RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2018

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Name: _____( ) Class: P6 _____

3 May 2018 English Language Paper 2 Duration: 1 h 50 min

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. Either Ken or his brother _____ how to play the piano as I remember seeing one of them playing at the music school before.

   (1) know
   (2) knew
   (3) knows
   (4) is knowing

2. The show had already _____ when we arrived at the theatre.

   (1) begin
   (2) began
   (3) begun
   (4) beginning

3. "Twenty dollars _____ a lot of money to spend on a plate of chicken rice. I am unwilling to spend that amount of money," said Mary.

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

4. Years of gambling woes drove him _____ depression.

   (1) in
   (2) to
   (3) on
   (4) for

5. Kelly seldom goes to the park, _____she?

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

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6. I need _____ advice now as I do not know which dress suits me better.

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

7 The forest fire could not be contained _____ the firefighters had worked through the night to try to put it out.

(1) since
(2) despite
(3) although
(4) however

8. I will bake another cake should Janice _____ to take one home later.

(1) want
(2) wants
(3) is wanting
(4) has wanted

9. The man _____ dog was missing had put up several posters in the neighbourhood.

(1) who
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) whose

10. Mother gave Julia and _____ several books to read during the holidays.

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

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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. "Listen, everybody. Let's stop _____ and get to work. It is getting late," said the class monitress.

(1) playing up
(2) playing with
(3) playing down
(4) playing around

12. I must learn to _____ my tasks in order to determine which is the most important one that needs to be completed first.

(1) execute
(2) delegate
(3) prioritise
(4) formulate

13. Many residents were forced to _____ from their homes when a fast-moving wildfire ripped through southern California.

(1) evade
(2) evacuate
(3) excavate
(4) extinguish

14. The prefects' proposal for daily extended recess was _____ by the principal and it will be implemented in the new academic year.

(1) rejected
(2) endorsed
(3) condemned
(4) acknowledged

15. King Edward will _____ his throne to the prince who will take over as the new king.

(1) retain
(2) revert
(3) remain
(4) relinquish

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Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

Nomophobia, or no mobile phone phobia, is the severe anxiety on losing access to your smartphone that has been talked about for years. In Asia, the birthplace of the selfie stick and the emoji, the smart phone is <u>central</u> **(16)** to many Asian societies. According to psychologists, smartphone addiction in Asia is <u>fast on the rise</u> **(17)** and the concern is that those most susceptible to the addiction are getting younger.

In Asia, where it is typical of students to <u>devote</u> **(18)** long hours to homework, the device may be their only connection to friends. Thus, the smartphone may be seen as their <u>sole</u> **(19)** key to wider human connection. Vulnerable children and young adults can feel <u>disoriented</u> **(20)**, resulting in being unable to connect to others without it. Therefore, the smartphone is becoming increasingly important in the Asian culture today.

Asia's Smartphone Addiction by Heather Chen, BBC News, Singapore, 7 September 2015

16. (1) trivial
    (2) essential
    (3) substantial
    (4) controversial

17. (1) retarding
    (2) expediting
    (3) accelerating
    (4) decelerating

18. (1) focus
    (2) strive
    (3) adjust
    (4) commit

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19. (1) only
(2) easy
(3) general
(4) individual

20. (1) confused
(2) neglected
(3) threatened
(4) abandoned

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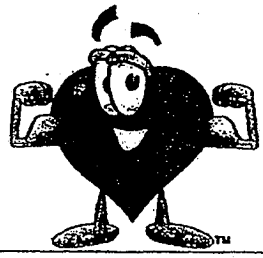
Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1 mark)

Study the following poster and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Annual HEALTH FAIR

An event not to be missed!

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



Step into a Healthier Lifestyle!

Event Highlights

Eat Smart!

- Eat-Right! cooking workshop
- Nutritional juices and smoothies sampling

Stay Fit!

- Aerobics Fitness Dance
- Senior's Wellness workouts
- Healthy Kidz games and activities

Think Positive, Feel Positive!

- Emotional well-being seminars
- Meditation for Beginners

20 – 26 MAY 2018

10am – 9pm

Venue: SINGAPORE SPORTS HUB

Free Admission

Organiser:

HPC

Health Promotion Council

For details about the health fair, go to the Health Promotion Council website at www.hpc.gov.sg

★ FREE gift packs for children below 12 years old!

★ SUBSCRIBE to popular health magazines at fantastic discounts!

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Receive FREE health screenings at the Health Fair

- **Body Mass**
- **Bone Density**
- **Vision Check**

Sponsored by the Singapore Doctors' Association

You don't have to be a doctor to save lives! Students can sign up for a free first aid course. Adults between the age of 21 and 40 can volunteer to be a blood donor.

Show your support for us.
'Like' us on our FanBook page

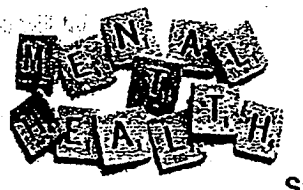


ABOUT US

HPC works closely with schools to create health promoting environments where students can play, learn, and grow in.

Our programmes include:

Healthy Meals in Schools
This programme encourages healthier food and beverage choices in schools by working with teachers, canteen vendors and students.



Star Factor Assembly Skit
This is a 30-minute interactive assembly skit that complements existing school efforts in stress management by equipping students with skills to manage stress.

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For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1,2,3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21. The Health Fair is held _____.

(1) once a year
(2) twice a year
(3) once a week
(4) twice a month

22. This event is mainly organised for _____.

(1) families
(2) doctors
(3) students
(4) the elderly

23. Which one of the following is a likely reason why the Health Fair is an event not to be missed?

(1) It will be held for only one day.
(2) There will be free first aid course for ~~everyone~~ students.
(3) There will be gift packs given out to all visitors.
(4) There will be free health magazines subscriptions.

24. Why are many exclamation marks used in the poster?

(1) to excite the readers
(2) to provide clearer explanations
(3) to warn readers against unhealthy lifestyle
(4) to highlight the importance of healthy living

25. Sarah wants to find out more about preparing a balanced meal. Which event will interest her at the Health Fair?

(1) Aerobics Fitness Dance
(2) Senior's Wellness workout
(3) Eat-Right! cooking workshop
(4) Emotional well-being seminar

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26. Which one of the following will not be checked on when a visitor goes for free health screenings?

(1) weight
(2) eye health
(3) blood type
(4) bone health

27. Which one of the following statements about the Health Promotion Council is not true?

(1) It is the sponsor of the health screenings.
(2) It works with schools to promote healthy living.
(3) It has programmes to promote mental health in schools.
(4) It partners with schools to help students cultivate healthy eating habits.

28. The main aim of the poster is to _____.

(1) inspire people to be blood donors
(2) gather support for HPC's FanBook page
(3) encourage people to attend the Health Fair
(4) advertise for people to subscribe to health magazines

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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) between	(J) on	(N) with
(B) an	(F) for	(K) or	(P) was
(C) and	(G) from	(L) the	(Q) were
(D) as	(H) in	(M) to	

The Valley of Fire is located in the Mojave Desert in Nevada. It is the oldest Nevada State Park and was formally opened as Nevada's first national state park _____ (29) 1934. The Valley of Fire State Park covers _____ (30) area of about 142 square kilometres. The Valley of Fire was named _____ (31) its magnificent red sandstone formations that were formed from great shifting sand dunes more than 150 million years ago. These brilliant sandstone formations appear to be _____ (32) fire when reflecting the sun's rays. Winters are mild with temperatures ranging _____ (33) freezing to 25 degrees Celcius. Daily summer highs often exceed 38 degrees Celcius. The Valley of Fire Road is the main road through _____ (34) park. The east _____ (35) west entrances of the park are connected by this road.

Prehistoric people of The Valley of Fire included the Anasazi, who _____ (36) farmers from the nearby fertile Moapa Valley. Their visits _____ (37) The Valley of Fire probably involved hunting, food gathering and religious ceremonies.

The Valley of Fire is teeming _____ (38) wildlife, but most of the animals that reside in The Valley of Fire are nocturnal. It is always a nice treat to see desert big horn sheep and you are likely to see them in the middle of the day.

Adapted from http://www.valley-of-fire.com/

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

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

(39) ☐

Chia seeds have become very popular lately. They are easily to digest when prepared

(40) ☐

properly and a very versatile ingredient that can be add easily to recipes.

(41) ☐ (42) ☐

Originaly grown in Mexico, the seeds were highly valued for their medicinel properties and nutritional value. In fact, they were even used as currency.

(43) ☐

The chia seed is nutrient-dense and packs a punch with energy-boosting power. In

(44) ☐

the past, Aztec warriors eat chia seeds to give them high energy and endurance. They

(45) ☐

said just one spoonful of chia seeds could sustain them in 24 hours. Chia means "strength" in

(46) ☐

the Mayan language and chia seeds were known by "runners' food" for runners. Warriors

(47) ☐

would also use them as fwel while running long distances or during battles.

(48) ☐

Recent research has also found that the benifeets of eating chia seeds include promoting healthy skin, reducing signs of aging, supporting the heart and digestive system, building

(49) ☐

stronger bones and musles. They have even been linked to helping reverse diabetes.

(50) ☐

Chia seeds are very high in fibre. One serving can provide the recomennded fibre intake for the day. Although chia seeds are highly nutritious, moderation is key.

Adapted from: https://draxe.com/chia-seeds-benefits-side-effects/

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

Several international charities have issued a warning about a looming humanitarian crisis in Ethiopia. The North African country has been hit _____ (51) its worst drought in 50 years. It is widely expected that emergency food aid for 10 million Ethiopians will run _____ (52) unless more funds can be raised. John Graham, the head of the charity *Save the Children* said, "The international community has less than three weeks to _____ (53) $245 million to fund the charity's emergency food aid programme to _____ (54) a likely increase in severe malnutrition cases." The money will go towards supplying _____ (55) for the starving Ethiopians. He added, "If the funds do not _____ (56) in time, there will be a critical shortage in the food supply and many Ethiopians will die from _____ (57)."

Ethiopia, with a population of over 102 million, is Africa s second most populous country and it is no stranger to natural _____ (58) such as drought. Since most Ethiopians are farmers who _____ (59) on seasonal rains, such extreme dry weather conditions _____ (60) disrupt the country's food supply. The latest drought was brought on by extreme weather conditions _____ (61) destroyed crops throughout most parts of Africa.

Ethiopia is one of the countries hardest _____ (62). United Nations say that over 400,000 Ethiopian children under the age of five _____ (63) from severe malnutrition due to lack of food. This will affect their physical and mental _____ (64). In order to prevent these irreversible consequences of malnutrition, these children will _____ (65) urgent treatment.

The *Save the Children* charity hopes to go beyond supplying emergency food aid to these hungry children.

Adapted from 'Drought Leaves Ethiopia Facing Food Crisis' 12th February, 2016 by Sean Banville

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

For each of the questions 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. "Did you write this story? Mrs Tan asked Emily.

Mrs Tan asked Emily _____

_____

67. John was careless. He broke the cup.

Due to John's _____

_____

68. Tina and her sister are not attending the ceremony.

Neither Tina nor _____

_____

69. The deer fled when it spotted the tiger among the bushes.

Upon _____

_____

70. The two documents are attached with a paper clip.

Attaching the _____

_____

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Section I : Comprehension -Open-ended (20 marks)

Read this passage and answer the questions 71 to 80.

I was in Philadelphia for a work conference when I saw an advertisement in the hotel lobby. A nearby theatre was screening a documentary about several local animal shelters that were helping to save dogs from high-kill shelters in the South. I love animals and this fundraising event sounded right up my alley. However, none of my co-workers would go with me. I was worried about navigating the streets by myself at night alone.

I resigned myself to spending the evening in my hotel room but as soon as I got back to my room, I felt restless and bored. The theatre where the event was taking place was only about five blocks away from the hotel. How lost could I get? The area around the hotel did not seem particularly dangerous. Hence, I decided to brave it. I gathered up my wallet and room key and set off.

It was already getting dark as I made my way down the street. The hotel was located in the business district and the streets were nearly deserted. I managed to find the street the theatre was on but when I turned the corner, I stopped in shock. The street in front of the theatre was chock full of bikers – lots and lots of very big, tough-looking bikers.

Now, I was a woman all alone in a strange neighbourhood at night. There in front of me were twenty or so very large men, all wearing insignia that denoted they were in some sort of club or gang. Like most women in that situation, **warning bells began to sound** and my heart jumped in my throat. Then, horrified thoughts invaded my mind. Was I at the right theatre? Had I misread the date of the animal shelter event? Had I inadvertently wandered into a bad neighbourhood after all?

Just then, a notice outside the theatre caught my eye. A glance at it assured me that I was in the right place on the right evening. I wondered if I should hasten back to my hotel instead of walking through that crowd of bikers. I finally decided that I would be safer inside the theatre where there was, presumably, a crowd of people.

I scurried into the theatre, which turned out to contain even more bikers than the street outside. What was going on? I paid for a ticket and moved inside where I anxiously took a seat, chiding myself over and over again for going on this little adventure in the first place.

As I sat there, heart racing, waiting for the film to start, I muttered a prayer to put my anxieties out of my mind. A local blues-rock band was the opening act and within a few minutes, their performance drew my attention. They were really good. In fact, I later went online and bought all of their albums. Enthusiasm for the band's performance soon took away all of the worries from my mind and I began to relax and have a good time.

After the band was done, the emcee took the stage and introduced us to the tiny Chihuahua that he had adopted through the effort detailed in the documentary. Then the film began to play and I understood the presence of the bikers after a conversation with the emcee. They had been part of the caravan that escorted the animals from New Jersey to Philadelphia two days ago. They were all part of an animal rescue group. At that moment, I was struck by the bonds that had drawn so many disparate folks to the theatre that night. We had been brought together by our shared love of animals. I made new friends, discovered a new band I love and supported an important cause. I stayed till the very end and made it to my hotel without any incident. Something gave me courage to venture into the unknown and the result was one of the best nights of my life.

Adapted from: Chicken Soup For the Soul, Step Outside Your Comfort Zone

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71. What brought the writer to Philadelphia? [1m]

72. Which sentence in paragraph 1 tells us that the writer did not go to Philadelphia on her own? [1m]

73. List three reasons why the writer was worried about walking to the theatre all by herself in paragraphs 1 and 2. [3m]

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

74. Explain why "warning bells began to sound" in the writer's head in line 17. [2m]

_____

_____

75. What does "it" in line 21 refer to? [1m]

76. There were several moments when the writer felt fearful. In the table below, state what she did to overcome her fears on each occasion and the reason for her actions. [4m]

When the writer felt fearful	What the writer did	Reason she did so
She stood outside the theatre wondering if she should hurry back to her hotel.		
She sat in her seat fearfully while waiting for the show to start.		

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

_____ The writer made new friends.

_____ The writer decided to go to the theatre.

_____ A group of bikers escorted the animal rescue group ~~back to~~ from New Jersey.

78. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
The writer entered the theatre for free.		
The writer regretted going to the theatre once she was seated.		
The writer became a fan of the band that was playing the opening act in the theatre.		

79. Which two of the following words best describe how the writer felt towards the bikers in the last paragraph? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

admiration	☐	fearful	☐
discouraged	☐	respect	☐
entertained	☐	worried	☐

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80. Do you think the writer would "venture into the unknown" again after this adventure? Support your answer based on information given in the passage. [2m]

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EXAM PAPER 2018(P6)

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SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	3	1	2	3	3	3	1	4	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	3	2	2	4	2	3	4	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	J	G	L	C	Q	M	N		

39)easy 40)added 41)Originally 42)medicinal 43)of

44)ate 45)for 46)as 47)fuel 48)benefits

49)muscles 50)recommended 51)by 52)out 53)raise

54)prevent 55)food 56)come 57)hunger 58)disaster

59)depend 60)can 61)which 62)hit 63)suffer

64)health 65)undergo

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68)Neither Tina nor her sister is attending the ceremony.

69)Upon spotting the tiger among the bushes, the deer fled.

70)Attaching the two documents is a paper clip.

71)he writer was in Philadelphia for a work conference.

72)However, none of my co-workers would go with me.

73)1) It was at night.

2) She was worried she would get lost.

3) The streets were nearly deserted.

74)The writer saw the street in front of the theatre was chock full of big,tough-looking bikers, she was horrified and thought that they were dangerous.

75)a notice outside the theatre.

76)

	She scurried into the theatre	She though she would be safer inside the theatre where three was a crowd of people
	She muttered a prayer	she thought it would put her Anxieties out of her mind.

77)3 , 2 , 1

78)False --- The writer paid for a ticket.

True --- She chided herself for going on this little adventure on her own.

True --- The writer later went online and bought all their albums and her enthusiasm for the band's performance took away all of the worries from her mind.

79)admiration / respect

80)Yes, she would. She made new friends and discovered a band she loved through this experience.

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