RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2012

Sections A to C		24
Sections D to G		26
Total		**50**
P4H	**Class**	**Level**
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Name : _____ **Class: P4**____ **Index No:** _____

12 Oct 2012 **ENGLISH (PART 1)** **Att: 1 h 15 min (Part 1 and 2)**

Section A: Grammar (8X1 mark)

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

1. We were instructed by our teacher to complete the project _____.

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

2. While we were having dinner yesterday, my parents _____ angry when my sister started talking on the telephone.

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

3. He _____ blowing up the balloon when it exploded.

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

4. "The water _____ now. Let's make some coffee," suggested Annie.

(1) boils
(2) boiled
(3) is boiling
(4) has boiled ( )

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5. Mr Tan _____ this letter an hour ago.

(1) delivers
(2) delivered
(3) has delivered
(4) were delivering ( )

6. While everyone _____ the shelves, I swept the floor.

(1) dusts
(2) will dust
(3) has dusted
(4) was dusting ( )

7. I am not free to talk to you now as I have too _____ work to do.

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

8. _____ lioness sleeping in the enclosure over there is playful and friendly.

(1) This
(2) That
(3) These
(4) Those (2)

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Section B: Vocabulary (6X1 mark)

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

9. My sister is a very _____ person. She will believe everything that you say.

(1) naive
(2) mature
(3) dubious
(4) understanding

10. Tom smashed the shuttlecock powerfully with his badminton racquet and sent it whirling towards his _____ .

(1) jury
(2) witness
(3) audience
(4) opponent ( )

11. I forgot the words of my speech so I had to _____ by saying something else.

(1) deduce
(2) alleviate
(3) improvise
(4) reimburse ( )

12. Scientists have recently _____ a unique clam-eating turtle species in the Pearl River.

(1) invented
(2) pioneered
(3) formulated
(4) discovered ( )

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13. Jill thought very carefully before she decided to _____ the responsibilities of looking after a pet.

(1) absorb
(2) commit
(3) dispatch
(4) undertake ( )

14. Smoking is _____ in all shopping centres.

(1) polluted
(2) censored
(3) prohibited
(4) endangered ( )

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Section C: Comprehension (MCQ) (5x2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Albert was a crew member on a large sailing vessel, one of three bound for the Malay Peninsula. His task was to feed the crew. However, after a few months of sailing, the patience of the crew was wearing thin. They had been cooped up for some time with no sign of their destination.

"Dried meat, again?" Benjamin complained as Albert served his meal. Benjamin missed fresh foods and was suffering from scurvy, a disease caused by a shortage of vitamin C.

"I miss my wife," David moaned. "She's expecting me to return with fame and riches. Instead, I will come back all skin and bones!"

"Be strong, men!" Albert told them. "Our fine captain will steer us to our destination."

"Or, he'll take us to the edge of the world," Benjamin grumbled. "He's a lunatic, that Charles!"

Albert had faith that the ship would soon reach land. When the voyage was over, he would have exciting tales to tell. For now, he had to pacify his disgruntled shipmates. He portioned out their scanty rations.

That night, Albert was awakened from a restless sleep by a loud shout. He hurriedly jumped out of bed and joined the other sleepy men on deck. From a distance, they could see bright lights and buildings. An audible sigh came from the crew. They were saved!

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

15. How many ships were going to the Malay Peninsula?

(1) one
(2) two
(3) three
(4) four ( )

16. Why was Benjamin suffering from scurvy?

(1) He ate scanty portions of food.
(2) There was no vitamin C in his diet.
(3) He had been eating fresh foods only.
(4) He had been cooped up for some time. ( )

17. Why did David join the expedition?

(1) He wanted to feed the crew.
(2) He wanted to be rich and famous.
(3) He wanted to tell his wife exciting tales.
(4) He wanted to go to the edge of the world. ( )

18. Who was the captain of the ship?

(1) Albert
(2) Benjamin
(3) Charles
(4) David ( )

19. How did Albert know that he had reached land?

(1) The crew sighed audibly.
(2) He saw lights and buildings.
(3) Someone woke him up to inform him.
(4) He had faith that the ship would reach land. ( )

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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 K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

A)	appetising	B)	caned	C)	credible	D)	culinary
E)	discipline	F)	error	G)	judging	H)	optimistic
J)	mistake	K)	wrong				

More than 40 years ago, neighbours often approached Madam Chong to complain about her son, Tony. They would ask the widow to 1)_____ the boy and stop him from terrorising their children. Indeed, it seemed all too 2)_____ then that Tony would not amount to much. He loved fights and was 3)_____ in front of his peers in school for misbehaving.

Fortunately, he saw the 4)_____ of his ways. He decided to make his mother proud and prove his critics 5)_____ He rose from a coffee shop assistant to a highly decorated chef with many 6)_____ medals to his name. His creative and 7) dishes wowed the judges.

Today, Tony is 8)_____ about his future. He will be launching his cookbook soon.

Adapted from: the Sunday Times (May 20, 2012)

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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 F) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) her	(B) I	(C) my
(D) she	(E) we	(F) our

Dear Janet,

There is a new girl in my class and I am her buddy. (9) _____ name is Leela. She sits next to me and has long hair. I want to keep long hair too so that (10) _____ can tie my hair like her. After school, (11) _____ often play together. I like Leela because (12) _____ is friendly and kind. I hope to take a picture with her soon so that I can send it to you.

Well, till next time.

Your pen-pal,

May

Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4X1 mark)
Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

My name is Jill and I am ten years old. I (13) _____ [enjoy / enjoys] the weekly English Show and Tell sessions very much. Every Monday, selected pupils (14) _____ [bring / brings] their favourite things to class and talk about them.

Next week, it (15) _____ [is / are] my turn to share but I am not sure what I should do. My mother (16) _____ [say / says] I should talk about what I like. I am going to take her advice and perform some magic tricks for my classmates!

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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.

A farmer painted a sign advertising the puppies he needed to sell and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy.

"Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies."
"Well." disclosed the farmer, "these puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money."

The boy reached deep into his pocket and pulled out a handful of change. "I've got twenty-two dollars. Is that enough to take a look?"

"Sure," said the farmer. "Here, Dolly!" he roared.

Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the fence. His eyes danced with delight

As the puppies made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse. Slowly another little ball appeared. This one was noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner the little puppy began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up.

"I want that one," the little boy replied, pointing to the runt.
The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and explained, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."

The little boy began rolling up one leg of his trousers to reveal a steel brace running down both sides of his leg. Looking at the farmer, he muttered, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need **someone** who understands."

2 \ Adapted from :http://www.indianchild.com/puppies_for_sale.htm

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

17. What was the farmer doing when he felt a tug on his overall?

18. Which six-~~letter~~ word phrase tells you that the farmer was selling the puppies at a high price?

19. How did the little boy feel when he first saw the four puppies?

20. Why did the farmer think that the boy would not want to buy the runt?

21. In the last paragraph, who was the "**someone**" the boy was referring to?

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SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

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Part 1

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

Q18	Q19
3	2

Part 2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12
E	C	B	F	K	D	A	H	A	B	E	D

13)enjoy 14)bring 15)is 16)says

17)He was driving the last nail into the post when he felt a tug on his overalls.

18)The phrase is "cost a good deal of money".

19)He was happy and his eyes danced with delight.

20)The runt would never be able to run and play with the boy like other dogs would.

21)He was referring to himself.

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