RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2014

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Name : _____ **Class: P3**____ **Index No:** _____

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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. My teacher _____ to Mrs Tan when I walked into the general office just now.

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

2. Is Nadia _____ for the concert tonight?

   (1) go
   (2) goes
   (3) gone
   (4) going ( )

3. As the two sisters love _____ , they always exchange gifts between themselves.

   (1) no one
   (2) someone
   (3) everyone
   (4) each other ( )

4. The children are going for enrichment lessons later, _____ they?

   (1) is
   (2) are
   (3) isn't
   (4) aren't ( )

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5. Amy screamed when she saw a large rat on the floor running _____ her.

(1) on
(2) over
(3) through
(4) towards

( )

6. My sister and her husband left for Korea one week ago and _____ finally called home last night.

(1) us
(2) we
(3) they
(4) them

( )

7. These apples on the table _____ rotten.

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

( )

8. Start doing your homework now _____ you will not be able to hand it in on time.

(1) or
(2) and
(3) until
(4) unless

( )

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 Freda could recall the incident clearly as her memory of it was still _____ in her mind.

(1) big
(2) near
(3) hard
(4) fresh

( )

10. Sue was embarrassed when her wet shoes _____ loudly as she walked in the library.

(1) beeped
(2) shouted
(3) screamed
(4) squeaked

( )

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11. Chocolates are produced in _____, buildings where workers use machines to make them.

(1) factories
(2) laboratories
(3) pharmacies
(4) warehouses ( )

12. Both of our uncles _____ in training dolphins at the zoo. They really know how to teach the dolphins many tricks.

(1) study
(2) attempt
(3) perform
(4) specialise ( )

13. Every holiday, my family will rent a seaside _____. We will stay there for a few days and enjoy family barbecues and other activities.

(1) shop
(2) salon
(3) shelter
(4) bungalow ( )

14. As I could not _____ the expensive watch, I would have to buy the cheaper one.

(1) afford
(2) adopt
(3) admire
(4) absorb ( )

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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) against	(B) born	(C) defeated	(D) determination
(E) developing	(F) ending	(G) exhaled	(H) held
(J) looking	(K) lost	(L) successful	(M) title

Jon was puzzled. (15) _____ by a mere cat?

He took a deep breath, then (16) _____ slowly, his chest falling before rising again. He started (17) _____ plans to keep his stare for a longer time. The gleam in his eyes reflected his (18) _____. Tomorrow, he was going to stage a (19) _____ comeback. He would regain his Blink-master (20) _____.

His mind wandered and he imagined winning the game (21) _____ a fish.

"Jon!" his mother called, (22) _____ his thoughts. "Have you finished your homework?"

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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) at	(B) away	(C) from
(D) inside	(E) onto	(F) over

Jessica looked around sneakily to make sure no one was looking. Then, she tiptoed to a spot under the tree. Thrilled, she took out a small shovel (23) _____ under her long coat. She began to dig, peeping (24) _____ her shoulders every few minutes to see if anyone ~~is~~ was watching. Moments later, something shiny sparkled from (25) _____ the hole she had dug. She pulled the shiny box out and dusted (26) _____ the soil. She ~~has~~ had finally found the family treasure!

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) has swum	(B) is swimming	(C) swam
(D) swim	(E) swimming	(F) swims

Siti is an outstanding swimmer and she loves to (27) _____. She enjoys (28) _____ at the Jurong Swimming Complex. She usually (29) _____ there twice a week.

Last week, Siti participated in the National Swimming Competition. She (30) _____ well and won three gold medals. Everyone was proud of Siti.

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Hate the breakfast your mother forces you to have every morning? Here are the reasons you should start loving it.

Experts claim that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. If you intend to lose weight, having regular breakfast every morning is an effective way to do so. When you start your day with a proper breakfast, it will keep you full until lunch. As a result, you cut down on snacking that causes you to gain weight. Gaining a lot of weight can lead to obesity. This will in turn lead to health problems such as heart diseases and breathing difficulties. When you are not able to breathe properly, you cannot take part in certain activities.

Besides losing weight, breakfast also provides you with the energy to get through the various classes and activities in school. You need energy to solve problem sums. You need it to analyse questions and write a composition. You need it too to move about in school.

In short, you can never do without a good breakfast. Hence, start eating your breakfast **regularly** and start loving it.

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31. According to the passage, being full from eating breakfast will _____.

(1) lead to heart diseases
(2) cause you to gain weight
(3) cause breathing difficulties
(4) help you cut down on snacks ( )

32. The word '**it**' in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

(1) snacking all day
(2) starting your day
(3) having breakfast
(4) wanting to lose weight ( )

33. Which of the following is **not** mentioned in the passage as a use of energy?

(1) Analysing questions
(2) Focusing on lessons
(3) Writing a composition
(4) Playing pranks on friends ( )

34. The word "**regularly**" in paragraph 4 means _____.

(1) seasonally
(2) consistently
(3) continuously
(4) occasionally ( )

35. The most suitable title for the passage is "_____".

(1) Activities in School
(2) How to Gain Weight
(3) Eating a Balance Meal
(4) The Importance of Breakfast ( )

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

Read the passage carefully and answer questions that follow.

One Saturday, Jason wanted to go rollerblading in the park but was put off by the thunderstorm. Instead, he stayed at home to watch his favourite television show, 'America's Funniest Animals'.

As he was enjoying the show, he heard a cat meow. At first, he thought it came from the television. However, the meowing did not stop after a long time. He then realised that it came from the window. He walked towards it and saw a cat sitting on the window ledge. It was drenched. As the cat looked weak too, he decided to carry it into the house. He dried it with a towel and gave it some food.

Thinking that the cat might belong to one of his neighbours, Jason brought it to their house the following day but unfortunately, it did not belong to anyone. Keeping the cat was out. His sisters would not put up with it. As he was thinking of what to do, the doorbell rang. It was his friend, Max, who had come to return a book. Max saw the cat and liked it very much. Jason decided to let Max bring it home.

Although Jason was disappointed that he was not able to keep the cat, he could not be happier that it had found a home.

Write your answer for question 36 in a complete sentence.

36. Why did Jason not go to the park to rollerblade? (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)

Jason brought the cat to his neighbours' house.	
Jason's friend took the cat home.	
Jason heard a cat meowing.	

38. Which word in paragraph 2 tells us that the cat was wet? (2m)

39. In paragraph 3, write down the sentence that tells you that Jason's sisters were not fond of cats. (2m)

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

Max was the cat's new owner.	
Jason was not happy that the lost cat had found a home.	

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Section A

Q1) 3	Q2) 4	Q3) 4	Q4) 4	Q5) 4	Q6) 3	Q7) 2	Q8) 1

Section B

Q9) 4	Q10) 4	Q11) 1	Q12) 4	Q13) 4	Q14) 1

Section C

Q15) C	Q16) G	Q17) E	Q18) D	Q19) L	Q20) M	Q21) A	Q22) F

Section D

Cloze Passage 1

Q23) C	Q24) F	Q25) D	Q26) B

Cloze Passage 2

Q27) D	Q28) E	Q29) F	Q30) C

Section E

Q31) 4	Q32) 3	Q33) 4	Q34) 2	Q35) 4

Section F

37)

Jason brought the cat to his neighbors' house.	2
Jason's friend took the cat home.	3
Jason heard a cat meowing.	1

38) drenched

39) His sisters would not put up with it.

40)

Max was the cat's new owner.	True
Jason was not happy that the lost cat had found a new home.	False

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