



# RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

End-of-Year Examination

2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class: P8 \_\_\_\_\_

15 October 2020

English Language Paper 1

Duration: 50 min

Write a composition of **at least 100 words** about a **playful act**.

The pictures, not arranged in sequence, are provided to help you think about this topic. Your composition should be based on one, two or all of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What was the girl doing?
- What did her mischievous brother do?
- How did she react when she saw the toy spider landing on the table?
- What happened in the end?



### Helping Words:

- happily painting
- crept up
- landed in front of
- spilled onto
- furious





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Your Score Out of 50 marks	
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: P3 \_\_\_\_\_ Index No: \_\_\_\_\_

26 Oct 2020

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Duration: 1 h 15 min

### Section A: Grammar (8 X 1 mark)

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_ mask I am wearing is too big for me.

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

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2. All the girls \_\_\_\_\_ doing their work when they were shocked by a loud sound.

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

(     )

3. My brother and \_\_\_\_\_ are going to the Botanic Gardens.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) mine
- (4) myself

(     )

4. \_\_\_\_\_ pupil in that class was invited to Bala's birthday party.

- (1) Both
- (2) Many
- (3) Some
- (4) Every

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5. Xiao Ming is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the twins.

- (1) funny
- (2) funnily
- (3) funnier
- (4) funniest

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6. Smoking in public places is \_\_\_\_\_ the law in Singapore .

- (1) by
- (2) for
- (3) with
- (4) against

( )

7. The notices were \_\_\_\_\_ from the noticeboard before the examinations.

- (1) remove
- (2) removes
- (3) removed
- (4) removing

( )

8. There is \_\_\_\_\_ knocking on the door. Please check who it is.

- (1) nobody
- (2) anybody
- (3) somebody
- (4) everybody

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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. Jack is \_\_\_\_\_ to his sister for her help, so he bakes her a cake.

- (1) caring
- (2) helpful
- (3) grateful
- (4) attentive

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10. At dusk, the horses start to return to their \_\_\_\_\_ to sleep.
- (1) coop
  - (2) nest
  - (3) stable
  - (4) kennel
- ( )
11. Jim's mother was frustrated with him because he was such a \_\_\_\_\_ who did nothing the whole day.
- (1) loafer
  - (2) wanderer
  - (3) volunteer
  - (4) researcher
- ( )
12. The doctor advises her to rest well if she wants to \_\_\_\_\_ from her fever.
- (1) hide
  - (2) cure
  - (3) escape
  - (4) recover
- ( )
13. At the sound of the whistle, the runners \_\_\_\_\_ to the finishing line.
- (1) walk
  - (2) jump
  - (3) sprint
  - (4) saunter
- ( )
14. The hungry owl is hunting its \_\_\_\_\_ for food.
- (1) spy
  - (2) prey
  - (3) hunter
  - (4) predator
- ( )

**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) assemble	(B) covers	(C) do	(D) dry
(E) eyelids	(F) humans	(G) moist	(H) problem
(J) produced	(K) slippery	(L) solution	(M) underwater

Cats rarely blink. However, they still (15) \_\_\_\_\_. Does that make you wonder if there are animals that do not blink at all. Fish, anyone?

Most fish do not blink as they do not have (16) \_\_\_\_\_. They do not need them as they live (17) \_\_\_\_\_. Now, that is amazing. Water keeps their eyes (18) \_\_\_\_\_ so they do not have to blink.

Blinking comes naturally to (19) \_\_\_\_\_. We blink when we feel our eyes getting (20) \_\_\_\_\_. When we blink, a layer of tears will be (21) \_\_\_\_\_ to moisten our eyes and keep them comfortable. Fish, on the other hand, do not have this (22) \_\_\_\_\_.

Now do you feel like having a blink-off match with a fish?

**Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)****Cloze Passage 1**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word(s) from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

**USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A) flew	(B) flies	(C) fly	(D) flying
(E) have flown	(F) is flying	(G) were flying	

It was a windy day. My brother and I decided that it was the perfect day to (23) \_\_\_\_\_ kites. We headed for the big field at the park near our house. There were already a few kites (24) \_\_\_\_\_ in the air. Last week, my brother and I had a contest between us. I (25) \_\_\_\_\_ my kite so high that it almost reached the sky! My brother and I fly kites whenever we are free. Time really (26) \_\_\_\_\_ when we are having fun. We definitely have fun flying kites every weekend.

**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) and	(B) because	(C) but	(D) however
(E) or	(F) so	(G) while	

Kate and Claire are identical twins. They are quite different in both character (27) \_\_\_\_\_ personality. Many may not believe it but it is true. (28) \_\_\_\_\_ Claire prefers to read, Kate loves to sing and dance. Kate always invites her friends over. This is (29) \_\_\_\_\_ of her love for their company. When they come, Kate has to choose between two options – keep their conversations low (30) \_\_\_\_\_ get Claire upset about the noise. Kate has no choice but to choose the first option.

**Section E: Open-ended Comprehension 1 (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

I did not always get along with my younger brother, Ben. Our relationship was not good even before the birth of my baby sister, Rose. Ben "won" when Rose arrived because he managed to keep his position of being the only son in the family!

Unlike Ben, I worked hard and obeyed my parents to make them happy. Besides being annoying, Ben had no respect for me although I was the eldest sibling. He sneaked into my room one day and destroyed all evidence of my hard work. He cut up all my award certificates I had carefully pasted in a scrapbook. All my certificates were destroyed. This included a certificate stating the number of lengths I had swum in a swimming competition. Ben also destroyed a precious photograph of Olympian Joseph Schooling and me taken after the competition.

My furious father made Ben write a letter to the organiser of the swimming competition. In the letter, he wanted Ben to explain what he had done and ask if the certificate could be replaced. Most of the time, certificates could be replaced, but with a fee. However, in this case, the organiser turned up in person with the replacement certificate for me and a box of chocolates for my brother. He found my brother's letter hilarious and felt sorry for him!

Adapted from <https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2017/ago/25/still-no-qualty-swimmer-own-back>



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

31. Based on paragraph 1, tick the best answer that describes the writer's relationship with her brother, Ben. (1m)

	They did not get along well.
	They had a good sibling relationship.
	Their relationship improved when their baby sister was born.

32. In paragraph 2, which word has the same meaning as "irritating"? (1m)

- For questions 33 to 35, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'. (3m)  
Refer to paragraph 2 to help you. The first example has been done for you.

	Statement	True	False
Example	The writer was the eldest child in the family.		
33.	Ben destroyed only one certificate.		
34.	The writer wanted to please her parents.		
35.	The writer took a photograph with Joseph Schooling before the competition started.		

For question 36, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

36. Which one of these qualities best describes Ben in paragraph 2?

(1m)

	obedient
	hardworking
	disrespectful

37. In paragraph 3, what two things did Ben's father want Ben to write in the letter?

(2m)

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

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

For question 38, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

(1m)

38. Why did Ben receive a box of chocolates in paragraph 3?

	Ben's father rewarded Ben for writing to the swimming organiser.
	The swimming organiser gave Ben the box of chocolates as he found Ben's letter hilarious.
	The writer had given Ben a box of chocolates to thank him for writing to the swimming organiser.

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

(1m)

	Ben received a box of chocolates.
	Ben cut up all the writer's award certificates.
	Ben wrote a letter to the swimming organiser.

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**Section F: Open-ended Comprehension 2 (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Geppetto lived with a cat in a faintly lit house kept warm by a small fireplace. The thin cloud of smoke it produced immediately escaped through the old chimney, keeping the air in his house clear.

Hunching over his workbench in the living room, Geppetto took his tools and set to work, cutting out and modelling his puppet. He had decided to call his puppet, Pinocchio. He began to work on Pinocchio's hair, then his forehead, and subsequently his eyes.

When the eyes were done, Geppetto was astonished when they blinked several times. Thinking he was just imagining it, Geppetto continued to work on Pinocchio's ears before carving the nose. Once Geppetto had finished carving the nose, he jumped up in horror as he watched the nose grow till it became quite long! Pinocchio was a living boy! After getting over his fright, Geppetto began working on the mouth. When it was completed, Pinocchio started to sing loudly. As it was too loud, Geppetto asked Pinocchio to stop. However, the more he asked the boy to stop, the louder the boy sang! Tired of asking Pinocchio to stop singing, he gave up. The boy, finding it funny, laughed at Geppetto.

The hands were scarcely finished when Geppetto felt his wig snatched from his head. Frowning his eyebrows, Geppetto continued working. When Geppetto had finished the feet, he received a kick.

"Ow!" Geppetto exclaimed, his hand shooting up to his painful nose. He groaned in pain as he rubbed the kicked area.

*Adapted from Pinocchio; The Tale of a Puppet, G. Collodi  
<http://www.gutenberg.org/files/16865/16865-h/16865-h.html>*

40. Based on the passage, what animal lived with Geppetto before he had Pinocchio? (1m)

For question 41, choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2 or 3) in the brackets provided.

41. Geppetto's house was \_\_\_\_\_ (1m)

- (1) dim  
(2) bright  
(3) smoky

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For questions 42 to 44, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'. (3m)

Give a reason for your answer. The first example has been done for you. Refer to paragraph 3 to help you.

	Statement	True	False	Reason
Example	Geppetto carved Pinocchio's nose after shaping the ears.	✓		Geppetto continued to work on Pinocchio's ears before carving the nose.
42.	When Pinocchio's eyes were done, they remained fixed and did not move at all.			
43.	Geppetto was frightened when Pinocchio's nose grew in length.			
44.	Pinocchio obeyed Geppetto when he was asked to stop singing.			

45. In paragraph 4, write down the three-word phrase that shows Geppetto was angry. (1m)

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46. Where was Geppetto kicked?

(1m)

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47. Which word has the same meaning as "moaned"? Circle either (A) or (B).

(1m)

He <u>groaned</u> in pain as he <u>rubbed</u> the kicked area.	
(A)	(B)

Answer question 48 in a complete sentence.

48. Besides kicking Geppetto, describe Pinocchio's two other rude actions towards Geppetto.

(2m)

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**TERM :** 2020 SA2

**Booklet A**

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	4	1	4	3	4	3	3	3	3
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14						
1	4	3	2						

**Booklet B**

Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24
C	E	M	G	F	D	J	H	C	D
Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30				
A	B	A	G	B	E				

Q31)	They did not get along well.
Q32)	Annoying
Q33)	False
Q34)	True
Q35)	False
Q36)	Disrespectful
Q37)	i) He wanted Ben to explain what he had done. ii) Ask if the certificate could be replaced.
Q38)	The swimming organiser gave Ben the box of chocolates as he found Ben's letter hilarious
Q39)	3 1 2
Q40)	A cat

Q41)	1
Q42)	False : When the eyes were done, Geppetto was astonished when he saw them blink several times.
Q43)	True : Geppetto jumped up in horror as the nose grew till it was quite long.
Q44)	False : However, the more he asked the boy to stop, the louder the boy sang.
Q45)	Furrowing his eyebrows
Q46)	His nose.
Q47)	A
Q48)	As it was too loud, Geppetto asked Pinocchio to stop. However, the more he asked the boy to stop, the louder he sang and the hands were scarcely finished when Geppetto felt his wig snatched from his head.