



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2006

Your Score Out of 48 marks	Class	Level
Highest score		
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Parent's Signature		

Name : _____ Class: P3_____ Index No: _____

8th May 2006

ENGLISH

Att: 1 h 15 min

Section A: Grammar (6 X 1 mark)

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

- When Dawn was young, she _____ to be afraid of strangers.
(1) uses
(2) use
(3) used
(4) using
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- The sun _____ from the East every morning.
(1) rises
(2) rise
(3) rose
(4) has risen
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- Ginny's voice is _____ sweet _____ Jean's.
(1) as.....than
(2) more.....than
(3) much.....than
(4) as.....as
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- Tammy smiled happily as she _____ her birthday present.
(1) open
(2) opens
(3) opening
(4) was opening
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5. That dog is adorable! _____ is it?

- (1) Who
- (2) Whose
- (3) Who's
- (4) Whom

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6. If you are not careful with the glass of water, it will _____ on the table.

- (1) spill
- (2) spills
- (3) spilt
- (4) spilling

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Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)

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

7. The teacher told Lisa that she could not hear her as her reading was _____.

- (1) inedible
- (2) illiterate
- (3) illegible
- (4) inaudible

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8. The _____ blew a whistle when there was a foul play on the soccer field.

- (1) judge
- (2) umpire
- (3) referee
- (4) magistrate

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9. The pair makes a good _____ when they sing.
- (1) choir
 - (2) duet
 - (3) trio
 - (4) solo
- ()
10. I have to call off my trip as something _____ has cropped up.
- (1) trivial
 - (2) urgent
 - (3) unimportant
 - (4) small
- ()
11. He was _____ for telling lies.
- (1) rebutted
 - (2) complimented
 - (3) commended
 - (4) reprimanded
- ()
12. She _____ at the naughty boy who played a trick on her.
- (1) glanced
 - (2) glimpsed
 - (3) glared
 - (4) gleamed
- ()

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Read the passage 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.

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|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| (A) added | (B) check | (C) dishonesty |
| (D) forgery | (E) forward | (F) fear |
| (G) fairly | (H) high | (J) mistake |
| (K) only | (L) towards | (M) wrongly |

Megan was worried. She had answered several questions (13) _____. She did not hope to get (14) _____ marks. A pass would be good enough for her.

When her name was called, Megan went (15) _____ to receive her paper. Her heart was beating fast. Her hand shook a little as she got the paper from her Science teacher. But her (16) _____ soon turned to joy. She had passed! She scored 70 out of 100! "Am I dreaming?" she asked herself.

Megan checked her marks, and found out why she had passed. Her teacher had (17) _____ the marks incorrectly. "If I keep quiet, nobody will know about it", Megan thought. "But...but it's (18) _____".

"Class, please (19) _____ the marks. Let me know if the marks are added correctly," said Mr Teo, the teacher. Megan raised her hand, "Teacher, there is a (20) _____. I should get only 45, not 70."

Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 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) about	(B) at	(C) away	(D) by
(E) down	(F) out	(G) up	

Kate stood (21) _____ for me when the other girls taunted me (22) _____ my clumsiness. She said that she could not bear to stand (23) _____ and watch them embarrass me in front of others. Her kindness as a person is what makes her stand (24) _____ in my circle of friends.

(A) saw	(B) see	(C) seen	(D) sees
(E) seeing	(F) sight	(G) sighted	

It has been some time since I last (25) _____ Mark. He used to be my best friend and we sat close in class. We shared secrets and were (26) _____ everywhere together. The (27) _____ of Mark meant that I was close by. However, we had a misunderstanding last December. Since the start of this year, I do not get to (28) _____ Mark anymore as we are in different classes. I miss his company very much and I regret falling out with him because of an argument.

Section E: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

One day, Tim's mother told him that he would have a brother very soon. Tim realised that his mother's stomach had become enormous and now knew why. On the day his mother delivered his brother, Tim was very excited. He wanted to welcome the baby into the family. But at the hospital, all his relatives crowded around the baby and were more concerned about the baby than him.

At home, his mother was constantly carrying and feeding the baby. His father was so busy helping his mother that he could not play with Tim. Tim was upset that his mother and father were no longer interested in him. They only had time for the baby. He began to resent the baby and wanted to hit the baby whenever he cried.

One day, his mother saw Tim's angry look at the baby and realised what was going on. She picked Tim up and sat him on her lap and hugged him for a very long time even though the baby was crying. She said, "Nobody can ever replace my Tim. Mummy loves you very much. But this is the time when all babies need constant attention because they are in a new world. You were just like that when you were born. I gave you my full attention and now I must do the same for the baby. But whenever you need me, I will be there for you, sweet Tim." From that day onwards, Tim understood why his mother was busy with the baby and even helped his mother feed the baby at least once a day.

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

Q29. When his mother told Tim that she was having a baby, he realised that she _____.

- (1) was fat.
- (2) was pregnant.
- (3) was eating too heavily.
- (4) was ill.

Q30. Tim was unable to play with the baby at the hospital because _____.

- (1) he was too excited.
- (2) his mother was looking after the baby.
- (3) his parents refused to allow him to play with the baby.
- (4) there were too many relatives around.

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Q31. Tim resented the baby because _____.

- (1) his parents paid more attention to the baby
- (2) his relatives preferred the baby.
- (3) the baby could not play with him.
- (4) the baby cried all the time.

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Q32. When Tim's mother realised that Tim was resentful of the baby she _____.

- (1) played with him.
- (2) let Tim play with the baby.
- (3) gave him a toy to play with.
- (4) hugged him reassured him that she loved him.

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Q33. What does Tim's mother mean when she said that the baby is "in a new world"?
She meant that the baby was _____.

- (1) in a new home.
- (2) just born.
- (3) new to the family.
- (4) unfamiliar with the surroundings.

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Section F: Comprehension (Open-ended) (5 X 2 marks)

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

One day, a white bird flew into Mr Chen's garden. "That bird looks like a crow, but it can't be," thought Mr Chen. "Crows are not white. They are black."

He walked nearer to the bird to look at it closely. However, it did not fly away. Instead, it remained where it was. Mr Chen then put the white crow in a cage. He decided to ask his friend about it the next day.

The next day, Mr Chen showed the bird to his friend, Mr Li. Mr Li was a zookeeper. To Mr Chen's surprise, Mr Li told him that the bird was indeed a crow! "You can only find one white crow among thousands of black ones," he said.

Later, Mr Chen gave the white crow to the zoo. Many people wonder how the white crow is different from the black one. Well, white crows seem to be tamer, gentler and friendlier. Also, they are afraid of black crows. However, no one is able to explain why this is so.

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Q34. Why was Mr Chen curious about the bird that flew into his garden one day?

Q³⁵ Whom did Mr Chen show the bird to?

Q³⁶ What did Mr Chen do to the crow after showing it to Mr Li?

Q³⁷ Which phrase in the passage tells you that the white crow is not afraid of Mr Chen?

Q³⁸ In what ways are white crows different from black crows?

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**Answer Sheets**  
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| 1) 3  | 2) 1  | 3) 4  | 4) 4  | 5) 2  | 6) 1  | 7) 4  |
| 8) 3  | 9) 2  | 10) 2 | 11) 4 | 12) 3 | 13) M | 14) H |
| 15) E | 16) F | 17) A | 18) C | 19) B | 20) J | 21) G |
| 22) A | 23) D | 24) F | 25) A | 26) C | 27) F | 28) B |
| 29) 2 | 30) 4 | 31) 1 | 32) 4 | 33) 4 |       |       |

- Q34. Mr. Chen did not know whether the bird was a crow.  
Q35. Mr. Chen showed the bird to his friend, Mr. Li, the zookeeper.  
Q36. Mr. Chen gave the crow to the zoo.  
Q37. The phrase is "remained where it was".  
Q38. The white crows are tamer, gentler and friendlier.