



# RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 2 )

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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.

<b>DECEMBER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT THE SINGA EXPO</b>	
	
Daily from 10 am – 8 pm Free admission Open to the public Complimentary parking after 6 pm.	
<b>ART WITH KITTY</b> Art with Kitty is an exhibition in celebration of Goodbye Kitty's 30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary in the Asia Pacific region. It features Goodbye Kitty memorabilia as well as contemporary artworks by 70 international artists and designers in the form of fashion, music and motion graphics. Goodbye Kitty will be making a special appearance in the last week of December! Venue: Hall 1	<b>IT ATTACK!</b> IT Attack! brings you a thought-provoking interactive experience. It features new technologies that are integral in the way we live, learn, work and play. Experience the recent development of robot technologies in Japan where robots are used in their daily lives. Venue: Hall 2
<b>TRADITIONAL TRADES</b> Experience the trades of yesteryear! View old black and white movies and witness the craft of the tin bucket man and clog maker played on the giant screens.  Traditional Trades is brought to you courtesy of ABC Traders Association. Venue: Hall 3	<b>FRUIT BAZAAR</b> Make a trip to the "garden" at Hall 4 for a great shopping experience! Experience a magical experience in a unique garden setting with over 50 traders selling a range of fresh and cooked fruit products. It is the perfect place for any fruit lovers.  Venue: Hall 4

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. All the activities featured in the above poster are held in Singa Expo for one \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) day
  - (2) year
  - (3) week
  - (4) month
  
2. The main objective of organising 'Art with Kitty' is to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) sell Goodbye Kitty's products
  - (2) display contemporary artworks
  - (3) feature Goodbye Kitty's memorabilia
  - (4) celebrate Goodbye Kitty's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary
  
3. At the Singa Expo, you can purchase \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) fruits
  - (2) new IT gadgets
  - (3) clogs and tin buckets
  - (4) a Goodbye Kitty memorabilia
  
4. If you want to experience a world transformed by technology, you should go to Hall \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) 1
  - (2) 2
  - (3) 3
  - (4) 4
  
5. Which of the following statements is true?
  - (1) Free parking is available throughout the day.
  - (2) You need to purchase a ticket to enter the Singa Expo.
  - (3) People of all ages are welcome to visit the Singa Expo.
  - (4) ABC Trade Association is the sponsor of all the activities held in the Singa Expo.

**SECTION B: GRAMMAR (7 x 1 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. Although Ahmad won the motorcycle race, he came close to \_\_\_\_\_ killed.

- (1) be
- (2) being
- (3) have been
- (4) having been

7. All but Jenny \_\_\_\_\_ for the barbeque party organised by the class tomorrow.

- (1) is going
- (2) are going
- (3) has gone
- (4) have gone

8. \_\_\_\_\_ two minutes of the game, Wayne Rooney had scored a goal for Manchester United.

- (1) By
- (2) Within
- (3) Before
- (4) During

9. I do not know anything about the theft. I am just standing \_\_\_\_\_ for Judy today as she has called in sick.

- (1) in
- (2) by
- (3) up
- (4) out

10. Behind this school \_\_\_\_\_ seven blocks of flats built for the elderly recently.

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

11. My cousin speaks German and French fluently. So \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) do I
- (2) am I
- (3) may I
- (4) have I

12. My brother and \_\_\_\_\_ go to the library at the community centre every week.

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

**SECTION C: PUNCTUATION (3 x 1 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. (3 marks)

"Good morning," I greeted each student at the door. "Please put your coats and lunch bags in the closet and sit at the desk where you find your name tag (13)

The children came in quietly and sat expectantly, almost reverently, their hands folded on the desks. They stole daring looks around the classroom (14) searching for familiar faces. Some of the more daring ones peeked inside the textbooks piled on the desktops; most of them did not. They must be wondering who I am (15).

*Adapted from: Chicken Soup for the Soul (Teacher Tales) by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen & Amy Newmark*

13. (1) (.) full stop  
(2) (!) exclamation mark  
(3) (,") full stop and inverted commas  
(4) (!") exclamation mark and inverted commas
14. (1) (:) colon  
(2) (,) comma  
(3) (.) full stop  
(4) (?) question mark
15. (1) (.) full stop  
(2) (?) question mark  
(3) (,") full stop and inverted commas  
(4) (?" ) question mark 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. Asia finally has a Grand Slam singles title winner to call her own. This has never happened before. It is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) unbridled
  - (2) unprovoked
  - (3) unprecedented
  - (4) unconventional
17. There is a long queue at the newsvendor to grab the magazine that is \_\_\_\_\_ with the latest news.
- (1) hands full
  - (2) hot off the press
  - (3) a pat on the back
  - (4) a tough nut to crack
18. He received very few votes as his argument was deeply \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) flawed
  - (2) stained
  - (3) scarred
  - (4) blemished
19. As he is the only eyewitness, we have no choice but to believe that his account of what happened is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) fabulous
  - (2) authentic
  - (3) incredible
  - (4) legendary
20. With more than ten years of working experience in the bank, she is \_\_\_\_\_ qualified for the job.
- (1) earnestly
  - (2) eminently
  - (3) persistently
  - (4) permanently

**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.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was one of the great musical geniuses of all times. His precocious musical gifts were already apparent by the age of four. He was  
(21)  
extremely dexterous on the piano. His remarkable musical memory and flair for music  
(22) (23)  
improvisation never failed to please all who heard him.  
(24)

Mozart was the first great composer to write music for the piano, an instrument which had only just become popular. He wrote just about every kind of music there was in his time.

Mozart led a short life. The nature of his last illness which led to his death has yet to be ascertained as it is not easy to be sure what happened.  
(25)

He perished poor, aged 35.

21. (1) developed  
(2) maximised  
(3) recognised  
(4) observable
22. (1) agile  
(2) efficient  
(3) creative  
(4) knowledgeable
23. (1) liking  
(2) talent  
(3) training  
(4) preference
24. (1) outwit  
(2) delight  
(3) threaten  
(4) intimidate
25. (1) confirmed  
(2) measured  
(3) discovered  
(4) investigated



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**SECTION F: COMPREHENSION MCQ (5 x 1 mark)**

**Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.**

Between about 55 and 25 million years ago, rhinoceroses were among the most dominant hoofed mammals. Today, there are only five surviving species and all are on the verge of extinction. One of these is the African black rhino, whose scientific name *Diceros bicornis* means two-horned.

The black rhino has thick, hairless, grey skin. It can grow to a length of 3.8 metres, 5 a height of 1.7 metres and a weight of 1800 kilograms. Only its front horn can grow up to 1.3 metres. The rhino's upper lip is pointed or hooked in contrast to the white rhino, which has a square lip. The rhino has very poor eyesight but good hearing. It has a great sense of smell too, and it uses this to detect its very few predators and other rhinos.

The black rhino lives in small pockets of eastern and southern Africa in grasslands 10 and woodlands. Each rhino lives in an area of its own called its home range. Some females share part of their home range but males keep clear boundaries between theirs. Rhinos mark out their land by spraying urine on paths and borders, scraping over sites with their legs and horns, and using regular dung heaps.

The International Rhino Foundation calls the endangerment of all rhinos 'a crisis 15 of catastrophic proportions for such a venerable group of animals'. They predict that without drastic action, four species of rhino could be extinct in the wild within the next 10 years. The black rhino has suffered the most spectacular decline with populations reduced by 85% in the last 10 to 15 years. The main problem is people poaching for horns to use in eastern medicines or as decorative handles for ceremonial daggers. 20

There have been intense anti-poaching efforts over the last years and this had led to a stabilisation of the population at about 2400. In Zimbabwe, for example, armed rangers defend game parks. In Namibia, conservationists dehorn rhinos in a simple, painless operation so they will be valueless. Protected sanctuaries in Kenya have allowed the species to increase there by 5% each year. International captive breeding, 25 programmes such as the one at the Western plains Zoo in Dubbo, New South Wales, have also contributed. While the results of conservation programmes have been encouraging, poaching remains a very real threat to the survival of the magnificent black rhino.

*Written by Hannah McLean for English Workbook, Excel Essential Skills*

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. The rhino \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) is an extinct mammal
  - (2) does not have any natural enemies
  - (3) used to have more than five species
  - (4) has good eyesight and a keen sense of smell
27. Which of the following about the black rhino is true?
- (1) It has black skin.
  - (2) It has a square lip.
  - (3) Its horns can grow up to 1.3 metres.
  - (4) It is the species with the greatest decline in population.
28. What does the male rhino do to mark its territory?
- (1) It creates marks using its legs and horns.
  - (2) It defecates on the territories of other rhinos.
  - (3) It uses its spouse's urine to spray on paths and borders.
  - (4) Its uses its legs and horns to block out unwanted intruders.
29. The phrase "a venerable group of animals" (line 16) suggests that rhinos \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) are old but useful
  - (2) deserve to be respected
  - (3) are harmless and vulnerable to attack
  - (4) are animals which people kill for their meat
30. Which of the following statements is false?
- (1) Conservationists dehorn the rhinos for themselves.
  - (2) Sanctuaries have allowed constant growth of the species.
  - (3) Rhinos are captured so that they can breed with one another.
  - (4) Park rangers are given weapons to prevent the rhinos from being poached.

## BOOKLET B

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### **SECTION G: GRAMMAR CLOZE (10 x 1 mark)**

There are ten 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 blanks. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted.

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

(A) about	(D) as	(G) in	(K) out	(N) that
(B) across	(E) for	(H) like	(L) since	(P) where
(C) around	(F) from	(J) of	(M) to	(Q) whom

Martin Luther King was the leader of the Civil Rights Movement against racism in the United States of America during the 1950s and 1960s. Tragically, at the age of 39, he was shot dead.

King was born in 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia, (31) \_\_\_\_\_ the discrimination against black people was a way (32) \_\_\_\_\_ life. In most southern states at that time, laws made it a crime for black people to use the same restaurants, schools and even sections of public transport (33) \_\_\_\_\_ white people.

King became a Baptist minister, and in his church, spoke (34) \_\_\_\_\_ against racism prejudice. Then in 1955, something happened which led to a far greater role for him in fighting racial injustice. A woman called Rosa Parks in Montgomery refused to move for a white woman on a bus and was arrested. (35) \_\_\_\_\_ that moment onwards, King became a leader of his people (36) \_\_\_\_\_ the nation.

His first step was leading a bus boycott in Montgomery which successfully led to a change in the law (37) \_\_\_\_\_ segregated seating. He went on to lead other blacks (38) \_\_\_\_\_ a campaign for freedom. King became well-known (39) \_\_\_\_\_ his powers of oratory. When he spoke, people listened. King's assassination rocked the nation and the world. Black and white people alike mourned the loss of this man who devoted his life (40) \_\_\_\_\_ his people and his country, and who had the power to move an audience like no other.

*Written by: Kristine Brown, adapted from English Workbook, Excel Essential Skills*

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

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

Singaporeans have been making their way to far-flung **kelongs** off Malaysia for a

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rustic eating experience in tranquil **sirroundings**. The traditional fishing huts in stilts offer

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them the perfect place to experience **serinity**. There, they can lap out unobstructed

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water views, the sea air and a peaceful **atmostfear**. But for most Singaporeans, the most

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47)

important pull factor are the search for fresh and **deelactable** seafood. Each kelong

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offers **seegnature** dishes and gets the seafood directly from trawlers who pull up next

49)

to them.

50)

A two-day, one-night trip at a kelong started from about \$65 a person including meals. Popular periods include the school holiday season during the months between June and December.

*Adapted from The Sunday Times, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011*

**SECTION I: COMPREHENSION CLOZE (15 x 1 mark)**

**Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.**

The Health Promotion Board (HPB) is enlisting more helping hands – from across the community – in its bid to help smokers (51)\_\_\_\_\_ the habit. Social media uniformed services such as the police, the private sector and even reformer (52)\_\_\_\_\_ will be roped in to provide support. The plan is to bring (53)\_\_\_\_\_ the number of smokers in Singapore by about 150,000 or to less than 10% of the population, by 2020. Last year, smokers made up 14.3% of the population, up (54)\_\_\_\_\_ 12.6 % in 2004.

The proportion has been on the (55)\_\_\_\_\_ even though efforts have been ongoing to raise public (56)\_\_\_\_\_ about the harmful effects of smoking. Stiffer tobacco taxes have also driven the (57)\_\_\_\_\_ of cigarettes up. A packet now costs \$9 to \$11, compared to about \$7 three years ago.

HPB chief executive, Ang Hak Seng, said, "The research we have conducted has indicated that we need a multi-pronged, bottom-up (58)\_\_\_\_\_." He noted that in the past few years, (59)\_\_\_\_\_ emphasis had been placed on targeting individual smokers. However, now it was crucial to embrace another level by establishing a strong partnership with the community.

To help low-income smokers, HPB will work with five community development councils to identify smokers and help them to (60)\_\_\_\_\_ smoking. To help drive the message (61)\_\_\_\_\_, former smokers, such as Mr Raymond Ng, 38, have been (62)\_\_\_\_\_ as role models. The taxi driver said, "I want to be part of this movement so that I can be a source of (63)\_\_\_\_\_ for my younger brother, still a heavy smoker, to quit."

HPB believes smokers and former smokers will not be willing to share their experiences if they meet face-to-face. Hence, HPB has set up an "I Quit Club" on Facebook, where they can meet (64)\_\_\_\_\_ for encouragement. A smartphone application that gives users customised tips on how to quit smoking has also been (65)\_\_\_\_\_. In addition, HPB is expanding its counselling service for smokers. Now they can get help through text messaging and MSN messaging, and not just on the hotline.

*Adapted from The Straits Times, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011*

**Section J: Transformation / Synthesis (5 x 2 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. The landslides were caused by the continuous heavy rain.

The cause \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

67. "How did you find your way?" Sally asked.

Sally asked \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

68. Ann is a diligent girl. She was commended by her principal.

\_\_\_\_\_ for

\_\_\_\_\_

69. I am the tallest pupil in my class.

Among the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

70. My sister was curious. She opened the box.

Out of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

**Read the passage and answer the questions 71 to 80.**

The small, well-equipped classroom in Karachi is filled with colour and life. A group of four-year-olds, dressed in matching green uniforms, listens attentively as a young teacher gives a lesson on shapes. When she asks a question, hands shoot in the air.

Welcome to The Garage School (TGS). As the name suggests, it resides in the garage of a bungalow, located in the upmarket residential area of Clifton. However, none of the students is wealthy. They come from the nearby slums of Shah Rasool Colony and Neelum Colony. If not for the free education provided by TGS, most of these kids would probably end up as child labourers. 5

TGS was born out of tragedy. In 1971, Shabina Mustafa was widowed at the age of 20. For the next 32 years, she worked as a reservation agent at Saudi Arabian Airlines and raised her son, Syed Zain Mustafa. However, she never forgot the dream of her late husband, Syed Safi Mustafa, who often talked about opening a school for under-privileged students one day. Finally the opportunity presented itself in November 1999 when Sobia Riyasat, the daughter of Shabina's maid, was refused admission to a sewing school because she could not read or write. 10 15

Shabina took on the job and decided to teach Sobia herself. Working in her spare time, Shabina began teaching the 11-year-old Sobia in a space set up in her garage. Word about the new school spread among the parents in Sobia's neighbourhood. Initially Shabina worked alone, but later when the number of students grew to 40, she asked teachers she knew to volunteer their time at the school. 20

A key to the school's success is Shabina's gift for bringing people together. "In the initial days, Ghazala Nizami, principal of Happy Home School, sent me all the used leftover pencils, exercise books with few unused pages and tiffin boxes. Other schools also sent us newspapers which we sold to buy erasers and pencils," Shabina says. "When people see that someone is genuinely helping the society, they try to be a part of it too." 25

TGS's mission is to provide a useful education to the under-privileged children in and around the Clifton area. When Abbas Vawda, a friend of Shabina visiting from the UK, heard about this, he began to sponsor ten children annually so they could move into the regular school system. "Now we have a programme in place where anyone can sponsor a child or a teacher and pay for the medical expenses or uniforms, whatever one can afford to do," Shabina says. 30

Education is now only part of the picture. All students are sent for health and dental checkups. Shabina's older brother, Athar Ahmed, started a milk and biscuits programme so the students do not study on empty stomachs. TGS also offers informal training for older students and adults in subjects such as English and Financial Management. 35

*Adapted from Reader's Digest April 2011, "Home Schooling" by Erum Adnan.*



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

71. Why is the school named 'TGS'?

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72. Which 5-word phrase tells us that the students at TGS were enthusiastic during lessons?

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73. Give two reasons why the children from the slums came to study at TGS.

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74. What aspiration did Shabina's late husband have?

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75. What led Shabina to take on the job in line 17?

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76. Why was there an increasing enrolment at TGS?

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77. Other than used stationery, how do schools contribute to TGS's success?

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78. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "sincerely"?

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79. With reference to line 31, "...we have a programme in place where anyone can sponsor a child..". How do students in TGS benefit from this programme?

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80. What has the school done to improve the students' physical well-being?

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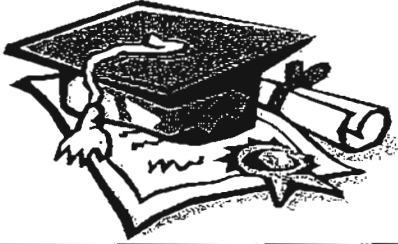
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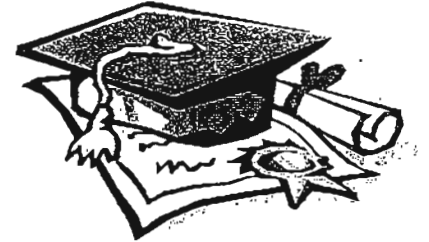


# ANSWER SHEET

## EXAM PAPER 2011

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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
F	B	A	G	E	M

- 41)surroundings      42)on      43)serenity      44)up      45)atmosphere  
 46)is      47)delectable      48)signature      49)it      50)starts  
 51)kick      52)smokers      53)down      54)by      55)rise  
 56)awareness      57)prices      58)approach      59)much      60)stop  
 61)across      62)selected      63)encouragement      64)online      65)developed  
 66)The cause of the landslides was the continuous heavy rain.  
 67)Sally asked me how I had found my way.  
 68)Ann was commended by her principal for being diligent.  
 69)Among the pupils in my class, I am the tallest.  
 70)Out of curiosity, my sister opened the box.  
 71)The school is named TGS as it resides in the garage of a bungalow, located in the upmarket residential area of Clifton.  
 72)It is "hands shoot in the car".

**73)None of the students are wealthy and TGS knew that if not for the free education provided by them, most of the children would end up as child labourers.**

**74)Shabina's late husband's aspiration was to open a school for under-privileged student.**

**75)Sobia was refused entry to the sewing school as she could not read or write and Shabina decided to teach Sobia herself.**

**76)Word about the new school spread among parent in Shabina's maid's neighbourhood and parents enrolled their children at TGS.**

**77)They contribute tiffin boxes and newspapers.**

**78)It is "genuinely".**

**79)The students could move into a regular school as the sponsor pays for their school expenses.**

**80)The school sent students for health and dental check-ups and Shabina's older brother sponsored milk and biscuits.**