



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 1 )

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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**Section A: Grammar [8 X 1 mark]**

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

- As the weather was pleasant, Alan \_\_\_\_\_ to walk to the market.  
(1) decide  
(2) decides  
(3) decided  
(4) deciding ( )
- Jim is a fast worker. He can complete a task \_\_\_\_\_ than his brother.  
(1) quick  
(2) quickly  
(3) more quickly  
(4) most quickly
- Alice has a lot of books at home. She \_\_\_\_\_ before going to bed every night.  
(1) read  
(2) reads  
(3) is reading  
(4) are reading ( )
- While my parents \_\_\_\_\_, someone knocked on the door.  
(1) cook  
(2) cooks  
(3) are cooking  
(4) were cooking ( )

5. James told his sister to bring him \_\_\_\_\_ glass of water from across the room.

- (1) this
- (2) that
- (3) those
- (4) these

( )

6. There are only \_\_\_\_\_ apples left on the dining table.

- (1) any
- (2) little
- (3) a few
- (4) many

( )

7. I miss my grandmother. It has been two years \_\_\_\_\_ I last saw her.

- (1) but
- (2) then
- (3) since
- (4) although

( )

8. I did not \_\_\_\_\_ out yesterday because of the scorching sun.

- (1) go
- (2) goes
- (3) went
- (4) going

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**Section B: Vocabulary [6 X 1 mark]**

**Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.**

9. He is a famous \_\_\_\_\_ who has treated many patients and helped them recover from their illnesses.

- (1) doctor
- (2) servant
- (3) musician
- (4) pageboy

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10. Fearless Phil likes to \_\_\_\_\_ his muscles in front of his friends to show off how strong he is.

- (1) bolt
- (2) flex
- (3) tear
- (4) prod

( )

11. I felt like a \_\_\_\_\_ in my new school as I barely knew anyone.

- (1) leaf
- (2) bullet
- (3) nightingale
- (4) fish out of water

( )

12. The burglars \_\_\_\_\_ through Mr Lim's drawers and stole all his precious valuables.

- (1) explored
- (2) arranged
- (3) organised
- (4) rummaged

( )

13. Mr Wolf had many witnesses who were willing to \_\_\_\_\_ in court that he was guilty of hurting the three little pigs.

- (1) testify
- (2) gossip
- (3) display
- (4) remember

( )

14. Annie has been a singer for ten years. She cannot believe that it has been a/an \_\_\_\_\_ since she entered the music industry.

- (1) decade
- (2) century
- (3) fortnight
- (4) anniversary

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**Section C: Vocabulary Cloze [8 X 1 mark]**

Read the story 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) cooked	(B) disappointed	(C) effort	(D) enormous
(E) excited	(F) impatience	(G) increasingly	(H) patience
(J) remorse	(K) ripe	(L) saved	(M) wasted

A teacher gave her pupils some seeds so they could plant their very own sunflowers. One boy in the class, who loved eating sunflower seeds, was so (15) \_\_\_\_\_ that he planted the seeds immediately and checked on them several times a day.

When the first flower appeared, the boy, filled with (16) \_\_\_\_\_, went to see his teacher. "Can I collect the seeds from the flower yet?" he asked. The teacher answered that he would still have to tend the plant for quite some time. The boy was (17) \_\_\_\_\_ but he kept on looking after his sunflower.

However, he grew (18) \_\_\_\_\_ impatient, and kept pestering his teacher about wanting to collect the sunflower seeds. Even though the teacher asked him to be patient, as soon as the boy saw the sunflower's first seeds, he cut the plant so he could eat them. However, the plant was still green, the seeds were not (19) \_\_\_\_\_, and of course they could not be eaten.

The boy was sad. He had put so much (20) \_\_\_\_\_ into caring for the sunflower, but in the end, he (21) \_\_\_\_\_ it all for a simple lack of patience. When he saw how (22) \_\_\_\_\_ his classmates sunflowers grew, he was upset. In the end, he resolved not to be so impatient in the future and to listen to his teacher.

**Section D: Grammar Cloze [8 X 1 mark]**

**Cloze Passage 1**

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) are cycling	(B) cycle	(C) cycled	(D) cycles
(E) cycling	(F) is cycled	(G) was cycling	

There are many types of exercise. One of them is (23) \_\_\_\_\_. I learnt to (24) \_\_\_\_\_ at the age of five, and I am very good at it now. Last month, I taught my sister cycling. Now, she (25) \_\_\_\_\_ with me every weekend. Once, we took part in a competition and (26) \_\_\_\_\_ all day. After all the exercise, we reached home tired but exhilarated.

**Cloze Passage 2**

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) behind	(B) down	(C) for	(D) on
(E) under	(F) up	(G) over	

It was a heavenly blue morning. Two hungry chicks were left in a nest to fend (27) \_\_\_\_\_ themselves. Their mother was out, circling in the air (28) \_\_\_\_\_ a field in search of food. However, an injured butterfly resting (29) \_\_\_\_\_ the ground caught the mother's attention. Gliding down swiftly, it soon settled quietly (30) \_\_\_\_\_ the colourful creature.

"Are you hurt?" the bird asked softly, startling the butterfly who flew away at once.

**Section E: Comprehension 1 [10 marks]**

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

It was recess time. Everyone dashed towards the canteen. I was famished and my mouth watered as the lovely aroma of chicken rice and western food wafted into my nostrils. I made a beeline for the chicken rice stall after deciding not to queue up for my favourite drink.

All the queues in the canteen were snaking long. Just when I was at the front of the chicken rice stall, I noticed Wei, the notorious school bully, jostling through the crowd with a sneer plastered on his face. A shiver ran down my spine when I saw him stride purposefully towards me. He shoved me roughly and I landed hard on the floor. An acute pain jolted up my leg and I clutched it tightly. Acting as if nothing had happened, Wei then took my place in the queue.

"Ouch!" I sobbed as tears rolled down my cheeks. My face turned as red as a tomato. Sensing that all eyes were on me, I wished the ground would open up and swallow me whole!

Fortunately, the principal, Mr Bala, had witnessed the incident. He stepped forward and reprimanded Wei in a stern voice as he helped me up. "How could you be so inconsiderate? You should be mindful of your behaviour!" Mr Bala looked at Wei with disappointment. Meekly, Wei apologised and retreated to the back of the line. I accepted his apology and even shook his hand. We became friends and would always smile when we walked past each other.

For question 31, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

31. In paragraph 1, the writer was heading for \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

	the drink stall
	the chicken rice stall
	the western food stall

For questions 32 and 33, write your answer in the boxes provided.

32. Which word in paragraph 1 has the same meaning as "hungry"? [1m]

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33. Which six-word phrase in paragraph 2 tells you that the writer was afraid? [1m]

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34. In paragraph 2, which two actions show that Wei bullied the writer? [2m]

(i) \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_

For questions 35 and 36, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'.

[2m]

Refer to paragraph 2 to help you.

The first example has been done for you.

Statements		True	False
Example	Wei was a school bully.	✓	
35.	The writer's leg was hurt.		
36.	There was no queue in the canteen in front of the chicken rice stall when Wei reached the canteen.		

For questions 37 to 39, decide who did the following actions.

[3m]

Tick (✓) your chosen answer. Refer to paragraph 4 to help you.

The first example has been done for you.

Actions		The Writer	Mr Bala	Wei
Example	He retreated to the back of the line.			✓
37.	He was furious.			
38.	He meekly apologised.			
39.	He accepted the apology.			



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**Section F: Open-ended Comprehension 2 [10 marks]**

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

Two days before the mid-autumn festival, Miss Tan intended to bake a huge batch of scrumptious mooncakes for her neighbours. All her neighbours looked forward to this annual treat.

However, this year, the unthinkable happened. Someone had stolen her precious recipe book! Miss Tan was devastated at the thought of letting down her neighbours. She was **on the brink of tears** and her hands were shaking when she called the town detective to investigate.

"The burglar has broken the lock of the front door," said the detective. "Why is he interested only in the recipe book?" he pondered as he walked to the front door and examined the broken lock.

"He has broken the lock of the bedroom drawer too!" Miss Tan exclaimed. "I had the recipe book locked in my bedroom drawer. It is a special recipe passed down from my great grandmother."

"Are you sure the burglar stole nothing else? No money, no jewellery?"

"That's right, detective. He only took what is most important to me, my recipe book. Without the book, there's no way I can continue baking," sobbed Miss Tan.

Hearing that, the detective cried out in alarm, "If you stop, who will then bake those delicious mooncakes?"

"I am sorry. There is nothing else I can do," Miss Tan apologised tearfully.

"I must solve this case at once!" said the detective, eager to prove that he was the best detective in town.

Write your answer to question 40 in a complete sentence.

40. Why was Miss Tan "on the brink of tears" in paragraph 2? [1m]

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41. Which word in paragraph 2 has the same meaning as "upset"? [1m]

Write your answer to question 42 in a complete sentence.

42. What did the detective not understand in paragraph 3? [1m]

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For questions 43 to 45, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'. [3m]

Refer to the passage to help you.

The first example has been done for you.

	Statements	True	False
Example	No money was stolen.	✓	
43.	The burglar only stole mooncakes.		
44.	The lock of the bedroom drawer was broken.		
45.	The detective agreed that Miss Tan should stop baking mooncakes.		

Refer to the passage to help you.

For question 46, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

[1m]

46. Which one of these statements best describes Miss Tan?

Refer to the passage to help you.

	She was terrible at baking mooncakes.
	She was generous in sharing her mooncakes with her neighbours.
	She was eager to continue baking even without the recipe book.

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

[1m]

	Miss Tan discovered that her recipe book was missing.
	The detective examined the broken lock of the front door.
	Miss Tan called the detective to help her solve the case of the missing recipe book.

48. Why did the detective want to solve the case immediately?

[2m]

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**EXAM PAPER 2018 (P3)**

**SCHOOL : RGS**

**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**

**TERM : SA1**

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	3	2	4	2	3	3	1	1	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	4	1	1	E	F	B	G	K	C
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
M	D	E	B	D	C	C	G	D	A

**Q31) the chicken rice stall**

**Q32) famished**

**Q33) a shiver ran down my spine.**

**Q34) i) He shoved the writer roughly and the writer landed hard on the floor.**

**ii) He took the writer's place in the long queue.**

**Q35) True**

**Q36) False**

**Q37) Mr Bala**

**Q38) Wei**

**Q39) The Writer**

**Q40) Because she wanted to bake some mooncakes for her neighbours as it was mid-autumn festival, but someone stole her recipe book that taught her how to bake mooncakes and she did not want to let her neighbours down.**

**Q41) devastated**

**Q42) The detective did not understand why the burglar only stole Miss Tan's recipe book.**

**Q43) False**

**Q44) True**

**Q45) False**

**Q46) She was generous in sharing her mooncakes with her neighbours**

**Q47) 1 , 3 , 2**

**Q48) The detective wanted to solve the case immediately because he was eager to prove to Miss Tan that he was the best detective in town.**