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RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

practice paper

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Name : _____ Class: P4____ Index No: ____

ENGLISH (Part 1) Duration: 1 h 15 min (Part 1 & 2)

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. Jane and her brother _____ very excited when they met their favourite band.

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

2. "Stop disturbing me. I _____ for my test right now," I told my brother.

   (1) revise
   (2) revises
   (3) am revising
   (4) have revised

3. While you _____ in the kitchen, I saw a monkey on the balcony.

   (1) cook
   (2) will cook
   (3) have cooked
   (4) were cooking

4. The pupils have to eat their food _____ the canteen.

   (1) in
   (2) on
   (3) into
   (4) with

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5. _____ children sitting over there are enjoying the concert.

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

6. She likes swimming _____ not running.

(1) or
(2) but
(3) then
(4) because

7. Last year, I _____ in the singing contest after my friends encouraged me to do so.

(1) participate
(2) participated
(3) was participating
(4) have participated

8. The boys drank _____ water as they were very thirsty.

(1) no
(2) little
(3) many
(4) a lot of

9. Jade only managed to pack _____ items in her backpack as she was in a rush.

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

10. I _____ surprised to find a kitten in the drain on my way to school yesterday.

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

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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. This thin glass is very _____ as it breaks easily. Please handle it carefully.

(1) filthy
(2) fragile
(3) smooth
(4) attractive

12. The light _____ for a while before it went out, leaving John in darkness.

(1) fiddled
(2) flickered
(3) fumbled
(4) frolicked

13. We must wash our hands regularly to prevent the spread of harmful_____.

(1) attacks
(2) bruises
(3) injuries
(4) diseases

14. Sharon was so _____ that she spent a lot of money on expensive items.

(1) frugal
(2) stingy
(3) thrifty
(4) spendthrift

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15. There are many apparatus in the _____ for the Science experiment.

(1) theatre
(2) nursery
(3) stadium
(4) laboratory

16. The paint in the bucket _____ when it fell off the shelf.

(1) faded
(2) melted
(3) crumpled
(4) splattered

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Section C: Comprehension 1 (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 17 - 23.

Mr Veera was five when his father died of an illness. To make ends meet, his mother worked as a nanny to support the family. Their relatives helped to raise him and his siblings. In primary school, the young Mr Veera looked like "a rag doll" in oversized uniforms passed down from his older brothers. He often went to school carrying his textbooks in a paper bag.

On rainy days, he would hold the bag close to his chest so it would not tear. Once, the bag was torn. "I had to look for another bag in the rubbish bin," he recounted. His teacher, Mrs Chee, noticed his damaged bag and gathered the boy's classmates to donate a school bag and stationery to him. Mr Veera said that the gifts from his classmates made a big difference in his life.

Mrs Chee's kind act motivated the young boy to work hard. Gaining confidence, Mr Veera went on to graduate with a degree.

Mr Veera hoped that his story would show that acts of kindness, no matter how small, could make big changes in someone's life. As an adult, he paid it forward by buying food for elderly people and helping children with special needs.

Adapted from https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/school-bag-and-stationery-gift-changed-poor-boys-life

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For questions 17 - 19, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to **paragraph 1** to help you. The first example has been done for you.

[3m]

	Statement	**True**	**False**
Example	Mrs Veera's mother worked as a nanny to support the family.	✓	
17.	Mr Veera was five years old when his mother passed away.		
18.	Mr Veera carried a rag doll in a paper bag.		
19.	Mr Veera wore his older brothers' uniforms in primary school.		

20. Tick your chosen answer.

Mr Veera held the paper bag close to his chest on rainy days because _____.

[1m]

- ☐ it was a gift from his classmates
- ☐ it made a big difference in his teacher's life
- ☐ he did not want the bag to get wet and torn

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21. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show what happened first, next and last in **paragraph 2.** [1m]

_____ Mr Veera looked for a bag in the rubbish bin.

_____ Mr Veera's bag was torn.

_____ Mr Veera's classmates donated a school bag and stationery to him.

22. Which word has the same meaning as 'observed'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

His teacher, Mrs Chee, noticed his damaged bag and gathered the boy's (A) (B) classmates to donate a school bag and stationery to him.

23. As an adult, what two things did Mr Veera do to pay it forward? [2m]

(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) adequate	(B) appropriate	(C) concentrate	(D) effects
(E) excellent	(F) necessary	(G) obesity	(H) poor
(J) risks	(K) teenagers	(L) urgent	(M) well-being

Do you know why sleep is important? Sleep is (24) _____ because it enables the body to repair and be fit and ready for another day. (25) _____ sleep contributes to your overall health and (26) _____ and is the key to a healthy lifestyle.

Children and (27) _____ who get insufficient sleep tend to have higher (28) _____ for many health problems, including diabetes, (29) _____, poor mental health and injuries. They are also unable to (30) _____ and have behavioural problems, which can lead to (31) _____ academic performance in school. Hence, parents should ensure that their children sleep early.

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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) our	(B) my	(C) she
(D) their	(E) them	(F) us

Kelly is my best friend. We live in the same neighbourhood. Although (32) _____ studies in a different school, we spend a lot of time together after school. Every day, she will come over to (33) _____ house and we will do homework together. Sometimes, we will have lunch with (34) _____ neighbour, Auntie Grace. She bakes delicious cookies and shares (35) _____ with us. I am very lucky to have Kelly as my best friend.

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

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

Miss Tan is a primary school teacher. She (36) [teach / teaches] Mathematics and Science. All her pupils (37) [like / likes] her very much as she is a humorous teacher who often makes them (38) [laugh / laughs].She is a responsible and hardworking teacher who (39) [do / does] not mind the long hours that comes with the job.

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

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 - 48.

Skateboarding began in California in the 1950s. Surfers were looking for an activity to enjoy when the waves were unsuitable for surfing. The sport was also known as sidewalk surfing. The first skateboards were wooden boxes with roller skate wheels attached to the bottom. They became so popular that skateboard companies soon formed. Later, better skateboards were built with rounded fronts like the boards of today.

By the1960s, concerns about skateboard injuries caused a big drop in sales. The high number of skateboard injuries seen in hospital emergency rooms led to many cities banning skateboarding. City officials urged stores not to sell skateboards and parents not to buy **them**. Children did not wear helmets and protective gear back in those days, and the wheels were made of baked clay that skidded easily. As there were no skateparks, skateboarders skated on the streets. They disrupted traffic and bothered pedestrians.

In 1972, a young surfer named Frank Nasworthy came up with the idea of using wheels we have today, made of a soft material. The wheels gripped the ground much better, allowing for a smoother ride. In 1978, Alan Gelfand developed a trick where he jumped with his skateboard seemingly attached to his feet. This trick, called the "Ollie", is now the basis for most skateboarding tricks today.

Skateboarding has grown in popularity as an unlikely outcome from the lockdown caused by the pandemic in 2020. The sport can be practised anywhere. Even older generations who used to skate in their youth are now re-engaging with skateboarding.

Adapted from: https://csdt.org/culture/skateboarding/origins.html

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40. In paragraph 1, what is another name for skateboarding?

[1m]

41. Tick your chosen answer.

The first skateboards had boards made of _____. [1m]

- ☐ baked clay
- ☐ rounded fronts
- ☐ wooden boxes

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	In the 1960s, skateboards sold well.			Concerns about skateboard injuries caused a big drop in sales.
42.	Many cities banned skateboarding.			
43.	Children were equipped with protective gear when skateboarding in the 1960s.			
44.	Skateboarders skated in skateparks in the 1960s.			

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45. According to **paragraph 2**, what does the word '**them**' in bold refer to? [1m]

46. According to **paragraph 3**, who invented the skateboarding trick "Ollie"? [1m]

47. Refer to **paragraph 3** and write your answer in a complete sentence.
How were the wheels of the skateboards improved? [1m]

_____

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48. Refer to **paragraph 4** and write your answer in a complete sentence.
Why has skateboarding grown in popularity in 2020? Provide 2 reasons. [2m]

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Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	3	4	1	4	2	2	4	2	3
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16				
2	2	4	4	4	4				

Q17)	False
Q18)	False
Q19)	True
Q20)	He did not want the bag to get wet and torn.
Q21)	2, 1, 3
Q22)	A
Q23)	i)Mr Veera paid it forward by buying food for elderly people. ii)Mr Veera paid it forward by helping children with special needs.
Q24)	F
Q25)	A
Q26)	M
Q27)	K
Q28)	J
Q29)	G
Q30)	C
Q31)	H
Q32)	C
Q33)	B
Q34)	A
Q35)	E

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Q36)	teachers
Q37)	like
Q38)	laugh
Q39)	does
Q40)	Sidewalk surfing
Q41)	Wooden boxes
Q42)	True --- The high number of skateboard injuries seen in hospital emergency rooms led to many cities banning skateboarding.
Q43)	False --- Children did not wear helmets and protective gear back in those days, and the wheels were made of baked clay that skidded easily.
Q44)	False --- As there were no skateparks, skateboarders skated on the streets.
Q45)	skateboards
Q46)	Alan Gelfand
Q47)	The wheels were made of a soft material which gripped much better.
Q48)	It had grown in popularity because there was a lockdown and it could be practised everywhere.

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