



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 2 )

2007

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

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2007 ENGLISH (PART 1) Att: 1 h 15 min  
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Section A: Grammar (6X1 mark)

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

1. Neither Mary nor Suzy \_\_\_\_\_ a book every day.
- (1) read  
(2) reads  
(3) is reading  
(4) have read ( )
2. "Is five-hundred gram of sugar too \_\_\_\_\_ for a small cake?" Su Min asked her mother.
- (1) few  
(2) less  
(3) many  
(4) much ( )
3. " \_\_\_\_\_ you want a scolding from your father, you'd better finish your homework now," Mrs Tan warned Sam.
- (1) If  
(2) As  
(3) Since  
(4) Unless ( )
4. In the tournament, Sweden will play \_\_\_\_\_ Germany to earn a spot at the finals.
- (1) by  
(2) for  
(3) with  
(4) against ( )

5. "They \_\_\_\_\_ to our enquiry letter two months ago but you didn't bother to read it!" shouted Lina at John.

- (1) reply
- (2) replies
- (3) replied
- (4) replying

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6. The man \_\_\_\_\_ legs are crippled is a millionaire.

- (1) who
- (2) whom
- (3) which
- (4) whose

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

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

7. The fishermen spotted an abandoned boat \_\_\_\_\_ at sea and informed the police coast guards.

- (1) drifting
- (2) loitering
- (3) lingering
- (4) hovering

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8. The climb to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the mountain was difficult but it was worth it as the view from the peak was magnificent.

- (1) tip
- (2) hill
- (3) valley
- (4) summit

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9. We were invited to a \_\_\_\_\_ feast last evening.

- (1) meagre
- (2) gorgeous
- (3) sumptuous
- (4) tremendous

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10. In the past, some men \_\_\_\_\_ to piracy as they were looking for an easy way to get rich.

- (1) related
- (2) adopted
- (3) resorted
- (4) converted

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11. Tim was attacked by the bear because he \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- (1) probed
- (2) revived
- (3) revoked
- (4) provoked

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12. Siti has learnt to pick herself up after the sorrowful event instead of \_\_\_\_\_ over what had already happened.

- (1) jeering
- (2) harping
- (3) brooding
- (4) considering

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**Section C: Comprehension (MCQ) (5X2 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It was getting dark. Mary became frantic. She looked at the wreckage. The crew of the plane and all the other passengers had died. All she could see around her were trees and debris.

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She looked around the wreckage for anything that could be of help. A handphone perhaps or some device she could use to save herself. She searched desperately until she was breathless. Mary was too tired to continue. She decided to stop for a rest. As Mary was alone, she was scared so she started to cry.

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Suddenly, something made Mary stop crying. She heard some noises coming from the bushes behind her. She turned around and saw a pair of eyes looking at her. It did not look human. Mary trembled vigorously at the thought of the 'thing'. She did not know what to do and was briefly stunned. The pair of eyes looked menacing. "What am I to do?" Mary muttered to herself.

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Finally, Mary took quick steps towards the sea. From the noise behind her, it sounded like the 'thing' was following her. She decided that to die at sea was better than to be eaten by the 'thing'. She turned around briefly and saw the 'thing'. It was huge and hairy with bloodthirsty eyes. It looked terrifying. She panicked and screamed for help. The 'thing' roared in response. Mary ran as fast as her legs could carry her. She jumped into the sea leaving the 'thing' roaring with anger. It could do nothing else but roar as it was afraid of water. The sole survivor of the plane crash struggled and finally drowned at sea.

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

13. Which one of the following sentences is correct?

- (1) Everyone in the plane died.
- (2) Mary was alone in the plane.
- (3) The plane landed safely near the sea.
- (4) Mary was the only survivor of the plane crash.

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14. Why did Mary stop for a rest?  
She was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) tired
  - (2) alone
  - (3) hungry
  - (4) desperate ( )
15. Which of the following phrases tells you that Mary was scared of the 'thing'?  
The phrase is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) 'stopped crying'
  - (2) 'briefly stunned'
  - (3) 'muttered to herself'
  - (4) 'trembled vigorously' ( )
16. What does the word 'menacing' in line 13 mean in the passage?  
It means the pair of eyes looked \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) greedy
  - (2) friendly
  - (3) worried
  - (4) threatening ( )
17. What happened to Mary in the end?
- (1) Mary was killed by the 'thing'.
  - (2) Mary drowned herself at sea.
  - (3) Mary screamed and was saved.
  - (4) Mary ran towards the sea for help. ( )



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

**USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A) appalled	(B) bandaged	(C) chaos
(D) disperse	(E) frightened	(F) halt
(G) render	(H) road	(J) striving
(K) treated	(L) unhurt	(M) wincing

Bang! The noise was deafening. I jerked forward as the bus suddenly screeched to a (Q1) \_\_\_\_\_. All the passengers on the bus looked out of the windows. Even the pedestrians stopped walking and looked towards the middle of the road. I was (Q2) \_\_\_\_\_ at the scene before my eyes. A blue car had crashed into the back of a school van. Luckily, the drivers of both vehicles looked (Q3) \_\_\_\_\_. However, it seemed that a few of the school children on the bus were injured. They were (Q4) \_\_\_\_\_ in pain. The drivers of the blue car and the van came out of their vehicles to help the children. Some passers-by also stopped to help. The whole place was in (Q5) \_\_\_\_\_. The driver of the bus I was in also alighted from the bus and went out to (Q6) \_\_\_\_\_ help to the victims. Soon, the siren of the police car was heard. The policemen quickly sprang into action and tried to (Q7) \_\_\_\_\_ the crowd that had formed. The ambulance also arrived within minutes. The injured children were (Q8) \_\_\_\_\_ for minor injuries by paramedics at the scene. I realised I was getting late for lessons and decided to walk to school.

**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 G) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------|
| (A) am doing | (B) do        | (C) does     | (D) did |
| (E) had done | (F) have done | (G) is doing |         |

Terry looked at his reflection in the mirror. He realised to his horror that what his friend (Q9) \_\_\_\_\_ to him was staring back right at him.

He picked up the telephone and dialled Alan's number. "Hey! See what you (Q10) \_\_\_\_\_ to me! There is a scar!" Terry screamed into the telephone. Alan replied, "Oh dear, I only (Q11) \_\_\_\_\_ it as a prank on you since it was your birthday. I didn't know it would lead to that. I am sorry." Terry replied, "What's done cannot be undone. In future, think before you (Q12) \_\_\_\_\_ something."

"Once again, I'm sorry," Alan said to him. Before hanging up the telephone, Terry thought he heard a snigger on the other line.

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

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) although	(B) but	(C) despite	(D) however
(E) if	(F) and	(G) or	

Finally, the moment Mr Lee had been anticipating arrived. He had waited months for this. (Q13) \_\_\_\_\_ his busy schedule, he spent the last few months researching on the internet for suitable places to visit during the holidays. The hours spent in front of the computer (Q14) \_\_\_\_\_ the countless exhibitions he went to with his wife were worth it. (Q15) \_\_\_\_\_ he was tired, he would not allow it to dampen his spirit. He packed his bags and left the apartment with his wife. (Q16) \_\_\_\_\_, he realised that in a hurry he had left his passport behind.



**Section F: Comprehension (Open-ended) (5X2 marks)**

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

Kok Wah was a trader with fifty years of experience. He was on his way to a neighbouring country. On his boat were several bales of silk and stacks of porcelain cups, plates and bowls. Luck was with him. He was glad that the winds had changed direction as he could move faster now. He had heard that there were many reports of pirate attacks in the region so he wanted to reach his destination as fast as possible. He had to make sure that he kept a lookout for pirates as he might easily lose his goods to them.

Kok Wah kept awake till the early hours of the morning. He could hardly keep his eyes open. Finally, he thought it was probably safe to take a short nap. Little did he realise that a boat had been moving quietly alongside his boat for the past hour.

A few minutes after Kok Wah had fallen asleep, two men leapt onboard. Unlike the usual pirates, they did not bother to arm themselves. They made their way to where the goods were. "Look at him! He is just an old man who is not a threat to us. He is also fast asleep. What an easy target!" one of the men remarked while the other let out an evil grin.

The men worked swiftly. Soon, they managed to clear out the boat. They glanced at Kok Wah. He was beginning to stir. They thought he would probably be too groggy to go after them even if he were fully awake. They ignored Kok Wah, as they proceeded to untie their boat from his. Just then, a gunshot pierced the air. The men jumped up in fright. They looked around.

The men were shocked to see Kok Wah standing at the edge of the boat with his rifle pointed directly at them. In his booming voice, he ordered the two men to return his goods. They were tempted to sail off but were afraid of losing their lives. Their small boat was rocking about dangerously. Unwillingly, they retied their boat to Kok Wah's boat and brought everything back again.

**Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.**

**Q17. What did Kok Wah trade in?**

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**Q18. Why did Kok Wah keep awake till the early hours of the morning?**

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**Q19. Explain why the pirates thought Kok Wah was an easy target.**

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**Q20. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the pirates did not have any weapon with them?**

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**Q21. What made the men listen to Kok Wah?**

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2. 4 Q2) A
3. 4 Q3) L
4. 4 Q4) M
5. 3 Q5) C
6. 4 Q6) G
7. 1 Q7) D
8. 4 Q8) K
9. 3 Q9) E
10. 3 Q10) F
11. 4 Q11) D
12. 4 Q12) B
13. 4 Q13) C
14. 4 Q14) A
15. 4 Q15) A
16. 4 Q16) D
17. 4 Q17) Kok Wah thought in silk, porcelain cups, teapots and bowls.  
Q18) Kok Wah wanted to keep a lookout for pirates. He might easily lose his goods to them.  
Q19) The pirates thought that Kok Wah was just an old man who was not a threat to them. He was always fast asleep.  
Q20) The sentences are "Unlike the usual pirates, they did not brother to and themselves."  
Q21) Kok Wah had a rifle pointed at the pirates and the pirates did not want to lose their lives.