RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2011

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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. Sally poured _____ apple juice into the glass.

   (1) many
   (2) much
   (3) some
   (4) several ( )

2. The clown performed funny tricks and made the children _____ loudly.

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

3. John doesn't like eating vegetables, _____ he?

   (1) did
   (2) does
   (3) don't
   (4) didn't ( )

4. Jeremy _____ the invitation to the party because he had to study for his examinations.

   (1) turned up
   (2) turned off
   (3) turned over
   (4) turned down ( )

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5. She _____ a cup of milk every night before going to bed.

(1) drink
(2) drank
(3) drinks
(4) drinking ( )

6. The puppy ran _____ the little girl when she came home from school.

(1) above
(2) along
(3) towards
(4) between ( )

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. During the Science experiment, the students _____ their observations in their activity books.

(1) recorded
(2) imagined
(3) estimated
(4) contained ( )

8. Annie is as _____ as a mule. She insists on having her own way and will not change her mind at all.

(1) sad
(2) shy
(3) strong
(4) stubborn ( )

9. Tom was caught in the heavy rain and he was _____ .

(1) drifted
(2) drowned
(3) drenched
(4) dampened ( )

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10. "Look at the beautiful _____ of stars in the sky!" exclaimed Winnie.

(1) pieces
(2) school
(3) cluster
(4) company ( )

11. Her leg was _____ when she accidentally dropped the pot of hot soup.

(1) burnt
(2) boiled
(3) scalded
(4) scorched ( )

12. If your library books are _____ , you will have to pay a fine.

(1) overdue
(2) overlook
(3) overtime
(4) overview ( )

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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) activities	(B) attracted	(C) boring	(D) connects
(E) consists	(F) danger	(G) difficulty	(H) divided
(J) easily	(K) safety	(L) situated	(M) thrilling

Forest Adventure is the first tree-top adventure course in Singapore. It is (13) _____ in Bedok Reservoir Park. It has (14) _____ more than 75 000 participants since it opened in 2007. At Forest Adventure, participants will discover the excitement of physical outdoor activity. The adventure course (15) _____ of activities involving ladders, bridges, swings, nets, trapezes and slides. Participants can move (16) _____ from tree to tree.

There are two types of courses, the Grand Course and the Kids Course. The Grand Course is (17) _____ into four sections. The Kids Course includes fourteen fun-filled (18) _____

All participants will attend a briefing conducted by a qualified instructor. They also have to wear a harness and helmet at all times for (19) _____. Whether you are a child or an adult, you can be sure of a fun and (20) _____ adventure in the forest.

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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 words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) for	(B) from	(C) into	(D) onto.
(E) over	(F) until	(G) with	

Would you like to try to bake snowball cookies? First, combine the ingredients - butter, sugar, flour and water in a mixing bowl. Beat the mixture at low speed (21) _____ it is well-mixed. Add two teaspoons of vanilla extract. Next, shape the dough (22) _____ balls. Then, place the dough balls on a cookie sheet and bake them in the oven (23) _____ twenty minutes. Leave the cookies to cool before sprinkling them (24) _____ icing sugar.

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) drive	(B) driven	(C) driver	(D) drives
(E) driving	(F) has been driving	(G) will drive	

Mr Tan is familiar with many places in Singapore. He works as a taxi (25) _____ . He (26) _____ a taxi for the past twenty years. He enjoys (27) _____ because he gets to interact with different passengers everyday. He always (28) _____ carefully as he feels responsible for his passengers' safety.

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Once upon a time in China, there were no rivers and lakes. There was only the Eastern Sea in which lived four dragons: the Long Dragon, the Yellow Dragon, the Black Dragon and the Pearl Dragon.

One day, a terrible **drought** swept through the land. People did not have enough food to eat as crops withered. The dragons felt sorry and wanted to help the people.

The dragons flew to the sea, scooped up water in their mouths, and then flew back into the sky, where they sprayed the water out over the earth. Going back and forth, the four dragons darkened the sky. Before long, the sea water became rain pouring down from the sky.

"It's raining! It's raining! The crops will be saved!" the people cried and leaped with joy.

However, the Jade Emperor in Heaven was enraged. "How dare the four dragons bring rain without my permission!" he exclaimed. He ordered the Mountain God to imprison the dragons, each under a high mountain. The Mountain God used his magic power to get four mountains to press down upon the four dragons.

Although imprisoned, the dragons did not regret their actions. Determined to do good for the people forever, they turned themselves into four rivers, which flowed down from the mountains, across the land and into the sea.

Hence, China's four great rivers were formed -- the Black Dragon River in the north, the Yellow River in central China, and the Long and Pearl Rivers in the south.

(Adapted from http://worldoftales.com/Asian_folktales/Asian_Folktale_6.html)

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

29. The word "drought" in paragraph two refers to _____.

(1) a poor harvest
(2) people not having enough to eat
(3) a period when it has not rained for ages
(4) a kind of disease that destroyed the crops in the field

( )

30. Why did the four dragons help the people?

(1) They were sorry for them.
(2) They did not regret their actions.
(3) They wanted to show off their power.
(4) They wanted to annoy the Jade Emperor.

( )

31. Why was the Jade Emperor angry with the four dragons?

(1) They used up all the water in the sea.
(2) He was jealous of the dragons' power.
(3) The dragons did not ask him if they could help the people.
(4) The dragons did not tell him that they were going to help the people.

( )

32. Why did the dragons turn into rivers?

(1) They wanted to provide water for the people.
(2) They were turned into rivers by the Jade Emperor.
(3) They were turned into rivers by the Mountain God.
(4) They were imprisoned and wanted to escape from the mountains.

( )

33. How did the four dragons help the people of China?

(1) They flew around, darkening the sky.
(2) They created rain and became rivers.
(3) They helped the people get water from the rivers.
(4) They brought rain to the people by becoming mountains.

( )

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Dan was hiking through the Canadian woods one cold morning when it suddenly started snowing heavily, adding to the thick layer already on the ground.

When it finally stopped snowing, disaster struck. A rock hidden by the deep snow caught Dan's ankle and he fell to the ground. He lay there, unable to pull himself up as every attempt to move was like a stab in his flesh. He was extremely cold and was starting to feel tired. However, he knew that if he fell asleep in the snow, he would most certainly die from the cold.

A tree stirred ahead. From within the branches, a puma was watching Dan. A puma is a powerful cat with claws that could shred Dan into strips. It slowly approached Dan. Dan noticed the animal. He looked away in fear and dismay as he prepared himself for the worst.

However, instead of moving in for the kill, the puma gently lay down across Dan's chest and limbs. Soon, the warmth of the animal reached Dan and he began to feel better. From time to time, the puma pressed its muzzle against Dan and rocked his head gently. Clearly, the puma knew that Dan must not fall asleep.

They remained like that for several hours until Dan and the puma heard voices. A rescue team was approaching. As quietly and gently as it had appeared, the puma rose and slunk off back among the trees.

(adapted from http://www.allaboutanimals.org.uk/PK-CaringPuma.asp)

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Write your answer in complete sentences.

34. Why did Dan not notice the rock that caused him to trip and fall?

35. Which six-word phrase in the passage describes Dan's pain when he tried to move after his fall?

36. Which sentence in the passage tells you that Dan thought he would be killed by the puma?

37. What did the puma do to keep Dan warm?

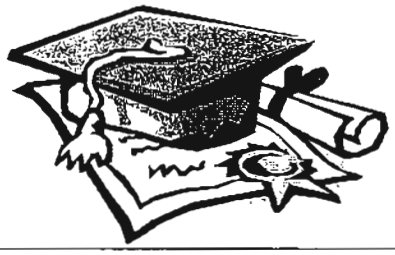
38. Why did the puma press its muzzle against Dan and rock his head gently from time to time?

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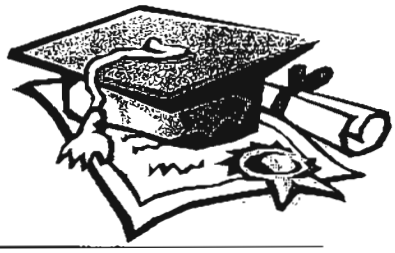


ANSWER SHEET

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3	1	2	4	3	3	1	4	3	3	3	1	L	B	E	J	H

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
A	K	M	F	C	A	G	C	F	E	D	3	1	3	1	2

Q34) The rock was hidden by the deep snow so Dan did not notice it, and it cause him to trip and fall.

Q35) The six-word phrase is " like a stab in his flesh ".

Q36) The sentence is : he looked away in fear and dismay as he prepared himself of the worst.

Q37) The puma gently lay down across Dan's chest and limbs to keep Dan warm.

Q38) The puma wanted to keep Dan awake.

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