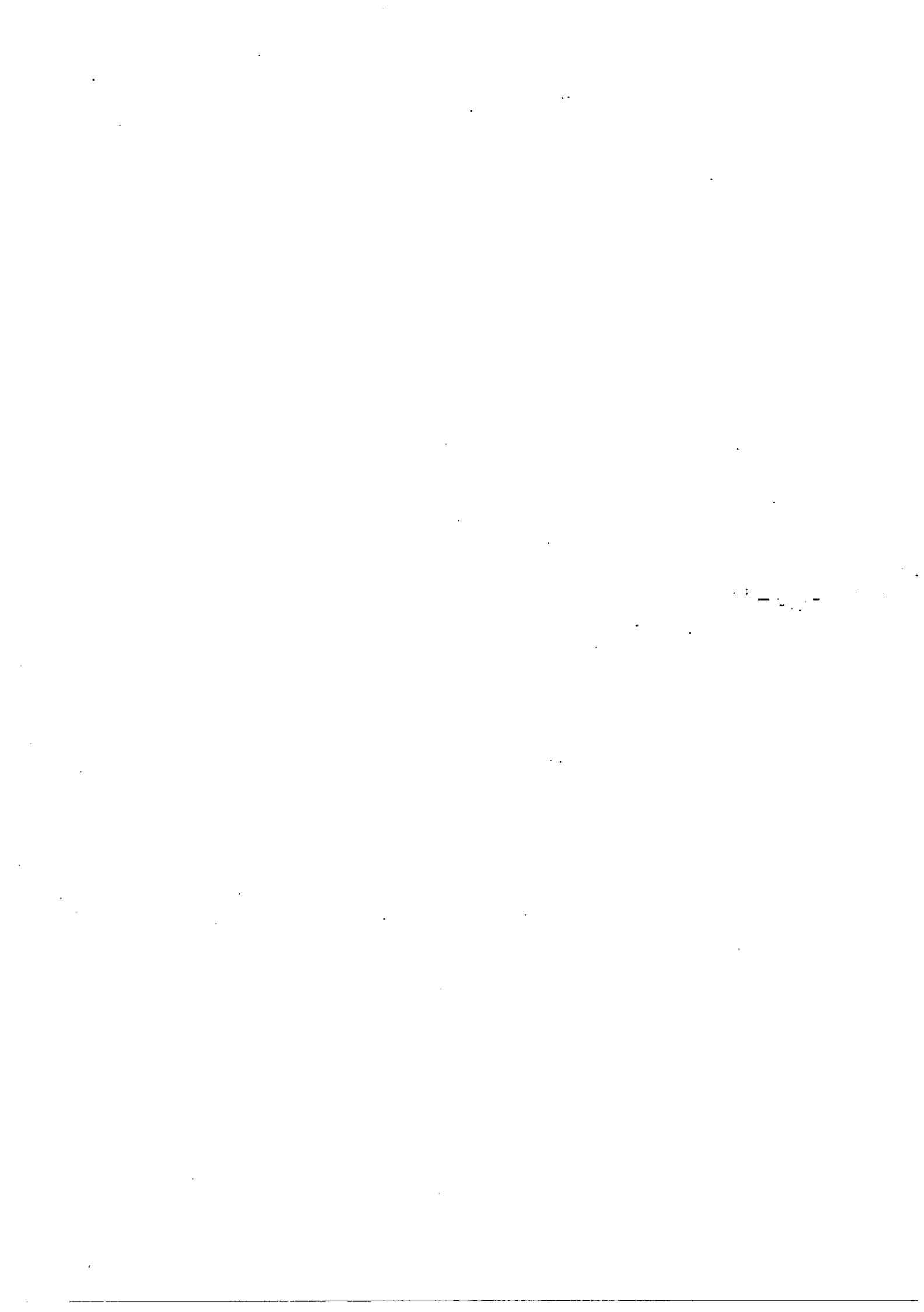
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38. Why did the writer draw back when the boy tried to reach for her in line 14?

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### P3 SA2 (2010) English Language

#### Answer Key

1) 4  
2) 2  
3) 4

4) 2  
5) 4  
6) 4

7) 4  
8) 3  
9) 1

10) 2  
11) 4  
12) 1

(13) B  
(14) C  
(15) L  
(16) H

(17) E  
(18) D  
(19) F  
(20) A

21) D  
22) B  
23) F  
24) G

25) C  
26) G  
27) A  
28) B

29) 3  
30) 3  
31) 4  
32) 2  
33) 3

#### OE Passage 1

- 34) It/She/The writer was a cat.
- 35) It is "The floor was spotless and customers were now reluctant to throw food on it." (2m)
- 36) It is "exhausted".
- 37) Some boys had tried to fling her/the writer down from a high storey. (2m)  
The boys were cruel to the writer/her and had tried to fling her/the writer down from a high storey. (2m)  
The boys were cruel to the writer/her. (1m)
- 38) She/It/The writer was wary/afraid/scared of boys. (2m)  
She/It/The writer was scared/afraid the boy would injure/harm her. (2m)  
She/It/The writer did not want to be hurt/harm/injured by the boy. (2m)  
She/It/The writer was wary/afraid/scared of boys. (2m)  
She/It/The writer was scared/afraid the boy would injure/harm her. (2m)  
She/It/The writer did not want to be hurt/harm/injured by the boy. (2m)  
She was afraid that the boy was going to bully her. (2m)  
After an alarming experience, the writer was wary of boys. (2m)  
She was afraid of being abused and harmed. (2m)

She/It was scared/afraid/frightened of the boy. (2m)  
She did not want to be harmed by a boy again. (2m)  
He was afraid of the boy and scared that the boy might do something cruel to her. (2m)  
The cat was wary of boys. (2m)  
He did not want to be harmed by boys again. (2m)  
The writer was wary of boys and was afriad that the boys will harm it. (1.5m)  
She had been afraid of boys ever since a group of boys had tried to fling her out of a high window. (1.5m)  
It was scared that the boy were harm it. (1.5m)  
The boy would try to kill him. (1m)  
She/It was shocked. (1m)  
The boys were always cruel to the writer. (1m)  
The boys were always cruel to the writer, so the writer drew back. (1m)  
She wanted to protect herself. (1m)  
She/It was scared/afraid/frightened. (1m)  
He did not want the boy to get him. (1m)  
The writer draw ^ when the boy tried to reach for her was she thought the boy was cruel. (1m)  
She knew the boy would be cruel to her. (0m)  
The boy might try to fling her down from a high storey/window. (0m)



# RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2014

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Class: P3 Index No: \_\_\_\_\_

|                               |       |       |
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| Your Score<br>Out of 50 marks |       |       |
|                               | Class | Level |
| Parent's Signature            |       |       |

7 May 2014

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Duration: 1 h 15 min

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

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

1. There are only \_\_\_\_\_ sticks of ice cream left in the freezer so we need to buy more.  
(1) many  
(2) much  
(3) a few  
(4) a little
  
2. Rina \_\_\_\_\_ her mother to the market and bought some vegetables.  
(1) follow  
(2) follows  
(3) followed  
(4) following ( )
  
3. Peter has to finish his homework \_\_\_\_\_ he is allowed to watch the movie.  
(1) where  
(2) before  
(3) otherwise  
(4) as soon as ( )
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ tells Bobby secrets as he cannot be trusted.  
(1) Nobody  
(2) Anybody  
(3) Someone  
(4) Everyone ( )

5. "\_\_\_\_\_ toy is mine!" I yelled across the room at my sister as she was about to throw it into the bin.

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

(      )

6. Mina is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the two girls. She hardly talks.

- (1) quiet
- (2) quietly
- (3) quieter
- (4) quietest

(      )

7. My brother did not attend school \_\_\_\_\_ he was not feeling well.

- (1) so
- (2) but
- (3) since
- (4) so that

(      )

8. Mrs Lee used to \_\_\_\_\_ as a nurse but now she is a housewife.

- (1) work
- (2) works
- (3) worked
- (4) working

(      )

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

**Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.**

9. The pupils were shocked when Sheira shouted at the teacher in class today. They had never seen such a/an \_\_\_\_\_ behaviour before.

- (1) sensible
- (2) thoughtful
- (3) outrageous
- (4) understanding

(      )

10. The \_\_\_\_\_ was filled with spectators watching the soccer game.

- (1) theatre
- (2) cinema
- (3) stadium
- (4) museum

(      )

11. The scientist went into the jungle and \_\_\_\_\_ a new species of frog fighting with a snake.

- (1) dug
- (2) stepped
- (3) stumbled
- (4) discovered

(      )

12. Ms Lee is \_\_\_\_\_ as a caring and nurturing teacher by her pupils that they nominated her for the Caring Teacher Awards.

- (1) found
- (2) called
- (3) looked
- (4) regarded

(      )

13. Please handle the thin glass with care. It is very \_\_\_\_\_ as it breaks easily.

- (1) damp
- (2) delicate
- (3) attractive
- (4) expensive

(      )

14. The family was fortunate to \_\_\_\_\_ the accident and was treated in the hospital for minor injuries only.

- (1) crash
- (2) suffer
- (3) involve
- (4) survive

(      )

### **Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)**

**Read the story 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) earlier | (B) expensive | (C) finish   | (D) hated     |
| (E) keep    | (F) liked     | (G) money    | (H) patted    |
| (J) present | (K) simple    | (L) sleeping | (M) wandering |

Selena always woke up before the first light peeked out from the sky. She would hurry to  
(15) \_\_\_\_\_ the first chores before her sisters woke up and piled her with even more.

This morning, Selena woke up (16) \_\_\_\_\_ than usual as it was her father's birthday. He had always (17) \_\_\_\_\_ cats. She would give him the kitten she had found (18) \_\_\_\_\_ into the house. It was cute and playful. They were poor and had not much (19) \_\_\_\_\_ for a celebration. Thus, she would prepare a (20) \_\_\_\_\_ dinner for him. She looked at the kitten and (21) \_\_\_\_\_ its head with her hand.

"Kitty, I will (22) \_\_\_\_\_ you to Father as a surprise for his birthday," said Selena.

Selena smiled. She knew her father would love it!

**Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)**

**Cloze Passage 1**

**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) and | (B) as | (C) but   |
| (D) or  | (E) so | (F) until |

I usually go for a picnic with my friends. Since school has started, we have hardly any time. However, we are planning to go on two days, this Saturday (23) \_\_\_\_\_ the next. We have made up our mind to go rain (24) \_\_\_\_\_ shine. We would have gone last weekend (25) \_\_\_\_\_ it was raining. We had to stay at home (26) \_\_\_\_\_ there were lightning and thunder.

**Cloze Passage 2**

**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) cycle      | (B) cycled     | (C) cycling     |
| (D) has cycled | (E) is cycling | (F) was cycling |

Gina is getting ready to go to the park. She goes to the park to (27) \_\_\_\_\_ every evening. She thinks that (28) \_\_\_\_\_ is a good form of exercise.

Last weekend, while Gina (29) \_\_\_\_\_, she noticed something shiny under a tree. She stopped to take a look. She was very surprised to find a watch. She quickly picked it up and (30) \_\_\_\_\_ to the nearest neighbourhood police post.

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

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

Robin was stranded on an island one evening. He saw a stream and managed to catch a fish which he cooked and ate. He then decided to spend the night in the trees as he was afraid that there might be wild animals. Making himself as comfortable as he could in a tree, he fell asleep.

The next morning, Robin woke up very early. He climbed down from the tree and looked around him. The island was **deserted** except for some seagulls calling in the distance. As Robin was frightened, he said a prayer.

Suddenly, the chattering of a monkey on a tree startled Robin. He looked up and saw the tree was full of a strange-looking type of fruit. The monkey was eating the fruit. Without hesitation, Robin climbed up the tree and plucked the sweet and juicy fruit to eat.

After breakfast, Robin set out to explore the island. By noon, he reached the western part of the island. What he saw made his heart leap with happiness. Far out on a sand bank lay his wrecked ship. If he could reach it, he could get all the supplies he needed. He thought of making a raft. He quickly set off to look for some branches.

Adapted from Robinson Crusoe

31. Robin was stranded on a / an \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) raft
  - (2) tree
  - (3) ship
  - (4) island
- (      )

32. Which word has the same meaning as '**deserted**' in paragraph 2?

- (1) faraway
  - (2) occupied
  - (3) scorching
  - (4) unoccupied
- (      )

33. Robin had \_\_\_\_\_ for his breakfast.

- (1) fish
- (2) wild fruit
- (3) wild animals
- (4) food supplies from the ship

(      )

34. When Robin saw the wrecked ship, he was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) furious
- (2) excited
- (3) frustrated
- (4) disappointed

(      )

35. The word "What" in paragraph 4 refers to the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) raft
- (2) island
- (3) sand bank
- (4) wrecked ship

(      )

**Section F: Comprehension (Open-ended) (10 marks)**

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

"Let's go home now, Koko," the old woman, Lisbeth, called out to her pet. It was a finger monkey, the tiniest breed of monkey in the world, whose life she had saved when it was a baby. Lisbeth was walking in the forest when she came upon it lying injured beside its dead mother.

Lisbeth brought Koko home, fed it and nursed it back to health. When it had grown a little bigger, she tried to return it to its natural home in the forest but the moment she put it down, the monkey ran desperately after her. She picked it up and it sat on her shoulder for the rest of the journey home, shaking like a leaf. She took care of it and named it Koko.

"It's getting dark," Lisbeth said again. Koko, in fact, had never left her shoulder since they left the house to search for mushrooms in the forest.

A sound of a twig breaking behind Lisbeth made her jerk around. A young man was looking menacingly at her. "Give me the necklace you're wearing!" he demanded.

Lisbeth stepped back as the man moved towards her. He tried to snatch the necklace but by that time, Lisbeth had gathered her courage and pushed his hand away. Angered, he punched and kicked Lisbeth repeatedly, snatched the necklace and walked off.

Write your answer for question 36 in a complete sentence.

36. Who was Lisbeth's pet? (2m)

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37. Write 1, 2 or 3 in the boxes below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (2m)

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| Lisbeth nursed Koko back to health.                          |  |
| Lisbeth found Koko lying beside its dead mother.             |  |
| Lisbeth took Koko out to the forest to search for mushrooms. |  |

38. Which four-word phrase in the passage in paragraph 2 shows that Koko was frightened on the way home? (2m)

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39. Write True or False in the boxes next to the sentences. (2m)

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| Lisbeth stepped on the twig and broke it.                                 |  |
| The young man punched Lisbeth when he first tried to snatch her necklace. |  |

40. Write down the sentence in the last paragraph which shows that Lisbeth was afraid of the young man. (2m)

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**Semester: SA1**

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Q18) M

Q19) G

Q20) K

Q21) H

Q22) J

Q23) A

Q24) D

Q25) C

Q26) B

Q27) A

Q28) C

Q29) F

Q30) B

Q31) 4

**Q32) 4**

**Q33) 2**

**Q34) 2**

**Q35) 4**

**Q36) Lisbeth's pet was Koko, a finger monkey.**

**Q37) 2, 1, 3**

**Q38) shaking like a leaf**

**Q39) False, false**

**Q40) Lisbeth stepped back as the man moved towards her.**



## RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2010

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Class: P3 \_\_\_\_\_ Index No: \_\_\_\_\_

6 May 2010

ENGLISH LANGUAGE Attn:1h 15 min

|                                  |       |  |
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| Your Score<br>Out of<br>48 marks |       |  |
| Class                            | Level |  |
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| Parent's Signature               |       |  |

**Section A: Grammar (6 X 1 mark)****Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ flowers that I am holding are given to me by my friend.

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

( )

2. John is \_\_\_\_\_ honest boy. He returned a wallet that he had found to the rightful owner.

- (1) a
- (2) an
- (3) the
- (4) most

( )

3. The books on the floor are \_\_\_\_\_. You need not pick them up.

- (1) my
- (2) our
- (3) your
- (4) mine

( )

4. Among the triplets, Tina is the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) pretty
- (2) prettily
- (3) prettier
- (4) prettiest

( )

5. Susan does not \_\_\_\_\_ how to operate a computer.
- (1) know  
(2) known  
(3) knows  
(4) knowing

( )

6. It is very dangerous to play \_\_\_\_\_ the road.
- (1) in  
(2) along  
(3) through  
(4) between

( )

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

**Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.**

7. At the zoo, the monkeys \_\_\_\_\_ happily while the visitors look on.
- (1) roar  
(2) cluck  
(3) chatter  
(4) gobble

( )

8. After snatching the lady's necklace, the thief took off \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) as busy as a bee  
(2) as fierce as a lion  
(3) as fast as lightning  
(4) like rocks in the river

( )

9. My mother \_\_\_\_\_ me for doing so badly in my final year examinations.
- (1) loved  
(2) nagged  
(3) warned  
(4) reprimanded

( )

10. I received a box of \_\_\_\_\_ which included erasers, pencils and scissors for my birthday.

- (1) cutlery
- (2) utensils
- (3) stationery
- (4) stationary

( )

11. The angry bear and its \_\_\_\_\_ will attack you if you provoke them.

- (1) calf
- (2) cub
- (3) foal
- (4) fawn

( )

12. Roald Dahl is a / an \_\_\_\_\_. He has written many children's award-winning books.

- (1) author
- (2) reporter
- (3) librarian
- (4) illustrator

( )

**Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the list of 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) armed      | (B) broad  | (C) gloves  | (D) late      |
| (E) license    | (F) masks  | (G) money   | (H) necklaces |
| (J) passengers | (K) police | (L) weapons | (M) witnesses |

A robbery occurred at Sunshine Plaza Shopping Centre yesterday. Amazingly, it took place in (13) \_\_\_\_\_ daylight. A jewellery shop was robbed of \$500 000 worth of gold (14) \_\_\_\_\_ and bracelets. The owner, Mr. Lee, told the (15) \_\_\_\_\_ that there were five men involved in this (16) \_\_\_\_\_ robbery. They wore (17) \_\_\_\_\_ to cover their faces and carried (18) \_\_\_\_\_ such as guns and knives. They escaped in a black van with the (19) \_\_\_\_\_ plate – SBY 256 G.

If there are any (20) \_\_\_\_\_, please call 999 to help the police in their investigation.

**Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)**

**Cloze Passage 1**

**Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the list of 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) at   | (B) behind | (C) by   | (D) in front of |
| (E) into | (F) on     | (G) with |                 |

"Shut the door (21) \_\_\_\_\_ you!" Tom's brother shouted  
(22) \_\_\_\_\_ Tom when he was leaving the room. Tom's brother was furious  
(23) \_\_\_\_\_ Tom for playing on his computer without his permission. Tom had  
introduced a virus (24) \_\_\_\_\_ his computer unknowingly. It was no wonder  
that his brother was so angry.

## Cloze Passage 2

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

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

- |             |                 |                |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| (A) cook    | (B) cooks       | (C) cooked     |
| (D) cooking | (E) have cooked | (F) is cooking |

Uncle Chan is a famous chef at a posh restaurant. He enjoys

(25) \_\_\_\_\_ since young. He (26) \_\_\_\_\_ delicious dishes such as butter prawns and chilli crabs. Yesterday, he (27) \_\_\_\_\_ a meal for me. It was my favourite pasta. I hope to be able to (28) \_\_\_\_\_ like him when I grow up.

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

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

Warren, Wayne and Wilson were discussing whether to build their house of straw, sticks or bricks. Just then, they saw a flamingo wheeling a cart full of colourful flowers in the park.

They stopped the bird and asked him for some flowers. "With pleasure," said the flamingo and he gave them his whole cartload. The three delighted brothers started building their house near their school.

The walls were built with marigold and sunflowers. The ceiling was made of roses and floor was a carpet of purple daisies. They had water lilies in their bathtub and blue peas in their refrigerator. It was a **fragile** house and it swayed gracefully in the wind but it was extremely beautiful.

The next day, the big bad pig came prowling down the road. It saw the house of flowers that the wolves had built. He rang the doorbell and demanded that they let him enter their house.

The three frightened wolves huddled in a corner. The eldest wolf ordered the pig to go away but he refused. The pig took a deep breath and was ready to blow the house down when he smelled the soft scent of flowers. It was fantastic. The scent was so lovely that he began sniffing it.

He sniffed deeper and deeper until he was quite filled with the fragrant scent. His heart grew tender, and he realised how horrible he had been. From that day onwards, he decided to turn over a new leaf.

(Source: Adapted from The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig )

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

29. How many characters were mentioned in the story?

- (1) six
- (2) five
- (3) four
- (4) three

(      )

30. The little wolves built their house from \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) straw
- (2) sticks
- (3) bricks
- (4) flowers

(      )

31. The word 'fragile' in the third paragraph means \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) well-built
- (2) nice to live in
- (3) easily destroyed
- (4) beautifully decorated

(      )

32. The wolves were in \_\_\_\_\_ when the pig was at the door.

- (1) school
- (2) the park
- (3) the house
- (4) the garden

(      )

33. The phrase 'turn over a new leaf' means to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) think about something carefully
- (2) take the characteristics of a leaf
- (3) become a more intelligent person
- (4) change one's behaviour for the better

(      )

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

20<sup>th</sup> April 2010

34 Norman Street  
Queensland 4067  
Australia

Dearest Dad

How are you? I am well, so are Aunt Mary and her family. I hope everyone at home is fine too.

Aunt Mary wants me to send her warmest regards to you. I like her company very much. She is extremely hospitable to me and cooks all kinds of tasty dishes for me to savour. Yesterday, she cooked my favourite chilli crabs and they were delicious.

My cousins, Jane and Jon, and I get along very well. I have been obedient and polite like what you told me to. I am delighted to be given this opportunity to stay in Australia with Aunt Mary and her family.

Uncle Lee took us on a shopping spree last Saturday. He bought me the best burger in Australia. He also took a lot of photographs of me. I will show them to you when I return to Singapore. I am enjoying my stay thoroughly, however, I miss all of you dearly. I hope you remember to feed my fishes. My flight has been scheduled to leave in a week's time.

I am looking forward to seeing you soon.

Your loving daughter  
Wei Shuen

**Write your answer in complete sentences.**

34. Which country do Wei Shuen's relatives live in?

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35. What does the word "them" in paragraph 4 refer to?

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36. Besides cooking for Wei Shuen her favourite food, give a reason why Wei Shuen was fond of Aunt Mary?

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37. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "planned"?

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38. Which sentence in the letter tells you that Wei Shuen likes to stay with her relatives but is also homesick?

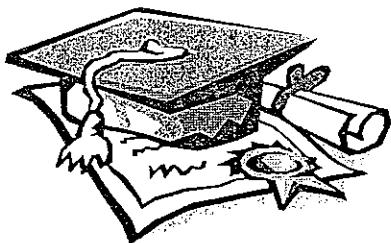
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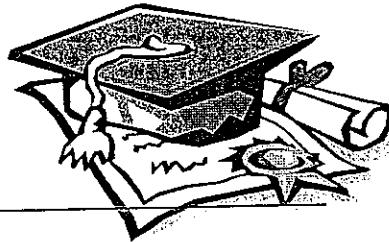


ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2010

SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1



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- 34)They live in Australia.
35)It refers to the photographs.
36)She was extremely hospitable.
37)The word is "scheduled".
38)It is "I am enjoying my stay thorough, however, I miss all of you dearly".





RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2011

Name : _____ Class: P3 _____ Index No: _____

21 Oct 2011 ENGLISH LANGUAGE Att: 1 h 15 min

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48 marks | | |
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Section A: Grammar (6 X 1 mark)

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

1. Sally poured _____ apple juice into the glass.

- (1) many
- (2) much
- (3) some
- (4) several

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2. The clown performed funny tricks and made the children _____ loudly.

- (1) laugh
- (2) laughs
- (3) laughed
- (4) laughing

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3. John doesn't like eating vegetables, _____ he?

- (1) did
- (2) does
- (3) don't
- (4) didn't

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4. Jeremy _____ the invitation to the party because he had to study for his examinations.

- (1) turned up
- (2) turned off
- (3) turned over
- (4) turned down

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5. She _____ a cup of milk every night before going to bed.

- (1) drink
- (2) drank
- (3) drinks
- (4) drinking

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6. The puppy ran _____ the little girl when she came home from school.

- (1) above
- (2) along
- (3) towards
- (4) between

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Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

7. During the Science experiment, the students _____ their observations in their activity books.

- (1) recorded
- (2) imagined
- (3) estimated
- (4) contained

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8. Annie is as _____ as a mule. She insists on having her own way and will not change her mind at all.

- (1) sad
- (2) shy
- (3) strong
- (4) stubborn

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9. Tom was caught in the heavy rain and he was _____.

- (1) drifted
- (2) drowned
- (3) drenched
- (4) dampened

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10. "Look at the beautiful _____ of stars in the sky!" exclaimed Winnie.

- (1) pieces
- (2) school
- (3) cluster
- (4) company

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11. Her leg was _____ when she accidentally dropped the pot of hot soup.

- (1) burnt
- (2) boiled
- (3) scalded
- (4) scorched

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12. If your library books are _____, you will have to pay a fine.

- (1) overdue
- (2) overlook
- (3) overtime
- (4) overview

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Section C: 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 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) activities | (B) attracted | (C) boring | (D) connects |
| (E) consists | (F) danger | (G) difficulty | (H) divided |
| (J) easily | (K) safety | (L) situated | (M) thrilling |

Forest Adventure is the first tree-top adventure course in Singapore. It is

(13) _____ in Bedok Reservoir Park. It has (14) _____

more than 75 000 participants since it opened in 2007. At Forest Adventure, participants will discover the excitement of physical outdoor activity. The adventure course

(15) _____ of activities involving ladders, bridges, swings, nets, trapezes and slides. Participants can move (16) _____ from tree to tree.

There are two types of courses, the Grand Course and the Kids Course. The Grand Course is (17) _____ into four sections. The Kids Course includes fourteen fun-filled (18) _____

All participants will attend a briefing conducted by a qualified instructor. They also have to wear a harness and helmet at all times for (19) _____. Whether you are a child or an adult, you can be sure of a fun and (20) _____ adventure in the forest.

Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Cloze Passage 1

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.

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| (A) for | (B) from | (C) into | (D) onto |
| (E) over | (F) until | (G) with | |

Would you like to try to bake snowball cookies? First, combine the ingredients - butter, sugar, flour and water in a mixing bowl. Beat the mixture at low speed (21) _____ it is well-mixed. Add two teaspoons of vanilla extract. Next, shape the dough (22) _____ balls. Then, place the dough balls on a cookie sheet and bake them in the oven (23) _____ twenty minutes. Leave the cookies to cool before sprinkling them (24) _____ icing sugar.

Cloze Passage 2

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.

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| (A) drive | (B) driven | (C) driver | (D) drives |
| (E) driving | (F) has been driving | (G) will drive | |

Mr Tan is familiar with many places in Singapore. He works as a taxi (25) _____. He (26) _____ a taxi for the past twenty years. He enjoys (27) _____ because he gets to interact with different passengers everyday. He always (28) _____ carefully as he feels responsible for his passengers' safety.

Section E: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Once upon a time in China, there were no rivers and lakes. There was only the Eastern Sea in which lived four dragons: the Long Dragon, the Yellow Dragon, the Black Dragon and the Pearl Dragon.

One day, a terrible drought swept through the land. People did not have enough food to eat as crops withered. The dragons felt sorry and wanted to help the people.

The dragons flew to the sea, scooped up water in their mouths, and then flew back into the sky, where they sprayed the water out over the earth. Going back and forth, the four dragons darkened the sky. Before long, the sea water became rain pouring down from the sky.

"It's raining! It's raining! The crops will be saved!" the people cried and leaped with joy.

However, the Jade Emperor in Heaven was enraged. "How dare the four dragons bring rain without my permission!" he exclaimed. He ordered the Mountain God to imprison the dragons, each under a high mountain. The Mountain God used his magic power to get four mountains to press down upon the four dragons.

Although imprisoned, the dragons did not regret their actions. Determined to do good for the people forever, they turned themselves into four rivers, which flowed down from the mountains, across the land and into the sea.

Hence, China's four great rivers were formed -- the Black Dragon River in the north, the Yellow River in central China, and the Long and Pearl Rivers in the south.

(Adapted from http://worldoftales.com/Asian_folktales/Asian_Folktale_6.html)

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

29. The word "drought" in paragraph two refers to _____.

- (1) a poor harvest
- (2) people not having enough to eat
- (3) a period when it has not rained for ages
- (4) a kind of disease that destroyed the crops in the field

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30. Why did the four dragons help the people?

- (1) They were sorry for them.
- (2) They did not regret their actions.
- (3) They wanted to show off their power.
- (4) They wanted to annoy the Jade Emperor.

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31. Why was the Jade Emperor angry with the four dragons?

- (1) They used up all the water in the sea.
- (2) He was jealous of the dragons' power.
- (3) The dragons did not ask him if they could help the people.
- (4) The dragons did not tell him that they were going to help the people.

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32. Why did the dragons turn into rivers?

- (1) They wanted to provide water for the people.
- (2) They were turned into rivers by the Jade Emperor.
- (3) They were turned into rivers by the Mountain God.
- (4) They were imprisoned and wanted to escape from the mountains.

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33. How did the four dragons help the people of China?

- (1) They flew around, darkening the sky.
- (2) They created rain and became rivers.
- (3) They helped the people get water from the rivers.
- (4) They brought rain to the people by becoming mountains.

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Dan was hiking through the Canadian woods one cold morning when it suddenly started snowing heavily, adding to the thick layer already on the ground.

When it finally stopped snowing, disaster struck. A rock hidden by the deep snow caught Dan's ankle and he fell to the ground. He lay there, unable to pull himself up as every attempt to move was like a stab in his flesh. He was extremely cold and was starting to feel tired. However, he knew that if he fell asleep in the snow, he would most certainly die from the cold.

A tree stirred ahead. From within the branches, a puma was watching Dan. A puma is a powerful cat with claws that could shred Dan into strips. It slowly approached Dan. Dan noticed the animal. He looked away in fear and dismay as he prepared himself for the worst.

However, instead of moving in for the kill, the puma gently lay down across Dan's chest and limbs. Soon, the warmth of the animal reached Dan and he began to feel better. From time to time, the puma pressed its muzzle against Dan and rocked his head gently. Clearly, the puma knew that Dan must not fall asleep.

They remained like that for several hours until Dan and the puma heard voices. A rescue team was approaching. As quietly and gently as it had appeared, the puma rose and slunk off back among the trees.

(adapted from <http://www.allaboutanimals.org.uk/PK-CaringPuma.asp>)

Write your answer in complete sentences.

34. Why did Dan not notice the rock that caused him to trip and fall?

35. Which six-word phrase in the passage describes Dan's pain when he tried to move after his fall?

36. Which sentence in the passage tells you that Dan thought he would be killed by the puma?

37. What did the puma do to keep Dan warm?

38. Why did the puma press its muzzle against Dan and rock his head gently from time to time?

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## EXAM PAPER 2011

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Q34) The rock was hidden by the deep snow so Dan did not notice it, and it cause him to trip and fall.

Q35) The six-word phrase is " like a stab in his flesh ".

Q36) The sentence is : he looked away in fear and dismay as he prepared himself of the worst.

Q37) The puma gently lay down across Dan's chest and limbs to keep Dan warm.

Q38) The puma wanted to keep Dan awake.

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**RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)**

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5 May 2011 ENGLISH LANGUAGE Att: 1 h 15 min

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**Section A: Grammar (6 X 1 mark)**

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

1. The teacher says that there \_\_\_\_\_ four stages in the life cycle of a butterfly.

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

2. I walk to the library as it is \_\_\_\_\_ my house.

(1) near  
(2) under  
(3) inside  
(4) between ( )

3. When we go to school, we should \_\_\_\_\_ clean uniforms.

(1) wear  
(2) wore  
(3) wears  
(4) wearing ( )

4. The children were playing by \_\_\_\_\_ when I arrived.

(1) itself  
(2) myself  
(3) ourselves  
(4) themselves ( )

5. The teacher handed me a letter \_\_\_\_\_ had information on the Games Carnival.

- (1) what
- (2) whom
- (3) whose
- (4) which

( )

6. Ashley hurt herself when she \_\_\_\_\_ off her bicycle yesterday.

- (1) fall
- (2) fell
- (3) falls
- (4) had fallen

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

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

7. To \_\_\_\_\_ good grades, you have to pay attention in class.

- (1) attain
- (2) reach
- (3) confirm
- (4) encourage

( )

8. The genie vanished like \_\_\_\_\_ in the wind.

- (1) smoke
- (2) clouds
- (3) rainbow
- (4) sunshine

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9. The bully refuses to tell the principal the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) true
- (2) truly
- (3) truth
- (4) truthful

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10. It is impolite to \_\_\_\_\_ on the conversations of others.

- (1) talk
- (2) peer
- (3) whisper
- (4) eavesdrop

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11. The worm \_\_\_\_\_ in my pocket.
- (1) giggled  
(2) wriggled  
(3) wrinkled  
(4) quivered ( )
12. My teacher said that Hand Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) is very \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) malicious  
(2) poisonous  
(3) contagious  
(4) outrageous ( )

### **Section C: 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 M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.**

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| (A) activity | (B) conducted | (C) cleaning |
| (D) dirty    | (E) family    | (F) nagged   |
| (G) popular  | (H) prepare   | (J) patience |
| (K) setting  | (L) welcoming | (M) young    |

Previously, cooking classes are only for the adults. However, nowadays, cooking and baking classes are becoming more (13) \_\_\_\_\_ with children as well. There are many classes being (14) \_\_\_\_\_ for children to learn cooking and baking.

In fact, these lessons do not necessarily have to be conducted in a formal (15) \_\_\_\_\_ as they can be conducted at home. The trainer could come up to the student's home to teach them how to prepare different types of food.

The preparation of meals requires time and (16) \_\_\_\_\_. Parents have to be with the children while they (17) \_\_\_\_\_ the meal, especially if the children are very (18) \_\_\_\_\_.

Cooking can be a fun (19) \_\_\_\_\_ to enjoy and it definitely promotes family bonding. However, there may be extra (20) \_\_\_\_\_ up if the children spill or make a mess in the kitchen.

**Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)**

**Cloze Passage 1**

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) it | (B) when | (C) for  | (D) from |
| (E) in | (F) to   | (G) into |          |

Last Thursday night, Raju and Meng Chai decided to steal their employer's lorry. They drove (21) \_\_\_\_\_ to a nearby convenient store to buy beer. Unfortunately, on their way back to the quarters, the driver lost control of the vehicle and crashed (22) \_\_\_\_\_ the traffic light. They were arrested (23) \_\_\_\_\_ the policemen arrived at the scene. Raju and Meng Chai were fined and sentenced (24) \_\_\_\_\_ jail for stealing a lorry.

## Cloze Passage 2

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) beautify       | (B) beautiful   | (C) beauty   | (D) more beautiful |
| (E) most beautiful | (F) beautifully | (G) beauties |                    |

We were at Orchard Road. Mother decided to (25) \_\_\_\_\_ my bedroom with some wall stickers. We shopped along Orchard Road to look for some (26) \_\_\_\_\_ wall stickers. I chose the stickers with Disney princesses on them as I found them (27) \_\_\_\_\_ than Bugs Bunny.

Daddy helped me to paste the stickers on the wall when we reached home. I feel that my room is the (28) \_\_\_\_\_ room in the house.

### **Section E: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 X 2 marks)**

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

In a town, there lived a wealthy man who was kind and generous. One day, he invited ten poor children living in the town to his house. His servant came out with a basket and said, "Each one of you may take a loaf of bread. Come back again tomorrow." Immediately, the children jostled and fought to snatch the biggest loaf. Once they had taken the bread, the children left without thanking the wealthy man for his kind deed.

Standing in the corner was a shy and timid boy called Peter. Unlike the other children, he did not rush for the loaves. Instead, he waited until everyone had taken their loaf of bread. He reached for the smallest loaf of bread remaining in the basket. He was grateful and thanked the wealthy man before returning home. The wealthy man noticed what Peter had done.

The next day, Peter took the smallest loaf of bread again. As his mother broke the loaf into two, out fell a number of gold coins. She was very surprised. "Son, you must return these coins to the owner as they do not belong to us," she told Peter.

Peter returned the gold coins to the wealthy man. However, the wealthy man smiled and said, "I instructed my servant to place the coins in the smallest loaf of bread. You are not greedy and certainly deserve something more than the others."

(Adapted from [www.oldschool.com.sg](http://www.oldschool.com.sg))

29. How many children did not thank the rich man?

- (1) One child
- (2) Nine children
- (3) All the children
- (4) None of the children

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30. The word "jostled" in the first paragraph means \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) glared
- (2) rushed
- (3) pushed
- (4) hurried

(      )

31. Why did Peter's mother ask him to return the coins to the wealthy man?

- (1) She was timid.
- (2) She was honest.
- (3) She was grateful.
- (4) She was surprised

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32. Why did the wealthy man distribute bread to the children?

- (1) He disliked eating bread.
- (2) He wanted to help the children.
- (3) He wanted to boast about his wealth.
- (4) He wanted to give coins to the children.

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33. Why did the wealthy man think that Peter deserved to receive the coins?

- (1) Peter was timid and shy.
- (2) Peter was well-behaved.
- (3) Peter was poor and starving.
- (4) Peter was happy with what he had.

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

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

When I was ten and my sister Ayu was seven, my family was having a hard time – Father was not earning enough from his jobs at the cocoa estate and the paddy factory. Finally, he decided to make a better living collecting rattan from deep into the forest and selling it to a nearby furniture manufacturer.

Mother was extremely worried tigers would eat him, but Father said that it was better to risk being eaten by a tiger than to sit at home and not eat anything at all.

Therefore early one morning he set out on his motorcycle looking for rattan. That day, Ayu and I had no way of getting to school, which was far from our home. I could think of nothing better than to miss school and play with my little sister. As we stood at the front door waving goodbye to Father, I whispered to Ayu that we were going to scoop up tadpoles from the back yard pond and put them in a glass jar as pets. We both grinned in anticipation.

Our happiness did not last long. Mother suddenly appeared behind us with her hands on her hips and said, "What are you both doing here? It's getting late, get dressed."

"Get dressed for what?" I asked.

Mother's eyes bulged. "My, surely not for your wedding. For school, of course."

(extracted from Reader's Digest August 2007 – The Old Bicycle)

**'Write your answer in complete sentences.**

34. How did Father try to make a better living?

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35. Why did Mother worry about Father?

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36. Which word in the passage has the ~~same~~ meaning as "expectation"?

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37. What did the author and his sister plan to do when their father was at work?

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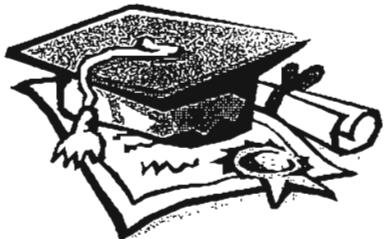
38. Which sentence from paragraphs 1 to 3 shows that the author did not want to go to school?

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Section A

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| M | A | C | A | B | G | F | A | B | D | E | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Q34) father tried to make a better living by collecting rattan from deep in to the forest and selling it to a nearby furniture manufacturer.

Q35) She was worried tigers would eat father.

Q36) The word is " anticipation ".

Q37) The author and his sister plan to scoop up tadpoles from the back yard pond and put them in a glass jar as pet.

Q38) The sentence is " I could think of nothing better than to miss school and play with my little sister".

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