RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2019

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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. Kate's dog _____ loudly whenever a stranger walks past her house.

   (1) bark
   (2) barks
   (3) barked
   (4) barking ( )

2. Standing under a tree, Leon looked _____ to see a pretty bird perching on a branch above him.

   (1) up
   (2) down
   (3) under
   (4) beside ( )

3. _____ doll on the opposite side of the room belongs to her.

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

4. Jordan is a _____ boy who always greets his teacher.

   (1) polite
   (2) politely
   (3) most polite
   (4) more polite ( )

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5. Mr Greg _____ at the restaurant last year.

(1) work
(2) works
(3) worked
(4) working

( )

6. "Fred is new to the school, so he needs _____ to show him around. One of you will do," said the teacher.

(1) nobody
(2) anybody
(3) everybody
(4) somebody

( )

7. Please pass this message _____ James. Tell him that he has to return the overdue books.

(1) to
(2) by
(3) with
(4) along

( )

8. Mother has to buy _____ apples. She needs them to make an apple pie.

(1) less
(2) some
(3) much
(4) a little

( )

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. Johnny received a warning from the _____ after he smashed his badminton racket on the ground during the badminton match.

(1) judge
(2) officer
(3) umpire
(4) inspector

( )

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10. "Don't sit there _____. Help me bring in the groceries!" yelled Kelly's mother.

(1) like a bullet
(2) like a nightingale
(3) like a bump on a log
(4) like rocks in the river ( )

11. Sally is a/an _____ jazz guitarist as she is capable of expressing her music with a broad range of feelings.

(1) kind
(2) stubborn
(3) astounding
(4) considerate ( )

12. It started to rain cats and dogs so the teacher announced that the football game would be _____ to the following week.

(1) tossed
(2) stopped
(3) cancelled
(4) postponed ( )

13. The mother was reluctant to _____ against her own son in court.

(1) delay
(2) testify
(3) charge
(4) suggest ( )

14. She was happy to see her teacher as it has been a _____ since she last saw her ten years ago.

(1) year
(2) decade
(3) century
(4) fortnight ( )

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Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Read the story 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) arrived	(B) cabin	(C) consciousness	(D) dashed
(E) destination	(F) expensive	(G) horrible	(H) overslept
(J) reached	(K) relieved	(L) strolled	(M) wonderful

Mrs Lee had been planning for a wonderful holiday. However, it turned out to be a (15) _____ day for Mrs Lee. The night before her departure, she did not set her alarm and (16) _____. Hurriedly, she (17) _____ out of the house as she had a train to catch. When she (18) _____ at the train station, she found out that the ticket office did not have her reservation. In the midst of settling her train ticket, she missed her train and had to pay for a more (19) _____ ticket. When Mrs Lee finally boarded the train, she was (20) _____ that she would not be late.

Upon reaching her (21) _____, she checked into her hotel. After the eventful day, Mrs Lee was glad that it was almost over. Just as she was walking into her bathroom, she slipped on the wet floor. Mrs Lee let out a terrified scream and lost (22) _____. When she opened her eyes, she found herself in a hospital.

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Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Cloze Passage 1

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) and	(B) but	(C) or
(D) so	(E) until	(F) when

I like to play all day long. Sometimes, I play (23) _____ bedtime. You may think I am irresponsible (24) _____ I do not think I am. I am just very stressed. All my teachers (25) _____ tutors give me lots of homework every day. My mother says I must do the homework (26) _____ it will pile up. I guess she is right.

Cloze Passage 2

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) have slept	(B) sleep	(C) sleeping
(D) sleeps	(E) slept	(F) was sleeping

There is no place like home. It is not merely a place to (27) _____ but also to be yourself. I love (28) _____ but not everyone is lucky though. A child who has no home (29) _____ on the streets. Last year, thousands of children (30) _____ out in the cold during winter. It was a dangerous time for them.

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Section E: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It is a beautiful summer day in a farm. Mother Duck is in a barn overlooking a pretty river, waiting for all her eggs to hatch. The last baby duck to hatch is not only the biggest, but it also looks ugly.

The next day, Mother Duck takes all her little ducks to the farmyard. The poor ugly duckling is so unhappy there. The hen pecks him, the rooster flies at him and the farmer kicks him.

Winter arrives and the river is blanketed with ice. Trees are draped with heavy snow, and the ugly duckling is always shivering. Lonely and upset that no one likes him, the ugly duckling decides to run away. He comes to a river where he sees many beautiful birds swimming there. They are swans. Their feathers are so white, their necks so long, their wings so pretty. The little duckling wants to be beautiful like them.

At long last, spring returns, and the ugly duckling sees the beautiful swans again. Still feeling lonely, he joins them in the river. As he is swimming to the swans, he looks into the water and sees his reflection. A beautiful bird stares back at him.

Finally realising who he is, he swims to the swans with relief. He is no longer alone.

Adapted from: The Ugly Duckling https://www.worldstory.net/en/stories/the_ugly_duckling.html

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For question 31, tick (✓) your chosen answer. **(1m)**

31. In **paragraph 1**, Mother Duck is in a _____.

	barn
	river
	house

For question 32, tick (✓) your chosen answer. **(1m)**

32. In **paragraph 2**, the _____ ill-treats the ugly duckling by pecking him.

	hen
	farmer
	rooster

For questions 33 to 35, refer to paragraph 3 to help you. Decide if the swans, river, trees or ugly duckling best fits each description. Then tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. **(3m)**

Description		swans	river	trees	the ugly duckling
Example	beautiful	✓			
33.	buried in ice				
34.	cold and unhappy				
35.	covered with snow				

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For question 36, choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2 or 3) in the brackets.

36. The ugly duckling decides to run away because _____. **(2m)**

(1) it is winter
(2) he has no company
(3) he wants to see the swans ( )

37. What are the two features that make the swans beautiful?

(i) _____ **(1m)**

(ii) _____ **(1m)**

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

	The ugly duckling first sees the swans.
	Mother Duck waits for the last egg to hatch.
	The ugly duckling sees his reflection in the water.

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It is a good thing sloths do not have to go to school. They would never make **it** on time. These drowsy tree-dwellers sleep up to twenty hours a day! Even when they are awake, they barely move at all. In fact, they are so incredibly slow, algae actually grow on their fur.

There are two main species of sloth, identified by whether they have two or three claws on their front feet. The two species are similar in appearance, with roundish heads, sad-looking eyes, tiny ears, and stubby tails. Two-toed sloths are slightly bigger and tend to spend more time hanging upside-down than their three-toed cousins, who will often sit upright. Three-toed sloths have facial colouring that makes them look like they are always smiling. They also have two extra neck bones that allow them to turn their heads almost all the way around!

Some scientists think sloths developed their slow-motion lifestyle so they would be less noticeable to predators such as hawks and cats, which rely heavily on their eyesight when hunting. The algae that grow on sloths' fur also help them avoid predators by letting them blend in with green leaves. About once every week, they descend the tree and go to the 'bathroom', slowly moving about by digging their front claws into the dirt and dragging their bodies.

Adapted from: https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/sloth/#sloth-beach-upside-down.jpg

39. Which word in **paragraph 1** tells you that sloths are sleepy animals? **(1m)**

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

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41. **For question 41, tick (✓) your chosen answer.** **(1m)**

Based on **paragraph 2**, we are able to tell the difference between the sloths by the _____.

	number of claws
	size of their ears
	expression of their eyes

For questions 42 to 44, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'. **(3m)**

Refer to **paragraph 2** to help you. The first example has been done for you.

Statements		True	False
Example	Sloths are sluggish animals.	✓	
42.	Two–toed sloths have sad-looking eyes.		
43.	Three–toed sloths will often sit upright on a tree branch.		
44.	Three-toed sloths have one extra neck bone that allows them to turn their heads almost all around.		

45. What is the purpose of the algae on a sloth's fur? **(1m)**

_____

46. Which word in **Paragraph 3** tells you that the sloths go down the tree to go to the bathroom? **(1m)**

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47. How do the sloths make their way to the bathroom? **(2m)**

i) _____

ii) _____

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Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
E	C	E	B	A	C	B	C	D	E

Q31)	barn	Q35)	trees
Q32)	hen	Q36)	2
Q33)	river		
Q34)	the ugly duckling		

Q37)	i)white feathers ii)long necks
Q38)	2 , 1 , 3
Q39)	drowsy
Q40)	reach school
Q4	umber of claws
Q4	rue
Q43)	True
Q44)	Fasle
Q45)	The algae help the sloths to avoid predators by letting them blend in with green leaves
Q46)	descend
Q47)	i)digging their front claws into the drit. ii)dragging their body

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