RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2013

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Name : _____ **Class: P3**____**Index No:**_____

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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 bag of oranges _____ put into the refrigerator last night

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. My grandmother _____ me every Sunday.

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

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

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

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 ( )

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 ( )

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.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(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.

(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.

(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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ANSWER SHEET

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3	4	3	2	2	3	3	1	1	2	1	4

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
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.