



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2018

Sections A to C	24
Sections D to G	26
Total	50
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3 May 2018 ENGLISH (PART 1)

Duration: 1 h 15 min (Part 1 and 2)

Section A: Grammar [8X1 mark]

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. My sister had her breakfast in the kitchen, while Dad and I had _____ in the dining room.

- (1) his
- (2) hers
- (3) ours
- (4) mine

2. Jane and Dolly are not even sisters, but they look alike. Sometimes it is so difficult to distinguish one _____ the other.

- (1) on
- (2) off
- (3) from
- (4) apart

3. Please make sure that you have time to reread and edit your work _____ handing it in to your teacher.

- (1) after
- (2) since
- (3) during
- (4) before

4. Tammy is the _____ of the twins.

- (1) pretty
- (2) prettily
- (3) prettier
- (4) prettiest

5. The horse _____ its tail to chase away the fly that was buzzing around it.

- (1) swish
- (2) swishes
- (3) swished
- (4) swishing

6. I have never tasted baked crabs _____ but my parents say that they taste delicious.

- (1) itself
- (2) myself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

7. "You cannot understand the agony that Reanne is going through, _____ you?" I asked Molly.

- (1) can
- (2) can't
- (3) could
- (4) couldn't

8. Have you ever _____ across such an unreasonable person?

- (1) come
- (2) came
- (3) comes
- (4) coming

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. Wang Jing's face turned as _____ as a sheet when she saw plumes of smoke bellowing from the classrooms.

- (1) black
- (2) white
- (3) green
- (4) yellow

10. Shandy is depressed as she has to _____ with her sister's tough demands every day.

- (1) put on
- (2) put up
- (3) put off
- (4) put down

11. Tom and his brother were severely _____ as they misbehaved at their aunt's wedding.

- (1) chided
- (2) cajoled
- (3) consulted
- (4) commended

12. Saachi is a/an _____ chef who could come up with the most remarkable dish using ordinary ingredients.

- (1) studious
- (2) notorious
- (3) ingenious
- (4) appetising

13. The old man praised Janice for being a _____ girl, going out of her way to help him cross the road.

- (1) dainty
- (2) humble
- (3) peaceful
- (4) considerate

14. During the inter-school dance competition, the _____ in the concert hall applauded to show their support.

- (1) audience
- (2) onlookers
- (3) spectators
- (4) bystanders

Section C: Comprehension 1 [10 marks]

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A new litter of otter pups has been spotted frolicking with the Bishan otter family. At least six pups have been spotted, bringing the total number of members in the famous Bishan family to sixteen, veteran otter watcher, Jeffery Teo, told The Straits Times.

Richard Lee took photographs of the new pups and he posted them on Facebook. He said that he saw seven new pups but one was believed to have died since.

With the main objective of providing a better understanding of the otters, otter community page, OtterWatch, launches talks to help the public learn about the otters and their living environment. It also discusses how the public has responded to these mammals as their population increases.

Online stories of the otters have drawn many comments from readers who have expressed concern at the growth of the population which has grown up to more than sixty now, as told by National University of Singapore biology lecturer, N. Sivasothi, who heads OtterWatch. However, he stressed that the growth of the otter population depends on the availability of food and competition for food.

"Pups are lost during movement between locations, individuals are killed by traffic and entanglement, others disperse in search of new territories and mates," he said. He further added, "Reduced prey availability due to rising population will limit litter size and growth, which is why otters, like other carnivores, defend their territories against other otter families."

Mr Sivasothi noted how the Marina Bay otter family has lost its battle for territory to the Bishan otter family. They are now being pushed beyond their territory and losing at least two pups in this territorial battle.

Adapted from www.straitstimes.com.sg

Answer the following questions based on the passage.

15. Which word in **paragraph 1** tells us that the pups were playing in a cheerful and lively way? [1m]

16. Who posted the news of the new addition to the Bishan otter family on Facebook? [1m]

17. Tick your chosen answer based on the passage. [1m]
OtterWatch provides talks to mainly help the public to _____.

☐	control the population of the otters
☐	have a better understanding of otters
☐	take better care of the otter pups

18. Tick your chosen answer

Who does the word "he" in **paragraph 4** refer to? [1m]

☐	N. Sivasothi
☐	Jeffery Teo
☐	Richard Lee

19. For question 19, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False".
Refer to the passage to help you

[3m]

Statement		True	False
Example	There are several factors affecting the size of the otter population.	✓	
(a)	The Bishan otter family has sixteen members now.		
(b)	Readers are not concerned about the growth in the otter population.		
(c)	All otter pups are killed by traffic accidents.		

Answer question 20 in a complete sentence.

20. In the last paragraph, which otter family has gained new territory?

[1m]

- 21 State two results mentioned in the passage that happened during the territorial battles between the two otter families.

[2m]

i. _____

ii. _____



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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze [8 X1 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) crops	(B) deliver	(C) extensively
(D) harmful	(E) narrowly	(F) leftovers
(G) lure	(H) mass	(J) plump
(K) puny	(L) sensation	(M) tasteful

Thailand's free-roaming monkeys are a huge tourist draw. The monkeys, mostly macaques, are known to boldly go to tourists who 22) _____ them with food. One of these monkeys, in particular, has recently become a worldwide 23) _____ because of his enormous size.

Nicknamed Uncle Fat, the 24) _____ macaque is often seen seeking handouts of junk food from visitors or foraging for 25) _____ in trash cans. Smaller primates also 26) _____ food to Uncle Fat on a regular basis.

While Uncle Fat's unhealthy eating habits that have been shared 27) _____ on social media have been amusing to humans, they are proving 28) _____ for him. About three times the 29) _____ of an average adult macaque, he now weighs twenty-six kilograms. Fearing for Uncle Fat's health, he was soon caught and sent to a rehabilitation centre.

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) after	(B) to	(C) from
(D) on	(E) for	(F) with

There is a long queue of traffic waiting for the lights to change. Some inconsiderate pedestrians take their time to cross (30) _____ the other side.

There is a food centre on that side of the road which houses several stalls. It is sometimes packed (31) _____ elderly men and women having their tea-time break. They enjoy talking about their day and sharing the latest news in the block. It is a conducive place (32) _____ their social interaction.

A stone's throw away (33) _____ the food centre is the supermarket. It is usually crowded.

Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 [4X1 mark]

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

Yesterday, Julie was waiting at the bus stop when she noticed a man staring at her. She (34) [becomes / became] suspicious of him and boarded the next bus that came along.

The man followed her onto the bus and continued to (35) [stare / stares] at her. Soon, Julie reached her destination and she (36) [gets / got] off the bus. She ran home as quickly as her legs (37) [can / could] carry her. She heaved a sigh of relief when she got home safely.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Head chef Benson, is renowned for his culinary skills. His innovative dishes include Masai Pasta and Wilderness Chocolate Cake. A self-taught chef, Benson's story is an inspiring one of someone who reads cookbooks to follow his passion of becoming a professional chef.

Although Benson grew up in Koiyaki town where free education was provided, he was unable to pursue further studies after completing his primary school education. When Benson's father fell very ill, his family used up all their money to pay for his medical bills. Hence, being the eldest child in the family, he had to take up the responsibility of supporting his family.

To take care of the needs of his family and siblings, Benson got a job as a security guard at Wilderness Camp. Although he worked as a guard, he wanted to pursue his love for cooking. During his free time, he would read through a cookbook titled "Kitchen Stories" that he carried around the camp.

Benson's interest was obvious enough and it prompted Annete, a former camp manager, to ask him why he kept reading the same book. When Benson shared his love for cooking, Annete decided to help Benson by asking him to help out in the kitchen.

Starting off in the kitchen as a helper was a turning point for Benson. Though things were difficult at first, he did not see failure as a barrier to success. He was always learning from his mistakes. Thus, he rose through the ranks to become a head chef at Basecamp.

Adapted from "A SELF-MADE SUCCESS STORY BY CHEF BENSON" by In KENYA

Answer the following questions based on the passage.

38. Name one of Chef Benson's creative dish.

[1m]

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Answer question 39 in a complete sentence.

39. Why was Benson unable to further his studies after completing his primary school education?

[2m]

40. What does the word "it" in paragraph 4 refer to?

[1m]

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

[1m]

Annete discovered Benson's passion in cooking	
Benson started work at the camp as a security guard	
Benson was offered to work in the kitchen of Wilderness Camp.	

For Q 42–44, read each statement. Tick ✓ “True” or “False” and give a reason for your answer based on information from the passage. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False	Reason
Example	Benson was the youngest child in the family		✓	Benson was the oldest child in his family
42.	Benson learnt his culinary skills from Annete.			
43.	Benson was passionate about being a guard at Wilderness Camp.			
44.	Annete supported Benson’s passion in cooking.			

45. Based on the last paragraph, what were the two qualities that helped Benson to be promoted to the rank of a head chef? [2m]

i. _____

ii. _____

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**EXAM PAPER 2018 (P4)**

**SCHOOL : Raffles**

**SUBJECT : English**

**TERM : SA1**

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

15)frolicking

16)Richard Lee

17)have a better understanding of otters

18)N.Sivasothi

19) a)True    b)False    c)False

20)The Bishan otter family has gained a new territory.

21) i)Marina Bay's otter family lost at least two pups.

ii)Marina Bay's otter family was pushed beyond its territory.

22)G

23)L

24)J

25)F

26)B

27)C

28)D

29)H

30)B

31)F

32)E

33)C

34)became

35)stare

36)got

37)could

38)Masai pasta

39)Benson's family used up the money paying for his father's medical

Bill and thus he had to take on the role of supporting his family.

40)Benson's interest in cooking.

41)2,1,3

42)False – Benson was a self-taught chef.

43)False – Although Benson worked as a guard, he wanted to pursue  
his love for cooking.

44)True – When Benson shared his love for cooking, Annete decided  
to help Benson by asking him to help out in the kitchen.

45) i)He was always learning from his mistakes.

ii) He did not see failure as a barrier to success.

