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RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mid-Year Examination 2021

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Section A: Grammar (10 X 1 mark)

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

1. Mr Tan took Ben and_____ to the National Art Gallery.

   (1) I
   (2) he
   (3) me
   (4) she

2. A litter of kittens_____found in a cardboard box yesterday.

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

3. "My little sister_____ preschool tomorrow," said Rachel to her classmates.

   (1) start
   (2) starts
   (3) started
   (4) starting

4. "Have another bowl of soup_____ you are still hungry," said Mrs Lim to her son.

   (1) if
   (2) so
   (3) but
   (4) unless

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5. Jennie seems rather moody lately, _____ she?

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

6. _____ bag of apples over there belongs to Lisa.

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

7. My favourite part of camping is sitting_____ the campfire at night and sharing stories with my friends.

(1) in
(2) by
(3) on
(4) against

8. "I am afraid I don't have _____money to lend you," Jane said to Alice.

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

9. _____ pupil is given a Children's Day gift by the school.

(1) All
(2) Each
(3) Most
(4) Some

10. John is _____ than his twin. He prefers reading to chatting with his friends.

(1) quiet
(2) quietly
(3) quieter
(4) quietest

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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.

11. The frightened residents were _____from the building as one of the houses had caught fire.

(1) evicted
(2) expelled
(3) escaped
(4) evacuated

12. The thief _____ the king to pardon him for his crimes.

(1) begged
(2) pleaded
(3) apologised
(4) complained

13. The principal _____ John for returning the wallet he had found to its rightful owner.

(1) chided
(2) shouted
(3) approved
(4) commended

14. John clapped his hands because he was _____ when he knew he had won the competition.

(1) as brave as a lion
(2) as happy as a lark
(3) as quick as lightning
(4) as stubborn as a mule

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15. Many villagers lost their homes as the heavy rains and _____ destroyed their attap huts yesterday.

(1) floods
(2) famine
(3) infection
(4) diseases

16. The breaking news was _____ immediately in all local newspapers across the island.

(1) televised
(2) published
(3) composed
(4) performed

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Section C: Comprehension 1 (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 17 - 23.

A *chou chou* is a bolster handmade by grandmothers. It is filled with dried bean sprout husks and given as a gift to a newborn grandchild so that he or she does not get startled while sleeping. While most children need to be read a bedtime story before they go to bed, I only need my *chou chou* to go to sleep.

A *chou chou*, which translates to "smelly" in Mandarin, is a comfort object or something personal which one might have since they were young. The thought of not washing a smelly bolster for days or months may seem disgusting for some but comforting for me. My grandmother handmade my *chou chou* and gave it to me when I was born. I can still remember my first overnight stay during the Primary Three camp held in school. I had packed my *chou chou* with me and when I took it out during bedtime, my friends teased me relentlessly. I was embarrassed and my face went beet red.

When I was younger, I needed to smell my *chou chou* before going to sleep every night, or else I would cry loudly and kick up a fuss. The *chou chou* seems so small now in my hands but it reminds me that the simplest of gifts come from the heart.

Adapted from: https://www.asiaone.com/lifestyle/ive-had-chou-chou-21-years-and-im-not-ashamed-admit-it

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17. In **paragraph 1**, what does the writer need for her bedtime? [1m]

Tick your chosen answer.

	a bed time story
	a bolster handmade by her grandmother
	dried beansprout husks

18. In **paragraph 1**, which word has the same meaning as 'shocked'? [1m]

For questions 19 - 21, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False".

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

[3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	**A *chou chou* is a comfort object or something personal that every baby is given at birth.**		✓
19.	The idea of a smelly *chou chou* comforted the writer.		
20.	The writer's grandmother bought her a *chou chou.*		
21.	The writer had packed her *chou chou* for her first overnight camp in school when she was in Primary Three.		

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22. During the camp held in school, how did the writer's friends react when she took out her *chou chou*? [1m]

Tick your chosen answer.

	They felt comforted.
	They were embarrassed.
	They made fun of the writer.

23. What would the writer do if she did not get to smell her *chou chou* before going to sleep? Refer to **paragraph 3** to help you. [2m]

The writer would:

(i) _____

(ii) _____

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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 ONLY.

(A) aspiration	(B) communicate	(C) donated	(D) earns
(E) goal	(F) family	(G) fluently	(H) hesitantly
(J) infamous	(K) owes	(L) upgrade	(M) well-known

Salik, a 14-year-old Cambodian boy, sells simple souvenirs to tourists at popular temples. He has become (24) _____ overnight after a visitor posted a video of him speaking in ten different languages.

It is common for these young sellers to pick up a few key phrases of different languages to (25) _____ with the tourists. However, Salik surprises visitors with his ability to speak (26) _____ in so many foreign languages.

The money he (27) _____ goes directly to his mother, who uses it to support the family's expenses. Now, the life of this simple (28) _____ has been transformed. Wealthy businessmen and charities have (29) _____ thousands of dollars and promised to support Salik's education after watching his video.

Salik is determined to (30) _____ his language skills and education. He wants to become a tour guide when he finishes school, an (31) _____ close to his heart.

Adapted from: https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asia/cambodian-khmer-temple-seller-boy-speaks-many-languages-viral-10937500

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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) his	(C) he
(D) our	(E) we	(F) you

Mother and I were having a picnic at East Coast Park. Unfortunately, it started raining heavily so we decided to pack (32) _____ picnic baskets and look for the nearest shelter at the bus stop. Just then, Mother exclaimed in dismay as she realised that she had left (33) _____ purse at home. She called home and asked my father if (34) _____ could come and pick us up. While waiting for the rain to stop, I suggested that (35) _____ play a game of "I spy".

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

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

Mrs Tan is one of the recipients of the Caring Teacher Award this year. A kind and dedicated teacher, she (36) [enjoy / enjoys] interacting with children. The subjects that she teaches (37) [is / are] English and Science. Mrs Tan (38) [has / have] been teaching in the same school for nearly twenty years. She always (39) [make / makes] time for her pupils and offers a listening ear when they are troubled.

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Section G: Open-ended Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 - 48.

Hawker centres in Singapore are known as community dining rooms. They are where Singaporeans of different races and backgrounds come together to enjoy an affordable plate of satay, chicken rice or roti prata.

It is not easy to find seats at the more popular hawker centres during peak hours so it is common for strangers to share tables. Hawker food is so cheap and delicious that eating out is more common than eating at home for many Singaporeans.

A hawker's job is often backbreaking. Hawkers have to work long hours every day, even on weekends. They are often up and about during the early hours of the day, preparing ingredients tirelessly in hot and confined spaces. Imagine being cramped into a small space surrounded by heated gas stoves all day. They usually have to work into the night to catch the dinner crowd. They have no earnings when they are sick or choose to take leave due to personal affairs.

Many hawkers of the older generation have retired, taking their cooking skills with them. To preserve the hawker culture, more help needs to be provided for those who want to take up the hawker trade. However, not many young Singaporeans aspire to be hawkers. These young Singaporeans think that a hawker does not earn much. They realised the job involves a lot of physical labour.

With better support from government organisations, a small community of passionate young Singaporeans have become hawkers. We should respect them for taking up the hard work that comes with the job. Their tireless efforts have allowed us to enjoy our favourite hawker food. They should also be applauded for their resilience.

Adapted from: https://medium.com/@joshuapoh/what-would-singapore-be-without-her-hawkers-e6cb0bceca31

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40. In **paragraph 1**, what are hawker centres also known as?

Write down the three- word-phrase in the boxes provided. [1m]

For questions 41-43, read each statement, tick (✓) "True" or "False" and give a reason for your answer. Refer to **paragraphs 2 and 3** to help you. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False	Reason
Example	**Hawkers have short working hours.**		✓	**Hawkers work long hours every day, even on weekends.**
41.	Eating out at hawker centres is more common than eating at home for most Singaporeans.			
42.	Hawkers are up and about during the early hours of the day to attend to personal affairs.			
43.	Hawkers work in hot and confined spaces.			

44. Which word in **paragraph 3** has the same meaning as "gruelling"? [1m]

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45. According to **paragraph 4**, how can the hawker culture be preserved?

Put a tick (✓) in the box beside your answer.

DO NOT TICK MORE THAN ONE BOX. [1m]

More hawkers of the older generation must retire.	
More help needs to be provided for those who want to take up the hawker trade.	
The cooking skills of the older generation of hawkers must be improved.	

46. According to **paragraph 4**, what does the word '**they**' in bold refer to? [1m]

47. According to **paragraph 4**, which sentence tells you that some young Singaporeans think that a hawker is not well-paid? [1m]

48. Refer to **paragraph 5** and write your answer in a complete sentence.

What are two qualities that young Singaporeans must have in order to succeed as hawkers? [2m]

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ANSWER KEY

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Section A & B

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Q6	2	Q7	2	Q8	1	Q9	2	Q10	3
Q11	4	Q12	1	Q13	4	Q14	2	Q15	1
Q16	2								

Section C

Q17	a bolster handmade by her grandmother
Q18	startled
Q19	True
Q20	False
Q21	True
Q22	They made fun of the writer.
Q23	(i) cry loudly (ii) kick up a fuss

Section D

Q24	M	Q25	B	Q26	G	Q27	D	Q28	F
Q29	C	Q30	L	Q31	A				

Section E & F

Q32	D	Q33	A	Q34	C	Q35	E
Q36	enjoys	Q37	are	Q38	has	Q39	makes

Section G

Q40	community dining rooms	
Q41	True	Hawker food is so cheap and delicious that eating out is more

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		common than eating at home for most Singaporeans.
Q42	False	Hawkers are often up and about during the early hours of the day, preparing ingredients tirelessly in hot and confined spaces.
Q43	True	The hawkers are being cramped into a small space surrounded by heated gas stoves all day.
Q44	backbreaking	
Q45	More help needs to be provided for those who want to take up the hawker trade.	
Q46	The young Singaporeans	
Q47	These young Singaporeans think that a hawker does not earn much.	
Q48	The young Singaporeans must have resilience and be passionate.	

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