RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2013

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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. The horse escaped from the farm by jumping _____ the solid wooden fence.

   (1) in
   (2) over
   (3) under
   (4) between ( )

2. She _____ and injured her head.

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

3. We have to start out now _____ we will be late for the party.

   (1) if
   (2) so
   (3) until
   (4) otherwise ( )

4. This problem sum is difficult. Not _____ knows how to solve it.

   (1) nobody
   (2) everyone
   (3) something
   (4) somebody ( )

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5. She is looking at _____ twins seated a few tables away from her.

(1) this
(2) that
(3) these
(4) those

( )

6. My mother is sweeping the floor and the dust _____ choking me.

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

( )

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. The _____ prescribed some medication for his patient.

(1) doctor
(2) ballerina
(3) pageboy
(4) chauffeur

( )

8. The witness went to _____ in the court of law against the thief.

(1) testify
(2) confess
(3) enchant
(4) persuade

( )

9. Melanie was _____ when she won the prize despite the keen competition.

(1) horrified
(2) miserable
(3) astounded
(4) disappointed

( )

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10. Upon hearing the thunder _____, the teacher hurried the pupils playing in the field to take shelter.

(1) wiggle
(2) doodle
(3) rumble
(4) stumble ( )

11. Nadia has a high fever and is coughing badly too. I must not share food with her as her illness may be _____ .

(1) delicious
(2) nutritious
(3) contagious
(4) scrumptious ( )

12. The log floating in the slow-moving river _____ out to sea.

(1) flitted
(2) drifted
(3) flicked
(4) slammed

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Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Read the diary entry 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) escaped	(B) fearless	(C) fired
(D) leap	(E) merciless	(F) posing
(G) pounced	(H) predator	(J) prey
(K) quietly	(L) terrified	(M) walking

Emily went hiking in the jungle alone. She was enjoying the cool breeze along the river when she saw a big tiger. It was (13) _____ slowly next to some shrubs in the distance searching for food. Emily trembled all over as she was (14)_____. She tiptoed (15) _____ towards a cave she saw behind the dense bushes.

A gentle antelope stood near the river. The tiger spotted the antelope and dashed at top speed towards its (16) _____ Seeing the tiger, the antelope tried to (17) _____ across the river but the tiger was too fast. It (18) _____ on the antelope and the two animals struggled in the water.

Without warning, Emily heard a gunshot. She turned towards the sound and saw a hunter standing across the river. The hunter (19)_____ a few more shots at the tiger. Fortunately, the antelope (20) _____ death. Emily then saw it disappear into the trees.

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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) and	(B) as	(C) because	(D) but
(E) for	(F) or	(G) since	

Ben was bored. He sat by his bedroom window (21) _____ looked out of it. It had been a long time (22) _____ he last saw James. They had arranged to meet (23) _____ they cancelled it at the last minute.

"I should occupy myself with an activity, like reading (24) _____ painting," he finally decided.

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) has been holding	(B) has held	(C) hold	(D) holding
(E) holds	(F) is holding	(G) was holding	

Josie is puzzled. She does not seem to be able to (25) _____ anything in her hands without dropping it. The moment she (26) _____ an object, it slips out of her grasp.

This morning, she (27) _____ a glass cup in both hands when it just slid away. She had then promised to be very careful when (28) _____ things in future.

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

In our first Health Education class, our teacher told us, "You must take care of your teeth from young. As children, your teeth are smaller and have less enamel to protect them from decay. Therefore, dental care must start early as your teeth are very likely to decay."

Our teacher continued to explain that brushing our teeth with toothpaste is a common daily dental care practice today. Toothpaste with fluoride helps to prevent cavities. Cavities are holes in our teeth as a result of decay. Before the invention of toothpaste, people in the past brushed their teeth with salt, nuts or lemon juice.

To keep our teeth strong and healthy, they must be brushed at least twice a day. We must make sure that all teeth are brushed in the 'Up-Down' motion. At least three to four minutes should be spent to brush our teeth each time. Using a dental floss is effective too. It can reach areas where our toothbrush is unable to and remove small food particles stuck between our teeth. In addition, we should also visit the dentist once every six months to check for signs of tooth decay.

"Start taking good care of your teeth today. Do not wait till they decay and need to be extracted. You don't want to wear dentures at such a young age, do you?" the teacher questioned jokingly.

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For each question from 29 to 33, choose the most appropriate option and write its number (1,2,3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

29. Dental care should begin at a young age to prevent _____.

(1) children from having enamel
(2) children's teeth from getting smaller
(3) children's teeth from decaying easily
(4) children from brushing with toothpaste ( )

30. Which of the following statements is true?

(1) Fluoride causes cavities.
(2) People today brush their teeth with nuts, salt and lemon juice.
(3) Visiting the dentist once every six months helps detect decay early.
(4) Brushing our teeth twice a week will keep our teeth strong and healthy. ( )

31. _____ cannot help to keep our teeth strong and healthy.

(1) Flossing our teeth
(2) Wearing dentures
(3) Brushing our teeth thrice a day
(4) Brushing our teeth in a 'Up-Down' motion ( )

32. The **'It'** in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

(1) teeth
(2) toothbrush
(3) dental floss
(4) food particles ( )

33. The word **'extracted'** in paragraph 4 means _____.

(1) cleaned
(2) removed
(3) obtained
(4) implanted ( )

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

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 34 to 38.

Passing by a playground always makes me think of my grandfather. He sailed from India to Singapore all by himself when he was a young man. Being poor, he had to work very hard to raise his family.

Grandpa has always been thrifty. However, he would spend generously on his loved ones. Although small in size, Grandpa is as fit as a fiddle at the age of seventy. Apart from cleaning and washing, he cooks three meals for the family every day. He also jogs regularly to keep fit.

He always puts the well-being of his family first. When my brother and I were children, he took care of us while our parents went out to work. He was a good cook and we would rush home from school to taste the delicious dishes he had prepared. Despite being very busy, he would still make time to take us out. The playground was one place he would often take us to.

Grandpa is such a superb cook that he has been invited to teach cooking at the nearby community centre. When he has the time, he would conduct lessons on making local pastries and desserts. He enjoys teaching and is well-liked by his students.

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Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

34. Why did the writer's grandfather have to work very hard to raise his family when he was a young man?

_____

_____

35. Which sentence tells us that the writer's grandfather cares for his family more than himself?

_____

_____

36. Why does the playground remind the writer about her grandfather?

_____

_____

37. How does the writer's grandfather spend his free time now?

_____

_____

38. Which 5-word ~~phase~~ phrase in the passage has the same meaning as "healthy"?

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ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12
2	2	4	2	4	1	1	1	3	3	3	2

Q13) M
Q14) L
Q15) K
Q16) J
Q17) D
Q18) G
Q19) C
Q20) A
Q21) A
Q22) G
Q23) D
Q24) F
Q25) C
Q26) E
Q27) G
Q28) D
Q29) 3
Q30) 3
Q31) 2
Q32) 3
Q33) 2

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Q34) He was poor.
Q35) It is "He always puts the well-being of his family first."
Q36) The playground was a place the writer's grandfather often took her to.
Q37) He conducts lessons on making local pastries and desserts.
Q38) As fit as a fiddle

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