



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 2 )

2008

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

23 Oct 2008 ENGLISH (PART 1) Att: 1 h 15-min  
(Part 1 and 2)

Section A: Grammar (6X1 mark)

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

- The police officer \_\_\_\_\_ the robbers to put down their weapons during the island wide crackdown yesterday.  
(1) order  
(2) ordered  
(3) has ordered  
(4) was ordering  
( )
- While jogging in the park last evening, my father \_\_\_\_\_ shocked when a dog dashed across his path.  
(1) is  
(2) are  
(3) was  
(4) were  
( )
- One million dollars will be awarded to the person who has \_\_\_\_\_ information about the fugitive.  
(1) any  
(2) little  
(3) much  
(4) plenty  
( )
- \_\_\_\_\_ relief workers standing over there saw the terrible destruction the earthquake had caused.  
(1) That  
(2) This  
(3) These  
(4) Those  
( )

5. Last Friday, the students \_\_\_\_\_ about their project when the fire alarm went off.

- (1) discussed
- (2) are discussing
- (3) was discussing
- (4) were discussing

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6. "Hui Min \_\_\_\_\_ home now. Please wait for a while," said Mrs Lei.

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

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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. After looking at the sky for a while, Mother brought an umbrella as she \_\_\_\_\_ that it might rain.

- (1) predicted
- (2) prompted
- (3) estimated
- (4) confirmed

(       )

8. The original robot which the group \_\_\_\_\_ won the first prize.

- (1) initiated
- (2) invented
- (3) introduced
- (4) implemented

(       )

9. That modern building was designed by a very famous \_\_\_\_\_ who had won many awards.

- (1) surveyor
- (2) engineer
- (3) architect
- (4) archaeologist

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10. We went to stay at our grandparents' house while our flat was being \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) renewed
- (2) refreshed
- (3) renovated
- (4) revamped

(       )

11. Piranhas can \_\_\_\_\_ their victim within a few seconds.

- (1) devour
- (2) dissect
- (3) devastate
- (4) disintegrate

( )

12. The tennis player finally lost the match because he became \_\_\_\_\_ after leading the game at the beginning. He thought he could easily win.

- (1) composed
- (2) complacent
- (3) complicated
- (4) concentrated

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Brewing at high speeds, a tornado was seen reaching from the ground to the clouds.

The deadly tornado tore through the house, took the roof off and the walls fell down. A truck landed on the house which trapped Robert Williams and killed his wife. Williams' wife died in his arms. There wasn't anything he could do.

The raging winds pulled Williams' daughter and granddaughter up and away. His daughter, Amy, and her ten-month old baby girl were gone. Amy did not know where her baby had gone. The tornado had tossed them in different directions. She found a shirt and put it over her head because it was bleeding. A police officer found Amy and took her to the hospital.

The police officer then started looking for the baby, "Something caught my eye. I looked but I couldn't see anything. And when I looked again, I could see there was a baby, curled up at the base of a tree. She had her little face in the mud. It was wonderful to hear her start crying."

The baby was reunited with her mother in the hospital. Amy lost her mother but was relieved that her father and baby were fine. It was a tragic day for the town.

(Adapted from CNN news)

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

13. A tornado is a \_\_\_\_\_  
(1) sudden shaking of the ground  
(2) giant wave that is several storeys high  
(3) huge wind that happens over the water  
(4) fierce wind that reaches from the ground to the sky ( )
14. Robert William's wife was \_\_\_\_\_  
(1) killed when a tree fell on her  
(2) killed when a truck landed on her house  
(3) able to survive the tornado  
(4) taken to the hospital ( )
15. The person who found Amy's baby was \_\_\_\_\_  
(1) a passer-by  
(2) Amy's father  
(3) a policeman  
(4) Amy's husband ( )
16. The baby was found \_\_\_\_\_  
(1) in the truck  
(2) in the house  
(3) in the hospital  
(4) at the foot of a tree ( )
17. After the disaster, Amy felt relieved as \_\_\_\_\_  
(1) her mother was unhurt  
(2) she went to stay with her father  
(3) her baby was found and brought to her  
(4) she went searching and found her baby ( )



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

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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 'K' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

<del>(A)</del> casualties	<del>(B)</del> control	<del>(C)</del> disturbance
<del>(D)</del> nightmare	<del>(E)</del> relief	<del>(F)</del> rubble
<del>(G)</del> shelters	<del>(H)</del> shivers	<del>(I)</del> topple
<del>(J)</del> tremors		

The earth shook slightly in the middle of the night. As the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ worsened, the buildings and houses started to (2) \_\_\_\_\_. There was chaos everywhere. People were screaming and crying when they realised what was going on. Many people were trapped under the (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Ambulances were activated to rush the wounded from the wreckage to the hospitals. The police and soldiers were sent to the affected areas to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the situation. Dogs were used to sniff out people buried in the debris. Rescue work continued through

the night. At daybreak, hundreds of people arrived to help with (5) \_\_\_\_\_ work.

They pitched tents, cooked meals and attended to the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ before the ambulances returned for them.

Many people did not dare return to their homes as they feared the aftershocks of the earthquake would cause further devastation. They were prepared to sleep at temporary (7) \_\_\_\_\_ for weeks. It took only a few seconds to turn all these people's lives into a (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

**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.

<del>(A)</del> explanations	<del>(B)</del> has explained	(C) can explain	(D) explained
<del>(E)</del> explains	<del>(F)</del> have explained	(G) is explaining	

The instructor (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the concepts to us now. His (10) \_\_\_\_\_ are concise and clear. He (11) \_\_\_\_\_ that creating a new invention requires perseverance. He says that he (12) \_\_\_\_\_ any concepts that we are still unsure of at the end of the session.

Section F: 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 F) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

<del>(X)</del> he	(B) her	(D) his
(C) she	(E) them	<del>(F)</del> us

The day was blazing hot. Mr Thomas decided to do something before a disaster struck. He rushed into the village and called for all (13) \_\_\_\_\_ friends to evacuate. All of (14) \_\_\_\_\_ gathered but he noticed that his best friend, Miss Jane, was not around. (15) \_\_\_\_\_ was still in the hut sound asleep. He was worried for (16) \_\_\_\_\_ safety.



Section G: Comprehension (Open-ended) (5X2 marks)

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

July 23, 2008

A drunken taxi passenger was arrested early Wednesday morning after attacking a taxi driver and stealing his taxi. The police pursued him in a high-speed chase along the Ayer Rajah Expressway (AYE).

The pursuit ended about three minutes after it began with the 35 year-old surrendering to officers along the AYE near the Hong Leong Garden Shopping Centre.

"He was very strong. I feared for my life," said the taxi driver, who wanted to be known only as Mr Goh.

The 52-year-old part-time taxi driver said he picked up the man, who reeked of alcohol, at around 1 a.m.

"I realised he smelt of alcohol right after he got into the taxi. By then, it was too late to ask him to get out," said the father of three teenaged children. "He was in a very bad mood and was shouting and scolding me in Hokkien," continued Mr Goh.

The man became belligerent, damaged the car and punched Mr Goh in the face during a 10-minute rampage. The taxi driver pulled over and fled from the taxi, but left the keys in the ignition. The passenger hopped into the driver's seat and sped away, but the car was equipped with a tracking device.

Police gave chase, with speeds reaching 110km per hour. When the man pulled over, officers described him as calm and cooperative although he failed the breathalyser test.

The experience had given Mr Goh second thoughts about driving his taxi at night.

"I still feel scared when I think about what has happened. I'll be taking an indefinite break from driving taxis," he said.

Adapted from an article in 'The Straits Times'

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

17. Why was the drunken passenger arrested?

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18. How did the passenger attack Mr Goh physically?

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19. Which 5-word phrase in the passage tells us that the car could be easily located?

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20. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'angry and ready to fight'?

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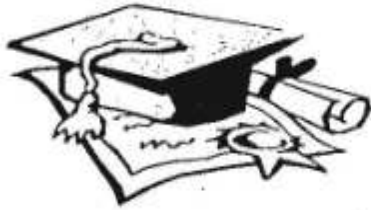
21. Why did the taxi driver intend to take an indefinite break from driving taxis?

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# ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2008

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SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA 2

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## PAPER 2

- 1)K      2)J      3)F      4)B      5)E      6)A      7)G      8)D  
9)G      10)A      11)E      12)C      13)C      14)E      15)D      16)B

17)It was because the drunken passenger attacked a taxi driver and stole his taxi.

18)The passenger punched Mr Goh in the face.

19)The five-word phrase is "equipped with a tracking device."

20)The word is "belligerent."

21)He was fearful of being attacked again.