RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)
2019

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13 May 2019 **ENGLISH (Part 1)** **Duration: 1 h 15 min (Part 1 & 2)**

Section A: Grammar (8 X 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Last night, Vincent _____ a glass of milk before going to bed.

   (1) drink
   (2) drank
   (3) drunk
   (4) drinks

2. The police questioned the lady _____ house was broken into this morning.

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

3. _____ bag of books over there belongs to Mr Chia.

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

4. Mrs Li will be taking Wei and _____to the library.

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

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5. Nobody _____ allowed to talk in Mr Tan's class as he has zero tolerance for noise.

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

6. Peter loves his cat, _____ he?

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

7. You are not allowed to go out and play _____ you finish your homework.

(1) but
(2) as
(3) since
(4) unless

8. There were very _____ pupils who could answer that tricky question.

(1) few
(2) less
(3) little
(4) least

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Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. Jane has to refer to her mother's cookbook for the _____to bake chocolate muffins.

(1) menu
(2) recipe
(3) design
(4) cuisine

10. Alice vowed to be more _____ in her work as she had made many mistakes in the recent test.

(1) anxious
(2) tedious
(3) cautious
(4) studious

11. I _____ go to the theatre. The last time I watched a performance there was a decade ago.

(1) often
(2) rarely
(3) frequently
(4) occasionally

12. Mary's science teacher, Miss Tan, would bring the class to the science laboratory whenever they need to conduct _____ .

(1) experiments
(2) experiences
(3) explorations
(4) expressions

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13. Bala was _____ after being praised for his good behaviour in class.

(1) elated
(2) irritated
(3) annoyed
(4) dejected

14. Siti _____ her teacher when she lied about not knowing who had taken Sally's wallet.

(1) advised
(2) exposed
(3) deceived
(4) confronted

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Section C: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 15 - 23.

Photographs of a white reindeer calf have struck a chord with netizens during the year-end season. Taken by photographer Mr Nordsveen, the photographs were popular when he uploaded them onto social media.

Netizens have gushed over the adorable reindeer, with some calling it amazing and sweet. The white reindeer was photographed when Mr Nordsveen and his friend, Mr Olsen, went on a hiking trip in the mountains. The photographs show it blending into the snow, with the animal's piercing eyes and darker-coloured antlers contrasting sharply with the rest of the picture.

Mr Nordsveen told reporters of Caters News, "I was hiking when I saw this wonderful little creature. He looked at me straight in the eyes. Like a curious explorer, it moved towards me in a relaxed manner." The mother of the young reindeer was apparently among some trees behind. The photographer also told ABC News, "The local Sami people we talked to told us that these white animals are so unique that in Sami tradition they are thought to bring happiness." Mr Nordsveen also mentioned to Caters News that white reindeer have an uncommon genetic mutation that strips their fur of pigment to allow them to blend into their snowy surroundings. They are not albinos as their eyes and their antlers are still dark coloured.

Adapted fromEarth's wild animal population plummets 60% in 44 years: WWF

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15. Which three-word phrase in **paragraph 1** tells us that the netizens became interested in the white reindeer calf when they saw its pictures?

[1m]

Refer to paragraph 2, for questions 16 – 17, read each statement and tick (√) whether the statement is "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you.

[2m]

Statement		True	False
Example	Netizens were excited when they saw the adorable reindeer		
16.	Mr Nordsveen was hiking when he first saw the white reindeer calf.		
17	The fur on the white reindeer allowed Mr Nordsveen to spot the reindeer easily.		

18. Who posted pictures of the white reindeer calf onto social media ?
Tick √ your chosen answer. [1m]

	Mr Olsen
	Mr Nordsveen
	netizens

19. Where was the white reindeer calf spotted when its photographs were taken in the snow? [1m]

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20. Which word has the same meaning as "opposing"? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

> The photographs show it blending into the snow, with the animal's piercing (A) eyes and darker-coloured antlers contrasting (B) sharply with the rest of the picture.

Refer to paragraph 3, for Q21 – 22, decide which news agency was told the following information by Mr Nordsveen. Tick (√) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. Refer to paragraph 3. [2m]

	Task	Caters News	ABC News
Example	News on how Mr Nordsveen chanced on the white reindeer	√	
21.	The Sami people believed that white reindeers bring happiness.		
22.	White reindeers have a special gene that causes their fur to be white.		

23. State two examples mentioned in **paragraph 3** that showed what the white reindeer calf did to show that it was not afraid of humans. [2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

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13 May 2019 **ENGLISH (Part 2)**

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X1 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.

(A) created	(B) celebrate	(C) confirm
(D) dedicated	(E) exhibition	(F) highlights
(G) skills	(H) styles	(J) showing
(K) screened	(L) whistling	(M) written

Walt Disney's iconic rodent, Mickey Mouse, turned 90 this year! To (24)_____ the grand event, the Disney Corporation recently launched "Mickey: The True Original," a 16,000-square-foot art (25)_____ Open to the public from November 8, 2018 to February 10, 2019, it features mainly Mickey-inspired exhibits (26) _____ by over 20 artists from all over the world.

Among the (27) _____ is the "Hello Mickey" installation, which is (28)_____ to the mouse's big screen debut: Boat Willie on November 18, 1928. The short film, depicting Mickey (29)_____ a cheerful tune in a boat, was the first Disney cartoon to feature both character sounds and musical composition. The exhibit also includes remakes of the short clip created in various (30)_____ by different artists and a life-size boat, where visitors can test their boat paddling (31)_____ Disney also honoured the world's most famous mouse with a two-hour television special.

Adapted from Disney celebrates 90 years of mickey mouse with stunning art exhibition by Dogo News

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Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (4 X 1 mark)

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) her	(B) he	(C) it
(D) them	(E) their	(F) they

It was one week before the mid-year examination. Kim had been working very hard in (32)_____studies. Her best subject is Mathematics and she excelled in (33)_____ Her close friends helped her in her studies. (34)_____ stayed back after school and revised together in the library. She is very thankful for (35)_____continuous encouragement and support.

Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4 X 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

The boy band group, Bangtan Boys, is a famous South Korean boy band formed in 2013. It [is / are] made up of seven members. The group quickly (37) [became / becomes] a big success in Korea with their debut song three years ago. Two of the members (38) [has / have] won excellent performance awards. Popular worldwide, fans (39) [queue / queues] many hours to buy their tickets.

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Section G: Open-ended Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 - 48.

After a football practice, twelve school boys and their football coach went missing in the caves of northern Thailand when a monsoon downpour flooded their way out. Worry gripped the nation as news bulletins erupted with news of an excursion-turned-disaster.

With the help of thousands of security personnel, medics, world-class cave divers and volunteers, the rescue operation was a success. Many people were astonished to see all the survivors so lively and carefree in their first public appearance after being discharged from hospital. Sporting colourful football jerseys, the boys did not look like they were affected by the terrifying ordeal. On the contrary, they were all smiles in front of hundreds of journalists as they recounted their near-death experience.

"I was dizzy, weak and starving," said the youngest one, 11-year-old Chanin. "I tried not to think of food, like fried rice, because it'd make me even hungrier." The media roared with laughter.

It is hard to fathom how the team managed to keep up the courage and will to survive in the face of likely death. Their first-hand accounts revealed vivid details of being trapped in the narrow and dark underground tunnels. They encouraged one other and would not let pessimism seep in.

Before they were found by British cavers John Volanthen and Richard Stanton, the stranded team had spent nine days in the dark without food. The boys would take turns digging holes in the cave wall with pieces of rock, in a bid to escape. Before beginning the daily toil, each of them would fill their empty stomach with water. All they could consume was water that trickled down stalactites and the floodwater that trapped them. They were starved and anxious as hope of going home began to drift away.

Source: https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asia/thai-cave-boys-despair-delight-new-concerns-10544766.

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40. Which word has the same meaning as "affected"? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Worry gripped the nation as news bulletins erupted with news of an excursion-   (A) **(B)**   turned disaster.

41. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

In **paragraph 1**, the twelve school boys and their football coach went missing _____. [1m]

	during a football practice
	after they had gone into the caves
	before a school excursion

For Q42-44, read each statement, tick ✓ "True" or "False" and give a reason for your answer. Refer to **paragraph 2** to help you. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False	Reason
Example	The rescue operation had failed.		✓	The rescue operation was a success with the help of many people.
42.	The survivors were lively and carefree during their stay in hospital.			
43.	The boys were badly affected after the terrifying ordeal.			
44.	The boys wore their school uniforms in the first public appearance after being discharged from hospital.			

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45. How did 11-year-old Chanin cope with his hunger pangs? [1m]

46. In **paragraph 3**, which sentence shows that the media was amused by Chanin's response? [1m]

47. In **paragraph 4,** which quality was crucial for the boys' survival? [1m]
Put a tick ✓ in the box beside your answer. DO NOT TICK MORE THAN ONE BOX.

cowardice		honesty	
courage		pessimism	

For Q48, write your answer in a complete sentence.

48. According to **paragraph 5,** what were the two sources of water for the boys before they were being discovered by British cavers? [2m]

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ANSWER KEY

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Q15 struck a chord

Q16 True

Q17 False

Q18 Mr Nordsveen

Q19 in the mountains

Q20 (B)

Q21 ABC News

Q22 Caters News

Q23 (i) The white reindeer calf loked at Mr Nordsveen straight in the eyes.

(ii) The white reindeer alf moved towards Mr Nordsveen in a relaxed manner.

Q24 B

Q25 E

Q26 A

Q27 F

Q28 D

Q29 L

Q30 H

Q31 G

Q32 A

Q33 C

Q34 F

Q35 E

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Q36 is

Q37 became

Q38 have

Q39 queue

Q40 (A)

Q41 after they had gone into the caves

Q42 False. The survivors were lively and carefree after being dischargered from hospital.

Q43 False. Sporting colourful football jerseys, the boys did not look like they were affected by the terrifying ordeal.

False.

Q44 They wore sporting colourful football jerseys.

Q45 11-year-old Chanin tried not to think of food, like fried rice, as it would make him hungrier.

Q46 The media roared with laughter

Q47 courage

Q48 The two sources of water for the boys were water that trickled down stalactities and the floodwater that trapped them.

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