



# RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 2 )

2013

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Class: P4 \_\_\_\_\_ Index No: \_\_\_\_\_

9 Oct 2013 ENGLISH (PART 1) Duration: 1 h 15 min  
(Part 1 and 2)

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| Sections A to C    | 24        |
| Sections D to G    | 26        |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>50</b> |
| Parent's Signature |           |

### Section A: Grammar (8X1 mark)

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

- Father told my brother and me to share the toys between \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) myself  
 (2) himself  
 (3) ourselves  
 (4) themselves ( )
- While walking home yesterday, Mrs Lim \_\_\_\_\_ surprised when she found wallet filled with cash.  
 (1) is  
 (2) are  
 (3) was  
 (4) were ( )
- The twins \_\_\_\_\_ overjoyed when their parents praised them for their good behaviour.  
 (1) is  
 (2) are  
 (3) was  
 (4) were ( )
- "Play quietly. Your older sister \_\_\_\_\_ for her test now," said my mother.  
 (1) studies  
 (2) studied  
 (3) is studying  
 (4) has studied ( )

5. Last weekend, I \_\_\_\_\_ to the beach with my family.

- (1) go
- (2) went
- (3) have gone
- (4) was going

(       )

6. While the baby \_\_\_\_\_, Mother prepared dinner in the kitchen.

- (1) sleeps
- (2) will sleep
- (3) has slept
- (4) was sleeping

(       )

7. \_\_\_\_\_ ladies talking there are my teachers.

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

(       )

8. Harry does not like going to school because he has \_\_\_\_\_ friends there.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) many
- (4) much

(       )

**Section B: Vocabulary (6X1 mark)**

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

9. Mr Li \_\_\_\_\_ Tammy for winning the first prize in the 200-metre race.

- (1) consoled
- (2) comforted
- (3) commented
- (4) congratulated

(       )

10. Smokers are reminded to \_\_\_\_\_ from smoking in public areas such as hospitals and cinemas.

- (1) stop
- (2) avoid
- (3) refrain
- (4) decrease

( )

11. "Please tune up the volume of the radio as it is hardly \_\_\_\_\_." Father requested.

- (1) edible
- (2) visible
- (3) legible
- (4) audible

( )

12. He tried to persuade her to change her mind but in \_\_\_\_\_. She stuck to her decision.

- (1) vain
- (2) hope
- (3) futile
- (4) choice

( )

13. Tina could not stop crying as the hero was killed and the film had a \_\_\_\_\_ ending

- (1) silly
- (2) tragic
- (3) comical
- (4) hilarious

( )

14. The reservoirs are drying up because of the \_\_\_\_\_. There is a great shortage of water.

- (1) flood
- (2) famine
- (3) drought
- (4) typhoon

( )

**Section C: Comprehension 1 (10marks)**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

Animals, for example dogs, are also feeling the ill effects of the haze in Singapore. How should we take care of them in this haze?

Dr Dawn Chong from The Animal Clinic says owners have been bringing dogs to her veterinary clinic for haze-related problems, including asthma, coughing and breathing difficulties. Dr Chong advises that if the Pollutant Standards Index (PSI) reading goes above 100, owners should only take their dogs out for quick toilet walks and avoid taking them out for walks entirely if the reading goes above 200. Owners should also try to turn on the air conditioner or fan where possible, change water bowls regularly and use artificial tears to aid the flushing of possible eye irritants.

Meanwhile, Mr Ricky Yeo, a dog owner, suggests using a simple home-made concoction for a daily wipe down. He advises adding two to three drops of high grade lavender oil to a basin of water, soaking a cloth in it and using the cloth to wipe the dogs. He says owners can also use baby wipes to clean their dogs of dust particles. However, he reminds owners to bathe their dogs only occasionally because they will get a dry rash from showering frequently.

"Owners should not only take care of themselves, but also their dogs," he adds.

Adapted from <http://sg.news.yahoo.com/how-to-protect-your-pets-from-haze-151935212.html>

15. Some dogs suffer from haze-related problems. What are these three problems?

i. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

ii. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

iii. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

For Q16-18, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 2 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

|         | Statement                                                                                                | True                     | False                    |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Example | Dr Chong's advice is to turn on the air conditioner or fan where possible.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16.     | Dr Chong's advice is for owners to take their dogs out for toilet walks if the PSI reading is above 200. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17.     | Dr Chong's advice is not to change water bowls regularly.                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18.     | Dr Chong's advice is to use artificial tears to help remove irritants found in the eyes of dogs.         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

19. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

Mr Ricky Yeo suggests that the home-made concoction be used \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | every day    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | every month  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | occasionally |

20. What is added to the water in the home-made concoction?

\_\_\_\_\_  
[1m]

21. Which word has the same meaning as 'often'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

However, he reminds owners to bathe their dogs only occasionally because they will  
(A)  
get a dry rash from showering frequently.  
(B)

22. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The words "Owners should not only take care of themselves, but also their dogs" suggest that  
dogs \_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | must be washed as frequently as possible  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | are healthier than their owners           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | should be protected from the haze as well |



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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 K) in the blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

**USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.**

|                |               |              |                 |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| (A) approached | (B) arrived   | (C) curious  | (D) frantically |
| (E) moment     | (F) profusely | (G) resident | (H) scene       |
| (J) thorough   | (K) victim    |              |                 |

As usual, Meili took the shorter route home after her piano lessons. As she  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_ the void deck of her flat, she saw a man throw a frying pan from one of  
the upper floors. At that (2) \_\_\_\_\_, an elderly woman was walking below the flat.

Meili shouted (3) \_\_\_\_\_ at the elderly woman but it was too late. The frying pan  
had hit the elderly woman on her head. She bled (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and was lying in a  
pool of blood. Soon a crowd of (5) \_\_\_\_\_ onlookers gathered.

Meili quickly called the police. The police and paramedics soon arrived at the  
(6) \_\_\_\_\_. The victim was taken to the hospital while the police made a (7) \_\_\_\_\_  
search floor by floor. The culprit was found three hours later. He was a (8) \_\_\_\_\_  
living on the tenth floor.

**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 F) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

|        |          |         |
|--------|----------|---------|
| (A) he | (B) them | (C) she |
| (D) us | (E) I    | (F) you |

Hi Steven,

School has just re-opened. How is your new school? We really miss having

(9) \_\_\_\_\_ around in class. The teachers gave all of (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of homework today. However, instead of grumbling, we thanked (11) \_\_\_\_\_ as they are working very hard to help us improve in our work.

(12) \_\_\_\_\_ hope to see you soon.

Best regards,

Siew Mei

**Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4X1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Miss Tan is our Science teacher. She (13) [ enjoy / enjoys ] teaching young children who (14) [ has / have ] an interest in Science. She is always working late but (15) [ do / does ] ... not complain as she loves her job. Everyone (16) [ respect / respects ] her and we like her very much. We hope Miss Tan will teach us next year too.

Answer the following questions.

For Q17 and Q18, write your answers in complete sentences.

17. Why did Roy go from door to door to sell packets of tissue paper?

[2m]

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18. What was the "kindness" that Roy received from Emma?

[2m]

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19. Write a word from paragraph 6 which has the same meaning as "puzzled".

[1m]

20. What does the word "case" in paragraph 6 refer to?

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[1m]

21. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines below to show what Roy did first, next and last, according to the flow in the story.

[1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ Roy wrote on the hospital bill.

\_\_\_\_\_ Roy treated Emma's illness.

\_\_\_\_\_ Roy drank a glass of milk.

**Section G: Comprehension (Open-ended) (5x2 marks)**

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

Roy Tan came from a poor family. To pay for his school fees, he had to go from door to door to sell packets of tissue paper. One hot day, after knocking on many doors and failing to sell his goods, he was very hungry and thirsty. He decided he would ask for a glass of water at the next house. A lovely young woman opened the door.

"May...I...have a glass of water, please? I...am thirsty," Roy pleaded.

Emma looked at the skinny boy and thought he looked hungry. Without another word, she brought him a large glass of milk instead. Gratefully, he drank it and then asked, "How much do I owe you?"

"You don't owe me anything," Emma replied. "Mother has taught me never to accept payment for a kindness."

As Roy Tan left that house, he not only felt stronger physically, but also his spirits were lifted. He had been ready to give up and quit school.

Years later, Emma became critically ill and the doctors were baffled. They finally called in a specialist, Dr Roy Tan, to study her rare disease. Dressed in his doctor's gown, he went in to see her. He recognised her at once. He was determined to do his best to save her life. From that day onwards, he paid special attention to Emma's case.

After a long struggle with the illness, the battle was won. Dr Tan requested the final bill to be passed to him for approval. He looked at it, wrote something on the edge and the bill was sent to Emma's hospital ward.

Emma feared to open it, for she was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for it all. Finally, she looked and something caught her attention on the side of the bill. Emma's tears rolled down her cheeks as she read the following words, "Paid in full with one glass of milk."

Adapted from <http://academicstips.org/blogs/a-glass-of-milk-paid-in-full/>

For Q22, write your answers in complete sentences.

22. Why would it take the rest of Emma's life to pay for her hospital bill?

[2m]

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23. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The words "Paid in full with one glass of milk" suggest that \_\_\_\_\_

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|   |
| ✓ |
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Roy wanted Emma to drink more milk

Emma did not have to pay for her hospital bill

Roy wanted Emma to pay with a glass of milk

~~~~~ End of Paper ~~~~~

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# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2013**

**SCHOOL : RAFFLES PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH**

**TERM : SA2**

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

## PART I

Q15) i) asthma

ii) cough

iii) breathing difficulties

Q16) True

Q17) True

Q18) False

Q19) every day

Q20) Lavender oil

Q21) B

Q22)

|   |                                           |
|---|-------------------------------------------|
| √ | Should be protected from the haze as well |
|---|-------------------------------------------|

## PART II

Section D

Q1) A

Q2) E

Q3) D

Q4) F

Q5) C

Q6) H

Q7) J

Q8) G

Section E

Q9) F

Q10) D

Q11) B

Q12) E

Section F

Q13) enjoys

Q14) have

Q15) does

Q16) respects

Section G

Q17) Roy had to pay his school fees as he came from a poor country

Q18) It was a glass of milk that Roy received from Emma when he was hungry and thirsty

Q19) Baffled

Q20) It refers to Emma's illness

Q21)

|   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 3 | Roy wrote on the hospital bill |
| 2 | Roy treated Emma's illness     |
| 1 | Roy drank a glass of milk      |

Q22) The bill to Emma's illness was very expensive so Emma could not afford it.

Q23)

|   |                                                 |
|---|-------------------------------------------------|
| ✓ | Emma did not have to pay for her hospital bills |
|---|-------------------------------------------------|