RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2011

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5 May 2011 **ENGLISH (PART 1)** **Att: 1 h 15 min (Part 1 and 2)**

Section A: Grammar (6X1 mark)

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

1. My mother and I usually _____ to the park every weekend.

(1) cycle
(2) cycles
(3) are cycling
(4) have cycled ( )

2. Mike waited in _____ cafe for his friends for more than _____ hour.

(1) a ... a
(2) a ... the
(3) an ... the
(4) the ... an ( )

3. The dirty laundry _____been in the basket since last week.

(1) has
(2) had
(3) have
(4) having ( )

4. I would not _____ if I _____ you.

(1) agree ... am
(2) agree ... were
(3) agreed ... were
(4) be agreeing ... was ( )

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5. I had difficulty in my studies but Jane pulled me _____ .

(1) in
(2) off
(3) over
(4) through ( )

6. Mark, like my friends, _____ interested in dancing.

(1) is
(2) are
(3) has
(4) had ( )

Section B: Vocabulary (6X1 mark)

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

7. The gardener used a _____ to dig a hole in the ground.

(1) hose
(2) spade
(3) tractor
(4) lawn mower ( )

8. Many different animals live on the wetland of the _____ .

(1) sty
(2) apiary
(3) swamp
(4) abattoir ( )

9. This piece of music is a slight _____ of the original.

(1) edition
(2) sample
(3) example
(4) variation ( )

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10. The parrot _____ and its high-pitched sound hurt my ears.

(1) sang
(2) shouted
(3) squeaked
(4) screeched ( )

11. My grandmother went back to the village where she grew up and began to _____ about the past.

(1) recall
(2) retain
(3) reconcile
(4) reminisce ( )

12. Stealing is an offence which cannot be _____ .

(1) convened
(2) condoned
(3) confirmed
(4) conformed ( )

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Section C: Comprehension (MCQ) (5X2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Armed and dressed in black, Ali and his accomplices boldly entered the bungalow of a wealthy businessman and took all his cash. It was their fourth robbery and the loot was shared evenly in the getaway car before the robbers went their separate ways.

A month ago, Ali had enjoyed an easy and extravagant life after robbing Tiffany's Jewels. He and his accomplices had got away with more than ten thousand dollars worth of valuables at that jewellery shop.

Ali was unable to sleep peacefully whenever he carried out a robbery. That night was no exception. While lying awake in bed, the telephone rang. Thinking that something disastrous had happened, Ali answered nervously. One of his partners had been arrested! Immediately, Ali took the loot and left his home, knowing that the police would be knocking on his door at any moment. For the next two weeks, he had to go into hiding, wandering from street to street, avoiding all encounters with the police.

Now, Ali was a wanted man. Sitting on a bench in a park, Ali felt exhausted and hungry. "What a miserable life!" he thought.

Finally, he made up his mind to surrender to the police, realising that it was only a matter of time before he would be arrested. Ali stood up and headed for the nearest police station. In a way, he was glad that it would end the dreadful life he had been living for the past fourteen days.

Tried in court and found guilty, Ali was jailed for ten years. "I must turn over a new leaf when I get out," he promised himself solemnly.

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

13. Why did Ali answer the telephone nervously?

(1) He was unable to sleep.
(2) His partner was arrested.
(3) He had an encounter with the police.
(4) He was afraid that something bad had happened. ( )

14. Ali committed his third robbery _____ .

(1) a month ago
(2) ten years ago
(3) two weeks ago
(4) on the night just before the fourth robbery ( )

15. Why did Ali decide to give himself up to the police?

(1) He was exhausted and hungry.
(2) He was found guilty by the court.
(3) He knew he would be caught sooner or later.
(4) He wanted to lead an easy and extravagant lifestyle again. ( )

16. The word 'it' in the fifth paragraph refers to _____ .

(1) the dreadful life Ali led
(2) Ali surrendering to the police
(3) Ali hiding and avoiding the police
(4) Ali walking to the nearest police station ( )

17. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "audaciously"?

(1) boldly
(2) solemnly
(3) nervously
(4) peacefully ( )

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5 May 2011 **ENGLISH (PART 2)** **Att: 1 h 15 min (Part 1 and 2)**

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8X1 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)	attendants	(B)	bruises	(C)	contact	(D)	control
(E)	passers-by	(F)	scene	(G)	sirens	(H)	swerved
(J)	victim	(K)	witnesses				

Mr Tan was driving home after a hard day's work at the office. He had just turned into Hillview Road from Queen Street when suddenly, a young girl dashed across the road. Mr Tan quickly (1) _____ his car to the right to avoid knocking the girl down. However, the ground was slippery from the afternoon rain and Mr Tan lost (2) _____ of his vehicle. The car was now heading towards the pavement where some students were gathered! It knocked one boy down and finally came to a stop.

(3) _____ were shocked by the accident they were witnessing and tried to help the (4) _____. Soon, ambulances, their (5) _____ blaring, tore down the road towards the (6) _____ of the accident. The paramedics quickly lifted the injured boy onto the stretcher and carried him into the ambulance. Fortunately for Mr Tan and the other pedestrians, they had escaped with minor injuries and (7) _____. Police are now looking for (8) _____ who saw what had happened and can help in the investigations.

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Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (4X1 mark)

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) lead	(B) leader	(C) leading	(D) leads
(E) led	(F) leadership	(G) have led	

Last week, my week was well spent and I would not forget it. I attended a one week training camp (9) _____ by the youth leaders of a community club. They conducted various workshops and fun-filled activities to foster independence and promote (10) _____ qualities in young children. I was inspired by their belief that every child has the potential to be a (11) _____.

After attending the camp, I had gained more confidence in my ability to (12) _____. Now, I am looking forward to the opportunity to the next training camp.

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Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4X1 mark)

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) amongst	(B) on	(C) to
(D) from	(E) at	(F) in

Aesop's fables are written by Aesop, a Greek writer. These stories have always been popular (13) _____ the children due to the values that they teach.

Apart (14) _____ Aesop's fables, there are many famous short stories for children to read at home. The Ugly Duckling, written by Hans Christian Anderson, is a story that is based (15) _____ the transformation from an ugly duckling to a beautiful swan. Another example is the story, The Boy Who Cried Wolf. It conveys (16) _____ the children the importance of being honest in life in all situations.

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Section G: Comprehension (Open-ended) (5X2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Scientists are learning more about the green sea turtles, the endangered reptiles. In order to learn how they live, scientists used the best underwater reality-filming device – Crittercam. A suction cup holds the camera to the turtle's shell before releasing it after a few hours. The camera floats to the surface where scientists can recover it and see what it has recorded.

The idea that sea turtles plod proves untrue as biologist Mike Heithaus tried to catch a 100-kilograms turtle in the ocean but failed. When the turtle saw him approaching, it took off like an Olympian swimmer.

Scientists also discover the reason for the relatively clean shells of the green sea turtles. Green sea turtles have been seen taking sponge baths – rubbing their bodies against the sea sponges.

Besides eating mostly sea grass, they may gobble up free-swimming jellyfish which floats into view – even the dead ones. As a result, sea turtles often mistake some plastic bags in the ocean for jellyfish. Eventually, many sea turtles have been starved to death due to the plastic being stuck in their throats or stomachs.

With this knowledge that green turtles eat more jellyfish than ever suspected is significant in how people can protect turtles.

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Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Q17. What is the purpose of placing a Crittercam on a green sea turtle?

Q18. What does the sentence, 'When the turtle saw him approaching, it took off like an Olympian ~~athlete~~ swimmer' tell you about how the green sea turtles move?

Q19. Why does a green sea turtle have cleaner shell than other turtles?

Q20. What does the **'dead ones'** in the fourth paragraph refer to?

Q21. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'important'?

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Section A

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

Section D

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16
H	**D**	**E**	**J**	**G**	**F**	**B**	**K**	**E**	**F**	**B**	**A**	**A**	**D**	**B**	**C**

17)It help scientist learn more about how green sea turtles.

18)It tells me that green sea turtles can swim very fast.

19)Green sea turtles take sponge baths by rubbing their bodies against sea sponges which keep them clean.

20)It refers ' to the dead jellyfish'.

21)The word is "significant".

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