RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
WEIGHTED ASSESSMENT 1 (2024)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 3

Name: _____ ( ) **Date:** _____

Class: P3_____ **Total Time: 50 min**

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name, class and index number 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.

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Section A: Comprehension 1 (7 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Long ago, a beautiful nightingale flew into Mr Wu's garden. It sang so sweetly that anyone who heard it would be attracted to its singing.

Mr Wu's daughter, Ling, listened to the nightingale's songs and she fell in love instantly with it. When the evening was over, Ling told her father all about the nightingale's melodious singing. He then captured the nightingale and placed it in a cage in the balcony.

Ling wanted to have the nightingale all to herself so she sent her father a toy bird which could sing and dance. He was so fascinated by the toy bird that he forgot all about the nightingale. Ling was glad that her plan worked and hid the nightingale in her room instead.

After some time, the toy bird stopped singing and dancing. Mr Wu longed for music so he searched high and low for the nightingale and finally found it in Ling's room. He reprimanded Ling for being selfish. Then he suggested placing the cage in the living room for everyone to enjoy the nightingale's singing.

Mr Wu was happy to hear the beautiful singing of the nightingale. He promised to get rid of the toy bird and to take good care of the nightingale forever.

Adapted from Treasury of Asian Folktales retold by Linda Gan

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1.For question 1, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

In **paragraph 1**, why did everyone fall in love with the nightingale's singing?

The nightingale _____. (1m)

	sang very sweetly
	was beautiful
	could dance very well

2. In **paragraph 2**, which word has the same meaning as **immediately**? (1m)

Based on **paragraphs 2 and 3** read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False".

The first example has been done for you. (3m)

Statements		True	False
Example	**Mr Wu received a present from his daughter, Ling.**	✓	
3.	Mr Wu kept the nightingale in his room.		
4.	Ling did not enjoy listening to the nightingale's singing.		
5.	At first, the nightingale was put in a cage and placed in the balcony.		

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6. From the last **paragraph**, list 2 things that Mr Wu promised to do to keep the nightingale forever.

(2m)

(i) _____

(ii) _____

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Section B: Comprehension 2 (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Back when we did not have any toys, the seeds, flowers and leaves of local plants were our playthings. One of my favourite pastime was collecting saga seeds. While waiting for our grandmother to pick us up after school, my brother and I would challenge each other to look for the bright red seeds. We did not mind getting our hands dirty for these **little treasures**. We dug around the ground around the saga trees as if they were excavation sites. It became a competition between us to be the first to find a red seed - and my brother usually won. I have kept some of the seeds even till today.

"Never put the saga seeds in your mouth. They are harmful," our grandmother warned us after our toddler sister almost swallowed one of them. Since then, we began to keep the saga seeds in jars. The deep red seeds of the saga trees gave us hours of enjoyment. Sometimes we would put the seeds in empty Yakult bottles and seal the top of the bottles with masking tape to make musical shakers. We would also use the seeds for our Art and Craft projects.

Collecting saga seeds was almost as cool as collecting marbles, stamps and postcards. Some people would place them in special glass jars to be used as beautiful ornaments at home while others gave them to their loved ones to express their love for them.

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7. In **paragraph 1**, what was the writer's favourite activity in his childhood?

(1m)

8. In **paragraph 1**, the word **"little treasures"** refers to _____.

Tick your chosen answer below. **(Tick one only)** (1m)

flowers	
leaves	
saga seeds	

9. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in **paragraph 2**. (1m)

	The writer's grandmother warned them not to put the saga seeds in their mouths.
	The writer's toddler sister almost accidentally swallowed a saga seed.
	The writer and her brother put the saga seeds in jars.

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10. Which word in **paragraph 2** has the same meaning as 'deadly"? (1m)

11. Which **three-word phrase** in **paragraph 2** tells you that the writer and her brother spent a lot of fun time playing with the seeds? (1m)

12. In **paragraph 2,** why were the writer and her brother careful not to leave the saga seeds lying around in the house?
Tick your chosen answer. **(Tick one only)** (1m)

	They wanted to make musical shakers using Yakult bottles.
	They did not want their toddler sister to swallow the seeds accidentally.
	They wanted to use the seeds for their Art and Craft projects.

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13. Answer question 13 in a complete sentence.

Based on **paragraph 3**, list two ways people could use the jars of saga seeds they had collected. **(2m)**

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Q1)	sang very sweetly
Q2)	instantly
Q3)	False
Q4)	False
Q5)	True
Q6)	i) getting rid of the toy bird ii) taking good care of the nightingale forever.
Q7)	Collecting sage seeds
Q8)	saga seeds
Q9)	2,1,3
Q10)	harmful
Q11)	hours of enjoyment
Q12)	They did not want their toddler sister to swallow the seeds accidentally.
Q13)	Two ways people could use the jars of sage seeds they had collected were to place them in special glass jars to be used as beautiful ornaments at home while others gave them to their loved ones to express their love for them.

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