RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

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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. One of the athletes _____absent from the training session yesterday.

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

2. My sister and _____ are going to Universal Studios on Saturday.

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

3. I _____ with my doll when I heard a commotion outside my house.

   (1) am playing
   (2) was playing
   (3) were playing
   (4) have been playing ( )

4. Jamie is not going for Siti's birthday party, _____ she?

   (1) is
   (2) was
   (3) isn't
   (4) wasn't ( )

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5. _____ the football players had lost the game, they were still in high spirits.

(1) If
(2) As
(3) Instead
(4) Although ( )

6. Lee Joon is a responsible boy. He_____ hands in his work on time.

(1) never
(2) rarely
(3) always
(4) sometimes ( )

7. Mrs Tan asked Katie, "Why don't you save _____of your pocket money in your piggy bank?"

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

8. _____likes to play with Wei Wei as she is self-centred and does not share her toys.

(1) Nobody
(2) Anybody
(3) Somebody
(4) Everybody ( )

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. Nailah tries to sing like Madonna as she is greatly _____ by the singer.

(1) relieved
(2) permitted
(3) influenced
(4) approached ( )

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10. Sheila found herself lost in the forest. She did not realise she had _____ away from her group.

(1) hidden
(2) escaped
(3) sneaked
(4) wandered ( )

11. Mona is busy tidying up her study table, _____ her books in one tall pile.

(1) dividing
(2) messing
(3) stacking
(4) inspecting ( )

12. The carpenter measured and sawed some _____ to size. He wanted to make a small wooden playhouse for his daughter.

(1) straw
(2) paper
(3) bricks
(4) planks ( )

13. When Lulu saw the boy fall on the wet floor, it _____ her memory of a similar incident.

(1) stirred
(2) pictured
(3) imagined
(4) remembered ( )

14. Although Fred knows that his sister works hard to score better grades than he does, he is still _____ of her accomplishments.

(1) envious
(2) cautious
(3) gracious
(4) ambitious ( )

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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) clean	(B) covering	(C) food
(D) free	(E) guess	(F) homes
(G) length	(H) mass	(J) more
(K) name	(L) proud	(M) providing

Rivers are incredible water bodies. Thev are (15) _____ to countless species of animals and plants. Besides (16) _____ the residents with water, the rivers are also a source of (17) _____ too.

Do you know that Singapore has many rivers? There are (18) _____ rivers than you can count on your pretty, stubby fingers. Just to (19) _____ a few, we have Sungei Kranji, Sungei Seletar, Sungei Kallang and the Singapore River. These rivers are up to a few kilometres in (20) _____

Some of the rivers are now heavily modified into canals while some have been dammed up for the purpose of building freshwater reservoirs. We are (21) _____ of them, and why not? They are all we have to call our own. Therefore, let us keep them (22) _____ of litter.

Shall we start keeping the rivers clean now and stop throwing litter into them?

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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) bake	(B) baked	(C) bakes	(D) baking
(E) have baked	(F) is baking	(G) were baking	

My mother is a pastry chef at a popular bakery in Singapore. She enjoys (23) _____ since young. She is well-known for her flavoured macarons that are rich and unusual in taste. She also (24) _____ cupcakes and eclairs. Yesterday, she (25) _____ a birthday cake for me. It was my favourite strawberry shortcake. I hope to learn from her and be able to (26) _____ like her when I grow up.

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) between	(C) by	(D) for
(E) of	(F) on	(G) with	

Singapore families spend a large sum of money on education including tuition. However, too much tuition robs children (27) _____ their childhood. Most parents turn to tuition as they want their children to keep up (28) _____ the education system. They fear that their children will lose out or fall behind if they do not send them (29) _____ tuition classes. It is important to strike a balance (30) _____ study and play. Children are individuals who need their own space to grow and develop.

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Section E: Open-ended Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

I can still recall the first caning I had in school back in the 1970s. I had done badly in my examinations. I was ill quite often and did not have much interest in my studies. My family's move to Kampong Chantek was somewhat a disaster for my education.

There were many fun things to do for children my age in the kampong. We climbed trees, played with fighting fish and caught spiders. We played games like Marbles, Kuti-Kuti and Hopscotch. My favourite game was Chapteh. I was really good at it.

My teacher, Mr Muthu, was a kind man. He did not believe in caning children. After my poor results, he did not punish me. Instead, he wrote encouraging words in my report book. It was the practice then that the principal, Mr Tan, would come into the classroom to take a look at the report books of those who had not done well.

My report book was on top of the pile. I heard my name as Mr Tan's voice boomed across the classroom.

He screamed, "Go to my office. Next to the desk is a wooden cabinet. Open it, find the magic wand you like best and bring it back for me."

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31. Which word in **paragraph 1** has the same meaning as "remember? **(1m)**

For question 32, write your answer in a complete sentence. **(2m)**

32. In **paragraph 1**, why was the writer caned for the first time in school?

33. In **paragraph 2**, what was the writer's favourite game? **(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	Mr Muthu believed in caning children.		✓
34.	Mr Muthu did not punish the writer for his poor results.		
35.	Mr Muthu wrote discouraging words in the writer's report book.		
36.	The principal, Mr Tan, would look at every report book.		

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

37. Which one of these qualities best describes the principal? **(1m)**

	kind
	strict
	dishonest

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

	Mr Tan asked the writer to pick a magic wand from his office.
	The writer moved to Kampong Chantek.
	The writer had too much fun playing and was distracted.

For question 39, tick (✓) your chosen answer **(1m)**

39. What does the phrase "magic wand" in **paragraph 5** refer to?

	a cane
	a desk
	a wooden cabinet

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

I looked up, the sky was tar-black and large clouds were moving towards me. A bolt of lightning flashed across the sky. I quickened my footsteps, pulling my windbreaker closer to my body. Soon, the pitter-patter of raindrops landed on the pavement. A frantic mewing caught my attention. Curious, I peered inside the drain and discovered a white kitten. It looked like it was injured. Being an animal lover, I could not bear to see the kitten in agony. Carefully, I lifted the kitten out from the drain.

I hugged the shivering kitten close to my body and hurried home. I gave it some milk and it lapped it all up. Noticing the cut on its front paw, I cleaned the wound and bandaged it. My worry was Mother's discomfort with keeping more animals at home.

When Mother returned home and saw the kitten, she was upset at the sight of yet another stray animal that I had brought home. Some months ago, I had rescued a stray puppy. However, I was forced to send it to the Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) as we already had too many pets at home. This time, on seeing the kitten, Mother immediately demanded I take it to SPCA as well. However, I said, "I promise not to bring home any more stray animals if you let me keep this kitten." After much persuasion, she finally relented and agreed to my request. Snowball is now the newest member of my family.

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

40. Based on **paragraph 1**, the writer quickened her footsteps because _____.

	it was going to rain
	she heard the mewing of a kitten
	she wanted to pull her windbreaker closer to her body

Write your answer for question 41 in a complete sentence.

41. In **paragraph 1**, how did the writer help the kitten? **(1m)**

_____

_____

42. Which word from **paragraph 1** has the same meaning as "pain"? **(1m)**

For question 43, tick (✓) your chosen answer. **(1m)**

43. In **paragraph 2,** the writer _____.

	cleaned and bandaged the kitten's wound
	noticed a cut on her own hand
	shivered and hugged the kitten

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44. Which sentence from **paragraph 2** tells you that the writer was anxious that she might not be allowed to keep the kitten? **(1m)**

For questions 45 to 46, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'. **(2m)**

Refer to **paragraph 3** only and give a reason for your answer.

The first example has been done for you.

	Statements	True	False	Reason
Example	Mother was upset at the sight of the kitten that the writer brought home.	✓		Mother demanded that the writer take the kitten to SPCA.
45.	The writer had rescued a stray puppy a month ago.			
46.	The writer did not manage to convince her mother to let her keep the kitten.			

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Write your answers for questions 47 – 48 in complete sentences.

47. In **paragraph 3**, why did the writer's mother make her take the stray puppy to SPCA? **(1m)**

_____

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48. In **paragraph 3**, how did the writer persuade her mother to let her keep the kitten? **(2m)**

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Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	4	1	1	F	M	C	J	K	G
Q21	Q22	Q23							
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Q24)	C	Q28)	G
Q25)	B	Q29)	D
Q26)	A	Q30)	B
Q27)	E	Q31)	recall

Q32)	The writer had done badly in the examinations.
Q33)	chapteh
Q34)	True
Q35)	False
Q36)	False
Q37)	strict
Q38)	3 , 1 , 2
Q39)	a cane
Q40)	it was going to rain
Q41)	The writer lifted the kitten out from the drain carefully.
Q42)	agony
Q43)	cleaned and bandaged the kitten's wound
Q44)	My worry was mother's discomfort with keeping more animals at home.

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Q45)	False / Some months ago, the writer rescued a stray puppy
Q46)	False / After much persuasion, the writer's mother finally relented and agreed to let the writer keep the kitten.
Q47)	The writer already had too many pets at home.
Q48)	The writer promised not to bring home any more stray animals if her mother let her keep the kitten.

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