



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2008

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

5<sup>th</sup> May 2008

ENGLISH (PART 1)

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

Your Score Out of 46 marks		
	Class	Level
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Section A: Grammar (6X1 mark)

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

1. This antique painting is the only one of \_\_\_\_\_ kind.

- ① it
- ② its
- ③ it's
- ④ its'

(       )

2. People who are allergic to mushrooms should \_\_\_\_\_ eat them.

- ① ever
- ② never
- ③ always
- ④ sometimes

(       )

3. Josephine performed her piano solo beautifully, \_\_\_\_\_?

- ① did she
- ② had she
- ③ didn't she
- ④ hadn't she

(       )

4. Carefully, Dolly cut the ribbon and \_\_\_\_\_ the parcel.

- ① open
- ② opened
- ③ opening
- ④ will open

(       )

5. She went to see if there was \_\_\_\_\_ fruit juice in the refrigerator.

- ① any
- ② few
- ③ none
- ④ many

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6. The scouts walked \_\_\_\_\_ the river until they came to a bridge.

- ① in
- ② on
- ③ onto
- ④ along

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

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

7. This television programme is shown every other Friday. You can only watch it \_\_\_\_\_.

- ① weekly
- ② annually
- ③ fortnightly
- ④ monthly

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8. The weather looks \_\_\_\_\_, remember to bring along an umbrella as it may pour anytime.

- ① disgusting
- ② annoying
- ③ threatening
- ④ pleasant

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9. When the raft capsized, many children \_\_\_\_\_ in the raging river. A day of mourning was declared.

- ① suffocated
- ② drenched
- ③ stumbled
- ④ drowned

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10. Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay showed \_\_\_\_\_ and physical fitness as they climbed up Mount Everest.

- (1)
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)

determination  
attentiveness  
cowardice  
laziness

( )

11. The bakery where my mother was working has been \_\_\_\_\_ for one month due to unhygienic practices.

- (1)
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)

shut in  
shut off  
shut down  
shut out

( )

12. The lorry \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid hitting the dog.

- (1)
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)

skated  
swayed  
skidded  
swerved

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Abraham Lincoln was born on Sunday, February 12, 1809, in a log cabin near Hodgenville, Kentucky. He was the son of Thomas and Nancy Hanks Lincoln and he was named after his paternal grandfather. His family moved to Indiana when he was eight years old. His mother died when he was ten. Lincoln loved to read. He only went to school for a few months. He had to study and learn on his own.

Since young, Lincoln had been known to be a hard worker. He worked on a farm and in a store and on a boat. He studied law and practised law for many years in Illinois. He married Mary Todd Lincoln and they had four sons.

Lincoln was elected as the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States in 1860. He did many things as the President. Many people think he was the best American President of all times. He is most remembered for freeing the slaves. He was the President of the United States during the time the Civil War was fought. The Civil War divided the Northern and Southern states.

Lincoln was a great speaker. On November 19, 1863, he gave his famous Gettysburg Address. It was to dedicate the Gettysburg battlefield to the soldiers who had perished.

While attending a play on April 14, 1865, Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth. Lincoln died the next morning.

Lincoln's birthday is celebrated annually. He is remembered as a man of humble origins. His determination and perseverance made him a great President.

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

13. Where was Abraham Lincoln born?

- (1) Illinois
- (2) Indiana
- (3) Kentucky
- (4) Gettysburg

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14. What was Abraham Lincoln's paternal grandfather's name?

- (1) Hanks
- (2) Thomas
- (3) Abraham
- (4) John Wilkes

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15. What was unusual about Lincoln's education in his early years?

- (1) He studied law.
- (2) He taught himself.
- (3) He wrote lengthy letters.
- (4) He wrote great speeches.

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16. Lincoln is most remembered for \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) being a great speaker
- (2) being a good president
- (3) bringing the slaves to freedom
- (4) giving the Gettysburg address

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17. Why was Lincoln regarded as a great President?

- (1) He held many jobs.
- (2) He worked hard as a lawyer.
- (3) He had determination and vision.
- (4) He had more experience compared to others.

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8X1 mark)

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

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) breeze	(B) captivating	(C) dull
(D) enjoyable	(E) enjoyment	(F) exciting
(G) known	(H) marine	(J) move
(K) popular	(L) travel	(M) storm

Sentosa is one of the most popular places of interest in Singapore. The island resort makes an (Q1) \_\_\_\_\_ day's outing for the whole family. There are now many different ways to (Q2) \_\_\_\_\_ to the island. Visitors can go across by bus, car or cable car.

There are many interesting attractions on the island. One of the biggest attractions is the Underwater World. Visitors can look at the different (Q3) \_\_\_\_\_ creatures such as stingrays and sea lions in action through the transparent walls. Other attractions like the Surrender Chamber and Fort Siloso make (Q4) \_\_\_\_\_ a part of Singapore's history to visitors.

The fun-filled gravity ride, the Sentosa Luge, and the captivating Songs of the Sea show are the recently added attractions. The Songs of the Sea is a show with a (Q5) \_\_\_\_\_ cast, water jets, brilliant lasers, special computer imaging, exciting music and (Q6) \_\_\_\_\_ flame bursts.

The island resort has many beaches for family fun and (Q7) \_\_\_\_\_. You can play beach volleyball, stroll along the shoreline, enjoy the gentle (Q8) \_\_\_\_\_ or eat at the many restaurants and cafes along the beach. Sentosa has a store of great fun and excitement for people of all ages.

Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (4X1 mark)

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

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

~~(A)~~ has watered

~~(B)~~ watering

~~(C)~~ water

~~(D)~~ had watered

~~(E)~~ watered

~~(F)~~ waters

~~(G)~~ was watering

Mrs Bala likes to (Q9) \_\_\_\_\_ the lush green plants in her garden. She (Q10) \_\_\_\_\_ them twice a day.

One day, while she (Q11) \_\_\_\_\_ the plants with a hose, her neighbour saw her. She advised Mrs Bala to use a watering-can in order not to waste water. Mrs Bala took her advice. Some of her other neighbours have followed her example and have stopped (Q12) \_\_\_\_\_ their plants with a hose.

Section E: Grammar Cloze 2 (4X1 mark)

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

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) with	(B) as	(C) to	(D) in
(E) of	(F) and	(G) for	

People have many ways to unwind and relax during the weekends. More and more Singaporeans are taking up fishing (Q13) \_\_\_\_\_ a form of relaxation.

Every weekend, groups (Q14) \_\_\_\_\_ people make their way to the fishing ponds or to the sea with their fishing rods. After casting their line, they settle down to read, chat or stoke up barbecue fires while waiting (Q15) \_\_\_\_\_ their catch.

Everyone is excited when a rod suddenly springs (Q16) \_\_\_\_\_ life at a bite. When the angler reels in his line, everyone around him watches to see what is at the end of the line. It may be a fish, a squid or just a piece of rubbish.



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

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

*Colouring is not my favourite thing to do*, thought Shelley. Mrs Toh had passed out a picture of a lion to colour for the class animal report.

"I want to draw something, not colour something someone else drew," Shelley whispered to herself. Shelley was a good artist. Ever since she was able to hold a pencil, she had been drawing whatever she saw. In art class, the kids would stand behind her, watching the magical motions she made with her pencil. She would start with a small detail and then develop the rest of the drawing.

Mrs Toh's class was learning about animals. Each student had to do a report on an animal and colour a picture. Most of the kids were happily picking out their brown and yellow crayons to colour the lion's mane. *Perhaps I can do a zebra*, thought Shelley. *That's what I would rather do. I can do the lion later.* She turned her paper around and started to draw the fine outline of the zebra's body, adding more details until the picture was done.

Mrs Toh was walking around the room. Shelley heard her footsteps get closer to her desk. She slowly looked up, expecting to see a disapproving look.

"What is this, Shelley?" inquired Mrs Toh.

"It's a picture of a zebra," Shelley answered in a whisper.

"Class, please stop what you are doing," said Mrs Toh as she picked up her paper.

Shelley was filled with fear.

"Shelley has a very interesting picture which she has drawn. It is of a zebra!" said Mrs Toh, with excitement in her voice.

Mrs Toh turned to Shelley and said, "Shelley, I had no idea you were such a great artist. This is wonderful!"

Shelley let out a big sigh of relief as she watched Mrs Toh hang the picture of the zebra on the wall.

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

Q17. When did Shelley learn to draw?

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Q18. Why was the class colouring the pictures of lions?

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Q19. Which sentence in the passage showed that Shelley was afraid of Mrs Toh?

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Q20. How did Mrs Toh show that she was impressed by Shelley?

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Q21. Why do you think Shelley let out a big sigh of relief as Mrs Toh hung the picture on the wall?

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End of Paper



# ANSWER SHEET

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## PAPER 1

1)2      2)2      3)3      4)2      5)1      6)4      7)3      8)3

9)4      10)1      11)3      12)4      13)3      14)3      15)2      16)3

17)3

## PAPER 2

1)D      2)L      3)H      4)G      5)K      6)B      7)E      8)A

9)C      10)E      11)G      12)B      13)B      14)E      15)G      16)C

17)Shelley was able to draw ever since she was able to hold a pencil.

18)It was because it was for the class animal report.

19)The sentence is "Shelley was filled with fear."

20)Mrs Toh praised Shelley and hung the picture of the zebra on the wall.

21)Shelley expected Mrs Toh to scold her but she praised her instead the picture of the zebra.