RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2009

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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. John, together with his parents, _____ at the concert last night.

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

( )

2. Neither my sister nor I _____ going to Rachel's birthday party.

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

( )

3. Everyone _____ at the way the clown juggles the balls.

(1) laugh
(2) laughs
(3) laughed
(4) are laughing

( )

4. Who is the _____ of the twins, Mary or Jane?

(1) short
(2) shorter
(3) shortest
(4) most short

( )

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5. My brother will not be going to school _____ he is ill.

(1) or
(2) so
(3) as
(4) but

( )

6. Miss Tan, the teacher _____ you are looking for, is standing at the counter.

(1) which
(2) where
(3) whom
(4) whose

( )

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. Whenever my father needs to drive to an unfamiliar place in Singapore, he will _____ by using the street directory.

(1) discover
(2) navigate
(3) investigate
(4) manoeuvre

( )

8. With today's advanced technology, _____ of the weather or any impending natural disasters can be made more quickly and accurately.

(1) prediction
(2) imagination
(3) hallucination
(4) investigation

( )

9. It is still a common practice for most people to host _____ wedding feasts in posh hotels.

(1) modest
(2) simple
(3) lavish
(4) cheap

( )

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10. Most tourists will like to visit places of _____ in the country they travel to.

(1) modernisation
(2) development
(3) convenience
(4) interest

( )

11. Mother always reminds me to take _____ breaks whenever I read or use the computer.

(1) sudden
(2) frequent
(3) impulsive
(4) improvised

( )

12. The police are appealing for _____ to come forward by putting up notices at the site where the fatal accident had occurred.

(1) suspects
(2) witnesses
(3) bystanders
(4) pedestrians

( )

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Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the list of 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) behave	(B) complaints	(C) compliments	(D) filthy
(E) gobbles	(F) laps	(G) neglecting	(H) opened
(J) placed	(K) protecting	(L) speaks	(M) supply

A five-year-old Russian girl was found in a (13) _____ apartment imitating the cats and dogs she was locked up with. Her father and other relatives were charged for (14) _____ her.

Officials said the girl barks like a dog, (15) _____ food directly off the plate and seems to have been "raised" by the animals. The girl was kept with the animals in the place called Chita, Siberia. She lived in the apartment which had no water or power (16) _____, with her father, grandparents and other relatives.

Although the girl understands Russian, she rarely (17) _____. She mimics the behaviour of animals. She does not know how to (18) _____ at the table and if someone leaves the room, she will jump up to the door and start to bark.

The girl has been (19) _____ in a children's home after the police found her in that condition. They had received (20) _____ from her neighbours who had been observing her and noticed her strange behaviour.

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Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Cloze Passage 1

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

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) at	(B) behind	(C) in	(D) in front of
(E) of	(F) on	(G) with	

Surely, I may have looked strange. However, no one could tell that I was an undercover agent (21) _____ disguise. I sat (22) _____ my back to the counter and slipped (23) _____ my rearview sunglasses. They were like regular sunglasses, except small mirrors were taped to the lenses. This way, I could face forward but still see what was going on (24) _____ me!

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Cloze Passage 2

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

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(A) build	(B) builds	(C) have built	D) has built
(E) were building	(F) was built	(G) building	

Peter has an interesting hobby. He enjoys using recycled materials to (25) _____ robots. He likes (26) _____ things using his own pair of hands. Using his imagination, he often (27) _____ interesting robots using various materials like cardboard, empty tins, wood and sticks.

Since wood is Peter's favourite material, he (28) _____ many robots of all shapes and sizes. At a recent competition, he won the first prize. Peter often displays his robots at home or gives them away as gifts. His teachers and friends always compliment him on his creativity.

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Moiri is a 46-year-old Kadazan woman from Sabah. She is a housekeeper who cleans the rooms of doctors at the Singapore General Hospital (SGH). She works every day, including weekends and public holidays, so that she can earn overtime pay. She is unfailingly courteous, cheerful and **meticulous** in her work.

Her husband died in a traffic accident more than ten years ago. She has never been to school but has managed to single-handedly bring up her two children.

Initially, she farmed her land but whatever the harvest yielded was barely enough to feed her family. She came to Singapore five years ago and is now working ~~here~~ for a cleaning company.

Moiri had cancer last year and was treated in SGH. Her company paid her hospital bill because she was a consistently good worker who did her job well.

Her 24-year-old daughter will be graduating from university soon and will proceed to a teacher's training college. Moiri intends to eventually put her 14-year-old son through university as well.

Although Moiri's life had been hard and challenging, she often says that she has peace of mind, happiness in her heart and many friends in Singapore.

(Adapted from the Straits Times, 31 May 2009)

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29 From the passage, we learn that Moiri is a _____.

(1) widow
(2) widower
(3) employer
(4) grandmother

( )

30 Moiri's two children were brought up by _____.

(1) the hospital
(2) their mother
(3) their parents
(4) the cleaning company

( )

31 The word 'meticulous' in the first paragraph means _____.

(1) sloppy and lazy
(2) irresponsible and careless
(3) careful about small details
(4) not concerned about small details

( )

32 Moiri's life was hard and challenging because her _____.

(1) employer did not let her rest
(2) farm yielded abundant food
(3) children abandoned her
(4) husband died and she had cancer

( )

33 Moiri's daughter hopes to become a _____.

(1) doctor
(2) farmer
(3) cleaner
(4) teacher

( )

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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.

There are many different kinds of stuffed animals. Possibly the most popular stuffed animal is the stuffed toy bear nicknamed the "teddy bear". Have you ever wondered how these cute little bears got their name? It's an interesting story!

In 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt was on a hunting trip in Mississippi with a group of hunters. One of the hunters had chased a bear up a tree. He told the President to shoot it. President Roosevelt, who was known as a sportsman, refused to shoot the bear. He said it was "unsportsmanlike". A newspaper made a cartoon about President Roosevelt's refusal.

According to popular legend, a shopkeeper saw the cartoon, and asked the President's permission to make stuffed bears called "Teddy's bears". "Teddy" was a nickname for Theodore, and although the President disliked the nickname, many people called him that.

Whether the President approved the bears named after him (or if he was even asked) is not certain. What is certain is that teddy bears have been a popular and beloved toy for at least a hundred years.

Teddy bears can be found in almost every toy store. They can also be found in museums, in art shows, in collector's trade shows, and many other places. They show no signs of leaving the hearts of children and collectors any time soon.

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34 From paragraph 1, what is the most common stuffed toy called?

35. Why did President Roosevelt refuse to shoot the bear?

36. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "consent"?

37. According to the passage, name the two places that you can find teddy bears.

38. Which sentence in the passage suggests that teddy bears are popular among the young and old?

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A	J	B	C	G	F	B	A	G	B	D	1	2	3	4	4

34)It is called teddy bear.

35)President Roosevelt said that shooting the bear was unsportsmanlike.

36)It is "permission."

37)The two places are museums and act shows.

38)It is "They show no sings of leaving the hearts of children and collectors any time soon.

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