



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 1 )

2009

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE Attn:1h 15 min

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**Section A: Grammar (6 X 1 mark)**

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

1. The referee \_\_\_\_\_ the whistle when the game ended.

- (1) blow
- (2) blew
- (3) blows
- (4) blown

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2. Mother always \_\_\_\_\_ that honesty is the best policy.

- (1) say
- (2) says
- (3) saying
- (4) has said

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3. There is \_\_\_\_\_ water in the jug than in the cup.

- (1) few
- (2) less
- (3) little
- (4) fewer

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4. Janice nodded \_\_\_\_\_ agreement to my suggestion.

- (1) in
- (2) on
- (3) for
- (4) with

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5. Mary and John are excited. \_\_\_\_\_ are going on an excursion to the zoo.

- (1) He
- (2) We
- (3) She
- (4) They

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6. This carton of apples \_\_\_\_\_ bought by my mother two days ago.

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

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**Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

7. Mr White and his wife tried different \_\_\_\_\_ of food at the Newton Hawker Centre when they visited Singapore.

- (1) styles
- (2) options
- (3) samples
- (4) varieties

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8. The shopping centre became \_\_\_\_\_ with many shoppers screaming when all the lights suddenly went out.

- (1) chaotic
- (2) exciting
- (3) mysterious
- (4) threatening

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9. Mei Li was \_\_\_\_\_ when she heard that she was named the top PSLE pupil.

- (1) frantic
- (2) terrified
- (3) ecstatic
- (4) distracted

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10. My uncle and his family went to Island Photo Studio to have their family \_\_\_\_\_ taken.

- (1) portrait
- (2) drawing
- (3) painting
- (4) treasure

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11. Sam was happy that he was given the \_\_\_\_\_ to work in his father's office and gain some experience.

- (1) plan
- (2) attempt
- (3) opportunity
- (4) responsibility

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12. Mr Chin is a well-known \_\_\_\_\_ and he has designed hotels and buildings for many Asian countries.

- (1) painter
- (2) architect
- (3) engineer
- (4) carpenter

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**Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 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) avoided	(B) challenge	(C) decided	(D) disgust
(E) gasping	(F) horribly	(G) opted	(H) punished
(J) pushed	(K) satisfaction	(L) soaked	(M) terribly

San San had just finished her daily four laps around the track. She had (13) \_\_\_\_\_ herself very hard so that she could lose some extra weight and be fitter.

While resting, she looked down at her slim body with (14) \_\_\_\_\_. Perspiration (15) \_\_\_\_\_ her hair and ran down her legs but she did not mind at all. A year ago, San San was overweight and (16) \_\_\_\_\_ unfit. She was unable to climb a flight of stairs without (17) \_\_\_\_\_ for air.

One day, she looked in the mirror and (18) \_\_\_\_\_ to do something about her weight. Losing weight and becoming fit had been a (19) \_\_\_\_\_ for San San. She began by walking around her neighbourhood every evening. She (20) \_\_\_\_\_ fatty and fried food in her diet.

Soon, she slimmed down. She was proud that she was able to lead a healthier lifestyle.

**Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)**

**Cloze Passage 1**

**Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.**

**USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A) after	(B) at	(C) for	(D) into
(E) on	(F) up	(G) with	

A shepherd felt bored looking at his sheep. He decided to play a trick  
21) \_\_\_\_\_ the villagers. He shouted loudly, "Wolf! Wolf!" Immediately, the  
villagers came running. He laughed (22) \_\_\_\_\_ them. He did this a few  
times. The villagers were angry (23) \_\_\_\_\_ him.

One fine day, a wolf really came. The shepherd again shouted, "Wolf! Wolf!".  
This time, nobody came to his rescue. They thought that the shepherd was  
(24) \_\_\_\_\_ to his tricks again and ignored him.

Cloze Passage 2

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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| (A) happen       | (B) happened      | (C) has happened | (D) have happened |
| (E) is happening | (F) was happening | (G) will happen  |                   |

Mother stared in disbelief at the mess in the living room. "What (25) \_\_\_\_\_ just now?" I looked at Mother guiltily. "Mom, I didn't want this to (26) \_\_\_\_\_ either." I told Mother that I had forgotten to close the front door. Before I knew what (27) \_\_\_\_\_, my dog, Snoopy, started racing around the living room. He leapt at Mother's precious vases and smashed them. Mother sighed, "I warned you about Snoopy, didn't I? Now you know what (28) \_\_\_\_\_ when he is allowed to come indoors."

Section E: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Having sufficient sleep is very important to all of us. If we do not sleep enough, it is likely that we will be irritable. Some of us cannot even stay awake for an entire day.

Everyone needs sleep. It is important for us to sleep well so that we can function well. As we get older, we require less sleep. An average adult ... needs around six to eight hours of sleep each day while a growing child requires more than eight hours of sleep daily. A newborn infant practically spends all his or her time sleeping!

By the time a child turns two, he or she will require about fourteen hours of sleep a day. The number of hours can be accumulated, thus it is common for young children to take naps throughout the day.

Sleep is **essential** to allow our body to rest and repair itself. After a good night's rest, we will feel refreshed. ~~work.~~

Those who do not get enough sleep will get eye bags and dark rings which make them look unattractive. They are also grouchy at work or play.

**Answer the following questions.**

- 29 If we have enough sleep, we will \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) be less irritable
  - (2) not be able to function well
  - (3) not stay awake the entire day
  - (4) require less sleep on another day
- (     )
- 30 The younger a person is, the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) less sleep he or she needs
  - (2) more sleep he or she needs
  - (3) less irritable he or she will be
  - (4) more irritable he or she will be
- (     )
- 31 An adult needs to sleep for about \_\_\_\_\_ hours.
- (1) five
  - (2) nine
  - (3) seven
  - (4) fourteen
- (     )
- 32 Having insufficient sleep will \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) affect our appearance
  - (2) give us energy to work and play
  - (3) cause us to skip afternoon naps
  - (4) help our body to feel rejuvenated
- (     )
- 33 The word 'essential' in the fourth paragraph means \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) deep
  - (2) suitable
  - (3) sufficient
  - (4) important
- (     )

**Section F: Comprehension (Open-ended) (5 X 2 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answer in complete sentences.

Once, there were several people aboard an aeroplane flying towards an island. One of them was a pilot. The other three included an old woman, the smartest man in the world and a little boy. Suddenly, the pilot announced that the aeroplane was going to explode in mid-air due to some mechanical faults. These four people knew that they had to jump to safety but there were only three parachutes in the aeroplane.

The pilot thought of his lovely wife and adorable children. He felt that he was a very important person, so he grabbed the parachute and jumped out of the plane first. The smartest man claimed that he was very important to the world too. He then jumped out of the aeroplane.

The old woman, being kind and merciful, then turned to the little boy and said, "Boy, take the last parachute and jump. Don't worry about me. I am already an old woman."

The little boy laughed and replied, "You are very kind but neither of us will die. We still have two parachutes left. The smartest man has taken my bag and jumped."

Just before the aeroplane exploded, both the old woman and the little boy put on their parachutes and secured them tightly before they made their jump to safety. As it turned out, the smartest man, in panic, became the silliest man.

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

34. How many people were on board the aeroplane?

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35. What problem did the people encounter when they wanted to escape?

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36. Which sentence in the passage suggests that the smartest man thought highly of himself?

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37. How did the old woman show that she was selfless?

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38. Who ended up being the most foolish person? Why?

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# ANSWER SHEET

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| C   | B   | A   | E   | B   | G   | F   | B   | A   | F   | G   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 1   | 4   |

34) Four people were on board the aeroplane.

35) There were four people but three parachutes.

36) It is "The smartest man claimed that he was very important to the world too."

37) She told the boy to take the last parachute and jump.

38) The smartest man ended up being the most foolish person. He took the boy's bag and jumped off the plane.

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