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RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2017

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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 sister and _____ managed to solve the problem ourselves.

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

( )

2. All the workers _____ having their break time in the staff now.

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

( )

3. Everyone in Julia's family _____ to eat durians. They have the fruit at least once a week.

(1) love
(2) loves
(3) is loving
(4) was loving

( )

4. Sili always passes her examinations with flying colours, _____ she?

(1) did
(2) does
(3) didn't
(4) doesn't

( )

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5. Mr Lau said that he _____ the movie twice!

(1) watch
(2) watches
(3) had watched
(4) have watched

( )

6. "There isn't_____ food left on the table, John, but it should be enough for you," said Grandmother.

(1) any
(2) many
(3) much
(4) some

( )

7. One of the girls _____ not feeling well last week.

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

( )

8. _____ you have a paid ticket, you cannot enter the concert theatre.

(1) If
(2) Since
(3) While
(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. The injured man screamed from the _____ pain when the paramedics lifted him onto the stretcher.

(1) enriching
(2) exhilarating
(3) excruciating
(4) entertaining

( )

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10. My parents' love for fine art has _____ me to become an artist when I grow up.

(1) aspired
(2) expired
(3) inspired
(4) respired

( )

11. The documentary is showing a _____ of lions hunting for their prey.

(1) hive
(2) nest
(3) litter
(4) pride

( )

12. The _____ reminded the pupils to check their work when they were taking the examination.

(1) creator
(2) spectator
(3) invigilator
(4) conductor

( )

13. I shouted with joy as I was _____ with my good examination results.

(1) elated
(2) annoyed
(3) intrigued
(4) offended

( )

14. The robber was _____ of his crime and sent to the prison.

(1) judged
(2) acquitted
(3) convicted
(4) sentenced

( )

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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) affection	(B) available	(C) burden	(D) chance
(E) console	(F) confront	(G) happened	(H) money
(J) realised	(K) received	(L) task	(M) wealthy

Alyssa was a popular girl at school and got on well with everyone. Unfortunately, with so many friends, she hardly had a (15) _____ to spend time with individual friends.

On Friendship Day, each pupil had to give a present to her best friend. Alyssa enjoyed the (16) _____ of choosing one from amongst all her friends. When all the presents were given out. Alyssa was the only one who had not (17) _____ a present! She felt terrible and spent hours crying. How could no one see her as their best friend? Everyone tried to (18) _____ her for a while. However, they only stayed for a short time before leaving.

This was exactly what Alyssa had done so often to others. She (19) _____ that she had not been a true friend to anyone, but was just a good companion. She could not understand why this had (20) _____.

That night, Alyssa asked her mother where she could find true friends. Her mother answered, "If you really want true friends, you will have to give them real time and (21) _____. In good and bad time , a true friend must always be (22) _____. You cannot buy friends with a smile or a few good words."

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Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Cloze Passage 1

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word(s) from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) can swim	(B) could swim	(C) swam	(D) swim
(E) swims	(F) swimming	(G) swum	

"Let's go play by the river," Nguyen suggested to his friends. Everyone agreed. They headed straight for the Mekong River behind their house. It was there that Nguyen first learnt how to (23)_____ . He had never ever (24)_____ and was afraid to go into the river. When he saw that all his friends were (25) _____, he felt ashamed. He asked his friends to teach him the skills. He then (26) _____ till it was time for dinner.

Cloze Passage 2

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) at	(B) about	(C) during	(D) for
(E) from	(F) into	(G) with	

Dear Aunt Agony,

My name is Sarah and I am nine years old. I have a problem which has been bothering me (27)_____some time now. I am shy and find i difficult to make friends in school. Whenever I try to join in conversations (28)_____ my classmates, I would become tongue-tied and awkward. I am really (29) _____ my wit's end.

Please tell me what to do. I hope to hear (30) _____you soon. I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Brown

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Section E: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

One night, a woman was waiting at an airport, with several hours before her flight. She bought a bag of cookies and found a bench to sit and read her book.

Engrossed in her book, she happened to see the man sitting beside her boldly grabbing a cookie from the bag placed in between them. She tried to ignore him to avoid a commotion. She munched on the cookies as the gutsy cookie thief chomped on. She was getting more irritated as the minutes ticked by.

Every cookie she took, he took one too. When only one was left, she wondered what he would do. With a nervous smile, he broke the last cookie in half. He offered her one half, as he ate the other. She snatched it from him and thought, "This guy is so bold!"

She sighed with relief when her flight was called. She gathered her belongings and boarded the plane. Taking a seat, she reached in her bag to retrieve her book. She gasped in surprise when she saw her bag of cookies in front of her eyes.

"If mine are here," she moaned, "the ones I had been eating were his!" It was too late to apologise, she realised. She was the rude one, the real cookie thief.

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31. What did the woman do before her flight? **(2m)**

i) _____

ii) _____

32. Which word in **paragraph 2** has the same meaning as "preoccupied? **(1m)**

33. Which 3 word phrase in **paragraph 2** tells you that the woman was becoming annoyed? **(1m)**

For questions 34 to 36, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'. **(3m)**

Refer to **paragraph 3** to help you.

The first example has been done for you.

	Statements	True	False
Example	The man took only one cookie.		
34.	Whenever the woman took one cookie, the man took one too until one cookie was left.		
35.	The woman broke the last cookie in half and shared it with the man.		
36.	The woman felt grateful towards the man.		

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For question 37, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

37. Which one of these statements is the most suitable title for the story? (1m)

	A Misunderstanding
	An Apology
	A Brave Act

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

	The man sitting beside her kept eating the cookies.
	The woman realised that her bag of cookies was in her bag.
	A woman was waiting at the airport for her flight.

For question 39, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

39. How did the woman feel when she realised she was the cookie thief instead? (1m)

	embarrassed
	proud
	relieved

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Section F: Open-ended Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Laura Gladstone is a scientist and she works in Antarctica. Scientists in Antarctica need warm clothes. Every day, Laura wears a heavy coat, three pairs of socks and boots. Her clothes weigh 6 kilograms! She has to plan when she goes outside. "I certainly do not want to be out for a long time. It's cold, you know!" she explains. When Laura sleeps at night, she uses three blankets and her coats to cover herself up.

All the food for the scientists has to be flown in by plane. This means that strawberries and fruit are a rare treat. Laura and the other scientists also have fun making food like ice cream. They mix powdered milk and water and put the bowls outside. Their ice cream freezes in just three minutes! Laura has to be careful not to touch the metal spoon to her lips, or else it will stick to her!

Getting to take a shower is a treat too. The scientists have to be careful to save water and fuel. Laura is allowed to take two showers a week and each shower can only be two minutes long!

Even though doing science in Antarctica is hard work, the scientists learn a lot and enjoy themselves.

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For question 40, tick (✓) your chosen answer. **(1m)**

40. Based on **paragraph 1**, Laura uses _____ to keep warm at night.

	socks and boots
	blankets and coats
	a heavy coat

41. Which word in paragraph 2 shows that the strawberries and fruit are hard to come by? **(1m)**

42. Why must Laura plan when she goes outside? **(1m)**

_____

_____

43. What does "it" in paragraph 2 refer to? **(1m)**

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For questions 44 to 46, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'. **(3m)**

Give a reason for your answer. Refer to **paragraph 2** to help you.

The first example has been done for you.

	Statements	True	False	Reason
Example	Scientists in Antarctica need warm clothes			Laura wears a heavy coat, three pairs of socks and boots everyday.
44.	The scientists grow their own food.			
45.	The ice cream takes hours to freeze.			
46.	The scientists only use two ingredients to make ice cream.			

Write your answers for Questions 47 – 48 in a complete sentence.

47. How do you know that the scientists try to save water and fuel? **(1m)**

_____

_____

48. Do you think Laura will want to work in Antarctica for as long as possible? Give a reason for your answer. **(2m)**

_____

_____

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EXAM PAPER 2017 (P3)

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4	3	1	3	D	L	K	E	J	G
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
A	B	D	G	F	C	D	G	A	E

31)i)bought a bag of cookies. ii)found a bench to sit and read her book

32)engrossed

33)getting more irritated 34)True 35)False 36)False

37)A Misunderstanding 38)2, 3 ,1 39)embarrassed

40)blankets and coats 41)rare

42)Laura must plan when she goes outside because it is cold outside.

43)The metal spoon.

44)False / All the food for the scientists has to be flown in by plane.

45)False / The ice cream only takes three minutes to freeze.

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46)True / The scientists only use powdered milk and water to make ice cream.

47)Scientists are allowed to take two showers a week and each shower can only be two minutes long.

48)Yes . Larva enjoys herself there.

Yes, I think Larva will want to work in Antarctica for as long as possible. Even though doing science in Antarctica is hard work, Larva learn a lot and is enjoying herself.

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