RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2015

Sections A to C	24
Sections D to G	26
Total	**50**
Parent's Signature	

Name : _____ **Class: P4**____**Index No:** _____

12 May 2015 ENGLISH (PART 1) Duration: 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) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Nobody _____ in the school yesterday as it was a public holiday.

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

2. The children, together with Karen, _____ happily in the park now.

(1) plays
(2) played
(3) is playing
(4) are playing

3. Between Sarah and Jane, Sarah is the _____ one.

(1) neat
(2) neatly
(3) neater
(4) neatest

4. It is very late at night _____ there are many people still walking around the streets as it is New Year's Eve.

(1) but
(2) since
(3) unless
(4) because

Downloaded from SingaKids.com

(1) into
(2) along
(3) under
(4) against

6. _____ children here are waiting for their parents to pick them up after their camp.

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

7. While walking along the street, I saw a boy _____ across the road without looking out for oncoming cars.

(1) ran
(2) run
(3) is running
(4) was running

8. Did you _____ the list of names on the bulletin board?

(1) saw
(2) see
(3) seen
(4) seeing

Section B: Vocabulary (6X1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. John _____ that he had stolen Tom's pen after Miss Lee questioned him.

(1) confided
(2) convinced
(3) confessed
(4) consented

10. Although Cindy excels in her studies, she remains _____. She does not boast about her achievements and continues to work hard.

(1) proud
(2) furious
(3) humble
(4) conceited

Downloaded from SingaKids.com

11. The new railroad built across the mountainous area has made the place more _____.

(1) possible
(2) accessible
(3) achievable
(4) impassable

12. The authorities _____ the old building so that a new hotel could be built on that plot of land.

(1) defeated
(2) defended
(3) deposited
(4) demolished

13. The police are still looking for the robbers who had _____ with the bag of diamonds.

(1) made off
(2) made up
(3) made for
(4) made over

14. Mrs Lim read the _____ and followed the instructions to bake a delicious cake for Janice.

(1) recipe
(2) manual
(3) programme
(4) prescription

Downloaded from SingaKids.com

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Once upon a time, deep in a forest, there lived a huge king cobra who was very proud of his power. The king cobra loved eating and had an enormous appetite. At night, he would leave his hole on the forest floor, prowling in a quiet and cunning manner so that he would not frighten away prey with his menacing presence. Many of the animals of the forest would hide among the bushes in fear. He ate and grew so fat that it became difficult for him to get in and out of his hole, so he had to hold his breath and squeeze himself inside. This made life difficult for the king cobra. However, that did not stop him from eating.

One day, the king cobra decided to find a new home. He made up his mind to give up living in a hole and chose a big tree that overlooked the forest. The cobra thought, "Now, I will live without trouble."

However, there was an ant hill at its base that swarmed with activities. The cobra was displeased with the ants and did not want to share his new home with other creatures. Hence, he decided to scare them away. He hissed and spat threateningly, "I'm the king of this forest! **This place** is mine. If you value your lives, move your home somewhere else!"

The other creatures in the forest trembled in fear when they heard his words. However, the ants refused to give up their home without a fight. Thousands of ants spilled out of the ant hill in great fury, attacking the cobra. The cobra yelled in pain and tried to shake off the ants but he was outnumbered. Realising his defeat, he slithered away.

Adapted from Judge Monkey and Other Stories by Dr Tara

Downloaded from SingaKids.com

15. Which word has the same meaning as 'threatening'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

At night, he would leave his hole on the forest floor, prowling in a quiet and cunning (A) manner so that he would not frighten away prey with his menacing (B) presence.

16. Read each statement and tick ✓ **"True"** or **"False".** [3 m]

		True	False
(a)	All the animals in the forest were scared of the cobra.		
(b)	The cobra continued to eat even though he had grown very fat.		
(c)	The cobra did not want the ants to live in the tree because they were eating his food.		

17. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

What does "this place" refer to in paragraph 3? [1m]

- ☐ The bushes
- ☐ The big tree
- ☐ The hole on the forest floor

For questions 18 and 19, write 1, 2 or 3 in the brackets.

18. Based on the passage, which one of the following adjectives best describes the ants? [1m]

(1) fearful
(2) generous
(3) determined ( )

19. Why did the king cobra have to look for a new home? [1m]
(1) His home was destroyed.
(2) He had outgrown his home.
(3) He had eaten all the creatures he could find in the area. ( )

20. From paragraph 3, state two actions the cobra used to frighten the ants away.

_____ [1m]

_____ [1m]

Downloaded from SingaKids.com

in the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes provided. [1m]

The cobra threatened the ants.	
The cobra was defeated by the ants.	
The cobra looked for a new home.	

Downloaded from SingaKids.com

RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2015

Sections D to G	26
Parent's Signature	

Name : _____ Class: P4___Index No: _____

12 May 2015 ENGLISH (PART 2) Duration: 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 M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) ajar	(B) entrance	(C) flight
(D) glanced	(E) glared	(F) noisily
(G) silence	(H) sight	(J) sound
(K) stealthily	(L) towered	(M) vehicles

John and Tom stared at the castle, no one speaking a word. The huge building (22) _____ over them, promising a day of adventure and excitement.

Finally, John broke the (23) _____ and said, "Let's do it."

Tom nodded, his heart racing. He followed John to their bicycles and pedalled quietly towards the castle.

They were soon at the (24) _____ of the castle. To check if anyone was nearby, Tom (25) _____ around. Thankfully, no one was in (26) _____.

The boys tiptoed (27) _____ to the forbidding doors, careful not to make any sound. To their surprise, the doors were (28)_____. Carefully, John peeked through the gap but it was too dark. With trembling hands, he pushed the ancient doors open. Sunlight filtered in and cast a ray of light on a magnificent statue that stood at a (29) _____ of stairs at the corner of the living room. With Tom behind him, John led the way and took a hesitant step into the room.

Downloaded from SingaKids.com

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) along	(B) at	(C) among
(D) between	(E) over	(F) under

Please follow the directions carefully.

Turn left at the junction between Smith Street and Terry Street. Walk (30) _____ Terry Street until you see a bridge. Climb up the bridge, look (31)_____ to your left and you will see a scenic view of the harbour. Take a picture of the harbour. Make sure you capture the view of the lighthouse. After crossing the bridge, you will see a ladder in front of a shop called "Hands At Work". Be sure not to walk (32) _____ the ladder as it is dangerous. Walk for another two blocks and your destination will be (33) _____ your right. Look out for a shop called 'Wishes'.

Downloaded from SingaKids.com

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

I made my way to the kitchen. My mother asked, "Jean, have you (34) [took / taken] your lunch?" I shook my head as I put my heavy backpack on the floor. It (35) [has / had] been a tiring day at school. The Mathematics sums that Mrs Tan wrote on the board (36) [was / were] mind-boggling. I tried but I (37) [cannot / could not] solve them. Letting out a deep sigh, I trudged towards the dining table.

Downloaded from SingaKids.com

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Lawrence Anthony, a conservationist who helped protect the white rhinoceroses, also saved the crocodiles and other endangered species. However, he was best known as the "Elephant Whisperer". In the mid-1990s, his passion for protecting the animals prompted him to buy a nature reserve in South Africa.

One day, he was offered nine elephants and was told that if he did not take in this troublesome herd into his reserve, they would be killed. Sympathy for the elephants made him take in the animals.

One of the females, Nara, and her baby were injured before they were taken to the reserve. When they arrived at the reserve, the staff took some time to calm them down.

Nara was the leader of the herd and was known to be an expert at making escapes. She had worked out a plan on how to break through the fences once she was taken to the reserve. That night they arrived, Nara and another adult elephant worked together to fell a tree which pushed down the fence. They then headed for their freedom but it was short-lived. Lawrence and his staff managed to find them and bring the herd back to the reserve. The next night, Lawrence found the nine elephants facing the fence, ready to break it down again.

Having no other choice, Lawrence stood bravely in front of Nara and said as calmly as possible, "Don't do it, Nara. This is your home now. You are safe here." Suddenly, Nara seemed to understand that. She turned around and went back into the bushes, her herd lumbering behind.

Adapted from http://cybershelley.hubpages.com/hub/THE-ELEPHANT-WHISPERER-The-Incredible-True-Story-of-Wild-Elephants

Downloaded from SingaKids.com

Answer these questions in complete sentences.

38. What made Lawrence Anthony buy the reserve in South Africa? [1m]

_____

_____

39. Why did Lawrence decide to accept Nara and the herd of elephants even though they created problems? [2m]

_____

_____

40. Which sentence in paragraph 4 shows that the elephants were trying to make another escape? [2m]

41. For question ~~20~~, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.
The word "it" in paragraph 4 refers to _____. [1m]

(1) Nara
(2) The herd
(3) Lawrence's freedom
(4) The elephants' freedom ( )

Downloaded from SingaKids.com

answer based on information from the passage. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	True	False	Reason
Example	Lawrence protected not only elephants but also other animals.	√		Lawrence protected rhinoceros, crocodiles and other endangered animals.
42.	All the elephants were hurt before they reached the reserve.			
43.	Nara carried out the escape plan all by herself.			

44. How can we tell that the elephants respected Nara? [2m]

_____

_____

~~~~~~~~~~~~~ End of Paper ~~~~~~~~~~~~~

Setters: Mdm Jane Woon & Ms Pek Xueyan

Downloaded from SingaKids.com
~~~~~~~~~~~~~

Primary School Test Paper Singapore
Save Your Money, Save Your Time, No More Worries
Powered by www.testpaper.biz


LEVEL : PRIMARY 4
SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : SA1

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

Q15. B
Q16a. TRUE Q16b. TRUE Q16c. FALSE
Q17. The big tree
Q18. determined
Q19. He had outgrown his home
Q20i) The cobra hissed. Q20ii) The cobra spat
Q21. 1➔ The cobra looked for a new home.
Q21. 2➔ The cobra threatened the ants
Q21. 3 ➔ The cobra was defeated by the ants.

Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31
L	**G**	**B**	**D**	**H**	**K**	**A**	**C**	**A**	**E**
Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37				
F	**B**	**taken**	**had**	**were**	could not				

Q38. His passion for protecting animals made him buy the reserve.

Q39. If Lawrence did not accept the elephants, they would be killed and sympathy for the elephants made him takes them in.

Q40. The next night, Lawrence found the nine elephants facing the fence, ready to break it down again.

Q41. Nara

Q42. FALSE – Only Nara and her baby were injured before they reached the reserve.

Q43. FALSE – They followed Nara and retreated into the bushes.

Q44. Nara was the leader of the herd, and wherever she went, her herd was lumbering behind.

Get PSJ Private Tutor to Guide you through Exams Now!
Contact www.privatetutor.com.sg
Downloaded from SingaKids.com