



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)
2005

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ENGLISH

Time: 1 hr 15 mins

Section A

Grammar (6 x 1 mark)

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

1 Mr Lee agreed to _____ up all the items in the store.

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

()

2 Do you agree _____ us?

- (1) against
- (2) to
- (3) with
- (4) at

()

3 He _____ his work in the library yesterday.

- (1) finished
- (2) finishing
- (3) finishes
- (4) is finished

()

4 The elephant is scratching _____ all the time.

- (1) its
 - (2) itself
 - (3) it
 - (4) it's
- ()

5 The school canteen was crowded _____ the pupils were dismissed for recess.

- (1) then
 - (2) when
 - (3) until
 - (4) so
- ()

6 Baby Bruce is sleeping _____ his mother is cleaning up the house.

- (1) while
 - (2) or
 - (3) if
 - (4) unless
- ()

Section B

Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)

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

7 After swimming twenty _____ in the swimming pool, I was famished.

- (1) laps
 - (2) turns
 - (3) rounds
 - (4) relays
- ()

- 8 Kelly felt so sleepy that she could not help _____ off in the middle of the lesson.
- (1) snoring
 - (2) dozing
 - (3) switching
 - (4) yawning ()
- 9 Cecilia is very _____ to his teachers. He is never rude to them.
- (1) filial
 - (2) obedient
 - (3) awed
 - (4) respectful ()
- 10 Why does my teacher always _____ me all the time? I have done nothing wrong!
- (1) review
 - (2) offend
 - (3) disapprove
 - (4) criticise ()
- 11 Timothy is a very _____ boy. He believes everything that people says.
- (1) gullible
 - (2) obedient
 - (3) brilliant
 - (4) intelligent ()
- 12 The butterflies _____ from flower to flower. They look very very beautiful.
- (1) glide
 - (2) squirm
 - (3) scurry
 - (4) flit ()

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) anyone	(B) campfire	(C) complained
(D) cook	(E) dancing	(F) delighted
(G) eventually	(H) everyone	(J) finally
(K) hit	(L) next	(M) prepared

We have been anticipating this trip for a long while. (Q. 13) _____, this exciting day has come.

We were all (Q. 14) _____ for the camping trip. We had spent a long time packing. (Q. 15) _____ had brought haversacks, water bottles, torchlights and canned food. We were expecting to enjoy ourselves for the next few days.

However, on the second day, our campsite was (Q. 16) _____ by a thunderstorm. We had to stay inside the tents the whole day. It was boring. Everybody (Q. 17) _____ about the weather. We all prayed hard for the rain to stop.

It seemed like forever, but finally, the rain stopped. We were ~~so happy~~ that we were (Q. 18) _____ for the next one hour! We got out of our tents and prepared to set up the (Q. 19) _____. We are all ready to Q. 20) _____ ~~dinner~~. All of us are tired and hungry from being cold!

Section D

Grammar (8 x 1 mark)

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

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

~~(A) and~~

~~(B) as~~

~~(C) her~~

~~(D) his~~

~~(E) is~~

~~(F) of~~

~~(G) was~~

^{not} Katie was feeling very thirsty and wanted to drink a cup (Q. 21) _____
water. (Q. 22) _____ she was not tall enough, she had to climb
onto a tall chair.

Just as she was about to reach the drink, the chair shook. Katie lost her
balance (Q. 23) _____ fell. The glass fell and the hot water scalded her.
Fortunately, her neighbour next door heard her cries and called the police and
the ambulance. It was the most unfortunate thing that happened to
(Q. 24) _____.

From then on, she decided to ask for help whenever she needs water in
the kitchen.

Passage 2

~~(A) down~~ ~~(B) for~~ ~~(C) into~~ ~~(D) off~~
~~(E) to~~ ~~(F) under~~ ~~(G) up~~

Tom and two of his classmates climbed down the ladder to the canal. It had rained yesterday so the water level was up (Q. 25) _____ their ankles. One of Tom's classmates stepped (Q. 26) _____ the water. The current was so strong that he was swept (Q. 27) _____ his feet and he fell. Tom and the other classmate quickly helped him (Q. 28) _____.

After that incident, they were a little frightened ^{and} decided to head home. They learnt their lesson and never played in the canal again.

Section E

Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It was getting late and Ah Teng had not got anything yet. The platform of Bishan MRT station was packed with commuters. Ah Teng surveyed the surroundings. He caught sight of a wallet protruding from a young man's trousers. A smile appeared on his face. It seemed easy and he decided to make his move.

Ah Teng followed the commuters into the train. Sandwiching himself between the man and another commuter, he made his move quietly and skillfully. He lightly tapped the young man's back pocket with his right hand and lifted the wallet with his left. Then he slipped the wallet into his waist pouch. The other commuters were not aware of what he had done because they were too preoccupied with their thoughts.

Ah Teng smiled to himself when he alighted at the next train station. He could hardly wait to go through the wallet and find out how much he had stolen. Before he could even take out the wallet from his pouch, he felt a cold metal round his wrist and Ah Teng's face went pale

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

29. The platform of the Bishan MRT station was _____
- 1) very crowded
 - 2) not crowded at all
 - 3) bustling with activities
 - 4) deserted ()
30. Ah Teng was at the station because he wanted to _____
- 1) board the train
 - 2) find a friend
 - 3) wait for someone
 - 4) pick someone's pocket ()
31. Inside the train, Ah Teng had to _____ to make his move.
- 1) look for a victim
 - 2) stand behind his intended victim
 - 3) look for a seat
 - 4) hide in the crowd ()
32. The passengers were not aware of Ah Teng's action because they were _____
- 1) thinking of something
 - 2) busy talking to one another
 - 3) occupied with one another
 - 4) reading ()
33. Ah Teng's face went pale because _____
- 1) he was not feeling well.
 - 2) there was nothing in the wallet.
 - 3) he decided to return the wallet to the young man.
 - 4) his actions were being watched by a policeman. ()

Section F

Comprehension (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Write your answers in complete sentences.

Jane's team of dogs was lined up at the starting gate. Jane stood behind them. The air was so cold that she could see herself breathe. Other teams were lined up, too, and the dogs were excited. Jane kept her eyes on the clock. At exactly nine o'clock, she and the other racers yelled, "Go!" They leapt forward and the race began!

Jane had trained her dogs for months for this race, and she hoped her dogs would win. Hour after hour, day after day, Jane's dogs pulled bags of rocks in order to get in shape for the race.

They ran over snowy hills and down into frozen valleys. They stopped only to rest and eat. They wanted to stay ahead of the other teams. The racers had to go a thousand kilometres across Alaska. Alaska is one of the coldest places on Earth. The dogs' thick fur coats helped keep them warm in the cold weather.

At first, the dogs seemed to pull the sled very slowly. They were still getting used to the race. But on the second day out, they began to pull more quickly. They worked as a team and passed many of the other teams.

When they finally reached the finishing line, they found out that they had come in first! It was a great day for Jane and her dogs.

34. What were the dogs doing before they began running?

35. How did Jane prepare her dogs to win the race?

36. Where did the race take place?

37. Why did the dogs pull the sled better on the second day?

38. Why was it a great day for Jane and her dog?

SA2

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Exam Solutions

Answer Sheets

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6
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1	2	4	4	1	4

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

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
1	4	2	1	4

Comprehension OE

34. The dogs were all lined up at the starting gate.
35. Jane made her dogs pull bags of rocks to prepare them to win the race.
36. The race took place in Alaska.
37. Because they were still getting used to the race on the first day and work as a team to pull better the next day.
38. Because they came in first for the race.