



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2008

Name : _____ Class: P3 _____ Index No: _____

5 May 2008 ENGLISH LANGUAGE Att: 1 h 15 min

Your Score 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. The car skidded _____ the road and hit a tree.

- (1) in
- (2) off
- (3) below
- (4) through

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2. This skirt is too short for _____ to wear to school.

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

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3. We shall be leaving this park _____ it rains again.

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

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4. Tom likes _____ roasted chicken.

- (1) eat
- (2) ate
- (3) eats
- (4) eating

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5. This honey is _____ than those I have ever tasted.

- (1) sweet
- (2) sweetly
- (3) sweeter
- (4) sweetest

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6. Wendy _____ her teeth before going to bed every night.

- (1) brush
- (2) brushes
- (3) brushed
- (4) brushing

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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. The soccer match ended after the _____ had blown the final whistle.

- (1) judge
- (2) coach
- (3) trainer
- (4) referee

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8. The children were taught to fold pieces of paper into _____ of animals during their origami lesson.

- (1) models
- (2) symbols
- (3) skeletons
- (4) photographs

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9. My class watched an educational _____ on the life cycles of insects during our Science lesson.

- (1) thriller
- (2) comedy
- (3) documentary
- (4) advertisement

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10. There was a performance by a _____ of musicians from Australia at the hall.

- (1) cast
- (2) staff
- (3) band
- (4) troop

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11. Mrs Lee is baking the chocolate muffins according to the _____ in the cookbook.

- (1) menu
- (2) script
- (3) recipe
- (4) report

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12. The _____ of the Indonesian folk tale is that we should not be too greedy.

- (1) plot
- (2) moral
- (3) morale
- (4) setting

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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) costume | (B) defence | (C) disappointed |
| (D) excited | (E) floors | (F) hobby |
| (G) holiday | (H) mountains | (J) rivers |
| (K) sport | (L) threat | (M) uniform |

Dear Diary,

Wow! Daddy came home with wonderful news today! He is going to take our family on a (13) _____ to Japan. All the interesting facts I have learned about Japan will definitely come in handy now. I have read that there are many (14) _____ in Japan, the most well-known among them being Mount Fuji.

Do you also know that earthquakes are a serious (15) _____ to the people in Japan? All school children in Japan have to practise earthquake drills as part of civil (16) _____. Who knows if I am lucky, I'll get to visit a Japanese home too. I heard that the (17) _____ of most of their homes are covered with mats called *tatami*. I can't wait to put on a kimono, the traditional (18) _____ for Japanese women. Let's see if Daddy will be brave enough to try a hand at the most famous national (19) _____ in Japan, sumo wrestling! Diary, I am so (20) _____ I am really looking forward to go!

Goodnight!

Love,

Betty

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.

(A) across	(B) beside	(C) for	(D) on
(E) over	(F) through	(G) towards	

It was a lovely afternoon. Kay sat (21) _____ a table from Julia in the restaurant. They had not seen each other (22) _____ years. They chatted happily (23) _____ a cup of tea. Later, Kay offered Julia a ride as they were both heading (24) _____ the 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 G) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) write	(B) writes	(C) written	(D) writer
(E) wrote	(F) is writing	(G) was writing	

Jenny loves stories. She enjoyed writing assignments in school and dreamt to be as successful as her idol, EB White, (25) _____ of the book, 'Stuart Little'. She (26) _____ whenever she is free. She has (27) _____ a few short stories and read them out to her family. Her family enjoyed her stories very much. She (28) _____ her first picture book recently.

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Spiders produce thin threads called silk. Spider silk is finer than a human hair, lighter than cotton but many times stronger than steel. It is sticky and can stretch like a rubber band all the way across a basketball court and spring back without breaking.

Spiders spin webs to trap insects and small animals for them to eat. Some spiders also eat fruit they find on the ground. A spider makes a nice meal out of its old web before it weaves a new one. As a spider walks along, it leaves a trail of thin silk thread behind it. When it feels threatened, the spider will jump onto the thread and swing to safety.

The world's largest spider is the Goliath bird-eating tarantula. Its hairy legs stretch out more than twenty-five centimetres, about the size of a dinner plate. The smallest spider is the Samoan moss spider. It is smaller than the dot at the end of this sentence.

Spiders only bite humans in self-defence. Though most spider bites are harmless, there are a few spiders whose bites can be very painful and sometimes deadly. An Australian funnel web spider can deliver a harmful bite that is strong enough to pierce through fingernails. A small bite from a black widow spider is enough to make a person very sick.

29. Spiders do not eat _____.

- (1) fruits
- (2) rubber
- (3) insects
- (4) spider webs

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30. Why are some spiders a danger to humans ?

- (1) Some spiders can kill.
- (2) Some spiders are large.
- (3) Some spiders trap animals.
- (4) Spider silk is stronger than steel.

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31. Which of the following statements is false ?

- (1) Some spiders eat birds.
- (2) Tarantulas are big, hairy spiders.
- (3) The Australian funnel web spiders are harmless.
- (4) Black widow spiders bite humans when they see them.

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32. Spider silk is used _____.

- (1) for hunting
- (2) for making cotton
- (3) for preparing a nice meal
- (4) for stretching rubber bands

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33. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'prick' ?

- (1) bite
- (2) trap
- (3) spin
- (4) pierce

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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.

Darjeeling is so beautiful. I wish my mother is here with me now. Then she could see for herself the wonderful time her adventurous daughter is experiencing right here in Darjeeling. She would have loved the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, which the local people affectionately call the "Toy Train". A ride on it can be a real test of patience for city folks like my friends and I who are used to fast MRT trains and traffic. The train chugs along very slowly up to the sprawling hill station of Darjeeling.

Most tourists go to Darjeeling by jeep, bus or the Toy Train. Once here, they can choose to stay at a luxury resort or a cheaper hotel. Pony owners do their rounds every morning to woo tourists for rides. While grand Tibetan monasteries surrounded by colourful prayer flags are a common sight in Darjeeling, there are also churches, schools, cafes and a bustling bazaar selling dresses and interesting trinkets. There is also a quaint bookstore located here.

Darjeeling is famous for its tea. It is a heaven to tea lovers. Almost everyone here talks and breathes tea and there are teashops at every street corner. The tea is deliciously milky and not too sweet and my friends and I soon find a creative way of drinking glasses of it by dunking butter biscuits into it too.

I am already making plans for another trip to Darjeeling and next time, I am definitely taking my mother with me.

Adapted from : "Oh! My Darjeeling", The Straits Times, Thursday 28 February 2008

34. According to the passage, what does the "Toy Train" refer to?

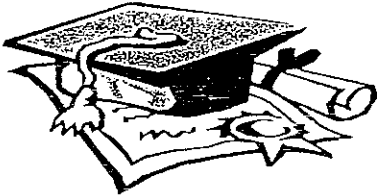
35. Which sentence in the passage explains why the writer has said that a ride on the toy train 'can be a real test of patience'?

36. What kind of animal rides can tourists go on in Darjeeling?

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

38. How do you know that the writer enjoys her stay in Darjeeling?

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ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : SA 1

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2	3	1	4	3	2	4	1	3	3	3	2	G	H	L	B	E
Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	
A	K	D	A	C	E	G	D	B	C	E	2	1	3	1	4	

- 34) "Toy Train" refers to the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway.
- 35) The train chugs along very slowly up the sprawling hill station of Darjeeling.
- 36) They can go on pony rides.
- 37) The word is "affectionately".
- 38) She is already making plans for another trip to Darjeeling the next time.

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