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RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

Semestral Assessment 1

2017

Name: _____ ( ) Class: P5 ____

3 May 2017 English Language Duration: 1 h 10 min

Your Score Out of 55 marks	
Parent's Signature	

PAPER 1 (WRITING)

Instructions to Pupils

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2. **Answer all questions.**

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Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

Tickles Party Planner



Birthday package includes:

- Party invitation cards
- 2 hours use of indoor playground
- Gift for birthday child
- Basic party set-up* and party host
- Goodie bags for each child

PARTY PLANNING CHARGES FOR 10 CHILDREN

WEEKDAY: $480
WEEKEND: $580

$30 per additional child

*customised party set-up available at an additional cost

You found this brochure in your letterbox on 7 April 2017.

Hmm, this looks good. I'll engage them to plan Julie's birthday party!

She'll love a princess party theme! I wonder if I can use the playground for another hour.

There will be a total of 14 children at the party.



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Your task

You want to engage Tickles Party Planner for your younger sister's 9th birthday , which falls on a Saturday, 20 July 2017.

Write an email to Miss Joy , the person in charge, to tell her about your requirements.

You are to refer to the information on page 2 for your email.

In your email, include the following:

- the reason for writing to her
- when the event would be held and the total number of children attending the event
- the theme of the party
- request to use the indoor playground for another hour
- request for the total cost of the party

You may re-order the points. You should write in complete sentences.

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Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

Write a composition of at least 150 words about **an experience of trying something new.**

The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition.

- What was the experience?
- What happened during the experience?
- What did you learn from the experience?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.







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RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2017

Name: _____ ( ) Class: P5 ____

3 May 2017 English Language Paper 2 Duration: 1 h 50 min

Your Score Out of 95 marks	
Parent's Signature	

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 children looked _____ excitedly as the magician performed the magic trick on stage.

   (1) in
   (2) on
   (3) back
   (4) upon

2. Tammy looked forward to _____ her aunt after living abroad for ten years.

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

3. Nicole and her sister have been staying with their grandparents _____ the beginning of the school holidays.

   (1) at
   (2) for
   (3) since
   (4) during

4. Fire drills are important so that pupils know what to do in the event _____ an emergency.

   (1) at
   (2) on
   (3) of
   (4) for

5. "Tommy seldom exercises, _____ he? Has he put on some weight?" asked Mr Tan.

   (1) has
   (2) hasn't
   (3) does
   (4) doesn't

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6. Mary, together with her brothers, _____ at the park now.

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

7. The supply of balloons _____ run out by the end of the day at the carnival.

(1) is
(2) are
(3) has
(4) have

8. Do you have _____ luggage for your holiday trip to Europe?

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

9. _____ the bus is late, Mary should be in school by now.

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

10. The teacher made the bully _____ a letter of apology to the victim.

(1) write
(2) wrote
(3) writes
(4) written

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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. The accident was caused by the car _____ on an oily patch on the road.

(1) clashing
(2) plunging
(3) diverting
(4) skidding

12. The truck _____ the damaged car to the garage.

(1) towed
(2) lugged
(3) pushed
(4) wrenched

13. Matthew looks _____ because he has no friends to play with.

(1) wary
(2) glum
(3) arrogant
(4) exhausted

14. On hearing the noise, the thief _____ the door.

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

15. The trainee had slackened in his work and was told to _____ or he would be out of a job.

(1) take the plunge
(2) pull up his socks
(3) gain the upper hand
(4) have second thoughts

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Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

Spring was here. Through a little hole in the wall, the children had crept (16) in and they were sitting on the branches of the trees. In every tree that he could see, there was a little child. The trees were so gratified (17) to have the children back again that they had covered themselves with blossoms and were waving their arms tenderly (18) above the children's heads. The birds were flying about and twittering (19) with delight, and the flowers were looking up through the green grass and laughing. It was a stirring (20) scene, except that in one corner, the farthest corner of the garden, stood a little boy.

Adapted from the Source: 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde

16. (1) dashed
    (2) hopped
    (3) crawled
    (4) assembled

17. (1) grateful
    (2) pleased
    (3) relieved
    (4) surprised

18. (1) kindly
    (2) timidly
    (3) carefully
    (4) intensely

19. (1) playing
    (2) nibbling
    (3) chirping
    (4) screeching

20. (1) calm
    (2) dreamy
    (3) touching
    (4) sensitive

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Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 × 1 mark)

Study the brochure carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

ANNUAL TEOCHEW FESTIVAL 2017

A bigger Teochew Festival to wow visitors!

Teochew Festival 2017 will return this year from 9 to 18 December 2017 at Marina Bay Sands (MBS) Expo and Convention Centre (Level 1 Hall A). This event aims to celebrate the rich culture and heritage of the Teochews in Singapore.

Teochew Festival 2017 will be 1.5 times bigger than its inaugural event in 2015. The festival offers visitors enlightening glimpses into the daily lives of Teochews. The organiser hopes to highlight an important aspect of Singapore's Chinese culture through the festival, and also gather all Teochews in Singapore as one Teochew Family.



Date
Friday, 9 December to Sunday, 18 December 2017

Time
9 December : 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. *(by invitation only)*
9 December : 1 p.m. – 9 p.m. (open to public)
10 December – 18 December : 10.30 a.m. – 9 p.m.

★HIGHLIGHTS OF TEOCHEW FESTIVAL 2017

★Traditional Teochew Crafts

There will be live demonstrations by master craftsmen. Crafts which will be on display include lanterns, exquisite wood carvings and ceramic tea sets.



★Mobile Game App

The festival developed its first mobile game app called "Heng Heng" which is specially created with the aim of entertaining and educating players about Teochew culture. Attractive prizes to be won for correct answers!

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★ Cultural Zone

Teochew Clan Association has specially borrowed artefacts, of how early Teochew migrants corresponded with their families in China from the Museum of Overseas Chinese Remittance, to be displayed at the cultural zone.

★ A Taste of Teochew Cuisines

Foodies will be treated to an array of Teochew cuisines at the festival. Local Teochew eateries will dish out a variety of tantalising Teochew specialties such as crystal dumplings and fried oyster omelette. The food will be served from 10.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

★ Cultural Performances

Blossoms Opera troupe will perform Teochew operas from 15 December to 18 December. The Finger Band from Shantou, China, will perform their renditions of traditional Teochew tunes with a modern twist of hip-hop music at the festival's central stage from 10 December to 13 December.

Tickets on sale now!

Standard Ticket Price: $10
Early Bird Special: $9 (till 30 November)

** Each ticket allows only admission for 1 person, and may be used for single day entry only. A valid ticket is required for children above 7 years old.*

Tickets are available at
- All CakeWalk, Roast Box outlets
- All SISTICK outlets and at www.sistick.com.sg

Note:

- *Visitors can get limited edition NETS Flashpay Cards specially designed for the Teochew Festival at $10 per card or $50 per set of 6.*
- *Ticket holders each enjoy a $3 discount which can be used at the Teochew Food Zone and Teochew Speciality Delicacy Zone.*
- *Full Day Parking at MBS at only $8 (applicable on weekdays only)*

Organised by: Teochew Clan Association Sponsored by: Passion Card Company

For more information, visit: www.teochewfestival.com.sg

Adapted from https://www.familiesforlife.sg/unite-at-an-event/Pages/Teochew-Festival-2016.aspx

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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. According to the brochure, which one of the following statements is true?

(1) It is the third time that the Teochew Festival is held.
(2) The standard ticket price is $10 if one buys it on 30 November.
(3) Tickets to the "Teochew Festival 2017" are only available at SISTICK outlets.
(4) The "Teochew Festival 2017" is solely for the Teochew families in Singapore.

22. The organiser of the "Teochew Festival 2017" is _____.

(1) Passion Card Company
(2) Teochew Clan Association
(3) CakeWalk and Roast Box outlets
(4) Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre

23. Mary can _____ when she visits the "Teochew Festival 2017" in the afternoon on 14 December.

(1) play a mobile game and watch cultural performances
(2) see wood carvings and perform traditional Teochew tunes
(3) borrow artefacts from the Museum of Overseas Chinese Remittance
(4) watch live demonstrations by master craftsmen and try Teochew cuisine

24. Steven wants to watch a Teochew opera and also eat fried oyster omelette. The best time to visit the festival is at _____.

(1) 8 p.m. on 15 December
(2) 11 a.m. on 9 December
(3) 8 p.m. on 10 December
(4) 11 a.m. on 16 December

25. Visitors to the "Teochew Festival 2017" can _____.

(1) win attractive prizes in a lucky draw
(2) park at MBS on Sundays for only $8
(3) buy a limited edition NETS Flashpay Card at $10
(4) enjoy a cash discount at the Teochew Food Zone only

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26. Mr and Mrs Lim are taking their 3-year-old daughter to the festival on 15 December. How many tickets should they buy? They should buy _____ tickets.

(1) one
(2) two
(3) three
(4) four

27. Why are the words "Tickets on sale now!" punctuated with an exclamation mark? It is to _____.

(1) show the importance of tickets
(2) force readers to buy more tickets
(3) present the information so that it is easy to read
(4) express excitement and urge readers to buy tickets

28. What is the **main** purpose of the brochure? It is to _____.

(1) wow visitors at the "Teochew Festival 2017"
(2) attract readers to visit the "Teochew Festival 2017"
(3) showcase Teochew cuisines, crafts and performances
(4) celebrate the rich culture and heritage of the Teochews in Singapore

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BOOKLET B

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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) a	(E) as	(J) is	(N) under
(B) after	(F) but	(K) on	(P) what
(C) an	(G) by	(L) over	(Q) who
(D) around	(H) have	(M) to	

Bedbugs are small, oval, brownish insects that live on the blood of animals or humans. Adult bedbugs have flat bodies which swell and are a reddish colour (29) _____ feeding.

(30) _____ favourable conditions, the bedbugs can develop fully in (31) _____ little as a month and produce three or more generations per year. Female bedbugs may lay hundreds of eggs (32) _____ a lifetime.

Bedbugs do not (33) _____ nests like ants or bees, but tend to live in groups. Their hiding places are typically in mattresses, bed frames and headboards where they have easy access (34) _____ people in the night.

Bedbugs feed (35) _____ piercing the skin and withdrawing blood through (36) _____ elongated beak. Most bedbug bites are painless at first, (37) _____ later turn into itchy welts. If you are uncertain about signs of bedbugs, call an exterminator, (38) _____ will know what to look for. He will be able to advise you on what to do.

Adapted from: http://www.webmd.com/skin-problems-and-treatments/guide/bedbugs-infestation#1

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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.

Years ago, I had a classmate, named Clare, whom I admired very much. Clare was

(39) [ ]

conciensious in her studies and handed in her homework regularly. She did not give up when

(40) [ ]

faced with difficulties and will try her best in whatever she did. She also cared about her

(41) [ ]

envairoment and encouraged her classmates to keep the school clean.

(42) [ ]

On one occassion, Clare organised a "Keep the School Clean" campaign and took the

(43) [ ] (44) [ ]

neccessary steps to ensure that everyone played a part. We were assigning to clean the

(45) [ ] (46) [ ]

windows, sweep the floors and arranges the furniture. The work was well done, much at the

delight of the teachers.

(47) [ ] (48) [ ]

Clare considered education as a priveledge and did not take being in school as granted.

(49) [ ]

She once told me, "I believe in hard work and perserverence." Her thoughtful and

(50) [ ]

independence nature had inspired me and I was very proud of her. I would like to be more

like Clare.

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

Bison are massive animals characterised by their long, shaggy brown coats. At certain times of the year, bison gather in large numbers. It is like watching a dark brown moving river spiked with large black horns. At other times, they break _____ (51) into smaller groups of about seven to ten in each. Generally, they prefer _____ (52) form herds of some size.

On the whole, there is safety in _____ (53). Predators, especially cave lions and packs of wolves, often bring down a bison from a herd and it is _____ (54) the slow or weak that are caught. This allows the healthy and strong to survive. A bison's thick fur offers _____ (55) against the harsh elements of the plains. Known for roaming great _____ (56), bison travel across huge plains, eating as they move continuously. They graze heavily on grasses and disturb the soil with their hooves, _____ (57) many plant and animal species to flourish.

Male bison typically have a _____ (58) of 1.98 metres and weigh approximately one thousand kilogrammes. They have long black horns and a beard that juts _____ (59) from heavy jaws. Females are smaller but both are quick and agile. They are _____ (60) to climb steep slopes and leap over substantial obstacles.

Bison can gallop in long strides across rocky landscapes. They like the water and can swim well, _____ (61) their wet fur by rolling in the sand or dirt. They tend to graze in the evening and relax by chewing on their curd during the day. Their hearing and _____ (62) of smell are acute. Full-grown bison can be violent and aggressive, and are difficult to kill _____ (63) teeth and claws or spears, but one bison can _____ (64) 680 kilogrammes of meat, plus fat, bones, skin, hair, and horns for the predator. Bison are proud and noble animals, respected by those who hunt them and admired for _____ (65) strength and courage. Today, approximately 500,000 bison live across North America.

Adapted from "The Shelters of Stone" by Jean M. Auel, Earth's Children

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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. You must finish your homework before you go out to play.

Unless _____

_____

67. Being lazy, he failed his examinations as a result.

As a result of his _____

_____

68. They are building a bridge to link the train station and the town centre.

In order to _____

_____

69. Both John and Jane do not like to eat fish and chips.

Neither _____ nor _____

_____

70. "Don't forget to attend the meeting tomorrow," Mother told me.

Mother _____

_____

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Section I: Comprehension (Open-ended) 20 marks

Read this passage carefully and answer the questions 71 to 80.

Jim woke just as the first light of day was showing through the gap in the curtains over the window. The room was still dark, but he could tell that it was already beginning to get bright outside. He lay looking at the grey light and tried to recall the day before. He remembered flying a fighter-plane . He remembered being hit by an enemy plane and going down in the mountains. He remembered the friendly nurse and the kind doctor and not much else more. Now the small grain of doubt took root in his mind and it began to grow.

He looked around the ward. He was the only patient. There were no other beds. The nurse had taken the roses away the night before, and there was nothing except the table with a packet of cigarettes and a box of matches. Those could not be his as he did not smoke. It was no longer warm or friendly. It was not even comfortable. It was cold and empty and very quiet.

Slowly the grain of doubt grew. and with it came fear, the kind of fear that one gets not because one is afraid, but because one feels that there is something wrong. Lying in bed and not knowing what was going on made him restless and angry. When he touched his forehead with his hand, he found that it was damp with sweat. He knew then that he must do something, that he must find some ways of proving to himself that he was either right or wrong. He looked up and saw the window and the green curtains again. From where he lay, that window was right in front of him. but it was a full five metres away. Somehow he must reach it and look out. The idea became an obession with him, and soon he could think of nothing except the window. But what about his leg? He remembered the doctor saying that it had to go in order to save his life. He put his hand underneath the bedclothes and felt the thick bandaged stump which was all that was left on the right-hand side. It seemed all right. It did not hurt.

Sitting up, he pushed the bedclothes aside and put his left leg on the floor. Gingerly, he swung his body over until he had both hands on the floor as well. Then he was out of bed, kneeling on the carpet. He looked at the stump. It was very short and thick, covered with bandages. It was beginning to hurt and he could feel it throbbing. He wanted to collapse, lie down on the carpet and do nothing. However, he knew that he must go on.

With two arms and one leg, he crawled over towards the window. He would reach forward as far as he could with his arms, then he would give a little jump and slide his left leg along after them. Each time he did, it jarred his wound so much that he gave a soft cry of pain, but he continued to crawl across the floor on two hands and one knee. He must achieve his **mission**. When he got to the window, he reached up, and one at a time, he placed both hands on the sill. Slowly, he raised himself up until he was standing on his left leg. Then quickly, he pushed aside the curtains and looked out.

Adapted from "Beware of the Dog" by Roald Dahl

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71. What was the Jim's occupation? [1m]

_____

_____

72. How did Jim end up in hospital? [2m]

_____

_____

73. Based on information from lines 13-22, fill in the blanks in the following table. [2m]

How Jim had felt	What made Jim feel that way
fearful	
restless	

74. What did the doctor do to Jim's right leg? [2m]

_____

_____

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75. Choose a word from lines 13-34 that has the ***same*** meaning as the words below. [4m]

i)	pounding	
ii)	jolted	
iii)	carefully	
iv)	uncertainty	

76. Which sentence from lines 25-29 tells you that Jim wanted to give up halfway through what he was doing? [1m]

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

_____ Jim got off the bed.

_____ Jim felt a sense of alarm.

_____ Jim was dazed and confused.

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. [3m]

		True/False	Reason
i)	It was dusk when Jim first woke up.		
ii)	Jim had no visitors in the hospital.		

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iii)	Jim was in great discomfort and pain every time he moved forward.		

79. What was Jim's mission' in line 34' [2m]

_____

_____

80. With reference to lines 30-36, state one quality Jim displayed and give one reason based on evidence in the passage to support your answer. [2m]

_____

_____

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EXAM PAPER 2017 (P5)

SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS'

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

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

39)conscientious 40)would 41)environment 42)occasion

43)necessary 44)assigned 45)arrange 46)to

47)privilege 48)for 49)perseverance 50)independent

51)up 52)out 53)numbers 54)likely 55)protection

56)distances 57)allowing 58)height 59)out 60)known

61)drying 62)sense 63)with 64)contain 65)their

66)Unless you finish your homework, you cannot go out to play.

67)As a result of his laziness, he failed his examinations.

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68)In order to link the train station and the town centre, they are building a bridge.

69)Neither John nor Jane likes to eat fish and chips.

70)Mother told me not to forget to attend the meeting the following day.

71)He was a fighter pilot. / He was flying a fighter plane.

72)He was shot by an enemy plane and his plane crashed into the mountains.

73)fearful ------ Jim felt that something was wrong.

restless ----- Jim was lying in bed and not knowing what was going on.

74)He cut off his right leg.

75)i)throbbing ii)jarred iii)Gingerly iv)doubt

76)He wanted to collapse, lie down on the carpet and do nothing.

77)3, 2, 1,

78)i)False / Jim woke just as the first light of day was showing through the gap in the curtains over the window.

ii)False / Someone gave him roses and left a packet of cigarettes and a box of matches.

iii)True / Each time he moved, he would jarred and give a soft cry of pain.

79)His mission was to crawl to the window and look out of it.

80)He displayed determination. Even though he experienced a lot of pain when crawling to the window, he did not give up.

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