RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2015

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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. Lisa and Sally _____ home from school when they found the wallet.

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

2. The man in the red sports car _____ past us as he was being chased by the police.

   (1) sped
   (2) speed
   (3) speeds
   (4) speeding ( )

3. All the pupils can solve this question in the Mathematics examination. It is the _____ question.

   (1) easy
   (2) easily
   (3) easier
   (4) easiest ( )

4. Your favourite subject is English, _____ it?

   (1) is
   (2) isn't
   (3) was
   (4) wasn't ( )

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5. Please finish the food. I have cooked too _____ dishes today.

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

6. It was kind of _____ to help the villagers affected by the flood.

(1) they
(2) their
(3) them
(4) theirs ( )

7. Everyone _____ allowed to participate in the singing competition as long as he or she shows great interest.

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

( )

8. He missed the bus _____ he had run very fast to catch it.

(1) until
(2) since
(3) because
(4) although ( )

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 policemen ran after the thief and when they finally caught him, he _____ away from them.

(1) forced
(2) jabbed
(3) nudged
(4) wrenched ( )

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10. Lisa is always messy when she writes. However, Mr Jim _____ her on her neat handwriting today.

(1) chided
(2) favoured
(3) disapproved
(4) complimented ( )

11. Gregory studies hard every night and is not having enough rest. Nevertheless, he is too _____ to score well in his final examinations to give up now.

(1) weary
(2) sincere
(3) resigned
(4) determined ( )

12. During Science lesson, Raslee is asked to list the differences between a frog and a grasshopper that _____ them from each other.

(1) classify
(2) describe
(3) distinguish
(4) characterise ( )

13. Mary has a lot of storybooks. She likes reading as she can _____ new words and improve her English.

1) desire
2) aspire
3) require
4) acquire ( )

14. When the building collapsed, the _____ was blamed for its faulty design.

1) actress
2) architect
3) astronaut
4) accountant ( )

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Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 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) appear	(B) blaming	(C) fleeing
(D) force	(E) frightened	(F) hilarious
(G) horrible	(H) patting	(J) pleasant
(K) suggested	(L) wits	(M) worse

I had a dream last night. It was a nightmare and simply (15) _____ to say the least. I was scared out of my (16) _____ and woke up in the middle of (17) _____ from a four-eyed monster chasing me. Already very upset by the unpleasant dream, it got (18) _____ when I was unable to return to sleep.

It was no use (19) _____ my brother for the nightmare. There was no denying that it was all my fault. After all, he did not (20) _____ me to watch the horror movie. Rather, for some thrill on a boring night, he merely (21) _____ that we watch it. If I had known the scary monster in the movie would (22) _____ in my dream, I would have watched a comedy instead.

A sudden rustling under my bed momentarily froze me before I bolted out, screaming for my mother.

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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.

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(A) at	(B) below	(C) between
(D) from	(E) into	(F) with

A crocodile is a big reptile. It has a large, long mouth (23) _____ a lot of sharp teeth. A mother crocodile lays her eggs (24) _____ a shallow hole on the river bank and covers them with mud. The mother crocodile has to be (25) _____ the hole when the babies climb out of it. This is because they may be eaten by other animals as they make their way (26) _____ the hole to the river. Therefore, she makes sure she is never far from where her eggs are buried.

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 been telling	(B) tell	(C) tells
(D) telling	(E) told	(F) was telling

Jeff loves stories. When he was young, his mother (27) _____ him many bedtime stories. Since then, Jeff has read a variety of stories. Now, he even (28) _____ these stories to his own children. In particular, he likes (29) _____ them detective stories. He hopes that his children continue to (30) _____ those stories to their children. Jeff is a great story-teller.

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The first rays of dawn touched Okari's face and he opened his eyes to the glare. Cold, aching and hungry, he decided to pluck up the courage and search for food in the forest.

Okari was separated from his family when they went hunting yesterday after dusk. Now, he was lost. As he walked down the hill towards the river, Okari noticed how beautiful the sight was when the edges of a fern leaf caught the gleam of the sun. "Going without dinner the previous night has sharpened my vision," he said to himself.

The soft chirping of a cricket reached him next. It seemed to him he could also hear things better that morning than ever before. His uncle had told him that people could see and hear better when they did not have any food for a time.

As Okari trod on the damp ground, he was **cautioned** by a noise. It sounded like a growling of an animal. He slowed down and finally stopped to listen more closely. He looked around, trying to figure out its source. It did not take him long, for the sound came from his own stomach. It was growling with hunger.

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31. Okari woke up when _____.

(1) he was freezing
(2) he had enough courage
(3) he decided to fill his stomach
(4) the sun began to shine on him ( )

32. According to the passage, Okari parted from his family when _____.

(1) a cricket chirped
(2) they were hunting in the night
(3) he was walking towards the river
(4) he was admiring the beautiful view ( )

33. Okari thought that he could hear better that morning because he _____.

(1) was in the forest
(2) had a good sleep
(3) was separated from his family
(4) had not eaten since lunch the previous day ( )

34. In paragraph 4, Okari tried to figure out _____.

(1) where he was
(2) where the sound came from
(3) why his stomach was growling
(4) why an animal was attacking him ( )

35. Which one of the following words has the same meaning as **'cautioned'** in paragraph 4?

(1) found
(2) alerted
(3) stopped
(4) frightened ( )

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

Read the passage carefully and answer questions that follow.

Once there was an elderly widow, Chen Ma, who lived with her only son in a forest. Her son was a tiger hunter and they got by on profits from the sale of tiger skins, meat and bones.

All was well until Chen Ma's son was separated from his fellow hunters and became food for a hungry tigress. One day, the hunters succeeded in killing the tigress that ate Chen Ma's son and they brought her the tigress' newborn cub. Before that, they had tied a thick rope around its neck. It was an unnecessary act. When she saw it, Chen Ma's heart instantly went out to this helpless creature, whose body was shaking with fright and eyes glistening with tears.

The elderly widow looked at the cub and shuddered. The hunters had told her to kill it for her meat supply. Its skin was also good for boots against the cold floor. However, it would break her heart to kill it. It was so young and helpless. It was just not right.

Chen Ma untied the rope from the little tiger's neck and looked after it from then on. When spring came, it had grown into the size of a calf, showing a full set of teeth and claws. The women who visited Chen Ma told their hunter husbands to kill the frightening young tiger.

When Chen Ma heard about that, she was determined to protect the young tiger at all costs.

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Write your answers for question 36, 37 and 40 in complete sentences.

36. What did Chen Ma's son do for a living? (2m)

_____

_____

37. Why was it not necessary to tie a thick rope around the cub's neck? (2m)

_____

_____

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

The hunters gave Chen Ma the tigress' newborn cub.	
The little tiger grew in size and was in danger of being killed by the hunters.	
The hunters tied a thick rope around the tigress' newborn cub.	

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39. In paragraph 3, write down the sentence that tells you the cub could be a source of warmth for Chen Ma's feet. (2m)

40. Why did the women who visited Chen Ma find the young tiger frightening? (2m)

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Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q9	Q 10
4	**1**	**4**	**2**	**2**	**3**	**1**	**4**	**4**	**4**
Q 11	Q 12	Q 13	Q 14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	**3**	**4**	**2**	**G**	**L**	**C**	**M**	**B**	**D**
Q 21	Q 22	Q 23	Q 24	Q 25	Q 26	Q 27	Q 28	Q 29	Q 30
K	**A**	**E**	**E**	**A**	**D**	**E**	**C**	**D**	**B**
Q 31	Q 32	Q 33	Q 34	Q 35					
4	**2**	**4**	**2**	**2**					

Q36. He was a tiger hunter and sold tiger skin's meat and bones.

Q37. The cub was helpless.

Q38. 1 – The hunters tied a thick rope around the tigress' newborn cub.

Q38. 2 – The hunters gave Chen Ma the tigress' newborn cub.

Q38. 3- The litter tiger grew in size and was in danger of being killed by the hunters.

Q39. It's skin was also good boots against the cold floor.

Q40. It had grown into the size of a calf, showing a full set of teeth and claws.

THE END

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