



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)
2005

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

ENGLISH

Attn: 1h15min

Section A

Grammar (6 x 1 mark)

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

1. My sister practices the piano every Tuesday, _____ 3 pm to 4 pm.

- 1) at
- 2) for
- 3) on
- 4) from

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2. Mr Li says that Lily is the _____ of the twins.

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

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3. "Where _____ you going?" Mother asked Meili.

- 1) do
- 2) are
- 3) were
- 4) have

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4. _____ you have read the book, you will know the answer.

- 1) If
- 2) Even
- 3) Unless
- 4) Although

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5. The doctor took my temperature and _____ my pulse.

- 1) felt
- 2) feel
- 3) feels
- 4) feeling

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6. Mother has hidden the toys _____ Robby cannot find them.

- 1) that
- 2) which
- 3) where
- 4) because

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Section B

Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)

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

7 Tim likes to _____ a lot and most of us find him very comical.

- 1) say
- 2) brag
- 3) talk
- 4) joke

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8. The scene in the classroom was so _____ that no one knew how John injured himself.
- 1) exciting
 - 2) amusing
 - 3) chaotic
 - 4) adventurous ()
9. The children were _____ in the heavy rain even though they had umbrellas.
- 1) washed
 - 2) flooded
 - 3) drenched
 - 4) drowned ()
10. The _____ paid a lot of money to watch the famous magician perform his magic last night.
- 1) audience
 - 2) assembly
 - 3) participants
 - 4) spectators ()
11. Sus was unsure of the answer to the question, so she _____ before replying.
- 1) recalled
 - 2) hesitated
 - 3) calculated
 - 4) memorised ()
12. Joe was such a /an _____ musician that he was invited to perform at the famous concert hall.
- 1) clever
 - 2) capable
 - 3) reliable
 - 4) talented ()

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) attacked | (B) consultation | (C) close |
| (D) charged | (E) frightened | (F) from |
| (G) examine | (H) prepare | (J) look |
| (K) listened | (L) sight | (M) straight |

I was lying with my ear _____ (13) to the ground when I heard a sound that made my heart beat faster. It was the drumming of hooves far away. It was getting louder and coming _____ (14) for us. I caught a _____ (15) of John's face shining with excitement. The drumming of hooves came towards us _____ (16) somewhere behind the hillslope. Out of the midst, a loud clear neigh could be heard. A troop of forty zebras _____ (17) down the slope and made for the pool.

Suddenly, they stopped dead in their tracks. Had they seen us, or had something else _____ (18) them? For five minutes they stood, their heads held close together as though in _____ (19).

I saw John raise his gun. He had to kill one zebra because it was his duty to _____ (20) them for parasites. He took aim several times, but always put his gun down. Then, the zebras moved swiftly around and charged up the slope and we did not see them again. We got up and walked back to our campsite.

Section D

Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

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

Passage 1

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) he	(B) him	(C) his	(D) it
(E) they	(F) we	(G) you	

"What a grumpy old man !" exclaimed Mrs Tan angrily.

"Indeed (21)_____ is," agreed Mrs Li. (22) _____ walked away from the stall without buying anything.

Mr Toh sells fish in the market every day. He is always grumbling. Sometimes, he even shouts when (23) _____ customers bargain with him. The more bad-tempered he becomes, the fewer customers buy from (24) _____. Very soon, he will have to close down his stall.

Passage 2

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| (A) at | (B) before | (C) by | (D) for |
| (E) into | (F) on | (G) to | |

Joey just managed to get to school (25) _____ the bell rang !
However, he could not wait (26) _____ the bell to ring for recess
because he was hungry.

Soon , the bell rang. Looking down (27) _____ his bag for his
lunch box, he saw something moving !

"A mouse!" cried Joey. " How did it get inside my lunch box? And it's
nibbling all my food ! " Everyone laughed (28) _____ him.

Section E

Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee married in Australia, and decided to live in New Zealand. They brought their passion of sailboat racing with them to the mountains.

"I've been racing sailboats since I was eight years old," Mr. Lee said. "Even when I went to junior camp, it was a sailing camp. I sailed when I was in college."

Mrs. Lee started sailing in Singapore in 1987. "I went out just for the fun of sailing," she said. "There were always sailboats there. A gentleman by the name of Dan taught me about sailing. He was short, being a dwarf."

The Lees met through Mr. Lee's roommate, Dave. He was graduating from college and invited Mrs. Lee down to watch a sailing competition. She went, met Mr. Lee, and found out they both loved sailing.

There are events that happen in sailboat racing that cannot be controlled by humans. The worst thing that can happen to them while sailing is to be doing really well, being far out in front, and then the wind completely dies. The boats behind sail past and beat them.

Sailing is both fun and challenging for the Lees. Mrs. Lee gave up sailing for two years when she was in the University, and Mr. Lee sailed with other people who loved sailing. Living in the mountains doesn't stop them from sailing.

Mr. Lee said, "It is just about one hour and 45 minutes to get to Lake Tahoe to spend an entire weekend sailing."

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

29. What is Mr. and Mrs. Lee's hobby?

- 1) Sailboat racing
- 2) Racing
- 3) Mountain climbing
- 4) Camping

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30. What was Mrs. Lee's reason to sail?

- 1) She wanted to meet the dwarf.
- 2) She wanted to sail for fun.
- 3) She wanted to sail to compete.
- 4) She wanted to sail to make ends meet.

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31. How did Mr. and Mrs. Lee meet?

- 1) They went sailing together.
- 2) They were introduced by one of their friends.
- 3) They met in Australia.
- 4) They met in New Zealand.

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32. What is one of the unexpected events that the author mentioned in sailboat racing?

- 1) The wind dies suddenly causing dies.
- 2) Humans can control the wind.
- 3) Sailboat racing is challenging.
- 4) Sailboat racing is dangerous.

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33. How did the Lees keep up their hobby of sailing even though they lived in the mountains?

- 1) They sail in the mountains.
- 2) Their friend brought them out to sail.
- 3) They travel to Lake Tahoe every weekend to sail.
- 4) They sailed with people who loved sailing.

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Section F
Comprehension (5 x 2 marks)

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

Under a big straw hat was a cheerful and suntanned face. He was the old fisherman, Ah Teng.

Ah Teng squatted on the bench and munched on a big slice of stale bread. When he had finished, he drank his cup of coffee to the last drop. There was no clock on the wall but he knew what the time was. He also knew that he must hurry if he wanted to reach his favourite fishing spot before the others did. He picked up the old basket in which he had neatly arranged his fishing lines, a bottle of water and two slices of bread.

He opened the door and stepped outside. By the faint light of dawn, he could see the shore and the outline of his boat riding on the gentle waves. It always made him feel good and happy to look at his boat. It was old but strong. It had been his only companion for twenty-five years and would always be the only one.

Hanging below his tiny window was his tin of worms which he had dug from the shore the evening before when the tide was down. He put the tin into his basket and made his way down the path to his boat. He did not lock the door. He never had to.

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

34. What was Ah Teng's occupation?

35. Why was Ah Teng in a hurry?

36. Which 3-word phrase in paragraph 2 tells you that Ah Teng drank up all his coffee?

37. What time of day was it when Ah Teng left his house?

38. In the passage, what does the word 'companion' refer to?

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Exam Sheet

Answer Sheets

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

Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
C	M	L	F	D	E	B	G
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28
A	E	C	B	B	D	E	A

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
1	2	2	1	3

Comprehension OE

34. Ah Teng was an old fisherman.
35. He wanted to reach his favourite fishing port before the others did.
36. The three-word phrase is "The last drop".
37. It was down.
38. The word "companion," refers to Ah Teng's boat.