



**RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 1 )  
2011**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Class: P5 \_\_\_\_\_

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English Language

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**BOOKLET A**

**Instructions to Pupils**


1. Write your Name, Class and Index No. in the space provided above.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided for questions 1 to 30 only.


**Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5×1 mark)**


Study the poster below carefully and answer questions 1 to 5.


**ACT-Q COMPANY** *presents* 

**MAMARATO**  
A Fantastic Family Adventure! (4)  
September 3<sup>rd</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> 2011  
The Singapore Theatre @ Lesalle College of the Arts  
Script writer : Brian Steward  
Director : J J Krishnan  
Composer : Bong Wenfu  
Duration: 75 minutes with one 30-minute interval

**Marvell**  
As baby Mamarato is discovered- inside a peach! 

**Wonder!**  
As he grows into a magnificent warrior! 

**Gaspl**  
As he decides to go and defeat the dreaded demons of Oni Island! 

**Travell**  
With him as he discovers three faithful friends... 

**Discover!**  
Whether together they can finally defeat their foe!

**WATCH OUT FOR:**

- A brand new, state of the art theatre space!
- Colourful quirky characters!
- A strong message about friendship!
- A warning about greed and selfishness!
- An engaging and delightful story told in a visual physical style!
- Audience interaction!

**Group discounts**  
Enjoy 20% off prices for a minimum of 20 tickets purchased. Contact CISTIC Corporate Exclusive at 67738495 for details. (A free resource pack & 1 complimentary ticket are given to teachers who make a minimum booking of 20 tickets)

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Purchase your tickets before 10<sup>th</sup> February and enjoy (additional) 5% discount off prices!

**How to book**  
CISTIC Website: [www.cistic.com.sg](http://www.cistic.com.sg)  
CISTIC Hotline: (65) 63485558 and  
CISTIC authorised agents islandwide

*\*Note: Please come to the CISTIC counters to collect your tickets at least 30 minutes before the performance. A delivery charge of \$5 is applicable if you wish the tickets to be sent to you. Free delivery of tickets for minimum purchase of 40 tickets.*

**Advisory**  
Mamarato is recommended for children over 4 years of age. Whilst we do not ban children below 4 years old, all children (including babies-in-arms) require a valid ticket to enter the theatre.

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The lead character, Mamarato, is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) discovered in a peach
  - (2) brought up by a warrior family
  - (3) someone who likes to travel alone
  - (4) a friend with the demons of Oni Island
  
2. The music of the play is written by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) Mamarato
  - (2) JJ Krishnan
  - (3) Bong Wenfu
  - (4) Brian Steward
  
3. Mamarato is a production by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) CISTIC
  - (2) Act-Q Company
  - (3) The Singapore Theatre
  - (4) Lesalle College of the Arts
  
4. Which of the following about the play is **NOT** true?
  - (1) It is suitable for children of all ages.
  - (2) The theme of the play is 'adventure'.
  - (3) The play teaches values to the children.
  - (4) The actors will ask the audience to participate during the play.
  
5. A school teacher who makes a booking for 41 pupils on 10<sup>th</sup> February will \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) not receive a free resource pack
  - (2) receive a 25% discount off prices
  - (3) receive 2 free tickets for the play
  - (4) need to pay a delivery charge of \$5

**Section B: Grammar (7x1 mark)**

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. The stationery set, together with the two bookmarks, \_\_\_\_\_ for five dollars.

- (1) ~~sells~~ sell
- (2) sold
- (3) is sold
- (4) are sold

7. \_\_\_\_\_ of the pupils has received the drinks coupon.

- (1) Both
- (2) Some
- (3) None
- (4) A few

8. Before the music \_\_\_\_\_, the audience had begun applauding enthusiastically.

- (1) end
- (2) ends
- (3) ended
- (4) had ended

9. I heard Sam \_\_\_\_\_ to his mother for breaking the vase last night.

- (1) apologise
- (2) apologised
- (3) has apologised
- (4) was apologising

10. After a while, it dawned \_\_\_\_\_ us that Mr Ng was not joking about his holiday plans.

- (1) at
- (2) on
- (3) off
- (4) away

11. Aunt Kelly goes to the supermarket every day, \_\_\_\_\_ she?

- (1) isn't
- (2) don't
- (3) didn't
- (4) doesn't

12. Raja cannot go out to play \_\_\_\_\_ he finishes his homework.

- (1) as
- (2) but
- (3) unless
- (4) despite

**Section C: Punctuation (3 x1 mark)**

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

The three boys fell in a sprawling heap at the bottom of the mound and looked up at the rock.

"I saw something (13) whispered the youngest boy.

They stared intently and saw the dragon's ear swivel like a periscope. Soon the ground began to rumble.

"Look out (14) warned the eldest boy.

The children scampered in all directions (15) shrieking and squealing, arms pumping with excitement.

*Adapted from "The Dragon Rock" by Ellena Ashley*

13. (1) [ . ] full stop  
(2) [ ! ] exclamation mark  
(3) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
(4) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas
14. (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ ? " ] question mark and inverted commas  
(4) [ ! " ] exclamation mark and inverted commas
15. (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
(4) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas

**Section D: Vocabulary (5×1 mark)**

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. The angler used live worms as \_\_\_\_\_ to lure the fish to the hook.

- (1) baits
- (2) decoys
- (3) rewards
- (4) appetisers

17. That dog looks \_\_\_\_\_ but it has actually bitten two passers-by before.

- (1) harmful
- (2) menacing
- (3) innocuous
- (4) abandoned

18. She used \_\_\_\_\_ means to get her child into the school of her choice. She even lied to the principal and gave the wrong information on the application form!

- (1) unsure
- (2) unreliable
- (3) unscrupulous
- (4) undependable

19. I \_\_\_\_\_ my old friend while shopping yesterday and we had a nice chat about the good old times.

- (1) ran up
- (2) ran into
- (3) ran over
- (4) ran through

20. He was charged with murder because he was unable to produce any \_\_\_\_\_ to prove he was not at the scene.

- (1) alibi
- (2) associate
- (3) accomplice
- (4) acquaintance

**Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5×1 mark)**

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Susan was desperate. It was supposed to have been a perfect getaway. Now here  
(21)

she was, stranded at the airport with no cash and passport. Susan had been mugged while  
(22)

on her way to the airport and was now unable to buy an air ticket to fly home in time for her

grandfather's wake. She should not have disregarded her mother's advice and embarked  
(23) (24)

on some silly round-the-world travel at this time. She knew her grandfather was ill but

never had she anticipated the severity of his condition. Now she was paying the price for

being wilful. Now she would not be able to see her grandfather for even the last time.  
(25)

Wiping off tears of regret, she tried one more time to ask for assistance at the airport

service counter.

21. (1) solution  
(2) vacation  
(3) excursion  
(4) expedition

22. (1) robbed  
(2) conned  
(3) burglaried  
(4) hypnotised

23. (1) ignored  
(2) delayed  
(3) rebutted  
(4) misused



24. (1) ventured into  
(2) come across  
(3) come through  
(4) ventured across

25. (1) rude  
(2) foolish  
(3) carefree  
(4) headstrong

**Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Dawan sighed. "Here," she said, thrusting the umbrella into Kwai's hand, "if you must think out in the rain, at least use an umbrella." Her care and concern for her brother catching a chill superceded her anger.

Without giving him time either to protest or express his gratitude, Dawan turned away quickly and scurried down the bridge. She needn't have bothered to hurry, though. Sunk within his own conflicts as he was, Kwai did not even notice the umbrella in his hand until Dawan had already reached the bottom of the bridge and was starting down the path home.

Only then did he catch a glimpse of her hobbling awkwardly into the tree-lined path, bare-headed and empty-handed. Startled, he glanced up and finally noticed the little orange roof above him.

By now his sister was already drenched with the rain, and only with painful difficulty could she limp along, trying to keep her wounded ankle out of the many puddles on the road.

Kwai scrambled up and rushed down the slippery old bridge, nearly tripping over the umbrella in his haste. "Wait!" he shouted above the sound of the wind and rain, "I don't want your dumb umbrella! You take it!"

Far away as she was, Dawan heard him and turned her head to shout back, "You're going to be in the rain longer than me." With that, she continued as she trudged on, head bent against the slashing rain and arms wrapped tightly around her chest.

Under the shelter of the orange umbrella, Kwai halted, watching his sister limping down the narrow path. Just a few hours ago, he had hurt Dawan badly but now she had left her umbrella for him to sit under the rain, while she hobbled clumsily home, wet and cold and tired. How could he claim selflessness with his intention to help others when his actual deed was to rob his own sister of her chance to study? Kwai suddenly knew his decision was made.

*Adapted from Sing To The Dawn by Ho Minfong*

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice ( 1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4 ) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. Dawan scurried after giving Kwai the umbrella because she \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) was afraid of catching a chill
  - (2) was not near the bottom of the bridge
  - (3) wanted to avoid a possible confrontation with Kwai
  - (4) wanted to keep her wounded ankle out of the many puddles on the road
27. In lines 5-6, "Kwai did not even notice the umbrella in his hand" as \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) he was still angry with Dawan
  - (2) he was too engrossed in his thoughts
  - (3) Dawan had already reached the foot of the bridge
  - (4) Dawan's footsteps were drowned by sound of the wind and rain
28. The "*orange roof*" in line 10 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Dawan
  - (2) the rain
  - (3) the umbrella
  - (4) the tree-lined path
29. The driving force behind Kwai's decision in line 26 was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) his sister's kindness and caring attitude
  - (2) his sister's anger superceding everything
  - (3) his intention to rob his sister of her chance to study
  - (4) the long hours spent under the bridge resolving his conflict
30. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "walked with tired steps"?
- (1) halted
  - (2) trudged
  - (3) scurried
  - (4) scrambled

**BOOKLET B**

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

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**Section G: Structural Cloze (10x1 mark)**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

(A) are	(D) but	(G) in	(K) on	(N) under
(B) as	(E) by	(H) into	(L) over	(P) until
(C) between	(F) for	(J) is	(M) that	(Q) with

Grandparents are truly special. That's why the fourth Sunday of November has been designated \_\_\_\_\_ Grandparents' Day for everyone in Singapore to celebrate. On this day, keep a look out \_\_\_\_\_ the special packages and activities offered \_\_\_\_\_ food and beverage outlets and recreational venues. These discounts and privileges \_\_\_\_\_ available not only on Grandparents' Day \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the Senior Citizens' Week.

One mega activity happening \_\_\_\_\_ the day itself is the Grandparents' Day Carnival. This all-day event will be held at the Toa Payoh Amphitheatre, with the carnival grounds being divided \_\_\_\_\_ four zones - Heritage, Arts & Craft Zone, Games & Interactive Zone, Healthy Lifestyle Zone and Food Zone.

Among the activities featured at these zones are: free health screening for seniors \_\_\_\_\_ 50 years, makeover for grandparents and stalls selling traditional food items \_\_\_\_\_ are fast disappearing from our lives today and a walk down memory lane with photo taking \_\_\_\_\_ traditional costumes.

Adapted from : <http://www.centraisingapore.org.sg/site/voices/voices13/newsbeat.shtml>

**Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10×1 mark)**

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

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I struggled to open my eyes. My eyelids felt **xtreemll** heavy. Where was I?

42)

Squinting, I made out the white-washed walls and took up the smells of medication

43)  44)

and **disinfactént**. This was **defeenitly** a hospital. Trying to prop myself up on the bed, I

suddenly realised my legs were gone! Now, I am left with two-rounded stumps. Slowly,

45)  46)

reality sunk in. I remembered my legs being run through by a car. I was at a Christmas

47)

party with my friends and we were highly **intocikated** at that time. I remembered

48)  49)

collapsed onto the ground while crossing the road but that was when the accident

50)

happened. Now I have to pay the price for my **fulishnes**.

**Section I: Comprehension Cloze Passage (15x1mark)**

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Singaporeans are eating out more often than ever. The bad news is that the even so-called healthier hawker food \_\_\_\_\_ not really that healthy. From porridge \_\_\_\_\_ soup noodles, many quick meals have too much salt, or are high in calories but \_\_\_\_\_ in fibre.

Too much eating out has been cited as a \_\_\_\_\_ Singaporeans are becoming fatter. Most people eat at food centres. Dieticians \_\_\_\_\_ out that hawker food, even soupy dishes \_\_\_\_\_ are supposedly healthier, may not be entirely good for the health.

Salt is one problem. A \_\_\_\_\_ of sliced fish soup packs 70 per cent of the daily recommended \_\_\_\_\_ intake while a teriyaki chicken bowl has about 50 per cent. Soupy dishes such as fishball soup are considered lighter as they have fewer calories \_\_\_\_\_ to dishes that are fried or come \_\_\_\_\_ heavy gravy. However, soupy dishes tend to be high \_\_\_\_\_ salt content.

Other so-called healthier choices contain a small \_\_\_\_\_ of fibre, which is important for a healthy digestive \_\_\_\_\_. For example, a Japanese salmon bento rice set has 560 calories but only 3g of fibre, or 12 percent of the daily recommended intake.

The Health Promotion Board (HPB) has been encouraging hawker centres and restaurants to \_\_\_\_\_ healthier options. Some examples include fried carrot cake topped with beansprouts \_\_\_\_\_ of only spring onions. Since October, HPB has started tracking whether people ask for healthier choices at hawker centres and restaurants.

*Adapted from The Straits Times, Wednesday, 1 December 2010*

**Section J: Synthesis / Transformation (2x5 marks)**

For each question from 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as that of the given sentence(s).

66. I thought about it again. I decided not to buy the handbag.

\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>after</sup>  
~~off~~ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. "I'm certain Thomas did not take the money," Ben said.

Ben said that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. Hide in that closet. You will not be in danger.

\_\_\_\_\_ will keep  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. I attend morning lectures. I tend to yawn during the lectures.

Whenever \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Ramesh cannot be a racecar driver. He is too tall.

\_\_\_\_\_ because of  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section K: Comprehension Open-Ended ( 10 × 2 marks)**

Read the passage and answer the questions 71 to 80.

When she looked ahead, Florence Chadwick saw nothing but a solid wall of fog. Her body was numb. She had been swimming for nearly sixteen hours.

Already she was the first woman to swim the English Channel in both directions. Now, at age 34, her goal was to become the first woman to swim from Catalina Island to the California coast.

On the morning of 4<sup>th</sup> July 1952, the sea was like an ice bath and the fog was so dense she could hardly see her support boats. Sharks cruised towards her lone figure, only to be driven away by rifle shots. Against the frigid grip of the sea, she struggled on, hour after hour, while millions watched on national television.

Alongside Florence in one of the boats, her mother and her trainer offered encouragement. They told her it was not much farther. However, all she could see was fog. They urged her not to quit. She had never thought of quitting until then. With only one kilometre to go, she asked to be pulled out.

Still thawing her chilled body several hours later, she told a reporter, "Look, I'm not excusing myself, but if I could have seen land I might have made it." It was not fatigue or even the cold water that defeated her. It was the fog. She was unable to see her goal.

Two months later, she tried again. This time, despite the same dense fog, she swam with her faith intact and her goal clearly pictured in her mind. She knew that somewhere behind that fog was land and this time she made it! Florence Chadwick became the first woman to swim the Catalina Channel, eclipsing the men's record by two hours!

Adapted from A 2<sup>nd</sup> Helping of Chicken Soup for the Soul by an unknown author



**Answer questions 71- 80 in COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. What did Florence Chadwick hope to achieve?

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72. What were the two reasons that caused Florence's body to feel numb?

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73. What was Florence's earlier accomplishment?

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74. Why didn't the sharks get near to Florence?

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75. How do we know that Florence's swim was not witnessed only by her mother and trainer?

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76. Which sentence in the passage tells us that Florence's mother and trainer wanted her to succeed?

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77. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'moved slowly'?

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78. Why did Florence ask "to be pulled out" (in line 13)?

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79. Why was it important for Florence to see land and not just the fog?

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80. In which month did Florence succeed in swimming the Catalina Channel and what made her success even better?

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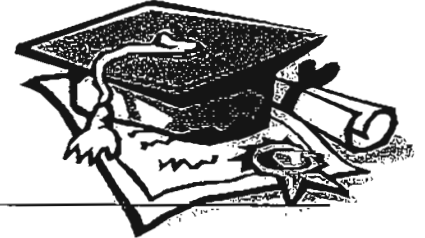


# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2011**

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- 41)extremely      42)in      43)disinfectant      44)definitely  
45)sank      46)over      47)intoxicated      48)collapsing  
49)and      50)foolishness      51)is      52)to      53)low  
54)reason      55)found      56)which      57)bowl      58)salt  
59)compared      60)with      61)in      62)amount      63)system  
64)promote      65)instead

66)I decided not to buy handbag after thinking about it again.

67)Ben said that he was certain Thomas had not taken the money.

68)Hiding in that closet will keep you safe.

69)Whenever I attend morning lectures, I tend to yawn.

70)Ramesh cannot be a racecar driver because of his height.

71)She hoped to become the first woman to swim from Catalina Island to the California coast.

**72)The water was cold and she had been swimming for nearly sixteen hours.**

**73)She was already the first woman to swim the English Channel in both directions.**

**74)The sharks were driven away by rifle shots.**

**75)Florence's swim was not only witnessed by her mother and trainer as millions watched her on national television.**

**76)It is "Alongside Florence in one of the boats, her mother and her trainer offered encouragement".**

**77)The word is "cruised".**

**78)She could not see the land in the dense fog.**

**79)She needed to see her goal and not just the fog.**

**80)Florence succeeded in swimming the Catalina channel in September. She eclipsed the men's record by two hours.**