



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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. _____ mask I am wearing is too big for me.

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

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2. All the girls _____ doing their work when they were shocked by a loud sound.

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

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3. My brother and _____ are going to the Botanic Gardens.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) mine
- (4) myself

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4. _____ pupil in that class was invited to Bala's birthday party.

- (1) Both
- (2) Many
- (3) Some
- (4) Every

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5. Xiao Ming is the _____ of the twins.
(1) funny
(2) funnily
(3) funnier
(4) funniest ()
6. Smoking in public places is _____ the law in Singapore .
(1) by
(2) for
(3) with
(4) against ()
7. The notices were _____ from the noticeboard before the examinations.
(1) remove
(2) removes
(3) removed
(4) removing ()
8. There is _____ knocking on the door. Please check who it is.
(1) nobody
(2) anybody
(3) somebody
(4) everybody ()

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. Jack is _____ to his sister for her help, so he bakes her a cake.
(1) caring
(2) helpful
(3) grateful
(4) attentive ()

10. At dusk, the horses start to return to their _____ to sleep.
(1) coop
(2) nest
(3) stable
(4) kennel ()
11. Jim's mother was frustrated with him because he was such a _____ who did nothing the whole day.
(1) loafer
(2) wanderer
(3) volunteer
(4) researcher ()
12. The doctor advises her to rest well if she wants to _____ from her fever.
(1) hide
(2) cure
(3) escape
(4) recover ()
13. At the sound of the whistle, the runners _____ to the finishing line.
(1) walk
(2) jump
(3) sprint
(4) saunter ()
14. The hungry owl is hunting its _____ for food.
(1) spy
(2) prey
(3) hunter
(4) predator ()

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) assemble	(B) covers	(C) do	(D) dry
(E) eyelids	(F) humans	(G) moist	(H) problem
(J) produced	(K) slippery	(L) solution	(M) underwater

Cats rarely blink. However, they still (15) _____. Does that make you wonder if there are animals that do not blink at all. Fish, anyone?

Most fish do not blink as they do not have (16) _____. They do not need them as they live (17) _____. Now, that is amazing. Water keeps their eyes (18) _____ so they do not have to blink.

Blinking comes naturally to (19) _____. We blink when we feel our eyes getting (20) _____. When we blink, a layer of tears will be (21) _____ to moisten our eyes and keep them comfortable. Fish, on the other hand, do not have this (22) _____.

Now do you feel like having a blink-off match with a fish?

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

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

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) flew	(B) flies	(C) fly	(D) flying
(E) have flown	(F) is flying	(G) were flying	

It was a windy day. My brother and I decided that it was the perfect day to (23)_____ kites. We headed for the big field at the park near our house. There were already a few kites (24)_____ in the air. Last week, my brother and I had a contest between us. I (25)_____ my kite so high that it almost reached the sky! My brother and I fly kites whenever we are free. Time really (26)_____ when we are having fun. We definitely have fun flying kites every weekend.

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.

(A) and	(B) because	(C) but	(D) however
(E) or	(F) so	(G) while	

Kate and Claire are identical twins. They are quite different in both character (27)_____ personality. Many may not believe it but it is true. (28)_____ Claire prefers to read, Kate loves to sing and dance. Kate always invites her friends over. This is (29)_____ of her love for their company. When they come, Kate has to choose between two options – keep their conversations low (30)_____ get Claire upset about the noise. Kate has no choice but to choose the first option.

Section E: Open-ended Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

I did not always get along with my younger brother, Ben. Our relationship was not good even before the birth of my baby sister, Rose. Ben "won" when Rose arrived because he managed to keep his position of being the only son in the family!

Unlike Ben, I worked hard and obeyed my parents to make them happy. Besides being annoying, Ben had no respect for me although I was the eldest sibling. He sneaked into my room one day and destroyed all evidence of my hard work. He cut up all my award certificates I had carefully pasted in a scrapbook. All my certificates were destroyed. This included a certificate stating the number of lengths I had swum in a swimming competition. Ben also destroyed a precious photograph of Olympian Joseph Schooling and me taken after the competition.

My furious father made Ben write a letter to the organiser of the swimming competition. In the letter, he wanted Ben to explain what he had done and ask if the certificate could be replaced. Most of the time, certificates could be replaced, but with a fee. However, in this case, the organiser turned up in person with the replacement certificate for me and a box of chocolates for my brother. He found my brother's letter hilarious and felt sorry for him!

Adapted from <https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2012/aug/25/sibling-rivalry-getting-own-back>

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

31. Based on **paragraph 1**, tick the best answer that describes the writer's relationship with her brother, Ben. (1m)

	They did not get along well.
	They had a good sibling relationship.
	Their relationship improved when their baby sister was born.

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

For questions 33 to 35, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'. (3m)
Refer to **paragraph 2** to help you. The first example has been done for you.

	Statement	True	False
Example	The writer was the eldest child in the family.	✓	
33.	Ben destroyed only one certificate.		
34.	The writer wanted to please her parents.		
35.	The writer took a photograph with Joseph Schooling before the competition started.		

For question 36, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

36. Which one of these qualities best describes Ben in paragraph 2?

(1m)

	obedient
	hardworking
	disrespectful

37. In paragraph 3, what two things did Ben's father want Ben to write in the letter?

(2m)

i) _____

ii) _____

For question 38, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

(1m)

38. Why did Ben receive a box of chocolates in paragraph 3?

	Ben's father rewarded Ben for writing to the swimming organiser.
	The swimming organiser gave Ben the box of chocolates as he found Ben's letter hilarious.
	The writer had given Ben a box of chocolates to thank him for writing to the swimming organiser.

39. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage.

(1m)

	Ben received a box of chocolates.
	Ben cut up all the writer's award certificates.
	Ben wrote a letter to the swimming organiser.

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Grandmother and I were forced to escape from our home because of the war that was ongoing. On the way to the camp where all those whose homes were destroyed were given shelter, we were separated. I had to stop searching for her as it was getting dark. I headed towards the camp with fading hope that I would find my last family member.

As I approached the camp, I saw many people huddled together with relief written on their faces. They were grateful to have survived. I pictured Grandmother, her frail body inching towards a safe shelter where she could rest for the night. I promised myself I would find her the next day.

When I woke up, I heard voices. People around me were recounting how the sound of the aeroplanes roaring above them had frightened them when the first attack started. Many camps and villages had been destroyed. They were worried that the second attack might happen again. Therefore, the camp would be unsafe for the next few days. As I heard this, my heart shattered. How was I going to find Grandmother? I stood up and looked around. The people in the camp were all up and about, ready to move on.

Then, I heard a familiar cry and whipped my head around. There stood my grandmother. I was glad she was safe. Tears of joy streamed down my face as I ran towards her waiting arms. Finally, we were reunited.

Adapted from *The Clay Marble* by Minfong Ho

For question 40, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

40. Based on paragraph 1, the writer and her grandmother had to flee from home due to _____ (1m)

	war
	poverty
	starvation

41. In paragraph 1, who does the writer's "last family member" refer to? (1m)

For question 42, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

42. In paragraph 2, the people at the camp felt _____ (1m)

	angry
	thankful
	determined

43. Which word from paragraph 2 tells you that Grandmother was very weak? (1m)

For questions 44 to 46, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'.

(3m)

Give a reason for your answer. Refer to paragraph 3 to help you.

The first example has been done for you.

Statements		True	False	Reason
Example	The camp was safe from another attack.		✓	The attack was likely to occur again soon at the camp.
44.	The first attack that happened had caused much damage.			
45.	The writer was upset when she found out that there might be another attack.			
46.	The people at the camp were still asleep when the writer looked around.			

Write your answers for questions 47 – 48 in complete sentences.

47. In the last paragraph, what made the writer whip her head around?

(1m)

48. In the last paragraph, give two reasons why tears of joy streamed down the writer's face?

(2m)

i)

ii)

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ANSWER KEY

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

Q15	C	Q16	E	Q17	M	Q18	G	Q19	F
Q20	D	Q21	J	Q22	H	Q23	C	Q24	D
Q25	A	Q26	B	Q27	A	Q28	G	Q29	B
Q30	E								

Q31	They did not get along well.
Q32	Annoying
Q33	False
Q34	True
Q35	False
Q36	Disrespectful
Q37	(i) He wanted Ben to explain what he had done. (ii) Ask if the certificate could be replaced.
Q38	The swimming complex organiser gave Ben the box of chocolate as he found Ben's letter hilarious.
Q39	3 1 2
Q40	✓ war
Q41	The writer's grandmother.
Q42	✓ thankful
Q43	frail
Q44	True – Many camps and villages had been destroyed because of the first attack that happened.
Q45	True – The writer's heart shattered when she found out that there might be another attack as how was she going to find Grandmother?
Q46	False – The people at the camp were all up and about, ready to move on when the writer looked around.
Q47	A familiar cry made the writer whip her head around.
Q48	(i) The writer was glad that her grandmother was safe. (ii) The writer and her grandmother reunited.

