



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)
2018

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Name : _____ Class: P4 _____ Index No: _____

22 Oct 2018 ENGLISH (Part 1) Duration: 1 h 15 min (Part 1 & 2)

Section A: Grammar (8 X 1 mark)

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

1. While cleaning the house last night, Jane and I _____ startled when the doorbell rang.

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

2. Yesterday, Jane _____ three sweaters from me before going to Japan.

- (1) borrows
- (2) borrowed
- (3) has borrowed
- (4) was borrowing

3. _____ girl sitting there has the best chance to win the competition.

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

4. My brother went to the canteen and bought _____ a bowl of noodle.

- (1) herself
- (2) himself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

5. The boy _____ upset because he tripped and fell during recess.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
6. "Listen carefully. The principal _____ important information on the upcoming National Day celebrations at the moment," said Mr Ong.
- (1) gave
 - (2) gives
 - (3) is giving
 - (4) has given
7. The soup is not salty enough. It has too _____ salt in it.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) many
 - (4) much
8. John lives only _____ blocks away from school.
- (1) little
 - (2) none
 - (3) a few
 - (4) much

Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)

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

9. The student who confessed to her teacher for cheating in the test was _____ for having the courage to own up to her mistake.
- (1) abused
 - (2) praised
 - (3) punished
 - (4) welcomed

10. Sarah was left _____ in the small town with no place to stay when she missed the last train back to the city.
- (1) ruined
 - (2) stranded
 - (3) secluded
 - (4) discarded
11. The handwriting on the old manuscript has faded so much that it is barely _____.
- (1) stable
 - (2) legible
 - (3) reliable
 - (4) durable
12. The _____ watched the pupils as they did their paper during the examination.
- (1) witness
 - (2) spectator
 - (3) invigilator
 - (4) announcer
13. After quarrelling for days, the boys' teacher encouraged them to _____ their problems and make peace with each other.
- (1) resent
 - (2) repent
 - (3) resolve
 - (4) release
14. The customers were tricked by the _____ salesman into buying the faulty electrical goods.
- (1) pitiful
 - (2) faithful
 - (3) merciful
 - (4) deceitful

Section C: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 15 - 23.

One in five primary school children have reported being "cyberbullied". According to counsellors, the number of cyberbullies among young people looks set to grow further.

"This is due to cyberbullying becoming more common over the years and thus, being mistaken as normal behaviour by children," said Ms Lee, president of the volunteer group. Mr Tan, assistant manager of Cyber Wellness group added, "The rising number of online bullies is worrying."

Mr Tan has also commented that the victims of cyberbullying may suffer from consequences that are more serious than face-to-face bullying. On the internet, the insults and rumours can be never-ending. Furthermore, the information can even come back to haunt one in the future. The experience or shame suffered can be more intense as the audience is much bigger.

Why do children engage in cyberbullying? Perhaps, they may have done so out of boredom. Mr Tan thinks they are egged on by their peers and that they have acted out in the heat of the moment. Ms Lee thinks some children do not realise the reach and impact that their words can have online. She adds that most of these bullies feel bolder thinking there will not be any consequences since they hide behind their online names.

Adapted from The Straits times, Janice Tai, 'One in four secondary students admits to Cyberbullying'

15. In **paragraph 1**, who said that the number of cyberbullying is rising? [1m]

For questions 16 – 17, read each statement and tick (✓) whether the statement is “True” or “False”. Refer to **paragraph 2** to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Statement		True	False
Example	Cyberbullying has become more common over the years.	✓	
16.	Ms Lee is the assistant manager of Cyber Wellness group.		
17.	Mr Tan is worried about the growing numbers of cyberbullying cases.		

18. Which word has the same meaning as “embarrassment”? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

The experience or shame suffered can be more intense as the audience is

(A) (B)

much bigger.

19. From **paragraph 3**, state two reasons why cyberbullying has more serious consequences than face-to-face bullying.

(i) _____ [1m]

(ii) _____ [1m]

20. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

On the internet, the insults and rumours _____. [1m]

	do no harm
	affect the victim's future
	only reach a small group of people

Read **paragraph 4** carefully. For Q21 – 23, decide who stated the following reasons why children commit cyberbullying.

Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

Reasons stated in paragraph 4		Mr Tan	Ms Lee
Example	They act out in the heat of the moment.	✓	
21.	They are encouraged by their peers.		
22.	They do not realise the impact of their words.		
23.	They feel braver hiding behind a fake name online.		



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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) ability	(B) aggressive	(C) character
(D) closely	(E) depth	(F) keep
(G) length	(H) release	(J) search
(K) shallow	(L) size	(M) timely

The Amazon is home to a whole host of fascinating and deadly creatures, including the electric eel. This famous freshwater predator gets its name from the fact that it has the (24) _____ to produce electricity. A single jolt could disable a person long enough to cause him or her to drown, even in (25) _____ water. Multiple shocks could cause a person to stop breathing or experience heart failure.

Electric eels can grow up to 2.5 metres in (26) _____. Despite their snake-like appearance, electric eels are not actually eels at all! Instead, they are more (27) _____ related to carp and catfish. Although eels have the power to be the bullies of the Amazon, they are actually not very (28) _____ animals. They have poor eyesight, but can emit a

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weak electric signal. It is like a ship's radar signal which the eels use to (29) _____ for and capture their prey.

Special organs in the eel's body (30) _____ powerful electric charges of up to 650 volts — that is more powerful than a standard wall power socket! It can generate an enormous electrical charge to stun its prey and (31) _____ predators at bay. The shock of an electric eel has been known to knock a horse off its feet. Now, that's shocking!

Adapted from <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/electric-eel/#ElectricEel2.jpg>

Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (4 X 1 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) her	(B) he	(C) me
(D) she	(E) them	(F) they

Joshua has been collecting stamps since he was seven years old. He has a large collection of stamps. (32) _____ come in different shapes and sizes but he prefers to arrange (33) _____ according to their dates. (34) _____ takes note of the dates of release for new stamps and queues at the post office to purchase them. His aunt, Susan, exchanges stamps with him whenever (35) _____ visits him every weekend.

Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4 X 1 mark)

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

Jennifer is the eldest daughter of the Tan family. Her parents are both busy at work. She (36) [has / have] been taking care of her siblings. She (37) [is / are] a responsible and caring sister. Her siblings (38) [love / loves] her dearly. Unknown to them, she studies at night when they (39) [sleep / sleeps].

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Section G: Open-ended Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 - 48.

Kate grew up in a close-knit family. Kate's parents taught her at a young age to always stand up for the family. Every Sunday, Kate and her parents would visit her grandparents.

In the summer, Kate's grandmother would take her to the sea to look for mermaids or build sand castles for princesses. Kate thought her grandmother was a lot of fun. Grandpa loved to tell stories. He would charm everyone with his tales about his life as a young navy officer on a submarine and his adventures riding his bicycle through Europe during springtime. To Kate, neither of her grandparents seemed old which was why she loved being with them.

One Sunday, while visiting her grandparents, Kate noted that Grandpa was repeating the same stories. When she asked him about his day, he could not seem to remember what he had done. At first, Kate did not think much about it until Kate witnessed Grandpa lose his cool when he could not find his keys. When her grandmother tried to tell him that he was not allowed to drive, he sulked like a child and slammed the door as he left the room. This behaviour was not like Grandpa at all! Kate watched as her grandmother shook her head and sighed in dismay. Kate quietly turned away and went back to the living room.

After several more weekend visits, it was clear to Kate that something was wrong with Grandpa. She observed that Grandpa kept repeating himself and that he could not seem to remember what he had done. Kate told her mother, "This morning, Grandpa did not remember my name. Mom, what's happening to Grandpa?" Kate asked.

Adapted from *'What's Happening to Grandpa?'* by Maria Shriver

40. What was Kate taught to stand up for at a young age?

[1m]

41. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

In **paragraph 1**, how often did Kate's family visit her grandparents? [1m]

	daily
	weekly
	fortnightly

For Q42-44, read each statement, tick ✓ "True" or "False" and give a reason for your answer.

Refer to **paragraph 2** to help you. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False	Reason
Example	Kate's grandmother would take her to the beach in spring.		✓	Kate's grandmother would take her to the beach in the summer.
42.	Kate thought her grandmother was fun.			
43.	Kate loved to charm people by telling them tales about her grandfather's life.			
44.	Kate loved being with her grandparents.			

45. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes provided to show which event happened first, next and last in **paragraph 3**. [1m]

	Grandpa sulked and slammed the door.
	Kate's grandmother shook her head and sighed in dismay.
	Grandpa could not remember where he had left his keys.

46. In **paragraph 3**, which sentence shows that Kate did not want to embarrass her grandmother after witnessing the argument between her grandparents? [1m]

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47. Which adjective best describes Kate's character? [1m]

Put a tick ✓ in the box beside your answer. DO NOT TICK MORE THAN ONE BOX.

observant	
impatient	

helpful	
rude	

48. For Q48, write your answer in complete sentences.

According to **paragraph 4**, give two reasons why Kate suspected something was wrong with ^{her} grandfather. [2m]

ANSWER KEY

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Q6	3	Q7	2	Q8	3	Q9	2	Q10	2
Q11	2	Q12	3	Q13	3	Q14	4		

SECTION C

Q15) counsellors

Q16) False

Q17) True

Q18) B

Q19) i: On the internet, insults and rumours can be never-ending.

ii: The information can come back to haunt one in the future.

Q20) affect the victim's future

Q21) Mr Tan

Q23) Ms Lee

SECTION D - F

Q24) A

Q25) K

Q26) G

Q27) D

Q28) B

Q29) J

Q30) H

Q31) F

Q32) F

Q33) E

Q34) B

Q35) D

Q36) has

Q37) is

Q38) love

Q39) sleep

SECTION G

Q40) always stand up for the family

Q41) weekly

42)	Kate thought her grandmother was fun.	✓		Kate's grandmother would take her to sea to look for mermaids or build sandcastles for princesses.
43)	Kate loved to charm people by telling them tales about her grandfather's life.		✓	Kate's grandpa would charm everyone with his tales about his life as a young navy officer and his adventures of riding his bicycle through Europe in springtime.
44)	Kate loved being with her grandparents.	✓		To Kate, neither of her grandparents seemed old which was why she loved being with them.

Q45) $2 > 3 > 1$

Q46) Kate quietly turned away and went back to the living room.

Q47) Observant

Q48) Grandpa kept repeating himself and he could not seem to remember what he had done.

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