



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

2006

Name : _____ Class: P6 _____ Index No: _____

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English Language

Attn: 1 h 50 min

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PAPER II

Instructions to students:

1. This paper consists of 80 questions.
Answer **ALL** questions.
2. Do not turn over the paper unless you are told to do so.
3. Questions 1 to 30 are to be completed on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

Section A : Graphics Stimulus

Study the advertisement below carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

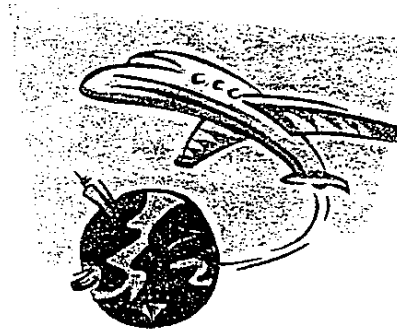
(Life! - A Singapore Press Holdings Publication)

Life!

Takes you

Places

Supported by SA Tours



WIN

\$8,000 In Hong Kong Challenge

Life! is launching a travel reality Contest called *Life! Takes you Places*. Five teams of two people each will qualify to visit Hong Kong from June 2 to June 4. The contest will test the teams' ability to decipher clues to complete tasks within a given period.

1st prize
\$5,000 travel voucher

2nd prize
\$2,000 travel voucher

3rd prize
\$1,000 travel voucher



Fill in you and your teammate's name plus IC numbers:

Name: _____
IC No: _____
Name: _____
IC No: _____

Submit this form on March 5 at the SA Tours Mega Travel Sale at Suntec Exhibition Hall 402. Forms must be submitted by 11am that day.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Team members must be aged 25 to 45 and travel as a pair.
2. Contestants must be present at SA Tours Mega Sale.
3. 10 teams will be picked at noon to take part in a quiz.
4. 5 teams will qualify for the Hong Kong Challenge from June 2-4.
5. Trip includes return economy airfare on Singapore Airlines, hotel accommodation and airport transfers.
6. Staff and immediate family members of SA Tours are not eligible to participate.

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. (5 marks)

1. The sponsor of the prizes for the contest is _____.
 - (1) SA Tours
 - (2) Singapore Airlines
 - (3) Suntec Exhibition Hall
 - (4) Singapore Press Holdings

2. To stand a chance to win the contest, participants are required to _____.
 - (1) take part in a quiz
 - (2) be a staff of SA Tours
 - (3) look for clues and complete some tasks
 - (4) attend the SA Tours Mega Travel Sale from June 2-4

3. Which of the following statements is **NOT** true?
 - (1) The participants must be in pairs.
 - (2) The participants can be in their mid-thirties.
 - (3) The participants must mail a form to SA Tours Mega Travel Sale.
 - (4) There will only be three teams who get to win prizes in the contest.

4. _____ teams will be involved in the final round of the contest.
 - (1) Five
 - (2) Two
 - (3) Three
 - (4) Ten

5. The travel vouchers to Hong Kong will include _____.
 - (1) meals
 - (2) first class air tickets
 - (3) five star accommodation
 - (4) transportation to and from the airport

Section B : Grammar Discrete

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. (7 marks)

6. Everyone _____ caught by surprise when the roof caved in last week.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were
7. Sally screamed when one of the twins _____ her.
(1) pinch
(2) pinches
(3) pinched
(4) is pinching
8. Mr Lim had met with an accident because vandals had punctured a hole _____ his car tyre.
(1) at
(2) in
(3) on
(4) through
9. The witnesses saw the robbers _____ off with the loot.
(1) make
(2) made
(3) makes
(4) being made
10. James is the man _____ has contributed ten thousand dollars to charity.
(1) who
(2) whom
(3) which
(4) whose

11. John, as well as his sister, _____ the piano well. They are often asked to perform during school assemblies.
- (1) play
 - (2) plays
 - (3) played
 - (4) are playing
12. You have seen this video many times. _____, we will have to show it you as part of the refresher training course.
- (1) As a result
 - (2) Eventually
 - (3) Even though
 - (4) Nevertheless

Section C : Punctuation

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)

Jane and her mother were making Chinese dumplings filled with meat, onions, ginger and garlic. John, Jane's cousin, loved dumplings so Jane was making them as a surprise for him.

"Where is that boy (13) He will be late for supper," grumbled Mary.

"Don't worry. He will be here soon (14) her mother replied.

At that moment, Jane's mother accidentally knocked over the mixing bowl.

"Watch out (15) yelled Mary.

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

Section D: Vocabulary

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. (5 marks)

16. Lily has decided to _____ the help of her friend to complete her Science project.
- (1) enlist
 - (2) enroll
 - (3) employ
 - (4) engage
17. On hearing that his friend had bought a car, Mr Wong felt _____ to buy one too.
- (1) tempted
 - (2) attracted
 - (3) fascinated
 - (4) persuaded
18. Her fans were _____ by the film star's polished manners and charming smile.
- (1) captured
 - (2) engulfed
 - (3) enslaved
 - (4) captivated
19. We need to have the _____ measurements of the building so that we can make a model of it.
- (1) perfect
 - (2) precise
 - (3) concise
 - (4) concrete
20. The problem of cigarette smuggling is becoming more _____ these days.
- (1) acute
 - (2) sharp
 - (3) urgent
 - (4) intense

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. (5 marks)

Eleven-year-old Angela was stricken with a debilitating disease involving her nervous system. She was unable to walk and her movement was restricted in other ways as well.

The doctors did not hold out much hope of her ever recovering from this illness. They predicted she would have to spend the rest of her life in a wheel-chair. They said that few, if any, were able to go back to normal after contracting this disease. The little girl was

undaunted.

There, lying in her hospital bed, she would vow to anyone who would listen that she was definitely going to be walking again someday.

21. (1) declining
(2) decaying
(3) alarming
(4) weakening
22. (1) limited
(2) hampered
(3) decreased
(4) compressed
23. (1) foretold
(2) guessed
(3) assumed
(4) announced
24. (1) firm
(2) constant
(3) unbeaten
(4) unhesitant
25. (1) declare
(2) confirm
(3) confess
(4) promise

Section E : Comprehension MCQ

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

(5 marks)

<p>Max looked up and saw in the distance red and green navigation lights coming towards them and knew it must be a naval patrol boat because of its speed. As the drone of the boat's powerful engines drew closer, Max crouched down.</p>	
<p>Max then let out a startled cry as the brilliant beam of a searchlight pierced the darkness and swept the fishing boat from stem to stem. By its reflected light, Max could clearly see the haunted look on the faces of the other passengers.</p>	5
<p>Max knew that if the patrol boat came close enough, its men would surely see the people crouching in the fishing boat. Overwhelmed by the smell of fish, tar, engine oil and vomit, he began to feel hot and dizzy. His body was stiff with fear, aching from seasickness and he felt he might faint at any moment. To keep himself conscious, he turned his head round so that he could see Dino standing in the stern, holding the tiller. He was blinking in the harsh light but he managed to wave back at the patrol boat as if he had not a care in the world.</p>	10
<p>Someone on board the patrol boat switched on a loud hailer and a voice, made harsh and thin by its horn, demanded, "Where are you bound?"</p>	15
<p>Dino shrugged and shouted back, "Tell me where the fish run and I'll tell you where I'm bound." The noise of idling engines drowned his voice.</p>	
<p>"Say again!" barked the hailer.</p>	
<p>"Anywhere where there's fish! Dino shouted back. There was a pause. The boats drifted closer to each other.</p>	20
<p>"Why aren't you showing navigation lights?"</p>	
<p>Max watched as Dino pretended to look puzzled and leant out over the side as if to see what they said were true. "They must have blown out," he apologised with a shrug. "I'll light them again as soon as you stop rocking me about like this."</p>	25
<p>Aboard the patrol boat, the captain was wondering if it would be worthwhile searching this dowdy old fishing boat for <u>contraband</u> when the radio suddenly cackled. Abruptly, without another word being exchanged, the light snapped off and the patrol boat revved its engines, speeding off into the dark, leaving the fishing boat <u>bobbing about like a buoy in its wake</u>.</p>	30

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. Max let out a startled cry because he _____.
- (1) saw something in the sea
 - (2) was afraid of being discovered
 - (3) was overwhelmed by the bright lights
 - (4) was turned off by the sound of the powerful engines.
27. Dino managed to _____ while the searchlight was on him.
- (1) hide in the boat
 - (2) blink in the light
 - (3) stay nonchalant
 - (4) stand in the stern
28. The patrol boat captain did not search the fishing boat as he _____.
- (1) did not find it worthwhile
 - (2) did not like the dowdy old fishing boat
 - (3) revved the engines of his boat and sped off
 - (4) was being called to another place via the radio
29. The word "**contraband**" in line 27 refers to _____.
- (1) smugglers
 - (2) secret weapons
 - (3) smuggled goods
 - (4) illegal immigrants
30. The phrase "**bobbing about like a buoy in its wake**" in line 30 means that the fishing boat was _____.
- (1) going to capsize
 - (2) rocking vigorously
 - (3) moving at full speed
 - (4) being swept away by the waves

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Section F : Structural Cloze Passage

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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

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- | | | | | |
|------------|---------|----------|----------|----------------|
| (A) and | (D) at | (G) in | (K) than | (N) themselves |
| (B) almost | (E) but | (H) on | (L) them | (P) which |
| (C) apart | (F) by | (J) over | (M) then | (Q) whose |
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Track events decide the fastest competitor _____ a certain distance. Field events

(31)

test the competitor's ability to throw _____ jump the farthest or the highest. _____ sprint

(32)

(33)

_____ races, athletes begin using starting blocks and run at _____ full speed for the duration of the

(34)

_____ race. _____ the finish, the runners are often just hundredths of a second _____.

(35)

(36)

Sprinters must abide _____ the rules and remain in their lanes throughout the race.

(37)

The winner is the one _____ torso crosses the finishing line first.

(38)

Long distance runners need to train to enhance their endurance rather _____ their

(39)

speed. They pace _____ throughout the race so that they still have enough energy for a

(40)

final burst of strength at the end of the race.

Section G : Editing for Spelling and Grammar

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

No trip to South Korea is complete without a visit to its enchanting theme parks. For those who think that amusement parks are just playgrounds teeming of kids, South Korea's magical theme parks will change their minds.

(41)

(42)

With its charming garden blooms, idyllic lakes, hot springs and thrilling rides, they offer travellers a romantic and exciting getaway. Within the vinsinity of Seoul, there are three must-visit theme parks – Lotte World, Everland and Seoul Land.

(43)

Everland, one of the largest theme park in South Korea, conpriseing various areas

(44)

Like Festival World, Caribbean Bay and Speedway, is so huge that you will probably need to plan where you want to spend your day there. You can also spend the day froclliking in the hot springs and saunas or take a dip in one of the inner swimming pools found in the parks.

(45)

(46)

Lotte World, which is made up of Lotte World Adventure, Magic Island, movie theatres, to name a few, is an all rounded entertaining complex. You can also indulge on activities like ice-skating or bowling.

(47)

(48)

Nature lovers may want to make a trip down to Seoul Land. Nestled admist the Seoul

(49)

Grand Park, Seoul Land consists of a zoo, botanical garden and an amusement park.

What are you waiting for? Hop on a heart-stopping roller-coaster ride, amuse yourself in one of the theme parks or simply enjoy a relaxation hot spring bath. Come and visit South Korea now!

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Section H: Comprehension Cloze Passage

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Early people used the sun, the wind, smoke or salt to dry fish and store it through the winter months. _____ methods of preserving fish are called *curing*. Today, fish is _____ in traditional ways to give it special flavours.

(51)

(52)

_____ that has been dried in the sun and air is used in Mediterranean, Caribbean and South American cooking. Bombay duck, used in Indian _____, is a small type of sea fish that has been dried in the sun. In Japan, a fish called *bonito* is dried and flaked to make *katsubushi*, a kind of fish stock used in many recipes.

(53)

(54)

Since _____ times, fish has been smoked over wood or peat fires. _____ gives flavour and colour, although edible colour dyes may be used today. A chemical called *formaldehyde* in the smoke helps to dry the fish. The fish are split _____ and gutted, then hung in pairs _____ tenterhooks over the smoke.

(55)

(56)

(57)

(58)

Fish like kippers _____ cold-smoked at low temperatures and need to be cooked _____ they are eaten. Hot-smoked fish like mackerel are smoked at _____ temperatures, which also cooks the flesh, so the fish is ready to _____.

(59)

(60)

(61)

(62)

Salt can be used to dry the fish quickly. Salted herring was carried by early nomadic people and provided a winter _____ store for the Vikings. In Portugal, there are said to be 365 ways of cooking salt cod ----- _____ for every day of the year!

(63)

(64)

Pickling _____ vinegar or wine is a way of preserving fish that is used in Europe and parts of the East.

(65)

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Section I: Transformation and Synthesis

For each of the question 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 the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. Henry said, "I did not break the glass window."

_____ denied _____

67. May Ling is only six years old. Her painting won the first prize in the art competition.

_____ whose _____

68. Mary has not completed her homework. She cannot go cycling.

_____ unless _____

69. Sally, as well as her two sisters, did not win the contest.

_____ nor _____

70. Wendy is a friendly person. She is also helpful.

Besides _____

Section J: Comprehension Open-ended

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Holly held the blue cotton sweater to her face and the familiar smell immediately stuck her, an overwhelming grief knotting her stomach and pulling at her heart. Pins and needles ran up the back of her neck and a lump in her throat threatened to choke her. Panic took over. Apart from the low hum of the refrigerator and the occasional moaning of the pipes, the house was quiet. She was alone. Bile rose to her throat and she ran to the bathroom, where she collapsed to her knees before the toilet.

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Gerry was gone and he would never be back. That was the reality. She would never again run her fingers through his soft hair, never share a secret joke across the table at a dinner party, never cry to him when she got home from a hard day at work and just needed a hug; she would never share a bed with him again, never be woken up by his fits of sneezes each morning, never laugh with him so much her stomach would ache, never fight with him about whose turn it was to get up and turn the bedroom light off. All that was left was a bundle of memories and an image of his face became more and more vague each day.

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15

Their plan had been very simple. To stay together for the rest of their lives. A plan that anyone within their circle would agree was accomplishable. They were best friends, lovers and soul mates destined to be together, everyone thought. But as it happened, one day destiny greedily changed its mind on the newly weds.

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The end had come all too soon. After complaining of a migraine for a few days, Gerry had agreed to Holly's suggestion that he see his doctor. **This** was done one Wednesday on a lunch break from work. The doctor thought it was due to stress or tiredness and agreed that at the very worst he might need glasses. Gerry had not been happy with that. He had been upset about the idea he might need glasses. He need not have worried, since as it turned out it was not his eyes that were the problem. It was the tumor growing inside his brain.

30

Holly flushed the toilet, and shivering from the coldness of the tiled floor, she shakily steadied herself to her feet. He had been thirty years old. By no means had he been the healthiest man on the earth, but he had been healthy enough to ... well, to live a normal life. When he was very sick, he would bravely joke about how he should not have lived so safely. Even as he laughed about it, Holly could see the **regret in his eyes** --- regret for the things he never made time to do and the places he never saw.

Adapted from PS, I Love You by Cecelia Ahern

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What were the sounds that could be heard from the quiet house?

72. Which phrase tells you that Holly was about to vomit?

73. What was Holly's "alarm clock"?

74. Which sentence tells you that Holly would soon forget Gerry's looks?

75. What does the phrase "newly weds" in line 19 mean?

76. Line 19 mentions that destiny greedily changed its mind. What do you think has happened to Holly and Gerry's destiny?

77. What does "This" in line 21 refer to?

78. What was the doctor's initial diagnosis of Gerry's condition?

79. Why did Gerry have "regret in his eyes" in line 32?

80. What do you think had happened to Gerry in the end?

END OF PAPER

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Answer Sheets

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	1	3	1	4	3	3	2	1	1
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	4	3	1	4	1	1	4	2	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
4	1	1	3	4	2	3	4	3	2
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
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41	with	46	frolicking	51	These	56	It	61	high
42	their	47	entertainment	52	preserved	57	open	62	eat
43	vicinity	48	in	53	Fish	58	on	63	food
44	comprising	49	amidst	54	cooking	59	are	64	one
45	how	50	relaxing	55	olden	60	before	65	in

66. Henry denied breaking the glass window.
67. May Ling, whose painting won the first prize in the art competition is only six years old.
68. Mary cannot go cycling unless she has completed her homework.
69. Neither Sally nor her two sisters won the contest.
70. Besides being friendly, Wendy is also a helpful person.
71. The sound was from the refrigerator and the pipes.
72. The phrase is "Bile rose to her throat".
73. Holly's "alarm clock" was Gerry's fits of sneezes each morning.
74. The sentence is "All that was left was a bundle of memories and an image of his face became more and more vague each day"
75. It means that Holly and Gerry had just gotten married..
76. The plan to stay together for the rest of their lives.
77. "This" refers to Gerry seeing his doctor.
78. His condition was due to stress or tiredness.
79. He did not make time to do things he wanted to do and visit the places he had not seen
80. I think Gerry passed away in the end.