



# RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 1 )

2005

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

9 May 2005 ENGLISH LANGUAGE (PART 1) Att: 1 h 15 min

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### Section A

#### Grammar (6 x 1 mark)

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

1. The pears you bought are sweet, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- (1) don't they
- (2) do they
- (3) aren't they
- (4) are they

2. The classroom was empty. I did not see \_\_\_\_\_ of my classmates there.

- (1) all
- (2) none
- (3) any
- (4) one

3. Either Jasmine or her sisters \_\_\_\_\_ to do the house chores now.

- (1) has
- (2) had
- (3) have
- (4) having

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4. The weather forecast predicted that it will rain tomorrow; therefore the match shall be \_\_\_\_\_ to a later date.

(1) put away

(2) put up

(3) put out

(4) put off

5. My sister will be going to Vietnam as a volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ the school holidays this December.

(1) on

(2) during

(3) across

(4) at

6. She went to school \_\_\_\_\_ she was not feeling well.

(1) as

(2) because

(3) although

(4) unless

**Section B (6 x 1 mark)**

**Vocabulary**

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

7. Ameer was so \_\_\_\_\_ in reading the storybook that he did not see his friend beside him .
- (1) enchanted
  - (2) endorsed
  - (3) engrossed
  - (4) enlightened
8. Terry Fox learnt to \_\_\_\_\_ the hardships he faced to complete the Marathon of Hope.
- (1) endeavour
  - (2) deform
  - (3) overcome
  - (4) settle
9. Amy was \_\_\_\_\_ to go swimming as she preferred to watch a movie.
- (1) redundant
  - (2) reluctant
  - (3) rejoiced
  - (4) repentant
10. The recent tsunami was considered a great \_\_\_\_\_ due to the immense suffering and destruction it caused.
- (1) casualty
  - (2) catastrophe
  - (3) category
  - (4) campaign

11. Water pollution \_\_\_\_\_ the survival of sea creatures.

- (1) agitates
- (2) disrupts
- (3) threatens
- (4) neglects

12. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the plane that crashed scattered over a wide area.

- (1) debris
- (2) remains
- (3) residue
- (4) scraps

**Section C (5 x 2 marks)**

**Comprehension MCQ**

**Please read the passage carefully and shade the correct answer (1,2 3 or 4) in the OAS.**

<p>Peter Tchaikovsky was a Russian boy who lived in a small town in Central Russia. Unlike Mozart who was already musically talented when he was a young boy, Tchaikovsky learnt piano like the others, for he was only an average student.</p>	
<p>As a student, Tchaikovsky worked very hard, but he did not top his class or stand out among the rest. During the early years of his musical career, Tchaikovsky had to struggle a great deal and put up with a lot of disappointments. Not many people liked his compositions or thought of him as a successful pianist.</p>	5
<p>The turning point in Tchaikovsky's life came when he was twenty-one years old. He suddenly developed a serious interest in music. However, he could not give up his job as a clerk to study music full-time because he was quite poor. During these years, his father suffered many misfortunes and so, he had to work and study at the same time.</p>	10
<p>A rich widow had heard of Tchaikovsky's hardship. She was very sympathetic for she, herself, had once been poor so she offered to pay for his food and lodging so that he would not have to work and would be free to attend school. It is strange that Tchaikovsky and the rich widow never met but only contacted each other through letters. Gradually, he could concentrate better and he came up with his beautiful music.</p>	15
<p>His musical pieces are simple and can be easily enjoyed as they have clear tunes and harmonies. The most famous of these is the "Nutcracker Suite". Tchaikovsky contracted the disease, cholera, by drinking contaminated water. At that time, there was no cure for cholera and he died at the age of fifty-four.</p>	20
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13. Mozart had a head start over Peter Tchaikovsky because he \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) was gifted in music
- (2) had home support
- (3) had good music tutors
- (4) came from a rich family

14. The turning point of Tchaikovsky 's music career was when \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) his father recovered
- (2) he did not have to worry about his expenses.
- (3) he became gifted in music
- (4) he could concentrate better in his music

15. Tchaikovsky could not study music full -time because he \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) had to look after his father
- (2) had to work to support himself
- (3) was too concerned with his work
- (4) wanted to establish his career

16. The rich widow was an example of a person who showed \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) love and concern
- (2) kindness and gratitude
- (3) integrity and concern
- (4) sympathy and generosity

17. The word in the passage which is similar in meaning to 'bad luck' is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) hardship
- (2) disappointment
- (3) struggle
- (4) misfortunes



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### Section C (8 x 1 mark)

#### Vocabulary Cloze

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 EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) appalled	(B) bellowed	(C) crowded
(D) downpour	(E) fell	(F) headed
(G) huddle	(H) peddled	(J) safety
(K) thunder	(L) walked	(M) weather

Lightning flashed across the sky and thunder rolled. A shivering Douglas \_\_\_\_\_ (Q1) as fast as he could. He was making his way home on his bicycle. Drizzles \_\_\_\_\_ (Q2) onto the ground. Soon, there was a heavy \_\_\_\_\_ (Q3).

Totally drenched, Douglas looked for shelter. He \_\_\_\_\_ (Q4) for the coffeeshop that was a kilometre away. Leaving his bicycle at the side of the road, he ran into the coffeeshop. It was rather \_\_\_\_\_ (Q5) as it was lunch time.

Suddenly, there was a big flash of lightning followed by a loud bang. Everyone wondered what had happened. A young man \_\_\_\_\_ (Q6) that a tree had fallen on the roof of the coffeeshop. Shouts could be heard as customers ran out to \_\_\_\_\_ (Q7). Douglas was \_\_\_\_\_ (Q8) at the scene that met his eyes. Before he could react, a huge branch of the tree fell through the roof and landed on him. Douglas fainted!

Section D

Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passages carefully. Choose the correct word from the word given in the box and write its letter ( A to G) in each blank .

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) fish      ( B ) fished      ( C ) fishes      ( D ) fishing

Osman has a hobby. He is fond of \_\_\_\_\_ (Q9) in the sea. Every Sunday he rows his boat out to sea to his favourite spot. When he was a small boy, he used to \_\_\_\_\_ (Q10) with his father. Once, his father took him to a kelong. They \_\_\_\_\_ (Q11) for a long time before catching a big one.

Now, Osman \_\_\_\_\_ (Q12) only when he has the time.

(A) across      ( B ) for      ( C ) into      ( D ) by  
(E) over      ( F ) through      ( G ) under

The burglar waited until the house was quiet. Then, he climbed in \_\_\_\_\_ (Q13) the window. He found himself in a bedroom. He walked \_\_\_\_\_ (Q 14) the room and opened the cupboard. He found the jewellery under some clothes and put it \_\_\_\_\_ (Q15) the bag.

Satisfied, he quietly climbed out of the window. He was surprised to see two policemen outside. They had been waiting \_\_\_\_\_ (Q16) him.

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Section E (5 x 2 marks)

Comprehension (Open-ended)

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

It began to rain. Maryam stared out of the window and sighed. "It is raining and I can't go out to play," she mumbled to herself. 1

She dragged her feet lazily to the television set and switched it on. Unable to make up her mind on which particular channel to watch, Maryam kept pressing the remote control. Suddenly, the television set crackled, spewed black smoke and started to burn. Maryam was stunned to see flames at the bottom left side of the set. Without any fear, she rushed straight to the burning television set to switch it off! What happened next completely shocked Maryam! "Oh no! Aisha, come here. The television set has exploded!" she screamed at the top of her voice. 5 10

Maryam quickly dashed to her bedroom and grabbed her thick blanket. The fire began to spread wildly in the living room. She hurried back and started using the blanket to extinguish the fire.

Aisha, Maryam's sister was busy in the kitchen at that time. She was startled when she sensed something burning. Aisha rushed to the living room. Thick black smoke was enveloping the entire place. Choked by the smoke, she started coughing uncontrollably. 15

"Maryam! Maryam! Where are you?" Aisha called out to her. Maryam did not answer. Frantic, Aisha screamed for help. A neighbour was alerted and he immediately called the police and the civil defence. 20

Soon, fire fighters fought bravely to put out the fire. One of them brought Aisha out of the apartment. She tried desperately to tell him that her sister was still inside the house. Someone had also informed the Straits Times which had quickly sent its reporters to cover the incident. Sergeant Tan, one of the policemen at the scene, said to the reporters, "We will be investigating the cause of the fire. Anyway, everything is now under control. Only two people were trapped in the fire. One of them had fainted in the apartment. We have sent her to the hospital for treatment." 25

Q17 Why did Maryam sigh as she stared out of the window?

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Q18 Which four-word phrase in Paragraph 2 tells us that Maryam was not excited about watching television?

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Q19 In line 9, what happened that shocked Maryam?

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Q20 Why was Aisha unable to see where Maryam was?

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Q21 Give two reasons why Maryam was considered a brave girl.

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End of paper.

Have you really checked your work? ☺

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Answer Sheets

Part 1 (Section A, B and C)

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

Part 2 (Vocabulary and Grammar Close)

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

Comprehension OE

17. It was raining and Maryam could not go out to play.
18. The four-word phrase is "dragged her feet lazily".
19. The television set exploded.
20. She was unable to see Maryam as thick black smoke was covering her.
21. Maryam got up to rush to switch off the television set bravely even though it was burning. She used a thick blanket and tried bravely to extinguish the fire. She did not panic when the television set exploded.

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