RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2011

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5 May 2011 ENGLISH LANGUAGE Att: 1 h 15 min

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 teacher says that there _____ four stages in the life cycle of a butterfly.

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

2. I walk to the library as it is _____ my house.

   (1) near
   (2) under
   (3) inside
   (4) between ( )

3. When we go to school, we should _____ clean uniforms.

   (1) wear
   (2) wore
   (3) wears
   (4) wearing ( )

4. The children were playing by _____ when I arrived.

   (1) itself
   (2) myself
   (3) ourselves
   (4) themselves ( )

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5. The teacher handed me a letter _____ had information on the Games Carnival.

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

6. Ashley hurt herself when she _____ off her bicycle yesterday.

(1) fall
(2) fell
(3) falls
(4) had fallen ( )

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. To _____ good grades, you have to pay attention in class.

(1) attain
(2) reach
(3) confirm
(4) encourage ( )

8. The genie vanished like _____ in the wind.

(1) smoke
(2) clouds
(3) rainbow
(4) sunshine ( )

9. The bully refuses to tell the principal the _____ .

(1) true
(2) truly
(3) truth
(4) truthful ( )

10. It is impolite to _____ on the conversations of others.

(1) talk
(2) peer
(3) whisper
(4) eavesdrop ( )

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11. The worm _____ in my pocket.

(1) giggled
(2) wriggled
(3) wrinkled
(4) quivered ( )

12. My teacher said that Hand Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) is very _____.

(1) malicious
(2) poisonous
(3) contagious
(4) outrageous ( )

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) activity	(B) conducted	(C) cleaning
(D) dirty	(E) family	(F) nagged
(G) popular	(H) prepare	(J) patience
(K) setting	(L) welcoming	(M) young

Previously, cooking classes are only for the adults. However, nowadays, cooking and baking classes are becoming more (13) _____ with children as well. There are many classes being (14) _____ for children to learn cooking and baking.

In fact, these lessons do not necessarily have to be conducted in a formal (15) _____ as they can be conducted at home. The trainer could come up to the student's home to teach them how to prepare different types of food.

The preparation of meals requires time and (16) _____. Parents have to be with the children while they (17) _____ the meal, especially if the children are very (18) _____.

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Cooking can be a fun (19)_____ to enjoy and it definitely promotes family bonding. However, there may be extra (20) _____ up if the children spill or make a mess in the kitchen.

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 G) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) it	(B) when	(C) for	(D) from
(E) in	(F) to	(G) into	

Last Thursday night, Raju and Meng Chai decided to steal their employer's lorry. They drove (21) _____ to a nearby convenient store to buy beer. Unfortunately, on their way back to the quarters, the driver lost control of the vehicle and crashed (22) _____ the traffic light. They were arrested (23) _____ the policemen arrived at the scene. Raju and Meng Chai were fined and sentenced (24) _____ jail for stealing a lorry.

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Cloze Passage 2

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) beautify	(B) beautiful	(C) beauty	(D) more beautiful
(E) most beautiful	(F) beautifully	(G) beauties	

We were at Orchard Road. Mother decided to (25) _____ my bedroom with some wall stickers. We shopped along Orchard Road to look for some (26) _____ wall stickers. I chose the stickers with Disney princesses on them as I found them (27) _____ than Bugs Bunny.

Daddy helped me to paste the stickers on the wall when we reached home. I feel that my room is the (28) _____ room in the house.

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

In a town, there lived a wealthy man who was kind and generous. One day, he invited ten poor children living in the town to his house. His servant came out with a basket and said, "Each one of you may take a loaf of bread. Come back again tomorrow." Immediately, the children **jostled** and fought to snatch the biggest loaf. Once they had taken the bread, the children left without thanking the wealthy man for his kind deed.

Standing in the corner was a shy and timid boy called Peter. Unlike the other children, he did not rush for the loaves. Instead, he waited until everyone had taken their loaf of bread. He reached for the smallest loaf of bread remaining in the basket. He was grateful and thanked the wealthy man before returning home. The wealthy man noticed what Peter had done.

The next day, Peter took the smallest loaf of bread again. As his mother broke the loaf into two, out fell a number of gold coins. She was very surprised. "Son, you must return these coins to the owner as they do not belong to us," she told Peter.

Peter returned the gold coins to the wealthy man. However, the wealthy man smiled and said, "I instructed my servant to place the coins in the smallest loaf of bread. You are not greedy and certainly deserve something more than the others."

(Adapted from www.oldschool.com.sg)

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29. How many children did not thank the rich man?

(1) One child
(2) Nine children
(3) All the children
(4) None of the children

( )

30. The word "jostled" in the first paragraph means _____.

(1) glared
(2) rushed
(3) pushed
(4) hurried

( )

31. Why did Peter's mother ask him to return the coins to the wealthy man?

(1) She was timid.
(2) She was honest.
(3) She was grateful.
(4) She was surprised

( )

32. Why did the wealthy man distribute bread to the children?

(1) He disliked eating bread.
(2) He wanted to help the children.
(3) He wanted to boast about his wealth.
(4) He wanted to give coins to the children.

( )

33. Why did the wealthy man think that Peter deserved to receive the coins?

(1) Peter was timid and shy.
(2) Peter was well-behaved.
(3) Peter was poor and starving.
(4) Peter was happy with what he had.

( )

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Section F: Comprehension (Open-ended) (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

When I was ten and my sister Ayu was seven, my family was having a hard time – Father was not earning enough from his jobs at the cocoa estate and the paddy factory. Finally, he decided to make a better living collecting rattan from deep into the forest and selling it to a nearby furniture manufacturer.

Mother was extremely worried tigers would eat him, but Father said that it was better to risk being eaten by a tiger than to sit at home and not eat anything at all.

Therefore early one morning he set out on his motorcycle looking for rattan. That day, Ayu and I had no way of getting to school, which was far from our home. I could think of nothing better than to miss school and play with my little sister. As we stood at the front door waving goodbye to Father, I whispered to Ayu that we were going to scoop up tadpoles from the back yard pond and put them in a glass jar as pets. We both grinned in anticipation.

Our happiness did not last long. Mother suddenly appeared behind us with her hands on her hips and said, "What are you both doing here? It's getting late, get dressed."

"Get dressed for what?" I asked.

Mother's eyes bulged. "My, surely not for your wedding. For school, of course."

(extracted from Reader's Digest August 2007 – The Old Bicycle)

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'Write your answer in complete sentences.

34. How did Father try to make a better living?

_____

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35. Why did Mother worry about Father?

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

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37. What did the author and his sister plan to do when their father was at work?

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38. Which sentence from paragraphs 1 to 3 shows that the author did not want to go to school?

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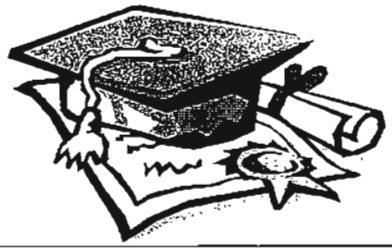
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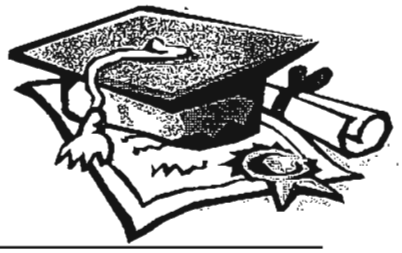
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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2011



SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH

TERM : SA 1

Section A

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
2	**1**	**1**	**4**	**4**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**3**	**4**	**2**	**3**	**G**	**B**	**K**	**J**	**H**

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
M	**A**	**C**	**A**	**B**	**G**	**F**	**A**	**B**	**D**	**E**	**2**	**3**	**2**	**3**	**4**

Q34) father tried to make a better living by collecting rattan from deep in to the forest and selling it to a nearby furniture manufacturer.

Q35) She was worried tigers would eat father.

Q36) The word is " anticipation ".

Q37) The author and his sister plan to scoop up tadpoles from the back yard pond and put them in a glass jar as pet.

Q38) The sentence is " I could think of nothing better than to miss school and play with my little sister".

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