



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 1 )

2012

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Class: P4 \_\_\_\_\_ Index No: \_\_\_\_\_

30 April 2012

ENGLISH (PART 1)

Att: 1 h 15 min  
(Part 1 and 2)

Sections A to C	24	
Sections D to G	26	
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	
	<b>Class</b>	<b>Level</b>
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Section A: Grammar (8X1 mark)

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

1. The apple was rotten, so Kate \_\_\_\_\_ it away.

- (1) threw
- (2) throw
- (3) thrown
- (4) throws

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2. Pete will join us for the trip \_\_\_\_\_ he is not feeling well.

- (1) if
- (2) although
- (3) because
- (4) whether

(                    )

3. \_\_\_\_\_ of the doors to the meeting room is locked.

- (1) Both
- (2) One
- (3) Some
- (4) Several

(                    )

4. The set of books you had ordered \_\_\_\_\_ delivered to your home yesterday afternoon.

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

(                    )

5. Leela likes to drink tea, \_\_\_\_\_ she?  
(1) do  
(2) does  
(3) don't  
(4) doesn't ( )

6. Did you see the thief \_\_\_\_\_ the lady's wallet?  
(1) snatch  
(2) snatches  
(3) snatched  
(4) had snatched ( )

Nitter  
7. ~~Neither~~ Jane nor her brothers \_\_\_\_\_ going to the movie tomorrow.  
(1) is  
(2) are  
(3) was  
(4) were ( )

8. All the girls \_\_\_\_\_ at the playground just now.  
(1) is  
(2) are  
(3) was  
(4) were ( )

**Section B: Vocabulary (6X1 mark)**

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

9. She sat down and \_\_\_\_\_ about the fond times when she was a little girl.  
(1) reminded  
(2) recollected  
(3) reminisced  
(4) remembered ( )

10. Do not be \_\_\_\_\_ by his charms. He has cheated countless buyers before.  
(1) lied  
(2) betrayed  
(3) deceived  
(4) victimised ( )

11. The abandoned old house had been \_\_\_\_\_ since ten years ago when its owners left the village.

- (1) unfilled
- (2) unused
- (3) unavailable
- (4) unoccupied.

( )

12. It took her three weeks to \_\_\_\_\_ before she was well enough to go to school.

- 1) regain
- 2) recoup
- 3) restore
- 4) recuperate

( )

13. Sally was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ as it was her first day in the new school.

- (1) anxiety
- (2) respect
- (3) calmness
- (4) admiration

( )

14. The rich boy \_\_\_\_\_ about his vacation in Europe.

- 1) prided
- 2) gloated
- 3) bragged
- 4) flaunted

( )

Section C: Comprehension (MCQ) (5X2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Forty pairs of eyes stared at Tommy as he stood at the front of the classroom facing the teacher. Tommy was trying to explain to the teacher why he had no money to pay for the Mathematics magazines he had subscribed to.

That morning, on his way to school, Tommy saw an old man shivering and groaning under the staircase at the block of flats where he lived. Tommy went forward and asked him what had happened. The old man was too weak to answer Tommy. Tommy thought for a moment before he decided to take him to the nearby hawker centre for some food. Tommy bought him a bowl of noodles and watched the old man gobble the food.

Finally, the old man regained his energy and he introduced himself as Mr Lee. "Little boy, thank you very much for helping me. My son has gone overseas to work yesterday evening and no one is at home. I have forgotten to bring my wallet and keys along with me when I <sup>went</sup> ~~go~~ out." Apparently, Mr Lee could not enter his house when he returned. He crouched under the staircase and spent the whole night there until Tommy discovered him that morning.

Tommy felt sorry for Mr Lee and even took him to a locksmith. He even used his money to pay the locksmith for helping to open the locks on the door of Mr Lee's house. Without waiting to be thanked, Tommy rushed to school as he knew that he was late.

Choose the correct answers and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.

15. Who stared at Tommy when he stood at the front of the classroom?

- (1) Mr Lee stared at him.
- (2) The locksmith stared at him.
- (3) Tommy's teacher stared at him.
- (4) Tommy's classmates stared at him. ( )

16. Tommy could not pay his subscription fees for the Mathematics magazines because \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) he had forgotten to bring his money
- (2) he had used the money to help Mr Lee
- (3) his parents did not give him any money
- (4) he had lost his money on his way to school ( )

17. Why was Mr Lee too weak to answer Tommy?

- 1) He was sick.
- 2) He was mute.
- 3) He was too hungry.
- 4) He did not know what to say. ( )

18. Mr Lee could not enter his house as \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) his key was lost
- (2) he had left his keys at home.
- (3) he preferred to spend the night out
- (4) his son had taken the keys with him ( )

19. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'got back'?

- (1) regained
- (2) crouched
- (3) subscribed
- (4) discovered ( )



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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8X1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| (A) balance     | (B) bandage  | (C) cast        | (D) cause    |
| (E) consequence | (F) crutches | (G) dumbfounded | (H) lumbered |
| (J) paramedics  | (K) vigilant |                 |              |

The December holidays proved to be an unforgettable one for Harry. He was playing with his friends near the canal one day when he lost his (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and fell into the canal. His friends were (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and did not know what to do. Fortunately for him, a passer-by saw the accident and dialled for the ambulance. The (3) \_\_\_\_\_ were able to get him out of the canal and rushed him to the hospital. As a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of the fall, Harry fractured his leg. It had to remain in a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for several months. Harry had to use (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to get around during this period. He felt really uncomfortable as he (7) \_\_\_\_\_ wherever he went. Harry promised to be more (8) \_\_\_\_\_ while playing in the future.

**Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (4X1 mark)**

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) above	(B) against	(C) along	(E) in
(D) onto	(G) out	(F) through	

The hippopotamus is a land animal. However, it spends most of its time (Q9) \_\_\_\_\_ water. It feeds only on plants that grow (Q10) \_\_\_\_\_ the riverside. It swims with its whole body under the water while keeping its eyes and nostrils (Q11) \_\_\_\_\_ the water at all times. The skin of the hippopotamus is so thick that no other animal can bite (Q12) \_\_\_\_\_ it.

**Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4 x 1 mark)**

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) how	(B) what	(C) when	(D) where
(E) which	(F) whom	(G) whose	

Long ago, there lived a foolish emperor. One day, two tricksters arrived in the city (Q13) \_\_\_\_\_ the emperor lived in. The two tricksters, (Q14) \_\_\_\_\_ the emperor met, claimed that they could sew the most beautiful clothes in the world. The Emperor, (Q15) \_\_\_\_\_ pastime was to parade along the street to show off his new suit each time, was elated. He was very gullible and believed every word (Q16) \_\_\_\_\_ they had told him. He promised to pay the two tricksters handsomely if they could sew the most beautiful suit for him.

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Section G: Comprehension (Open-ended) (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

When Tina was a little girl, she used to accompany her mother to the market every weekend. She was always given a treat for breakfast at the end of each trip.

Tina's favourite breakfast was prata from a stall near the market. The prata back in those days was quite different from the type available today. Although thinner and less enticing in appearance, the prata was ever so delicious. Time passed and only memories of her trips to the market remain. However, *a slice of the past* came alive for Tina recently when she visited a prata stall at Ang Mo Kio hawker centre. As she tucked into the prata there, she became a little girl again.

This prata stall was set up by Mr Raju. His prata was so popular that people travelled all the way there to eat it. It was a pity that Mr Raju was short-handed, otherwise, his customers would be able to have prata in the evenings too.

What was the secret behind his "old-fashioned" prata? According to Mr Raju, it was having the right proportion of ingredients in the mixture. Mr Raju had no plans to move his stall elsewhere. "All my customers are good to me," said Mr Raju. *The reverse could also be true* – humble in appearance, Mr Raju was a simple man content with serving his brand of prata to his customers.

17. How was the prata Tina had as a little girl different from the prata available today?

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18. Why did 'a *slice of the past*' in paragraph 2 come alive for Tina?

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19. Why did Mr Raju close his stall at night?

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20. Which sentence in the passage tells you that Mr. Raju's prata was well-received?

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21. What does '*the reverse could also be true*' in the last paragraph mean?

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# **ANSWER SHEET**

**EXAM PAPER 2012**

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SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH**

**TERM : SA1**

## **Part 1**

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| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q5 | Q6 | Q7 | Q8 | Q9 | Q10 | Q11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 | Q15 | Q16 | Q17 |
| 1  | 2  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 1  | 2  | 4  | 3  | 3   | 4   | 4   | 1   | 3   | 4   | 2   | 3   |

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## **Part 2**

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q5 | Q6 | Q7 | Q8 | Q9 | Q10 | Q11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 | Q15 | Q16 |
| A  | G  | J  | E  | C  | F  | H  | K  | E  | C   | A   | F   | D   | F   | G   | E   |

17)The prata Tina had as a little girl was thinner and less enticing in appearance but it was also delicious.

18)She had prata that tasted like the ones she had when she was a little girl.

19)Mr Raju was short-handed, so he closed his stall at night.

20)The sentence is "His prata was so popular the people travelled all the way there to eat it".

21)It means that Mr Raju had been good to his customers.

