

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2017

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Duration: 1 h 15 min

Section A: Grammar (8 X 1 mark)

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

1. We _____ the aquarium next Thursday afternoon.
(1) visits
(2) visited
(3) will visit
(4) have visited
2. This car belongs to Candice. It is _____.
(1) she
(2) her
(3) hers
(4) herself
3. Please switch off your mobile phones in the cinema _____ you do not disturb others.
(1) if
(2) so
(3) but
(4) since
4. Despite Nadal's arm injury, he did not give _____ playing tennis.
(1) in
(2) up
(3) off
(4) out

5. As the storm was approaching, grey clouds _____ the sky.
- (1) darken
 - (2) darkens
 - (3) darkened
 - (4) darkening
6. _____ roller coaster ride over there is the most thrilling one in the amusement park.
- (1) This
 - (2) That
 - (3) These
 - (4) Those
7. Jean is happy as she always receives _____ presents during Christmas.
- (1) any
 - (2) little
 - (3) many
 - (4) much
8. "_____ you like to have dessert after dinner?" James asked his brother.
- (1) Can
 - (2) May
 - (3) Would
 - (4) Should

Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)

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

9. If you have chickenpox, you should stay at home as it is highly _____ and spreads easily to others through contact.
- (1) conscious
 - (2) continuous
 - (3) contagious
 - (4) conscientious

10. The detective saw through the criminal's _____ even though he had put on a wig and sunglasses.

- (1) illusion
- (2) disguise
- (3) covering
- (4) appearance

11. They knew he was as _____. They would need a very good plan to outwit him and win the competition.

- (1) sly as a fox
- (2) busy as a bee
- (3) quiet as a mouse
- (4) graceful as a swan

12. Susan _____ into the room angrily when she heard that her sister had lost her favourite toy.

- (1) dived
- (2) glided
- (3) barged
- (4) strolled

13. Oceans are _____ when oil from the ships leak into the water.

- (1) distilled
- (2) polluted
- (3) infested
- (4) sterilised

14. I go to my grandmother's house for dinner once every two weeks. I enjoy the _____ visits very much as I get to spend time with her and taste her scrumptious cooking.

- (1) yearly
- (2) weekly
- (3) monthly
- (4) fortnightly

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Read the story 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) capture	(B) escape	(C) endangered	(D) habitats
(E) hard	(F) houses	(G) insects	(H) number
(J) predators	(K) range	(L) risk	(M) toxic

Poison dart frogs are formerly known as Poison arrow frogs. They live in rainforest (15)_____ in Central and South America. They can be found in trees, as well as under leaves and logs on the floor of the forest. These tiny frogs (16)_____ from one to five centimetres long, so they are (17) _____ to see. There are many species of poison frogs that can be found in every colour under the sun!

As people are cutting down rainforests for farming and ranching, Poison dart frogs are at (18)_____. In fact, they are the most (19)_____ species as they have also become popular as pets.

Poison dart frogs are considered one of Earth's most (20)_____, or poisonous animals. How does a poison dart frog (21)_____ its prey? It darts out its long and sticky tongue, zapping the unsuspecting bug!

The frogs eat many kinds of small (22) _____, including fruit flies, ants, termites, young crickets, and tiny beetles. Scientists think that this may be the reason for the frogs' toxicity.

Adapted from: <http://www.kidzone.ws/lw/frogs/facts-poison.htm>
and <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/poison-dart-frog/>

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.

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| (A) drank | (B) drink | (C) drinks | (D) drinking |
| (E) drunk | (F) had drunk | (G) was drinking | |

Water is essential for all living things. In order to stay hydrated, I (23)_____ at least eight glasses of water every day. Last Monday at the NEWater plant, I learnt about how water is treated so that it is safe for (24)_____. By the end of the excursion, I was so thirsty that I immediately (25) _____ the bottle of NEWater I was given. Then, I excitedly turned to my classmate and asked, "Have you (26) _____ yours?" She smiled and nodded her head.

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) against | (B) back | (C) between | (D) by |
| (E) inside | (F) with | (G) towards | |

"I can't wait to finally meet Ashley!" cried Kayla. She saw the nursery and ran excitedly (27)_____ it. She tiptoed and pressed her nose (28)_____ the glass. Kayla looked (29)_____ the nursery and tried to spot her baby sister. All but one baby had a pink blanket wrapped around her. Unable to hold (30) _____ her excitement, she gave a little wave when she spotted Ashley opening her eyes.

Section E: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It was the peak hour. John, who had never been late for school, travelled on his usual route from Bugis to Hillview MRT station. Jostling his way through the sardine-packed cabin, John's backpack brushed against the shoulders of fellow commuters. Beside him stood a well-dressed man holding onto his briefcase.

John yawned. He had burnt the midnight oil to revise for an English language examination. His mind was still preoccupied with the similes and idioms he had been memorising the night before. Just then, the train jerked and abruptly screeched to a halt. Like dominoes, panic-stricken commuters screamed as they lost their balance and fell over one another.

Missing the handrail by centimetres, John landed sideways onto the floor. "Here, let me help you," a well-dressed man said while extending his hand to him. Taking his hand, John got up and quickly dusted his uniform. Before he could express his gratitude, an announcement came on, "This is Ramesh, your train captain speaking. This train will be delayed due to a faulty track. We apologise for any inconvenience caused." John whispered a silent prayer, hoping to reach the school on time to sit for his examination.

For questions 31, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

(1m)

31. In paragraph 1, John was a/an _____ student.

☐	helpful
☐	punctual
☐	irresponsible

For questions 32 to 34, write your answer in the boxes provided.

32. When John made his way to school, which train station did he alight at? (1m)

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33. Which word in paragraph 1 has the same meaning as "pushing"? (1m)

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34. In paragraph 2, how did the commuters react when the train screeched to a halt?
List 2 actions or feelings. (2m)

i) _____

ii) _____

For questions 35 and 36, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'. (2m)

Refer to paragraph 2 to help you.

The first example has been done for you.

Statements		True	False
Example	John was tired	✓	
35.	The train jerked before it completely stopped.		
36.	John went to bed early after revising for his English language examination.		

For questions 37 to 39, decide who did the following activities. (3m)

Tick (✓) your chosen answer. Refer to paragraph 3 to help you.

The first example has been done for you.

Activities		John	Well-dressed Man	Train captain
Example	He was in a school uniform.	✓		
37.	He offered his help.			
38.	He fell on the ground.			
39.	He made an announcement.			

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

There was once a farmer who had lived seventy years of his life with only his fields and animals as companions. He devised a competition between his dog and his rabbit. He made a large hole in one of his biggest fields. Then, he hid a carrot and a bone in it. He wanted to see which animal would find them first.

The rabbit was very cheerful and optimistic. He threw himself into looking for the carrot, digging here and there, totally convinced that he would find it. The dog, however, was skeptical. After sniffing around for a bit, he thought he smelled something familiar but he did not think much about it. Instead, he lay down on the ground and complained about the heat.

The rabbit dug for hours while the dog did not stir in his place. With every new hole the rabbit dug, the dog complained that it was difficult to find the bone and carrot in such a big field. The rabbit, on the other hand, thought that each hole dug was one hole less that needed digging. When there was no place in the whole field left to dig, the rabbit dug a tunnel right under where the dog had been lying all the while. There he found the carrot and the bone.

This was how the dog lost because of his pessimism. Due to his natural ability, he had already found the right place at the very beginning. However he did not persevere, unlike the rabbit.

Adapted from: <http://freestoriesforkids.com/children/stories-and-foles/pessimistic-dog>

Write your answers to Question 40 in a complete sentence.

(1m)

40. Why did the farmer devise a competition between the rabbit and the dog?

41. What does "it" in paragraph 1 refer to?

(1m)

42. Which word in paragraph 2 has the same meaning as "doubtful"?

(1m)

For questions 43 to 45, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'.

(3m)

Refer to paragraph 3 to help you.

The first example has been done for you.

Statements		True	False
Example	The dog stayed in his position	✓	
43.	The dog was cheerful and optimistic about finding the carrot and the bone.		
44.	The rabbit dug a tunnel in the direction of where the dog was lying.		
45.	The dog found the carrot and the bone.		

For question 46, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

46. Which of these statements best describe the farmer? Refer to paragraph 1 to help you.

	He was young.
	He was creative.
	He was lazy.

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

	The rabbit dug for hours but the dog did not.
	The dog had been at the right place at the very beginning.
	A farmer came up with a competition between his dog and his rabbit.

48. What quality does the rabbit have? Why do you think so? (2m)

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SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	3	2	2	3	2	3	3	3	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14						
1	3	2	4						

15) D

16) K

17) E

18) L

19) C

20) M

21) A

22) G

23) B

- 24) D
- 25) A
- 26) E
- 27) G
- 28) A
- 29) E
- 30) B
- 31) punctual
- 32) Hill view MRT station
- 33) Jostling
- 34) i) panic - stricken
 - ii) lost their balance and fell over one another
- 35) True
- 36) False
- 37) Well-dressed Man
- 38) John
- 39) Train captain
- 40) He wanted to see which animal would find the carrot and the bone first.
- 41) The large hole in one of the farmer's biggest fields.
- 42) Skeptical
- 43) False

44) True

45) False

46) He was creative.

47) 2

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48) The rabbit is very hard working. He continued digging even though he did not find anything for hours.

