RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)
2015

Sections A to C	24
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Total	**50**
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Section A: Grammar (8 X 1 mark)

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

1. The sisters followed the recipe and baked a cake _____.

   (1) myself
   (2) herself
   (3) ourselves
   (4) themselves

2. The fisherman _____ elated when he caught a big fish.

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

3. "Stop screaming. Your brother _____ for his test at the moment," Mother told Jill.

   (1) revise
   (2) revises
   (3) is revising
   (4) has revised

4. Last Friday, Sue _____ for her school bus after buying food from the canteen.

   (1) wait
   (2) waited
   (3) has waited
   (4) was waiting

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5. As the pupils _____ the museum, they heard a commotion.

(1) enter
(2) will enter
(3) have entered
(4) were entering

6. _____ toddlers playing over there have the most toys in the nursery.

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

7. Grandma goes to the community centre every day as she has _____ friends there.

(1) little
(2) many
(3) much
(4) none

8. The coffee is not sweet enough. It has too _____ sugar in it.

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

Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)

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

9. Lisa was greatly _____ to write a novel after hearing a talk by a famous children's author.

(1) angered
(2) inspired
(3) involved
(4) disappointed

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10. The _____ lined up at the starting line just before the race began.

(1) athletes
(2) referees
(3) witnesses
(4) spectators

11. My uncle can _____ delicious meals from the most random ingredients in the kitchen.

(1) perform
(2) prepare
(3) compose
(4) construct

12. The expensive watch cost Gordon a / an _____. He has to save for a month to buy it.

(1) dead duck
(2) piece of cake
(3) arm and leg
(4) dog with two tails

13. Joyce realised that she was lost when the surroundings looked _____ to her.

(1) unseen
(2) unfamiliar
(3) unpopular
(4) uninteresting

14. A honey bee _____ consists of three kinds of adult bees: workers, drones and a queen.

(1) army
(2) herd
(3) flock
(4) colony

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Section C: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 15 - 23.

Patti and her family hurried along the boardwalk and into the water of the lower pool. After a long soak, they headed for the more secluded upper pool farther into the bush. Her son, Chris, got bored and wanted to talk to his friends. He walked to the lower pool where he had made some new friends earlier on. Climbing a flight of steps through the bush, Patti and Kenneth followed him. As they reached the turnoff leading to the Hanging Garden, Kenneth said, "Let's go and see the garden instead, Mom."

Soon, they came to a viewing platform in the Hanging Garden. Intent on identifying the exotic plants, Patti and Kenneth paid no attention to a rustling in the bushes beside them.

Then something behind them moved. Turning around, they faced an animal taller than they were, staring at Patti. Remembering what he had heard about bears at school, Kenneth said calmly, "Mom, don't make any sudden movements or sound." Patti tried to move away quickly when the bear charged straight at her. Kenneth watched in horror as the bear attacked his mother. The 13-year-old charged at the creature and kicked it in the face. Passers-by, who had heard the screams, hurled branches at the bear. It hesitated and scampered over a hillock.

"It's gone!" shouted Kenneth.

Source: Adapted from Reader's Digest Magazine June 2012 by Derek Burnett

For questions 15 – 16, tick (√) your chosen answer. **[2]**

15. Patti was attacked by the bear at the _____.

	lower pool
	upper pool
	Hanging Garden

16. _____ threw branches at the bear to frighten it away.

	Patti
	Kenneth
	The passers-by

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17. Which word has the same meaning as "rushed"? Circle either (A) or (B). [1]

The 13-year-old charged (A) at the creature and kicked (B) it in the face.

For questions 18 to 19, decide who did the following activities.
Tick (✓) your chosen answer. Refer to paragraph 1 to help you.
The first example has been done for you. [2]

Activities		Chris	Kenneth
Example	He kicked the bear.		✓
18.	He got bored and wanted to look for his friends.		
19.	He suggested taking a look at the Hanging Garden.		

For questions 20 to 21, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'.
Refer to paragraph 3 to help you.
The first example has been done for you. [2]

statements		True	False
Example	Patti had two sons.	✓	
20.	The bear was taller than Patti.		
21.	The passers-by tried to escape from the bear.		

22. What two things did Kenneth advise his mother **not** to do when they came face to face with the bear?

She should not make any:

(i) _____ [1]

(ii) _____ [1]

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23. Read the following events carefully.
Put them in the right sequence according to the flow in the story.
Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes provided. [1]

	Patti swam at the pool.
	Patti encountered a bear.
	Patti walked to the Hanging Garden.

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X1 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) chided	(B) crying	(C) difficult
(D) easy	(E) grappled	(F) held
(G) imitating	(H) irritated	(J) served
(K) together	(L) unapologetic	(M) remorseful

A frail old man lived with his son, his daughter-in-law and his four-year-old grandson. The family would have their meals (24) _____ every night. However, the elderly man's shaking hands and poor vision made eating rather (25) _____. When he (26) _____ a glass bowl, it would slip off his fingers and shatter into pieces.

Soon, the son and daughter-in-law became (27) _____ with the mess and decided to set a small table at the corner of the room. There, the old man ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed their dinner at the dining table. Since he had broken a dish or two, his food was (28) _____ in wooden bowls. When he dropped a fork or spilled food, the couple (29) _____ him. The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening, the little boy brought a wooden bowl to his parents and said, "This is for you to use when you are as old as Grandfather." He was (30) _____ what he had observed at home.

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The words struck the couple and they were (31) _____ for their past actions. Tears started to stream down their cheeks. That evening, the old man's son took his hand and gently led him back to the dining table.

Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (4 X 1 mark)

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) her	(B) I	(C) it
(D) me	(E) she	(F) them

No one likes to be accused. When Jill said that I had stolen (32)_____ purse, I was very angry. Jill did not know that Minah and (33)_____ had spent the afternoon looking for it. Our teacher, Mrs Kaur, came to help us. I was glad that (34)_____ did not scold me.

Finally, we found Jill's purse. She had misplaced (35)_____

Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4 X 1 mark)

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

Peter is an artist. He (36) [love / loves] to paint. To encourage Peter's love for painting, his parents often (37) [buy / buys] him paints of different colours so that he can paint the pictures he (38) [has / have] drawn more realistically. To date, there (39) [is / are] more than ten art pieces in Peter's room.

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Section G: Open-ended Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 - 45.
Write your answer in complete sentences.

The 28th Southeast Asian Games (also known as the SEA Games) closed in a spectacular fashion at Singapore's new Sports Hub on 16 June 2015, bringing down the curtain on nearly two weeks of continuous sporting action at the region's biggest multi-sports event.

Tan Chuan-Jin, the president of the SEA Games Federation, delivered an emotional closing speech in which he described the last two weeks as "extraordinary". After the speech, Singapore President, Dr. Tony Tan, officially declared the SEA Games over.

"This SEA Games will be a memorable one for years to come," Tan Chuan-Jin said. "It has been made possible by all the countries from our region." He also spoke about the spirit of friendship amongst the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries.

He thanked the thousands of volunteers who had made the games such a great success and cited two athletes for special attention: the 11-year-old Myanmar swimmer, Oo Shun Lei Maw, who persevered despite being unable to keep up with her older opponents, and the Singaporean marathon runner, Ashley Liew, who slowed down for his fellow competitors who had taken the wrong route.

"These are the people and events that made the SEA Games," he said. "This is the spirit of ASEAN and we have witnessed it at the SEA Games."

In keeping with the tradition, the SEA Games cauldron was then extinguished. The SEA Games flag was lowered and handed over to Malaysia, which will host the next SEA Games in 2017.

Source: Adapted from https://www.seagames2015.com/news/news-articles/2015/6/28th-sea-games-closes-in-singapore

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For questions 40 – 41, write your answer in the box provided.

40. Where was the closing ceremony of the 28th SEA Games held? [1]

41. On which date did the Singapore President declare the SEA Games over? [1]

42. From **paragraph 1**, write down the word(s) which has / have the same meaning as each of the words below. [2]

(a)	breathtaking	
(b)	non-stop	

43. From **paragraph 4**, identify two athletes whom Tan Chuan-Jin spoke about in his closing speech.

What did each of them do to catch his attention?
Complete the table below. [2]

	Name of athlete	What he/ she did
(a)		
(b)		

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44. Based on the story, put a tick (✓) in the box to show if the statement is **true** or **false**, then given one reason why you think so. [2]

Statement		True	False	Reason
Example	The SEA Games cauldron was lit at the closing ceremony.		✓	The SEA Games cauldron was extinguished at the closing ceremony.
(a)	Tan Chuan-Jin officially declared the SEA Games over.			
(b)	Malaysia will host the next SEA Games.			

45. From **paragraph 4**, which two qualities were shown by the athletes in the SEA Games? [2]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

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Q 11	Q 12	Q 13	Q 14						
2	3	2	4						

Q15. Hanging Garden Q16. The passers-by

Q17. A Q18. Chris Q19. Kenneth

Q20. TRUE Q21. TRUE

Q22i)Sudden movements Q22ii) Sound

Q23 (1) – Patti swam at the pool.

Q23 (2) – Patti walked to the Hanging Garden

Q23 (3) – Patti encountered a bear.

Q24. K Q25. C Q26. F Q27. H Q28. J Q29. A Q30. G Q31. M

Q32. A Q33. B Q34.E Q35. C

Q36 loves Q37 buy Q38 has Q39 are

Q40. Singapore's new Sports Hub.

Q41. 16 June 2015

Q42a. Spectacular Q42b. continuous

Q43a. Oo Shun Lei Maw – Even though she was only 11 years old, she preserved despite being unable to keep up with her older opponents.

Q43b. Ashley Liew – He showed down for his competitors who had taken the wrong route.

Q44a. FALSE – Dr Tony Tan officially declared the SEA Games over.

Q44b. TRUE – Malaysia will host the next SEA Games in 2017.

Q45(i) Perseverance Q45(ii) Helpfulness

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