



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2010

Name : _____ Class: P4 _____ Index No: _____

6 May 2010 ENGLISH (PART 1) Att: 1 h 15 min
(Part 1 and 2)

Your Score Out of 22 marks		
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Section A: Grammar (6X1 mark)

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

- The construction of flats in the neighbourhood _____ currently being undertaken by Artland company.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were ()
- You _____ wish to check with the school dental clinic on its operating hours during the school holidays.
(1) will
(2) can
(3) may
(4) shall ()
- The heavy downpour which flooded parts of Bukit Timah _____ sometime in October 2009.
(1) happens
(2) happened
(3) is happening
(4) has happened ()
- I cannot stop to talk with you because I do not have _____ time.
(1) a
(2) much
(3) many
(4) some ()

5. Visitors are not allowed to touch the stones from the Stonehenge monument, but they are able to walk _____ it from the fields nearby.
- (1) in
 - (2) on
 - (3) above
 - (4) around
- ()

6. Athletes, such as Usain Bolt, are doing well in track and field and making a name for _____.
- (1) him
 - (2) them
 - (3) himself
 - (4) themselves
- ()

Section B: Vocabulary (6X1 mark)

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

7. Don't drink your tea when it is hot or you will _____ your tongue.
- (1) scald
 - (2) bruise
 - (3) wound
 - (4) dissolve
- ()

8. She was perspiring so much that _____ of sweat ran down her cheeks.
- (1) islets
 - (2) outlets
 - (3) tablets
 - (4) rivulets
- ()

9. Douglas set off on a/an two-month _____ to look for the lost city of Atlantis.
- (1) camp
 - (2) vacation
 - (3) excursion
 - (4) expedition
- ()

10. The Health Promotion Board has launched a _____ to help students battle the problem of obesity.

- (1) slogan
- (2) activity
- (3) measure
- (4) campaign

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11. Despite objections from her family, Mrs Lim was _____ and went ahead with the operation.

- (1) insistent
- (2) inconsolable
- (3) disillusioned
- (4) discontented

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12. The sales promoters were trying to _____ shoppers to sign up for membership by offering freebies and vouchers.

- (1) sway
- (2) affect
- (3) cajole
- (4) provoke

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Section C: Comprehension (MCQ) (5X2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Dinosaurs lived millions of years before human beings first appeared, and they all vanished for some reason. Some say that at some time in the past, the climate of the earth changed.

Most dinosaurs required enormous quantities of food. Eventually, they died of starvation because they could not get sufficient food to eat. Though most dinosaurs were huge reptiles, some were rather small - almost as small as the crocodiles of today - and yet they also died out. The reason could not have been insufficient food, so their extinction still baffles everyone today.

There is one small animal living today whose ancestors roamed the earth at the same time as the dinosaurs. It is considered by scientists to be very closely related to the dinosaurs, but not to present-day reptiles. It is the tuatara which is found in New Zealand. It is only 30 centimetres in length, very different from the enormous dinosaurs which interest children.

For some years, there were rumours about a dinosaur-like creature called the Loch Ness monster which lived in the depths of a lake in Scotland. A Londoner, George Spicer, and his wife, saw "the nearest approach to a dragon or pre-historic animal" that he had ever seen in his life. He was in his boat when he saw it trundling across the road toward the Loch carrying "an animal" in its mouth. Scientists have for some time been trying to photograph the monster and record the sounds it makes but they have not succeeded.

So the only dinosaurs we have today are the bones of some of them in certain museums, and the only live ones are the tiny tuataras of New Zealand.

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

13. In actual fact, of what size were dinosaurs?

- (1) They were all very large.
- (2) Most of them were enormous.
- (3) They were the size of crocodiles.
- (4) They were either very large or very small in size.

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14. The disappearance of dinosaurs from the earth _____.

- (1) remains a mystery
- (2) is caused by a shortage of food
- (3) is caused by the earth's change of climate
- (4) could be due to the large dinosaurs eating the small dinosaurs for food

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15. Which of the following about the tuatara is true?

- (1) It is related to present-day reptiles as it lives today.
- (2) It is not related to the dinosaurs as they lived millions of years ago.
- (3) It is not a relative of the dinosaurs as it is only 30 centimetres long.
- (4) It is related to the dinosaurs as its ancestors lived at the same time as them.

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16. How do people know about the Loch Ness monster?

- (1) It has been photographed before.
- (2) Scientists have recorded the sounds it makes.
- (3) There were eyewitnesses who claimed to have seen it.
- (4) There was a decline in the population of animals around the Loch Ness.

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17. Which of the following is a suitable title for the passage?

- (1) Dinosaurs and their relatives
- (2) Dinosaurs, past and present
- (3) Busting myths about dinosaurs
- (4) The similarities between dinosaurs and the Loch Ness monster

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8X1 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) achievement	(B) certificate	(C) conquering
(D) inspiration	(E) intention	(F) motivation
(G) record	(H) rendition	(J) scaled
(K) summit	(L) ticket.	(M) valley

A 76-year-old Nepalese man has been officially recognised by Guinness World Records as the oldest man to reach the (1) _____ of Mount Everest. By (2) _____ the world's highest peak in May 2008, Min Bahadur Sherchan broke the previous (3) _____ held by Japanese climber, Katsusuke Yanagisawa, who (4) _____ the peak at age 71. In Kathmandu, Sherchan received an official (5) _____ as recognition of his (6) _____. In his speech, he said his (7) _____ was to encourage senior citizens as well as be an (8) _____ to the youth of Nepal.

Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (4X1 mark)

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) performers | (B) performer | (C) performance | (D) performances |
| (E) performing | (F) perform | (G) performs | |

A (9) _____ or (10) _____ arts, comprises a group of (11) _____ behaving in a certain way for an audience. Sometimes, the audience is involved in "participatory theatre", where they get a chance to (12) _____.

Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4X1 mark)

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) whenever | (B) wherever | (C) and |
| (D) while | (E) which | (F) although |

Beowulf is an Old English poem (13) _____ was often recited at kings' feasts and bards' gatherings. (14) _____ Beowulf enters battle, he tries to minimise casualties (15) _____ he places his people's welfare before his own. In his elder years, (16) _____ he wishes he could still grapple his foes, he had to use weapons to defeat his greatest enemy.

Section G: Comprehension (Open-ended) (5X2 marks)

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

The shed was near the house. There was only one small window covered with cobwebs. There were some tools in the shed - a spade and a rake - but there was something else in the dark as well, that not many people knew about. If you stood still in the shed, you could hear the crackle of straw and perhaps a tiny cry.

The cry came from a box standing in a corner. In the box were a mother cat, Minnie, and her three newborn kittens.

A lady named Mrs Plum lived in the kitchen. Every day she brought Minnie's meal to her. When Minnie finished the food, the dish was licked as clean as if it had been washed.

One night, while the kittens were asleep, a storm raged. Thunder rumbled and the winds lashed fiercely at the window. Minnie was petrified. The river ran at the bottom of the garden and she could hear it *roaring by*. It sounded like a fierce growling animal.

The kittens were so young that their eyes had not yet opened. But Minnie's eyes shone like green lamps. She could see, under the door, a trickle of water. The trickle grew to a puddle. The situation was dangerous.

"If it gets any deeper, I shall take the kittens in my mouth and jump onto the shelf. I don't think the water could get as high as that," Minnie thought to herself.

The water flowed faster with each passing minute. Just as Minnie was getting ready to take the first kitten, a strange thing happened. The wooden box began to move about. It was floating like a boat!

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

17. Why was the shed described as dark in the first paragraph?

18. Did Minnie enjoy the food that Mrs Plum gave her? How do you know?

19. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'very frightened'?

20. The author used the words '*roaring by*' to describe the river. What does it tell you about the waters?

21. Why did Minnie decide to take her kittens and jump onto the shelf?

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2010 P4 SA1 Paper 2 Answer Key

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| <p><b>Section A Grammar (MCQ)</b></p> <p>1. 1<br/>2. 3<br/>3. 2<br/>4. 2<br/>5. 4<br/>6. 4</p> <p><b>Section B Vocabulary (MCQ)</b></p> <p>7. 1<br/>8. 4<br/>9. 4<br/>10. 4<br/>11. 1<br/>12. 3</p> | <p><b>Section D Vocabulary Cloze</b></p> <p>1. K<br/>2. C<br/>3. G<br/>4. J<br/>5. B<br/>6. A<br/>7. E<br/>8. D</p> <p><b>Section E Grammar Cloze</b></p> <p>9. C<br/>10. E<br/>11. A<br/>12. F</p> <p><b>Section F Grammar Cloze</b></p> <p>13. E<br/>14. A<br/>15. C<br/>16. F</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p><b>Section C Comprehension(MCQ)</b></p> <p>13. 2<br/>14. 1<br/>15. 4<br/>16. 3<br/>17. 2</p>                                                                                                     | <p><b>Section G Comprehension (OE)</b></p> <p>17. It only had <u>one small window covered with cobwebs.</u> (marks will be deducted for irrelevant answers and incomplete answers)</p> <p>18. Yes, she did. She <u>finished the food and licked the dish clean.</u> (answer must indicate the food being finished and not just licked clean)</p> <p>19. The word is 'petrified'. (Spelling error for key word- 0 marks)</p> <p>20. It tells us that the currents were very strong/turbulent/fierce/raging/violent/ waters were rushing/gushing by/waters were splashing about violently (answer must not just indicate the sound of the waters)</p> <p>21. She thought the <u>water would not get as high as the shelf</u> and that <u>they would be safe there/ thought the water level was getting higher/water was getting deeper and they might be in danger/might drown</u></p> |