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# RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 2 )

## 2016

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Name: _____ ( ) Class: P5 _____

24 Oct 2016 English Language Paper 2 1 h 50min

## BOOKLET A

**Instructions to Pupils**

1. Write your Name, Class and Index No. in the spaces provided above.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided for questions 1 to 28 only.



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**Section A: Grammar (10 X 1 mark)**

**For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

1. The girl with the bright red shoes _____ standing at the door now.

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

2. Our coach praised my teammates and _____ for all the hard work put in.

   (1) I
   (2) me
   (3) mine
   (4) myself

3. Either the cubs or the lioness _____been hiding behind the bush till now.

   (1) has
   (2) had
   (3) have
   (4) having

4. She seldom cycles to school, _____ she?

   (1) do
   (2) does
   (3) don't
   (4) doesn't

5. From the top of the skyscraper, the cars _____us looked like insects.

   (1) upon
   (2) below
   (3) above
   (4) outside

6. Her willingness to speak up for me this morning made me _____ how much she cared for me.

   (1) realise
   (2) realised
   (3) realises
   (4) realising



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7. _____ of the prefects has been given a school tie.

(1) All
(2) Any
(3) Each
(4) Some

8 _____ they gave him a perfectly rational explanation, he was not convinced.

(1) Since
(2) Despite
(3) However
(4) Although

9. He has _____ unique point of view on the subject and talked about it for _____ hour.

(1) a...a
(2) a...an
(3) an...a
(4) an...an

10. Many adults worry about the destructive effect that violent films _____ have on children.

(1) may
(2) need
(3) ought
(4) should



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**Section B: Vocabulary (5 X 1 mark)**

**For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

11. After failing repeatedly at his high jump attempts, the athlete finally gave up and _____ defeat.

(1) yielded
(2) conceded
(3) relinquished
(4) surrendered

12. James is the most _____ person in class as he gets along well with everyone.

(1) naive
(2) amiable
(3) resourceful
(4) contentious

13. The latest blockbuster movie starring Emma Watson will be _____ in cinemas islandwide.

(1) screened
(2) produced
(3) transmitted
(4) broadcasted

14. The traffic policeman signalled for the taxi driver to _____ so that he could inspect the boot of the vehicle.

(1) run into
(2) pull over
(3) stand off
(4) back down

15. David had to _____ the deposit paid because he cancelled the trip at the last minute.

(1) forfeit
(2) cease
(3) abandon
(4) renounce



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**Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)**

**For each question from 16-20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

Leo De Watts struck upon the idea of selling bottled, British countryside air to Chinese consumers. The idea came to this entrepreneur when he saw a news footage (16) of pollution and smog in Chinese cities. De Watt has since started a thriving (17) business from selling his novel product of clean bottled air to China.

De Watt debuted (18) his company last year in the somewhat imaginatively named industry of "air farming". His team "harvests" air in bottles from various locations across Britain and ships it to China. Even though the air is cheap to collect, De Watts puts a hefty (19) price on his products. Chinese lovers of British air have to pay around $115 for a 580ml bottle.

He said his Chinese customers can be quite fastidious (20) about exactly what kind of air they buy. He explained in a promotional video, "Quite often a lot of our orders are bespoke. We have clients who request very particular circumstances for their air. Sometimes we'll be at the top of the mountain, and other times at the bottom of a valley."

*Retrieved from:* http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com
Adapted from "Man sells British countryside air to China" by Sean Banville

16. (1) clip
(2) cast
(3) subtitle
(4) summary

17. (1) waning
(2) popular
(3) rampant
(4) successful



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18. (1) nurtured
(2) launched
(3) developed
(4) commenced

19. (1) steep
(2) liberal
(3) modest
(4) bountiful

20. (1) fussy
(2) fearful
(3) frivolous
(4) flustered



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**Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1 mark)**

**Study this leaflet carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.**

**For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

# WRITERS' ACADEMY WRITING COMPETITION 2016



Writers' Academy has been shining a spotlight on up and coming young writers from 10 to 12 years old through its Biennial Writing Competition for more than 10 years.

Unlike the traditional pen-and-paper writing competition held in previous years, Writers' Academy Writing Competition 2016 took a very unique format of getting young children to author and publish their stories into e-books. Participants had to use multimedia resources to present the story in an engaging and interactive way. Shortlisted entries were published on our website so that they could be read and voted for.



This year's writing competition met with a record response. It was the first time more than 500 entries were submitted! We are very pleased to announce the results of the Writers' Academy Writing Competition 2016. Congratulations to all the prize winners!

## JUDGING

It took nine judges from Authors' Club almost three months to decide on the winners. They were looking for writers who capture the readers' attention, whose ideas or perspectives are unique as well as those with precise and evocative word choice.

## WINNERS

| AWARD | NAME | Age | Title |
|---|---|---|---|
| GOLD | Namita Kaur | 11 | Miss Mystery |
| SILVER | Gavin Lee | 12 | It's My Life |
| BRONZE | Farisha Ishak | 10 | Diary of Steffi |
| *MOST POPULAR | Aiko Yuri | 12 | What No One Sees |
| **HONOURABLE MENTIONS | Jaden Jasper | 10 | Mr Popular |
| | Ang Yu Tong | 12 | The Missing Pen |
| | Kelly Clarkson | 12 | Diary of a Teenager |

* Most Popular Book has the most number of Facebook Likes during the voting period.
** Honourable Mentions are those who achieved scores closest to the top 3.



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**GOLD Winner : Namita Kaur, 12 years old**




The judges unanimously agree that Namita has written one of the funniest crime novels they have ever read. They find it hard to find fault with a book so well-written and engaging. Definitely a briskly paced page-turner from the start to finish!




**SILVER Winner: Gavin Lee, 12 years old**

Indeed the pen is mightier than the sword. Gavin writes powerfully from the point of view of an anxious and ambitious teenager trying to cope with the intersection between his view of himself and his mother's view of him. His vocabulary and phrasing successfully reflect the tensions in his world.

**BRONZE Winner : Farisha Ishak, 10 years old**




Farisha has successfully chronicled the adventures of Steffi, a wise-cracking primary school student. There are laughs on every page and the pictures only add to the humour. The journal format makes it an easy read for children of all ages.

PRIZES

| | |
|---|---|
| **Gold** | • $150 Cash Voucher<br>• Certificate of Award |
| **Silver** | • $100 Cash Voucher<br>• Certificate of Award |
| **Bronze** | • $50 Cash Voucher<br>• Certificate of Award |
| **Most Popular** | • $50 Cash Voucher<br>• Certificate of Award |
| **Honourable Mentions** | • Certificate of Award |

All prizes are sponsored by :

Books for Life



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**For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

21. The writing competition is held once every _____.

(1) year
(2) two years
(3) ten years
(4) twelve years

22. The organiser of the writing competition is _____.

(1) Authors' Club
(2) Books for Life
(3) Writers' Academy
(4) Computer for Kids

23. In the second paragraph, why is the first letter of each word of "Writers' Academy Writing Competition" in capital letters?

(1) The words are used as a name.
(2) It is to make the words stand out in the paragraph.
(3) The words appear at the beginning of the paragraph.
(4) It is to emphasise that the competition is very different this year.

24. The word <u>those</u> in the write-up section on "Judging" refers to _____.

(1) judges
(2) writers
(3) readers
(4) Facebook users

25. The story by _____ has the most Facebook Likes.

(1) Aiko Yuri
(2) Namita Kaur
(3) Jaden Jasper
(4) Farisha Ishak



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26. Silver Award winner, Gavin Lee, impressed the judges with his _____.

(1) amusing views
(2) ability to cope with conflicts
(3) appropriate choice of words
(4) ambition to create anxiety in teenagers

27 Which one of the following statements is <u>not</u> true?

(1) The competition is judged by a panel of judges.
(2) Ang Yu Tong will receive only a certificate of award.
(3) This year saw the most number of submitted entries.
(4) Only children more than 10 years old are eligible to participate in the competition.

28. The **main** objective of the Writers' Academy writing competition is to _____.

(1) use multimedia resources
(2) publish the winning entries
(3)I develop an interactive digital book
(4) recognise children with writing talent



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BOOKLET B

Name : _____ Class: P5____ Index No: _____

**SECTION E: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)**

**There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38 in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.**

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (A) are | (D) from | (G) of | (K) or | (N) up |
| (B) and | (E) is | (H) off | (L) nor | (P) was |
| (C) between | (F) in | (J) on | (M) to | (Q) were |

I did not grow up in a household with books. In my home, there was neither time (29)_____energy to read. My process of becoming a reader seemed nothing short (30) _____ miraculous. All it took was getting lost (31) _____ one book for my world to open up and a life to be transformed.

My primary school teacher had always believed in giving her pupils time (32) _____ read for pleasure in school as a strategy that would pay (33) _____ in greater reading improvement. One day, she put a book on my desk. It was a biography of actress Greta Garbo. I picked it up and began to read (34) _____ cover to cover. The words I read captivated me and I was enthralled. I realised that there (35) _____ other women like Greta who had struggled, persevered and transformed their lives. I recognised myself in her.

From then (36) _____ , my teacher had a hard time keeping me supplied with books. She dug (37) _____ all the biographies of women that she could find. Their stories were like road maps that allowed me to see where I could go on with my life.

It has been a long road. I am now a physics professor in a university. Most of my time (38) _____ spent reading scientific literature. Recently, someone gave me Justice Sonia Sotomayor's autobiography. Once again, I am inspired and am envisioning new possibilities for my life.

*Adapted from Imagining Possibilities by JoAnn Trej*



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## Section F: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12 x 1 mark)

**Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.**

Over the years, cross cultural influences, inventions of musical instruments and technological advancements have given birth to an assortment of music. In today's music

(39) _____ (40) _____

katalogue, there is a style to suit every personality, age group and ocasion.

(41) _____

One of the oldest and most respected ganres in the music world is classical music, bringing historical elegance to the modern era. Distinguished by an energetic orchestral colour

(42) _____

that is produces by neat arrangements of string, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments,

(43) _____

classical music has a defined and regular rythmn. The music has a quality of flexibility, it can

(44) _____ (45) _____

be loud and assertive, make our hearts palpitate and yet it has the ability to calm us away.

(46) _____

Research has revealed that the complex and oganised nature of a classical composition with

(47) _____

varying intensity stimulates children's brains, igniting its creative and analytical abilities.



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(48) [ ] (49) [ ]

In addition at enhancing the cognitive skills, the harmony of notes or chords in the

(50) [ ]

melodious versions of classical music has a therapeutic effect. It can counter antxiety and stress. It is no wonder then that a Beethoven or Mozart piece greets you when you step into hospitals, clinics and learning environments.

*Adapted from Music Over Time by Shanas Krishnan*



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**Section G :Comprehension Cloze ( 15 x 1 mark)**
**Fill in each blank with a suitable word.**

As a motoring writer, I had the chance to travel to all corners of the world to test-drive new cars. Few trips _____ (51) as deep an impression on me as a recent trip to New Zealand's South Island.

There were no towering skyscrapers, crowded shopping _____ (52) or rush-hour traffic to speak of. Instead, there were white-capped _____ (53), rolling meadows and long stretches of open roads. There was even a sense _____ (54) roominess and tranquility there.

My journey took fourteen days but it had barely _____ (55) the surface of what the scenic island has to _____ (56).

Starting my journey in Christchurch, I headed south. Passing the historical town of Oamaru and the Scotland-inspired town of Dunedin, I made my _____ (57) towards Te Anau. The roads were winding just like _____ (58) parts of this country and the view of snow-capped mountains in the distance drawing nearer _____ (59) each kilometre was indeed awe-inspiring.



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Te Anau is the launching pad _____ visitors to the national park's fjords (long
(60)
strips of sea between steep hills). Among them, Milford Sound is by _____ the most
(61)
popular among tourists.

However, I decided to take the road less _____ to another spectacular fjord
(62)
known as Doubtful Sound. Locals I spoke to say both _____ offer breathtaking views
(63)
of the Unesco World Heritage area. The hassle of crossing a treacherous mountain pass had made Doubtful Sound a less accessible destination. However, that was just a _____
(64)
inconvenience as compared to a challenging overnight trip on board the MV Fiordland Navigator, a _____ that sails around Doubtful Sound. This voyage on the last lap of my trip was
(65)
a whole new ball game altogether.

*Adapted from the Straits Times article "Southern beauty" by Yao Yuan Nei*



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**Section H: Transformation / Synthesis (5 x 2 marks)**

**For each question from 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as that of the given sentence(s).**

66. Tom did not complete his homework. He went out to play.

_____ without

_____.

67. "Did you leave this bag here yesterday?" Mrs Devi asked me.

Mrs Devi asked me _____

_____

68. None of the boys has told anyone the secret yet.

All of _____

_____

69. I heard that my class had won the cleanest class competition. I jumped for joy.

On _____

_____

70. My brother is very tall. His head almost reaches the ceiling.

_____ so _____

that _____



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**Section I : Comprehension (Open-ended) 20 marks**
**Read this passage carefully and answer the questions 71 to 80.**

Every year during graduation, a beautiful gold and green jacket was awarded to the class valedictorian. Since I had maintained the highest grades for eight years consecutively, I looked forward to owning that jacket. Furthermore, my school uniforms had always been hand-me-downs as my family could barely make ends meet, so this jacket meant a lot to me.

One day. Mr. Schmidt, my History teacher and Mr. Boone. my Math teacher, were having a squabble. I did not mean to eavesdrop, but I was appalled to hear my name.

"I will not fabricate records! I don't care who her father is. Joanne's grades don't even begin to compare to Martha's," Mr. Schmidt said furiously. Mr. Boone replied, Look, Joanne's father is on the School Board so the principal would like us to put in a good word for her." Shaking, not wanting to hear more. I fled in tears.

The next day I was called into the principal's office. He looked uncomfortable and avoided my eyes as he spoke, "Martha, there's been a change in policy regarding the scholarship jacket." He fidgeted with the papers on his desk as he continued, "It has always been free but this year the Board has decided to charge fifteen dollars for the jacket." Staring at him in disbelief, I was shocked at his lame excuse. "If you are unable to pay for the jacket, it will be given to the next nominee." I did not need to ask who that would be. Mustering all my dignity, I answered calmly, "I'll speak to my grandfather. Sir, and let you know tomorrow."

I held back my tears and waited till I was a safe distance away from the principal's office before I broke down and cried. When I got home and saw Grandfather, I asked nervously, "Grandpa, this year the principal said the scholarship jacket is going to cost fifteen dollars, and I have to pay up tomorrow." Then, I waited, desperately hoping Grandfather would agree to give me the money. After a pause, he spoke, "If you have to pay for it, it's not a scholarship jacket, is it? Tell your principal I will not pay for it." He continued, "What does a scholarship jacket mean?" I answered quickly, "It means you've earned it by having the highest grades for eight years." Too late, I finally understood the significance of my words.

The next day, the principal called me into his office for an answer. I answered, "He said to tell you he would not pay the fifteen dollars." I stood up to leave when he stopped me, "Martha—wait! We'll make an exception for you this time." I could hardly believe what I heard.

I rushed home to break the good news to Grandfather who said nothing except to give me a pat on the shoulder and a smile.

*Adapted from the short story "The Scholarship Jacket" by M. Salinas*



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71. According to the passage, how does one qualify to be a class valedictorian? [2m]

_____

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72. Who did Mr Schmidt think was the rightful recipient of the scholarship jacket? [1m]

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73. Who does the **'her'** in line 12 refer to? [1m]

_____

_____

74. Choose a word from paragraphs 2 and 3 in the passage that has a similar meaning to each of the words below. [4m]

| | |
|---|---|
| fake | |
| crossly | |
| taken aback | |
| disagreement | |

75. From paragraph 4, state **two** pieces of evidence that show the principal was "uncomfortable" talking to Martha ? [2m]

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| **Evidence 1** | |
| **Evidence 2** | |



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76. Martha thought that the change in the school policy regarding the scholarship jacket was a lame excuse. What did she think was the real reason for the principal to do so? [2m]

_____

_____

77. Which sentence in paragraph 5 tells you that Martha had just realised why one should not have to pay for an award? [1m]

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78. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is *True or False*, then give one reason why you think so. [4m]

| Statement | True / False | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| Martha could always afford new uniforms. | | |
| Martha cried in the principal's office when he told her about the change in school policy. | | |
| Martha was confident that Grandfather would agree to pay for the scholarship jacket. | | |
| Martha eventually did not have to pay for the scholarship jacket. | | |



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79. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. [1m]

_____ Martha asked Grandfather for the money to pay for the scholarship jacket.

_____ The principal told Martha that the scholarship jacket was no longer free.

_____ Mr Boone reminded Mr Schmidt that Joanne's father was a School Board member.

80. If you were Martha, would you pay for the scholarship jacket? Support your answer with information from the passage. [2m]

_____

_____

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EXAM PAPER 2016 (P5)

SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS'

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q5 | Q6 | Q7 | Q8 | Q9 | Q10 |
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| 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| Q11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 | Q15 | Q16 | Q17 | Q18 | Q19 | Q20 |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Q21 | Q22 | Q23 | Q24 | Q25 | Q26 | Q27 | Q28 | Q29 | Q30 |
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| Q31 | Q32 | Q33 | Q34 | Q35 | Q36 | Q37 | Q38 | | |
| F | M | H | D | Q | J | N | E | | . |

39)catalogue 40)occasion 41)genres 42)produced

43)rhythm 44)making 45)down 46)organized 47)their

48)to 49)and 50)anxiety 51)left 52)malls

53)hills 54)of 55)touched 56)offer 57)way

58)most 59)with 60)for 61)far 62)known

63)will 64)small 65)ship

66)Tom went out to pay without completing his homework.

67)Mrs Devi asked me if I had left that bag there the previous day.

68)All of the boys have not told anyone the secret yet.

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69)On hearing that my class had won the cleanest class competition, I jumped for joy.

70)My brother is so tall that his head almost reachest the ceiling.

71)You must maintain the highest grades for eight years consecutively.

72)Martha

73)It refers to Joanne.

74)fabricate

furiously

appalled

squabble

75)1)He avoided Martha's eyes as the spoke.

2)He was fidgeting with papers on his desk.

76)Martha knew that the real reason for charge fifteen dollars for the jacket was that the principal did not want her to get the scholarship jacket.

77)Too late, finally understood the significance of my words.

78)False / Her school uniforms had always been hand-me-downs as her family could barely make ends meet.

False / She help back her tears until she was a safe distance away from the principal's office before she broke down in tears and cried.

False / She waited desperately hoping her grandfather would agree to give her the money.

True / The principal made an exception for her so Martha did not have to pay for the scholarship jacket.

79)3, 2 ,1

80)Yes. I think Martha should pay for the scholarship jacket because she should not lose the chance of winning the award.

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