RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

End-of-Year Examination

2020

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Name: _____ ( ) Class: P5 _____

26 Oct 2020 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, 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.

1. During the promotion last week, each customer _____ given a free bag and a towel at the gym.

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

2. Mrs Tan did not believe a word he had said, _____ she?

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

3. Sam _____ in the hospital laboratory since he graduated from university.

   (1) work
   (2) works
   (3) is working
   (4) has been working

4. Either Sheila or her siblings _____ their grandmother every week.

   (1) visit
   (2) visits
   (3) visited
   (4) visiting

5. Regular exercise is necessary _____ good health.

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

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6. _____ his youth, he showed maturity in his thoughts.

(1) Since
(2) While
(3) Despite
(4) Although

7. The fried rice, as well as the cookies, _____ prepared by the host yesterday.

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

8. You are _____ hour late for _____ important meeting.

(1) a ... a
(2) a ... an
(3) an ... a
(4) an ... an

9. The fans of the pop singer _____ songs were famous all over the world were eager to attend his concert.

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

10. Mrs Lee made her daughter _____ the truth about what had happened in the class.

(1) tell
(2) told
(3) tells
(4) telling

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Section B: Vocabulary (5 X 1 mark)
For each question from 11 to 15, 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.

11. He trusts his mother and often _____ his secrets to her.

(1) confides
(2) consoles
(3) conceals
(4) conserves

12. This is an unimportant matter. I do not think that she will be upset about something so _____.

(1) scant
(2) trivial
(3) petite
(4) meagre

13. We are glad to hear that there will be a vending machine in the canteen that _____ snacks.

(1) disburses
(2) dislodges
(3) dispenses
(4) disseminates

14. My sister is very busy these days and will not be able to _____ any more work at the moment.

(1)
(2)
(3)
(4)

15. The vaccination gives you _____ against the disease for up to six months.

(1) vitality
(2) reliability
(3) immunity
(4) superiority

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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 your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Mr Tom was clearing his throat when I apologised profusely for being late. However, he did not appear to be feeling under the weather. Instead, he had a big grin (16) on his face, shook my hands firmly and invited me into his office.

Feeling composed (17), I placed a copy of my screenplay on his table and gave him a brief outline of the story I had written.

Initially, he appeared indifferent. However, I persisted with (18) reading my story. As I carried on, his interest was piqued and he listened intently (19) to what I said. I was on cloud nine when he said that he was going to turn my screenplay into his upcoming (20) motion picture.

Little did I know that meeting Mr Tom that day was a turning point in my career.

16. **(1)** shine
(2) smile
(3) sneer
(4) scowl

17. **(1)** calm
(2) slack
(3) worried
(4) excited

18. **(1)** paused
(2) stopped
(3) restored
(4) continued

19. **(1)** warily
(2) robustly
(3) attentively
(4) selectively

20. **(1)** next
(2) distant
(3) remote
(4) looming

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

Study the flyer below carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.



Health Carnival



Learn how to live, cook and eat healthily

Date: 14 & 15 November 2020

Venue: Greenwood Community Club (Greenwood CC)

An annual community project organised by Greenwood Residents' Committee

Sign up for the following talks, workshop and party now. Seats are limited.

To register, please call Ms Jane at 6123-4567 or visit Greenwood Residents' Committee Office.

Health Talks by Experts

- ***Pick up healthy living tips.***
- ***Free health screening for all participants.***



Date: 14 November 2020, Saturday
Time: 10 a.m. to 12 noon
Venue: Greenwood CC Hall
Registration fee: $10 for adults and free for children under 12
** Registration ends on 5 November 2020*

Cooking Workshop

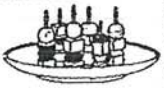
Learn how to cook delicious healthy dishes that are appealing to your eyes.
Only for children aged 9 - 12.



Date: 14 November 2020, Saturday
Time: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Venue: Greenwood CC Hall
Registration fee: $3
** Registration ends on 5 November 2020*

Buffet Party

An invitation to all residents. Eat a variety of healthy food to your hearts' content.



Date: 15 November 2020, Sunday
Time: 7 p.m.
Venue: Greenwood CC Function Room
Registration fee: $20

*All attendees will receive a complimentary shopping voucher and a chance to win a trip for 2 to Paris in our Lucky Draw!

If you would like to donate prizes for the lucky draw, please call Ms Anita at 6123-4567.

Sale of organic food at the foyer on 14 Nov (Sat) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We need volunteers aged 18 and above to make this event a success! If you are interested to join, call Ms Lucy Lee at 6123-4567 to find out more!

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HEALTHY LIVING TIPS

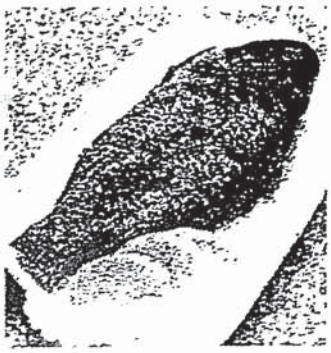
Follow these simple tips to start a healthier lifestyle today.



Eat lots of fruit and vegetables!

- Eat at least five portions of a variety of fruit and vegetables.
- Fruit and vegetables are important sources of vitamins, minerals and fibre.

Try swapping your mid-morning snack for a piece of fresh fruit!



Eat more fish!

- Fish is a good source of protein.
- Fish contains many vitamins and minerals.
- Include at least 1 portion of oily fish in your weekly diet.
- Oily fish contains omega-3 fats which help to prevent heart diseases.



Drink plenty of water!

- Drink at least 8 glasses of water daily.
- Fruit juices and soft drinks should be drunk in moderation as they are loaded with sugar.

Plain water is the best choice.



To learn more about healthy living, attend our Health Talks at the Health Carnival.

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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 Carnival is held _____ .

(1) once a year

(2) two times a year

(3) two times a month

(4) once every two months

22. The event is organised by _____ .

(1) Merlion Health Group

(2) The Finest Supermarket

(3) First Choice Organic Food

(4) Greenwood Residents' Committee

23. What is the similarity between the Health Talks by Experts and Cooking Workshop?

(1) Both are held in the morning.

(2) The last day of registration is 5 Nov 2020.

(3) Only children from 9 to 12 years old can participate.

(4) A registration fee will be collected from all participants.

24. Adults are not allowed to _____.

(1) volunteer at the carnival

(2) take part in the lucky draw

(3) sign up for Cooking Workshop

(4) participate in the health screening

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25. If someone wants to _____, she should call Ms Lucy.

(1) attend one of the health talks

(2) help out at the Health Carnival

(3) sponsor lucky draw prizes for Buffet Party

(4) be part of the organising team of the Residents' Committee

26. The writer uses exclamation marks in the write-up on 'HEALTHY LIVING TIPS' to _____.

(1) convey excitement about the tips

(2) explain the importance of healthy living

(3) highlight the pictures accompanying the tips

(4) encourage readers to attend Health Talks by Experts

27. According to the section on "HEALTHY LIVING TIPS", which one of the following statements is not true?

(1) Omega-3 fats in oily fish cause heart disease.

(2) At least eight glasses of water should be drunk daily.

(3) Vegetables and fish are rich in vitamins and minerals.

(4) Fruit juice and soft drinks must not replace plain water.

28. The **main** purpose of the carnival is to _____.

(1) call for volunteers to help out at the carnival

(2) encourage visitors to lead a healthy lifestyle

(3) show participants how to cook a healthy meal

(4) invite all Greenwood residents to Buffet Party

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BOOKLET B

Name : _____ **Class: P5**____ **Index No:** _____

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) although	**(D)** has	**(G)** many	**(K)**_or	**(N)** this
(B) and	**(E)** have	**(H)** much	**(L)** over	**(P)** when
(C) by	**(F)** less	**(J)** on	**(M)** therefore	**(Q)** who

Billions of people around the world are on lockdown. That means there is less activity on our planet's surface and the earth (29)_____ become a lot quieter. Hence, the earth is shaking (30)_____ than before.

Seismologists are scientists (31) _____ study earthquakes and earth's vibrations. They use seismometers to measure shaking in the ground. (32)_____ seismometers are used to measure powerful earthquakes underground, they can also measure much smaller vibrations created by activities (33) the earth's surface. City life is full of both man-made (34)_____ non-man-made activities. Before the lockdown, scientists ~~use~~ **used** these seismometers to measure ground vibrations created (35)_____ human activities.

During the numerous weeks of lockdown, (36) _____ of the man-made noise on earth has faded away throughout cities all (37) _____ the world. It is almost like a scene at a party (38) _____ everyone stops talking at once and you can hear the faintest of sounds. The unusual quiet is giving seismologists a rare chance to "listen" to the earth and to allow us to appreciate Mother Nature.

Adapted from https://newsforkids.net/articles/2020/04/20/everyones-at-home-the-earth-is-shaking-less/

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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.

BOOM! Timothy's eyes nearly popped out. His face was blackened and his hair stood

(39) [ ] (40) [ ]

on end as he stared blankly on what remained of the smouldering wooden labouratry bench and the shattered glass.

It all started a month ago during Chemistry class. Timothy was daydreaming when

(41) [ ]

Professor Snookhorn asked out of curiousity, "Is anyone interested in taking part in the Young Scientist Competition? How about you, Timothy?"

(42) [ ]

"Sure," mumbled Timothy with not the clear idea of what he had agreed to. "Great!" enthused the Professor.

(43) [ ]

Timothy then realised he had been chose to represent the school in the annual

(44) [ ]

championship. The Professor had thought that Timothy was a chemistry enthusiazt but little

(45) [ ]

did he know that Timothy was clueless when it comes to Chemistry.

(46) [ ]

On the day of the competition, Timothy stared nervous at the containers filled with

(47) [ ]

jewel-coloured liquids. His mind was filled with confused. An electric horn blared. Timothy

(48) [ ]

and the other competiters began mixing random bottles of chemicals. Before long, a foul

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(49) [ ]

smell filled the air and thick grey smoke burned Timothy's nosetrils. The glass container in which Timothy had poured his mixture shuddered and shook.

(50) [ ]

BOOM! Shocked, the cheif judge announced with a smile, "Ladies and gentlemen, that was the Biggest Bang. I proudly announce the winner of this year's Young Scientist Champion, TIMOTHY TAN!"

Adapted from The Big Bang written by Anna
https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3RQ23tmHMm8NkQLXHZ6zZbt/the-big-bang

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

The first zoo in Singapore was established within the grounds of the Singapore Botanic Gardens in 1875. However, it closed in 1905 due to a _____ (51) of funds for its upkeep. The high animal mortality rate was another _____ (52) for its closure. Several zoos by private individuals were later established from 1920s _____ (53) 1960s.

In 1968, Ong Swee Law, then chairman of the Public Utilities Board, decided to open _____ (54) more of the large protected water catchment areas on the island for public use. He suggested the idea of a zoo _____ (55) he felt that there were insufficient venues for family outings at the time. He also observed that more Singaporeans were beginning to keep domesticated animals at home as _____ (56). A steering committee was formed to study the idea of establishing a zoo to meet the recreational, social and educational _____ (57) of Singaporeans.

In 1969, the government authorised the formation _____ (58) a company, Singapore Zoological Gardens, to establish and operate a zoo. It also contributed $9 million towards the zoo's development cost and set aside more _____ (59) for the project as the new zoo would require a larger space.

The Singapore Zoo was officially opened in 1973 with a modest collection of about 300 animals from some 70 species. It adopts _____ (60) rather unusual "open concept" in which the animals are housed in open enclosures landscaped to _____ (61) like their natural habitats. While the emphasis was on _____ (62) from the Southeast Asian region, there were also animals sourced from other parts of the world.

The Singapore Zoo quickly gained popularity and welcomed its one-millionth _____ (63) in 1974, less than two years after it _____ (64) its doors to the public. With its continuous pursuit of excellence, the zoo has _____ (65) numerous awards and accolades since 1970. It has indeed established itself as one of the finest rainforest zoos in the world.

Adapted from Singapore Zoo by Sim Cheryl

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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 the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. Our softball team played well. Yet they lost the match.

Although _____

_____

67. The actor's latest movie won several awards. It was about the life of Albert Einstein.

_____ which

_____

68. We can eat out if you are not planning to cook.

_____ unless

_____

69. My sister told her friend, "I am celebrating my birthday tomorrow."

My sister told her friend _____

_____

70. The baby went to sleep. She had finished a bottle of milk.

_____ before

_____

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Section I: Comprehension (Open-ended) 20 marks
Read this passage carefully and answer the questions 71 to 80.

It was almost pitch black when we set off into the forests of Tengah at 1.30 a.m. My chatty colleague and I decided to join a local durian-picking group. It was something we wanted to do before retiring in a few months' time after teaching for more than 20 years.

Early morning mists shrouded the area as we began our tour to find out if the durians there were ripe and ready for harvest. We were there at that time not because we were nocturnal creatures but because most durians were said to fall from trees then. Squelching through the mud in a single file, I turned around and laughed at my colleague who had readied himself for battle. Armed with a head lamp and a yellow construction helmet to protect his head against the dangers of falling fruits, he looked hilarious. He looked so different without his usual tailored black suit.

The forests made its disdain for intruders clear. Thorny vegetation scratched our limbs and fiery ants bit our legs as we made our way, slowly deeper in the foliage. As the durian season rolls around at mid-year and year-end, some Singaporeans prefer the adventure of heading into the jungle for their durian fix instead of haggling over prices at durian stalls.

As we made our way in, the group leader paused suddenly and asked us if we had heard a durian fall. "No," the clueless me replied. I was more preoccupied with keeping my footing amid the dense undergrowth and suppressing the urge to tear off the shoes from my feet which were being ravaged by ants. I really envied my colleague who could put up with the discomfort without any complaint. After a few minutes of searching the ground for the fallen durian with a powerful torch, the group leader located **it**. In disappointment, I noted that a part of its husk had been hollowed out.

"Squirrels have gotten to it as **they** know how to pick the best durians. How do you tell that this durian has just fallen? Look at its fresh white stem that has not turned brown," the group leader briefed us. **He** also explained that many of the durian trees were planted several years ago by residents living in kampongs while National Parks Board (NParks) plants durian trees in our parks for educational purposes.

I later learnt that although NParks itself did not harvest the fruit of trees, members of the public were not allowed to pluck, collect or keep fruits such as durians found in parks, nature reserves and along roads in NParks-managed areas. Upon hearing that, I told myself this would be my first and last durian hunt. My colleague decided not to keep any durian in order not to break any law.

Towards the end of our hike, I finally heard the soft whooshing and then thumping sound of a durian landing on the forest floor. As we searched furiously around a nearby tree, the distinctive aroma of a freshly dropped durian tempted us. The search, however, was "fruitless" and we decided to wrap it up at 3 a.m. On the way out, I hauled back the huge 2 kg durian I picked up earlier that had been partially eaten by animals.

The next day, my family members gamely helped me to chop open the fruit. Unfortunately, its flesh was white and unripe so it tasted unpalatable. **So much for trusting the squirrels to pick the best durians**.

Adapted from The night I became a durian hunter, The Sunday Times, June 9 , 2019

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71. What was the writer's occupation? (1m)

_____

_____

72. Based on information from paragraph 2, 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 went to Tengah early in the morning.		
The writer and his colleague walked next to each other during the tour.		
The writer was laughed at by his colleague.		

73. Identify 2 items the writer's colleague brought along for the durian hunt. (2m)

Item 1:	
Item 2:	

74. Describe the physical injuries the writer suffered during the durian hunt. (2m)

_____

_____

75. Identify one difference between a durian that had just fallen and one that had fallen for some time. (2m)

_____

_____

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76. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. (3m)

Word from the passage	**What the word refers to**
it (line 20)	
they (line 22)	
He (line 24)	

77. Which **two** of the following words best describe the writer's colleague?
Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. (2m)
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

quiet		greedy	
complaining		nocturnal	
well-prepared		law-abiding	

78. Fill in the following table by identifying the correct word(s) from the passage. (2m)

Question	Word(s) from the passage
a) Which three-word phrase from lines 32-36 tells you that the group decided to end the durian hunt?	
b) Which word from lines 32-36 tells you that the writer had to drag the durian back with difficulty?	

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79. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. (1m)

_____ The writer retired.

_____ The writer went on his first durian hunt.

_____ The writer opened the durian together with his family members.

80. What did the writer mean when he said, "So much for trusting the squirrels to pick the best durians." in the last paragraph? What made him say so? (2m)

_____

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BOOKLET A

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Q40	laboratory
Q41	curiosity
Q42	clearest
Q43	chosen
Q44	enthusiast
Q45	came
Q46	nervously
Q47	confusion

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Q48	competitors
Q49	nostrils
Q50	chief

SECTION G

Q51	lack
Q52	reason
Q53	to
Q54	up
Q55	as
Q56	pets
Q57	needs
Q58	Of
Q59	land
Q60	a
Q61	look
Q62	animals
Q63	Visitor
Q64	opened
Q65	earned

SECTION H

Q66	Although our softball team played well, they lost the match.
Q67	The actor's latest movie which was about the life of Albert Einstein won several awards.
Q68	We can eat out unless you are planning to cook.
Q69	My sister told her friend that she was celebrating her birthday the next day.
Q70	The baby had finished a bottle of milk before going to sleep.

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SECTION I

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<tr><td>The writer and his colleague walked next to each other during the tour.</td><td>False</td><td>The writer and his colleague walked in a single file during the tour.</td></tr>
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Q76

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
it (line 20)	the fallen durian
they (line 22)	squirrels
He (line 24)	the group leader

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<tr><td>b) Which word from line 32-36 tells you that the writer had to drag the durian back with difficulty?</td><td>hauled</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Q79</td><td>3, 1, 2</td></tr>
<tr><td>Q80</td><td>The writer meant that the squirrels could not be trusted to pick the best durians. He said so after chopping open the durian and finding its flesh white, unripe, and its taste was unpalatable.</td></tr>
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