RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

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Section A: Grammar (8 X 1 mark)

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

1. There are only _____ sticks of ice cream left in the freezer so we need to buy more.

   (1) many
   (2) much
   (3) a few
   (4) a little

2. Rina _____ her mother to the market and bought some vegetables.

   (1) follow
   (2) follows
   (3) followed
   (4) following ( )

3. Peter has to finish his homework _____ he is allowed to watch the movie.

   (1) where
   (2) before
   (3) otherwise
   (4) as soon as ( )

4. _____ tells Bobby secrets as he cannot be trusted.

   (1) Nobody
   (2) Anybody
   (3) Someone
   (4) Everyone ( )

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5. "_____ toy is mine!" I yelled across the room at my sister as she was about to throw it into the bin.

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

6. Mina is the _____ of the two girls She hardly talks.

(1) quiet
(2) quietly
(3) quieter
(4) quietest
( )

7. My brother did not attend school _____ he was not feeling well.

(1) so
(2) but
(3) since
(4) so that
( )

8. Mrs Lee used to _____ as a nurse but now she is a housewife.

(1) work
(2) works
(3) worked
(4) working ( )

Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)

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

9. The pupils were shocked when Sheira shouted at the teacher in class today. They had never seen such a/an _____ behaviour before.

(1) sensible
(2) thoughtful
(3) outrageous
(4) understanding ( )

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10. The _____ was filled with spectators watching the soccer game.

(1) theatre
(2) cinema
(3) stadium
(4) museum ( )

11. The scientist went into the jungle and _____ a new species of frog fighting with a snake.

(1) dug
(2) stepped
(3) stumbled
(4) discovered ( )

12. Ms Lee is _____ as a caring and nurturing teacher by her pupils that they nominated her for the Caring Teacher Awards.

(1) found
(2) called
(3) looked
(4) regarded ( )

13. Please handle the thin glass with care. It is very _____ as it breaks easily.

(1) damp
(2) delicate
(3) attractive
(4) expensive ( )

14. The family was fortunate to _____ the accident and was treated in the hospital for minor injuries only.

(1) crash
(2) suffer
(3) involve
(4) survive ( )

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Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Read the story 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) earlier	(B) expensive	(C) finish	(D) hated
(E) keep	(F) liked	(G) money	(H) patted
(J) present	(K) simple	(L) sleeping	(M) wandering

Selena always woke up before the first light peeked out from the sky. She would hurry to (15) _____ the first chores before her sisters woke up and piled her with even more.

This morning, Selena woke up (16) _____ than usual as it was her father's birthday. He had always (17) _____ cats. She would give him the kitten she had found (18) _____ into the house. It was cute and playful. They were poor and had not much (19) _____ for a celebration. Thus, she would prepare a (20) _____ dinner for him. She looked at the kitten and (21) _____ its head with her hand.

"Kitty, I will (22) _____ you to Father as a surprise for his birthday," said Selena.

Selena smiled. She knew her father would love it!

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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 F) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) and	(B) as	(C) but
(D) or	(E) so	(F) until

I usually go for a picnic with my friends. Since school has started, we have hardly any time. However, we are planning to go on two days, this Saturday (23) _____ the next. We have made up our mind to go rain (24) _____ shine. We would have gone last weekend (25) _____ it was raining. We had to stay at home (26) _____ there were lightning and thunder.

Cloze Passage 2

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) cycle	(B) cycled	(C) cycling
(D) has cycled	(E) is cycling	(F) was cycling

Gina is getting ready to go to the park. She goes to the park to (27) _____ every evening. She thinks that (28) _____ is a good form of exercise.

Last weekend, while Gina (29) _____, she noticed something shiny under a tree. She stopped to take a look. She was very surprised to find a watch. She quickly picked it up and (30) _____ to the nearest neighbourhood police post.

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Robin was stranded on an island one evening. He saw a stream and managed to catch a fish which he cooked and ate. He then decided to spend the night in the trees as he was afraid that there might be wild animals. Making himself as comfortable as he could in a tree, he fell asleep.

The next morning, Robin woke up very early. He climbed down from the tree and looked around him. The island was **deserted** except for some seagulls calling in the distance. As Robin was frightened, he said a prayer.

Suddenly, the chattering of a monkey on a tree startled Robin. He looked up and saw the tree was full of a strange-looking type of fruit. The monkey was eating the fruit. Without hesitation, Robin climbed up the tree and plucked the sweet and juicy fruit to eat.

After breakfast, Robin set out to explore the island. By noon, he reached the western part of the island. **What** he saw made his heart leap with happiness. Far out on a sand bank lay his wrecked ship. If he could reach it, he could get all the supplies he needed. He thought of making a raft. He quickly set off to look for some branches.

Adapted from Robinson Crusoe

31. Robin was stranded on a / an _____.

(1) raft
(2) tree
(3) ship
(4) island

( )

32. Which word has the same meaning as '**deserted**' in paragraph 2?

(1) faraway
(2) occupied
(3) scorching
(4) unoccupied

( )

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33. Robin had _____ for his breakfast.

(1) fish
(2) wild fruit
(3) wild animals
(4) food supplies from the ship ( )

34. When Robin saw the wrecked ship, he was _____.

(1) furious
(2) excited
(3) frustrated
(4) disappointed ( )

35. The word **"What"** in paragraph 4 refers to the _____.

(1) raft
(2) island
(3) sand bank
(4) wrecked ship ( )

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Section F: Comprehension (Open-ended) (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions that follow.

"Let's go home now, Koko," the old woman, Lisbeth, called out to her pet. It was a finger monkey, the tiniest breed of monkey in the world, whose life she had saved when it was a baby. Lisbeth was walking in the forest when she came upon it lying injured beside its dead mother.

Lisbeth brought Koko home, fed it and nursed it back to health. When it had grown a little bigger, she tried to return it to its natural home in the forest but the moment she put it down, the monkey ran desperately after her. She picked it up and it sat on her shoulder for the rest of the journey home, shaking like a leaf. She took care of it and named it Koko.

"It's getting dark," Lisbeth said again. Koko, in fact, had never left her shoulder since they left the house to search for mushrooms in the forest.

A sound of a twig breaking behind Lisbeth made her jerk around. A young man was looking menacingly at her. "Give me the necklace you're wearing!" he demanded.

Lisbeth stepped back as the man moved towards her. He tried to snatch the necklace but by that time, Lisbeth had gathered her courage and pushed his hand away. Angered, he punched and kicked Lisbeth repeatedly, snatched the necklace and walked off.

Write your answer for question 36 in a complete sentence.

36. Who was Lisbeth's pet? (2m)

_____

_____

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37. Write 1, 2 or 3 in the boxes below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (2m)

Lisbeth nursed Koko back to health.	
Lisbeth found Koko lying beside its dead mother.	
Lisbeth took Koko out to the forest to search for mushrooms.	

38. Which four-word phrase in the passage in paragraph 2 shows that Koko was frightened on the way home? (2m)

39. Write **True** or **False** in the boxes next to the sentences. (2m)

Lisbeth stepped on the twig and broke it.	
The young man punched Lisbeth when he first tried to snatch her necklace.	

40. Write down the sentence in the last paragraph which shows that Lisbeth was afraid of the young man. (2m)

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3	3	2	1	2	3	3	1	3	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14						
4	4	2	4						

Q15) C

Q16) A

Q17) F

Q18) M

Q19) G

Q20) K

Q21) H

Q22) J

Q23) A

Q24) D

Q25) C

Q26) B

Q27) A

Q28) C

Q29) F

Q30) B

Q31) 4

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Q32) 4

Q33) 2

Q34) 2

Q35) 4

Q36) Lisbeth's pet was Koko, a finger monkey.

Q37) 2, 1, 3

Q38) shaking like a leaf

Q39) False, false

Q40) Lisbeth stepped back as the man moved towards her.

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