

Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)

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

7. During the period of _____, water-rationing was imposed.
(1) famine (2) drought
(3) flood (4) thunderstorm ()
8. The boat _____ in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean.
(1) tumbled (2) capsized
(3) switched (4) toppled ()
9. The snake _____ through the grass looking for its prey.
(1) crawls (2) wriggles
(3) glides (4) scampers ()
10. Dennis is _____. He does not like to talk to people who are unimportant.
(1) generous (2) arrogant
(3) smart (4) boastful ()
11. Tonight, my family is going to watch a _____ on how lions hunt in the wild.
(1) drama (2) documentary
(3) variety show (4) comedy ()
12. I meet up with my friends once every two weeks. I always look forward to seeing them _____.
(1) annually (2) daily
(3) monthly (4) fortnightly ()

Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Dolphins have become a **popular** attraction at zoos in recent years. They are more interesting than lions and tigers because they are livelier and perform tricks, like circus animals. Although they are more willing to cooperate with the trainer than other mammals in captivity, they get bored if they are asked to do the same trick twice. This is one reason for believing that they are very intelligent.

Dolphins are regarded as the friendliest creatures in the sea and stories of them helping drowning soldiers have been common since Roman times. We now have more reliable evidence of their usefulness than soldiers' tales. In South Africa, two dolphins have been trained to help swimmers in difficulties and drive sharks away from the beach.

The more we learn about dolphins, the more we realise that they are better organized and their society is more complex than people previously imagined. They look after other dolphins when they are ill, care for pregnant mothers and protect the weakest in the community, as we do.

Some scientists have suggested that dolphins have a language but it is much more probable that they communicate with each other without needing 'words'. They have an echolocation system which is similar to a bat's and much more sensitive than our hearing.

Whales, especially the smaller types, like the killer whale, are probably as intelligent as dolphins and some scientists claim that they are the most intelligent species in the world, apart from man. The great whales have the same brain power as the smaller ones but it is not so easy to study them because they cannot be kept in captivity for long and they live in the deeper, less accessible parts of the ocean. Nevertheless, the only great whale kept in the zoo for a year learned as fast as a dolphin.

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

13. Which word has the same meaning as 'popular'?
- ~~(1)~~ well-liked
 - ~~(2)~~ common
 - ~~(3)~~ current
 - ~~(4)~~ general ()
14. Why are dolphins believed to be intelligent?
- ~~(1)~~ They have become a popular attraction.
 - ~~(2)~~ They can perform more tricks than other mammals.
 - ~~(3)~~ They are more willing to cooperate with the trainer than other mammals.
 - ~~(4)~~ They get bored easily. ()
15. In what way is the dolphins' community more organized and complex than we previously imagined?
- ~~(1)~~ They have a very sensitive sense of hearing.
 - ~~(2)~~ They are able to look after dolphins that are ill, take care of the pregnant mothers and protect the weakest.
 - ~~(3)~~ They can be kept in captivity for long.
 - ~~(4)~~ They are regarded as the friendliest creatures in the sea. ()
16. How do dolphins communicate without 'words'?
- ~~(1)~~ They use their good eye-sight.
 - ~~(2)~~ They transmit and receive sounds using their brains.
 - ~~(3)~~ They depend on their sense of smell.
 - ~~(4)~~ They depend on their sense of touch. ()
17. What makes it difficult to study the great whales?
- ~~(1)~~ They are the most intelligent species in the world.
 - ~~(2)~~ They have the same brain power as the smaller whales.
 - ~~(3)~~ They cannot be kept in captivity for long and live in less accessible parts of the ocean.
 - ~~(4)~~ They are able to learn as fast as the dolphins. ()



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2004

Your Score Out of 26 marks		
	Class	Level
Highest score		
Average score		
Parent's Signature		

Name : _____ Class: P4 _____ Index No: _____

Date: 1 Nov 2004 English Paper 2(Part 2) Att: 1h 35min

Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose from the words given in the box and fill in each blank with the correct word. Write its letter (A to M) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) celebrated	(B) enchanting	(C) festival	(D) gatherings
(E) held	(F) meaningless	(G) moment	(H) popular
(J) presented	(K) sight	(L) unhappy	(M) useless

The Mid-Autumn Festival is (Q1) _____ quite extensively by the Chinese in Singapore. As early as one month before the (Q2) _____ mooncakes and lanterns are already on sale.

During the festival, mooncakes are (Q3) _____ as gifts to friends and relatives. Another (Q4) _____ gift for the festival is the pomelo.

For the young ones, the festival will be (Q5) _____ without lanterns. There are many lanterns on sale for children to buy and show off at night. In addition, there is also an annual lantern making competition.

The family (Q6) _____ during the festival are held at night. This is the best time for the whole family to enjoy the (Q7) _____ of the moon at its fullest and brightest. The most (Q8) _____ sight is that of the children walking around with their lighted lanterns.

Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

A) Read the passages 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) after	(B) before	(C) by	(D) in
(E) on	(F) under	(G) up	

A fifteen-year old boy fell off the railing at the Esplanade waterfront and into the water last night, fracturing his right wrist.

Two fire engines and an ambulance arrived at the Arts Centre at about 8.20pm. It took eight Singapore Civil Defence Force officers to haul Muhammad Ismail Hamdan (Q9) _____, using ropes, a stretcher and a ladder.

The rescue took about fifteen minutes.

He and a group of friends were at the waterfront for an 8.45pm contemporary dance performance (Q10) _____ a local dance group, Ah Hock and Peng Yu.

His friends told his sister-in-law, Madam Norila Othman, 25, a customer service officer, that the group had been sitting (Q11) _____ the metal railings.

Madam Norila rushed to the hospital (Q12) _____ receiving a telephone call from his friends.

B) Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct option from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

USE EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY

(A) am writing	(B) have written	(C) was writing	(D) was written
(E) were written	(F) write	(G) writes	

Dear Sir,

I (Q13) _____ to complain about the poor service provided by the staff of your restaurant.

I am very disappointed that there has not been any response to the previous letter that I (Q14) _____ a month ago. The letter (Q15) _____ about a month ago. I hope that you can educate your employees about the importance of providing customers like myself with better service.

Do (Q16) _____ back soon as I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Ching

Comprehension Open-Ended (5 x 2 marks)

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

There was only one school in the village of Shan-ti. The rich and poor sent their children to the same school. Among the pupils in the school were the poor twin sisters Fenglin and Fengyu.

One day, Meiling, a rich girl, brought her Barbie doll to school. It looked very pretty and all the girls in school wanted to play with it. Everyone wanted to be Meiling's best friend. They tried all ways and means to get into Meiling's good books. Meiling was happy as she felt like a queen. She let the girls take turns to carry her doll; all except Fenglin and Fengyu. Meiling would not even let them look at the doll.

"My mother says that your father is a bad man," she said, "so you must be bad too!" The rest of the girls joined in, poking fun at the twins. The sisters did not retaliate.

Soon, the children lost interest in the doll. One day, Meiling left her doll on her desk while she joined her classmates at the playground. However, when she returned, the doll was ^{no} longer there. All eyes fell on the twins as Meiling pointed an accusing finger at them. They sat dumbfounded and could only shake their heads in protest while their hearts throbbed with fear. Who would believe that they were innocent?

17. Why did Meiling's friends want to be in her good books?

18. When did the children stop playing with the doll?

19. Why did Meiling suspect that the twins had stolen her doll?

20. How do you think the twins felt when they were accused of stealing Meiling's doll?

21. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "not guilty"?

- | | |
|---------|----------|
| 1. (4) | Q1. (A) |
| 2. (3) | Q2. (C) |
| 3. (2) | Q3. (J) |
| 4. (1) | Q4. (H) |
| 5. (2) | Q5. (F) |
| 6. (3) | Q6. (D) |
| 7. (2) | Q7. (K) |
| 8. (2) | Q8. (B) |
| 9. (3) | Q9. (G) |
| 10. (2) | Q10. (L) |
| 11. (2) | Q11. (E) |
| 12. (4) | Q12. (A) |
| 13. (2) | Q13. (A) |
| 14. (2) | Q14. (B) |
| 15. (2) | Q15. (D) |
| 16. (2) | Q16. (F) |
| 17. (3) | |

- 17) Meiling was a rich girl and all the girls wanted to play with her Barbie doll.
- 18) The children has lost interest in the doll.
- 19) Meiling's mother said that their father was a bad man and Meiling thought the twins are bad too. So Meiling suspected that the twins has stolen her doll.
- 20) The twins felt angry and scared.
- 21) The word is "innocent"