RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)
2019

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31 OCT 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 December, the construction workers _____ shocked to unearth a bomb while digging a tunnel for the new MRT train station.

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

2. "Please turn down the volume of the television. The baby _____," Mrs Lin told her husband.

   (1) slept
   (2) sleeps
   (3) is sleeping
   (4) was sleeping

3. _____ scratch marks on that table leg over there were caused by the little puppy.

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

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4. Tiffany and I followed the recipe and baked the strawberry cupcakes _____ .

(1) herself
(2) himself
(3) ourselves
(4) themselves

5. The child _____ upset when her father did not bring her for the movie.

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

6. As Mother _____ for work, she reminded me to revise my work.

(1) leave
(2) has left
(3) will leave
(4) was leaving

7. You have added too _____ cubes of sugar in the coffee. It is too sweet now.

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

8. Jennifer shows _____ interest in her work. She prefers to spend her time playing games on the computer.

(1) little
(2) none
(3) a few
(4) many

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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. After Tom's condition was stabilised, the paramedics transported him to the nearest hospital in the _____.

(1) train
(2) rickshaw
(3) fire engine
(4) ambulance

10. Sarah _____ into Kelly's ears to prevent anyone from overhearing their conversation.

(1) whistled
(2) hummed
(3) whispered
(4) whimpered

11. The wading pool is a more suitable choice for young children to swim in as it is _____.

(1) deep
(2) shallow
(3) turbulent
(4) dangerous

12. When James noticed a stranger following him, he was _____ and his face turned pale with fright.

(1) terrified
(2) irritated
(3) saddened
(4) disappointed

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13. After Tom had collected sufficient coupons, he went to the counter to _____ the free gift.

(1) retake
(2) reclaim
(3) redeem
(4) renounce

14. In order to operate the machine, Johnson followed the _____ closely.

(1) score
(2) receipt
(3) manual
(4) catalogue

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Section C: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 15 - 22.

In recent months, many Singaporeans have developed a growing protest against personal mobility devices (PMDs) , which have left riders and pedestrians with all manners of injuries from deep cuts to fractures and concussions.

These PMDs, such as electric scooters and electric unicycles, are popular with riders for daily commutes and deliverymen whose livelihoods depend on them. Despite efforts to regulate their use, safety concerns persist and criticisms are mounting to keep them off footpaths and the void decks of public housing estates.

Many countries around the world have to grapple and try to resolve the problems and dangers posed by these vehicles. Some have laid down speed limits or barred them from footpaths. Germany banned e-scooters from pavements whereas France has laid down speed limits. In the United Kingdom, they are only allowed on private property.

Dr Lee Bee Wah, a Member of Parliament, asked if Singapore could follow Germany's ban. She said, "Allowing PMDs on footpaths poses danger to the pedestrians." She also commented that some of her residents are worried when walking on footpaths.

Dr Lam Pin Min, Senior Minister of State for Transport, replied that it was not a good solution to impose such a ban on them. He added that Singaporeans should be encouraged to ride responsibly and only at allowed places.

Adapted from *channel news asia, Kenneth Cheng, 'Big Read:Calls to ban PMD mounts as accidents persists"*

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15. Refer to **paragraph 1**, name two forms of injuries caused by personal mobility devices. [2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

For question 16, tick (✓) your chosen answer. Refer to **paragraph 2** to help you.

16. Tick your chosen answer.

Singaporeans use PMDs because they are _____. [1m]

	extremely safe
	a form of transport
	fun to ride around in

17. From **paragraph 2**, why do deliverymen make use of PMDs? [1m]

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Read **paragraph 3** carefully. For Q18 – 19, decide which countries adopted the following strategies to cope with PMDs.
Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

		Germany	France	United kingdom
Example	PMDs are only allowed on private property.			✓
18	Electronic scooters are not allowed on pavements.			
19	Users of PMDs are not allowed to travel beyond a certain speed.			

20. From **paragraph 4**, give a reason why Dr Lee Bee Wah wants to ban the use of PMDs on footpaths. [1m]

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

Many countries around the world have to grapple (A) and try to resolve the (B) problems and dangers posed by these vehicles.

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22. From **paragraph 5**, what are the two suggestions Dr Lam made for Singapore to deal with the dangers posed by PMDs?

(i) _____ [1m]

(ii) _____ [1m]

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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 ONLY.

(A) careless	(B) clumsy	(C) gentle	(D) habitats
(E) hatch	(F) length	(G) modern	(H) propel
(J) shock	(K) species	(L) venues	(M) vulnerable

American alligators once faced the risk of extinction. Fortunately, through legal protection, they are no longer listed as an endangered (23) _____ as they reached a population size of one million. The main threat they face today is the destruction of their (24) _____ caused by human activities.

These reptiles are (25) _____ on land but they move easily in the water. They are equipped with webbed feet and strong tails that (26) _____ them through the water.

An average American alligator is about 3 to 5 metres long. Half of its (27) _____ is contributed by its massive tail. As big and ferocious as the female may look, she is a (28) _____ mother. After she makes her nest and lay her eggs on shore, she guards them till they are ready to (29) _____ .

Newly hatched alligators are about 15 centimetres long. They are very (30)_____ at this stage. The mother has to protect them from predators for two years before they are able to fend for themselves.

Adapted from https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/reptiles/american-alligator/

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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) it	(B) him	(C) me
(D) she	(E) them	(F) they

People who offer to do something without expecting any rewards are volunteers. Most charitable homes are supported by (31) _____.

Last year, Mr Lee went to help at the Rainbow Club. They gave (32) _____ the task of teaching, helping children who were from less fortunate families.

His wife, Mrs Lee, had also started volunteering at the club. Together, (33) _____ spent their weekend helping others. They found (34) _____ meaningful to help others.

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

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

Janice enjoys playing badminton. Whenever her father (35) [buy / buys] a new racket for her birthday, she will be elated. She usually plays with her classmates when she (36) [has / have] completed her work. They (37) [play / plays] for a couple of hours each time at the nearby community centre. Sometimes her neighbours (38) [join / joins] in the fun too. This makes Janice very happy.

Janice always looks forward to these badminton sessions.

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Section G: Open-ended Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 39 - 47.

When I first saw Tina, I thought she was a very boring person. She kept to herself most of the time so we never said much to each other.

Tina was eleven when she was transferred to our school. She was petite for her age and she looked thin and frail. She had problems with walking so she had to use crutches. Her movement was slow and rather awkward.

My friends and I would make fun of her funny movements by calling her names and imitating the way she walked. We would sometimes give her a push to "help" her move a little faster. She never complained to the teachers about it and nor did she try to stop us. Soon I began to feel guilty for the way we were mistreating her. I was afraid of being labelled as a coward. My friends and I continued being mean to her until one day when Tina failed to turn up in school. We were pleased with ourselves, thinking that we had successfully frightened her away.

A week later, however, Tina's mother came to school and informed the teachers that Tina had fallen very ill and was hospitalised. Tina had been battling ill-health since she was born. As she was frequently hospitalised and absent from school, she had no opportunity to form friendships. She told her mother that she was happy to be in our school because she had made many new friends.

I felt a great sense of shame and guilt. I treated her so badly and yet she regarded me as her friend. I decided to be a real friend to Tina and did not care about what my other friends said. I went to the hospital to visit Tina and spent time doing work and chatting with her. That was how Tina and I became the best of friends!

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39. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

In **paragraph 1**, the writer thought that Tina was a _____ person. [1m]

	quiet
	conceited
	passionate

40. Which word in **paragraph 2** tells you that Tina was weak? [1m]

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For Q41-43, read each statement, tick (✓) "True" or "False" and give a reason for your answer. Refer to **paragraph 3** to help you. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False	Reason
Example	The writer and her friends thought that they had successfully frightened Tina away.	✓		Tina had failed to turn up in school.
41.	The writer and her friends teased Tina unkindly.			
42.	Tina tried to stop her friends from mistreating her.			
43.	The writer and her friends were afraid of being labelled as cowards.			

44. Refer to **paragraph 4** and answer in a complete sentence.
Why was Tina frequently hospitalised? [1m]

_____

_____

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45. In **paragraph 4**, which four-word phrase tells us why Tina was happy in the new school? [1m]

46. Which adjective best describes the writer's character **at the end of the story?** Put a tick (✓) in the box beside your answer. [1m]
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN ONE BOX.

boring	
caring	
impatient	

47. For Q47, write your answer in complete sentences.
According to **paragraph 5,** give two reasons how the writer finally became good friends with Tina. [2m]

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Q6	4	Q7	3	Q8	1	Q9	4	Q10	3
Q11	2	Q12	1	Q13	3	Q14	3		

SECTION C

Q15) i: deep cuts
ii: fractures

Q16) a form of transport

Q17) They depend on PMDs for their livelihoods.

Q18) Germany

Q19) France

Q20) She thinks that allowing PMDs on footpaths poses danger to the pedestrians.

Q21) A

Q22) i: He suggested Singaporeans to ride PMDs responsibly.
ii: He suggested Singaporeans to ride PMDs only at allowed places.

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SECTION D – F

Q23) K

Q24) D

Q25) B

Q26) H

Q27) F

Q28) C

Q29) E

Q30) M

Q31) E

Q32) B

Q33) F

Q34) A

Q35) buys

Q36) has

Q37) play

Q38) join

SECTION G

Q39) quiet

Q40) frail

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41.	The writer and her friends teased Tina unkindly.	✔		The writer and her friends would make fun of Tina's funny movements by calling her names and imitating the way she walked. They would sometimes push her.
42.	Tina tried to stop her friends from mistreating her.		✔	Tina never complained to the teachers about her friends mistreating her nor did she try to stop them.
43.	The writer and her friends were afraid of being labelled as cowards.		✔	The writer felt guilty for the way they were mistreating Tina but was afraid of being labelled as a coward.

Q44) Tina had been battling ill-health since she was born.

Q45) made many new friends

Q46) caring

Q47) The writer went to the hospital to visit Tina and spent time doing work with her.

END

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