RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)
2009

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BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils

1. Write your Name, Class and Index No. in the space provided above.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided for questions 1 to 30 only.

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Section A : Comprehension (Graphic Stimulus) (5 x 1 mark)

Study the advertisement below carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Spend $70* by VISA or $100* by other means and take part in these delightful events!



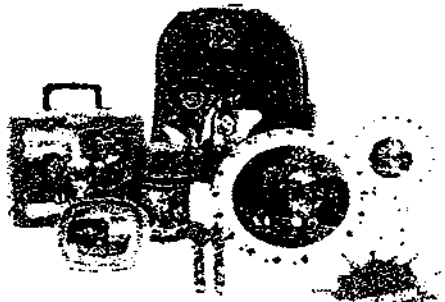
Tour of Changi Airport

Join Dora and friends to explore Changi Airport. At the end of the tour, you will be greeted by Dora and Boots, and stand a chance to receive a special gift from them!

Eligible shoppers can register for 1 of the 2 daily tours, which start at 2pm or 4pm every Tuesday and Wednesday.
(Limited to 20 children per session. Each shopper can register a maximum of 2 children. All children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.)

Redeem exclusive Dora Collectibles

Be rewarded with exclusive Dora Premiums when you shop and dine from 29 May to 30 June. Collect all 3 premiums while stocks last.



Dora's Best Friends Day

Live Musical Show

Dora and Boots will be at Changi Airport Terminal 3 Public Area for a live musical show. Redeem your show passes to take part in the interactive show! Redemption of show passes starts from 11am on show days.
(Limited to 30 passes per show.)



Tea at the Butterfly Garden

Participate in a lucky draw to win exclusive invites to a Tea Party with Dora and Boots in Terminal 3 Transit Area, Butterfly Garden. Enjoy a special screening of Dora the Explorer at the Changi Movie Theatre and be treated to tea! Each tea party admits 10 families (2 children and 2 adults per family).

The Tea Party will be conducted from 10am to 11.30am, on 27 June and 28 June 2009 (Sat & Sun). Participation period for the lucky draw is from 29 May to 14 June 2009.

Bouncing Castles

Shoppers who spend $20 by any means of payment in a single receipt can enjoy a 15-minute play session at the Bouncing Castles. There will be 2 Bouncing Castles at the Basement 3 Car Park 3A and 3B.
(Limited to the first 300 redemptions.)

Visit our redemption counter at Terminal 3 Public Area, Level 3, for more details. Redemption is from 10am to 11pm. Shoppers can only sign up for either the live musical show or tour.

*Maximum of 3 receipts on the same day

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1. All the events and activities below allowed shoppers to come up close to Dora except for the _____.

   (1) Live Musical Show
   (2) Tour of Changi Airport
   (3) Tea at the Butterfly Garden
   (4) Play Session at the Bouncing Castles

2. Mrs Lim would like get the Dora collectibles for her daughter. She could redeem them by _____.

   (1) spending $85 by VISA
   (2) watching Dora the Explorer on Nickelodeon
   (3) taking part in the lucky draw from 29 May to 14 June
   (4) spending $20 each at three different shops in Changi Airport

3. The advertisement did not indicate the maximum number of participants/shoppers for the _____.

   (1) Live Musical Show
   (2) Screening of Dora the Explorer
   (3) Redemption of Dora Collectibles
   (4) Play Session at the Bouncing Castles

4. According to the advertisement, which one of the following statements is true?

   (1) The Musical Show commenced at 11am.
   (2) There were two tours of the Changi Airport daily from 29 May to 30 June 2009.
   (3) Dora and Boots would be interacting with the audience at the Live Musical Show.
   (4) Shoppers who spent $20 by any means of payment could enjoy a 15-minute play session at only one of the three Bouncing Castles.

5. Mrs Lim's ten-year-old daughter was unable to register for the tour of Changi Airport with Dora. Which one of the following could be a possible reason?

   (1) She had signed up for the Musical Show.
   (2) She won the lucky draw for the Tea Party.
   (3) Fifteen children had already registered for the tour.
   (4) Her younger sister could not accompany her on the tour.

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Section B: Grammar (7×1 mark)

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. May, as well as her sisters, _____ present at the birthday party last night.

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

7. If Tom _____ about the deception earlier, he would not have bought the ring.

   (1) knew
   (2) knows
   (3) has known
   (4) had known

8. In Japan, trains are equipped with cosy bedrooms for people _____ work requires them to travel long distances.

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

9. It was not my decision to dismiss the worker, _____ was it the manager's.

   (1) or
   (2) nor
   (3) but
   (4) and

10. The strenuous exercise tired _____ the children.

    (1) out
    (2) off
    (3) away
    (4) down

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11. Mrs Lim has agreed to give my cousin and _____ a treat.

(1) I
(2) me
(3) mine
(4) myself

12. You have never seriously considered her proposal, _____ you?

(1) has
(2) have
(3) hadn't
(4) haven't

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Section C: Punctuation (3 ×1 mark)

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage.
Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

It was evening when the girls reached home.

"You have made me so worried **(13)** cried their mother when the girls entered the house. She then glared at both of them and the girls knew that she was waiting for an explanation.

"It's your fault. You had better explain it," Helen whispered to her sister **(14)** Lydia, who just kept staring at the floor.

"I'm sorry, mum," Lydia mumbled **(15)** I did not complete my Science homework so I had to stay in school and finish it. As a result, we missed the school bus. I promise that I will be more responsible in the future."

13.
(1)	[,"]	comma and inverted commas
(2)	[."]	full stop and inverted commas
(3)	[?"]	question mark and inverted commas
(4)	[!"]	exclamation mark and inverted commas

14.
(1)	[-]	dash
(2)	[,]	comma
(3)	[.]	full stop
(4)	[;]	semi-colon

15.
(1)	[!]	exclamation mark
(2)	[.]	full stop
(3)	[! "]	exclamation mark and inverted commas
(4)	[. "]	full stop and inverted commas

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Section D: Vocabulary (5 × 1 mark)

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1,2,3 or 4). Shade the correct number in the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. Since he dropped out of school, he became a light-fingered person.

(1) someone who is good at playing the piano
(2) someone who is good at drawing
(3) someone who is good at stealing
(4) someone who is good at picking locks

17. As a result of the scarcity of food, many people in the country have lost their lives.

(1) epidemic
(2) drought
(3) hunger
(4) famine

18. Stock prices are at an all-time low due to the economic recession and she decided to throw caution to the wind and invest heavily in shares.

(1) take a risk
(2) let down her guard
(3) become reckless
(4) listen to what others say

19. The report that there was a bomb in the school was totally unfounded.

(1) uninteresting
(2) unmistakable
(3) unfortunate
(4) unreal

20. She decided to accede to his request after pondering over it for a day.

(1) turn down
(2) agree to
(3) listen to
(4) put aside

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Section E : Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Ben was nervous, shifting his weight from one leg to the other in anticipation of the jump. He bent his legs, daring himself, and bringing a quick response from that soothing (21) voice. " Careful, now. Remember everything we've said."

He dropped a metre before the rope took the full weight of his body. Looking up, Ben could see the instructor watching his movements critically from the cliff's edge where he had stood just a few seconds before. The instructor said nothing, leaving Ben to follow procedure, unwilling to interfere unless the boy faltered (22) or worse, panicked.

The sense of being completely alone on this sheer (23) cliff face was overwhelming. He felt small, no more than a fly clinging to a massive wall of rusty red and ochre. He found a moment of solitude (24) amidst the frenzy of city life. Twisting in the harness, he took in the view.

"Fielding, are you okay?" shouted the instructor. " Do you need any help?"

Ben responded by bounding and free-falling quickly to the ground, exhilarated (25) as much by his brief pause on the cliff face as by the successful descent itself.

21. (1) weak
(2) calming
(3) refreshing
(4) submissive

22. (1) swayed
(2) struggled
(3) stumbled
(4) stammered

23. (1) rocky
(2) steep
(3) icy
(4) smooth

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24 (1) loneliness
(2) quietness
(3) aloofness
(4) weakness

25. (1) happy
(2) satisfied
(3) challenged
(4) invigorated

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Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5×1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

It was cold in the night. Dantes felt a sudden jolt as the sack he was in was clumsily lowered to the ground. He could not see what was happening around him but could hear one of the guards saying to the other, "Hurry up and tie the knot and then we can get back to our quarters and share a bottle of wine."

Dantes could not understand the reference to tying a knot. Why should they have to tie a knot before they could go off duty? He did not have to wait long for the answer. The guard who had spoken dropped something near the bottom of the sack. What ***the object*** was, Dantes could only guess. It sounded like a heavy stone. He felt a rope being tied around his ankles. Before he realised what was happening, he felt himself being swung to and fro. The last words he ever heard on the Chateau d'If were "One, two, three! Heave!"

Dantes felt himself being flung out into space. He felt a tug at his feet and knew that the heavy weight was tied to the end of the rope. There was a sudden jerk as he crashed into the icy cold water. He had been flung into the sea with a 16-kilogram cannon ball tied to his feet. The ocean was the cemetery of the Chateau d'If.

Dantes held his breath. He must get free quickly or die. He slit open the sack and struggled to free his legs from the heavy iron ball. Gathering all his strength, he slashed through the rope around his ankles. The cannon ball sank towards the seabed pulling along with it the sack which had nearly become his shroud. Dantes shot upwards.

As soon as he surfaced, he gazed upwards at the cliff whose summit he had made such a terrifying descent. Hour after hour he put greater distance between himself and the island-prison as he swam on and on.

Adapted from The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas

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For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. Dantes could not see what was happening around him as _____.

(1) he was blind
(2) it was cold in the night
(3) he was held captive in a sack
(4) the guards were busy rushing back to their quarters

27. In line 7, "the object" was a _____.

(1) rope
(2) sack
(3) heavy stone
(4) cannon ball

28. What did the two guards do immediately after tying a rope around Dante's ankles?

(1) They swam away from the cliff.
(2) They threw Dantes into the ocean.
(3) They dropped something into the sack.
(4) They went back to their quarters to drink a bottle of wine.

29. Chateau d'If was a/an_____.

(1) ocean
(2) cemetery
(3) island-prison
(4) guard quarters

30. According to the passage, which one of the following statements is true?

(1) Dantes swam for a long time, hoping to reach safety.
(2) Dantes used the sack and cannon ball to escape.
(3) Dantes planned his escape with the help of the guards.
(4) Dantes never understood why the guards had to tie a knot.

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BOOKLET B

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Section G: Structural Cloze (10 × 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) about	(D) at	(G) by	(K) is	(N) to
(B) among	(E) between	(H) from	(L) since	(P) was
(C) and	(F) but	(J) in	(M) through	(Q) when

There are many American inventors. Thomas Edison is perhaps the most famous _____ (31) the American inventors.

There are many stories _____ (32) what Edison was like as a child. They all show that from an early age, he _____ (33) curious about the world around him. He tried to teach himself _____ (34) reading and experimenting. He was always interested _____ (35) books that showed how things were made. He made his own telegraph set _____ (36) a picture in a book.

As a boy, Edison worked as a gatekeeper _____ (37) his father's observatory for tourists. _____ (38) he was twelve, he sold newspapers on trains to earn some pocket money.

In 1869, Edison patented his first invention _____ (39) advertised that he "would hereafter devote his time _____ (40) bringing out his inventions."

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Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10×1mark)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

41) [ ]

The Great Singapore Sale is now on! Between 29th May to 26th July, whether

42) [ ]

you are in the main shopping belts of Orchard Road and Marina Bay or at the **sarbuban**

43) [ ]

malls, look out for discounts of up to 70% at the usual prices. That goes for just about

44) [ ] 45) [ ]

anything, including designer **aparrell**, jewellery, watches and more! Not enough to **wiet** your

46) [ ]

appetite? Well, on top of that, visitors to the island city during the Great Singapore Sale is

47) [ ]

entitled to exclusive promotions of selected retail and lifestyle purchases. So take advantage

48) [ ]

of the season's tourist **preveledges** and rewards to enjoy even bigger bargains! What's

49) [ ]

more, there will also be attractive dining offers islandwide after the season to keep you and

50) [ ]

your companions **torougly** contented even when you're not shopping.

Adapted from website http://www.greatsingaporesale.com.sg/2009/eng-tourist/home.html

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Section I: Comprehension Cloze Passage (15×1 mark)

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Singapore has seen the number of malaria cases rise recently. The outbreak of malaria took a turn for the _____ (51), with two more people- including another Singaporean- coming _____ (52) with the potentially deadly disease. This brings the total number of people infected to 17- all men.

Of these, 15 are _____ (53) workers living in dormitories. The two Singaporeans are a full-time national serviceman, _____ (54) the Health Ministry said was _____ (55) to have been bitten while in camp, and a 51-year-old worker in Mandai Estate.

The current outbreak has not only infected more people, but has occurred in two distinct locations, making it more _____ (56) to contain. Another worry this time round: Many foreign workers here come from _____ (57) where malaria is endemic, and might have been infected several times previously. Those who have had previous infections might become only mildly sick if bitten by an _____ (58) mosquito. In such cases, they might not be _____ (59) as having malaria, though the parasites which cause the disease would still be in their blood.

Meanwhile, the National Environment Agency (NEA) is sparing no _____ (60) to stamp out the disease and has _____ (61) thermal fogging in the night. The recent outbreak has raised some concerns, especially since the disease has not reared its head in a long while.

Singapore was _____ (62) malaria-free in 1982, when it eradicated sustained local transmissions of the disease. It has _____ (63) this status for almost three decades by swiftly ring-fencing any imported cases to prevent the disease from _____ (64).

Malaria can be cured if treated early. Delays in treatment can result in death. _____ (65) include fever, headache, chills and vomiting. The NEA advises the public who experiences any of the above to consult a doctor immediately.

Adapted from the Straits Times, Friday, 12th June 2009

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Section J: Transformation / Synthesis (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. Mary will be angry if you do not go to her party.

Unless _____

_____

67. My brother enjoys sky diving. I do not.

Unlike _____

_____

68. He was tired. He carried on doing his work.

In spite of _____

_____

69. Mrs Tan asked the class, "[redacted] Was Maria absent from the NE Show yesterday?"

Mrs Tan asked the class _____

_____

70. He solved all the problems. He managed this in twenty minutes.

_____ to _____

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Section K: Comprehension Open-Ended (10 × 2 marks)

Read the passage and answer the questions 71 to 80.

If you have ever been to the Bishan MRT station, you might have walked past a middle-aged man playing a guitar and singing aloud. You might have told yourself, "Oh, he's just another street busker." It might come as a pleasant surprise to you to know that the street busker who can play and sing so well is actually blind!

Raymond Tay worked as a stenographer for fourteen years, taking notes in Braille before converting them into printed text. His job was mundane and the pay somewhat low. When word processing software and computers were introduced into the office, his work became more difficult as he could not tell what he had typed on the new machine. Frustrated, he quit.

Having picked up guitar-playing while he was in the School for the Blind and later the harmonica on his own, the musically-inclined Raymond decided to become a street busker. His wife was hesitant, but he was determined. To date, he has been busking for about seven years. "From the Asians' point of view busking is like begging. But I think that, so long as you produce a good piece of music, it justifies the collection," Raymond said. "Besides, you get to choose which songs you like to sing, and when you want to turn up for work," he added with a smile.

Left blinded at the age of thirteen after fire crackers he was playing with exploded in his face, Raymond can usually be seen at the Bishan MRT station. His voice is strong and vibrant and his favourite songs are nostalgic ones like : *Oh, Carol!* and *Rhythm of the Rain*, which were popular in the 60's and 70's.

When asked if there were any occupational hazards in his line of work, he said, " Oh, yes! People have tried to take advantage of my visual handicap." Recounting an incident, he said, " Someone tried to steal my money while I was singing, but members of the public caught him and later whacked him. I didn't know what happened until I heard the commotion."

Now he has 'fans-turned-friends' who help him keep a look-out. One of them happily pointed out that Raymond can sing in English, Chinese, Hokkien and even Malay.

Raymond has had passers-by dropping him notes to compliment him on his singing. Some who wanted to make friends, even leave him their telephone numbers. He is totally relaxed when busking because of the freedom it gives him.

So it looks like we will see Raymond at his favourite stake-out, singing with gusto, for a long time to come.

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Answer questions 71-80 in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why is Raymond not considered to be 'just another street busker'?

_____

_____

72. Why did Raymond quit his job as a stenographer after fourteen years?

_____

_____

73. Which phrase in the passage tells us that Raymond was not born blind?

_____

_____

74. How did Raymond learn to play the harmonica?

_____

_____

75. How was Raymond's point of view of busking different from that of the Asians' point of view?

_____

_____

76. What problem does Raymond face being a blind busker?

_____

_____

77. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as ' dull and uninteresting'?

_____

_____

78. Do you think the passers-by like Raymond's singing? How do you know?

_____

_____

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79. What kind of characteristic is being shown by Raymond's attitude despite his handicap?

_____

_____

80. From the passage, explain how busking gave Raymond the 'freedom' he enjoyed in line 30?

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EXAM PAPER 2009

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SUBJECT : PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH

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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
J	H	D	Q	C	N

41)From 42)suburban 43)off 44)apparel 45)whet

46)are 47)on 48)privileges 49)during 50)thoroughly

51)worse 52)down 53)foreign 54)whom,who 55)likely

56)difficult 57)countries 58)infected 59)diagnosed 60)effort

61)started,begun 62)declared, pronounce 63)kept, help, retained

64)spreading 65)Symtons

66)Unless you go to Mary's party, she will be angry.

67)Unlike my brother, I do not enjoy sky diving.

68)In spite of being tired, he carried on doing his work.

69)Mrs Tan asked the class whether Maria had been absent from the NE Show the previous day.

70)He managed to solve all the problems in twenty minutes.

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71)It is because although Raymond is blind, he is able to play and sing very well.

72)It was because Raymond used to take notes in Braille before converting them to printed text, however when word processing software and computers were used in the office, Raymond became frustrated as he could not tell what he had typed on the computers.

73)The phrase is "Left blinded at the age of thirteen."

74)Raymond learnt how to play the harmonica on his own.

75)Raymond thought that busking is not like busking as it requires him to produce a good piece of music.

76)As Raymond is blind, he is unable to see, thus some people have tried to take advantage of his visual handicap by stealing his money while Raymond was singing.

77)The word is "mundane."

78)Yes, I think passers-by like Raymond's singing. I know that passers-by like Raymond's singing because some passers-by drop him to compliment him on his singing, while others who wanted to be his friend, would leave Raymond their telephone numbers.

79)Raymond is persistent and optimistic.

80)Raymond could choose which songs he wanted to sing and when he wanted to turn up for work.

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