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**RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)**

2004

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ENGLISH


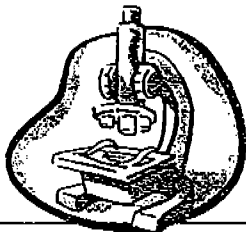
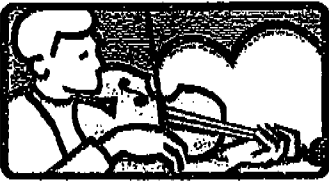
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Your Score Out of 55 marks		
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Part I : Situational Writing (15 marks)

1) Below is a record of what you had done during your March holidays.

MARCH HOLIDAYS

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monday</u></p> <p>Visited uncle and aunt in Johore Bahru</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday</u></p> <p>Had a family picnic at Changi beach</p> <p>Completed Mathematics problem sums. Very challenging, took a long time to solve</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday</u></p> <p>Did research at National Library for Science project</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday</u></p> <p>Completed English homework</p> <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">5 grammar exercises</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday</u></p> <p>Went for extra violin lesson (Violin examination next week)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Saturday</u></p> <p>Attended Mother Tongue supplementary lessons</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunday</u></p> <p>Went roller-blading and bowling. HOORAY!</p>		

Your Task

It is now Sunday evening and the end of the March holidays.

Write an email to your friend; Alicia, telling her of the busy week you have had.

You should refer to information given on page 1.

In your email, include the following information:

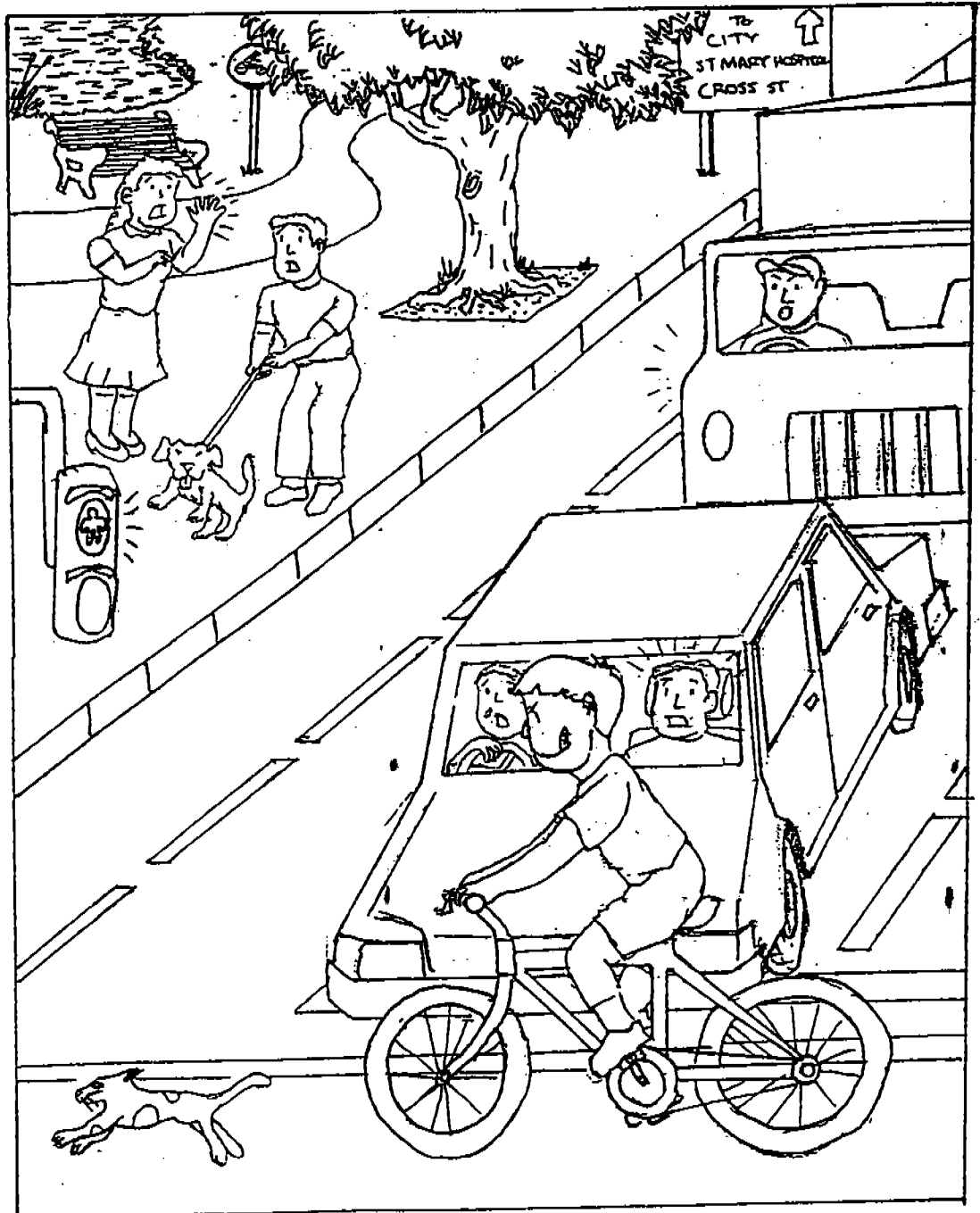
- who you visited in Johore Bahru
- all the subjects you had homework in
- why you had difficulty completing your Mathematics homework
- what you chose to do on Friday and why
- how you felt about the March holidays

You may reorder the points. You should write in complete sentences.

Part II: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

There are two questions in Part II. Answer only one of them.

- 2) Your teacher would like you to write an interesting story for your school magazine based on the picture below. Your story should be at least 150 words long.



For your story, make use of the points below. You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

- why the drivers were angry
- what the others did
- what happened in the end

- 3) You were helping your father to clear out some old boxes, bags and other things from the storeroom. As you were pulling an old box from under the shelf, something caught your eye.

Based on the above situation, write a composition of at least 150 words long.

In your composition, make use of the points below. You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points:

- what you saw
- how you felt at the moment
- what happened in the end

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.

- 1 The organizer of the event is _____.
- (1) Swatch Pte Ltd
 - (2) Beachwear Pte Ltd
 - (3) Victoria Hospital
 - (4) National Kidney Foundation
- 2 The reason for organizing this event is to _____.
- (1) promote sportsmanship
 - (2) instill a love for East Coast Beach
 - (3) make money for Victoria Hospital
 - (4) raise funds for the National Kidney Foundation
- 3 Your cousin who is ten years old can participate in the _____.
- (1) telematch and treasure hunt
 - (2) telematch and canoeing competition
 - (3) beach soccer competition and treasure hunt
 - (4) beach soccer competition and canoeing competition
- 4 You must register to participate in the _____.
- (1) telematch
 - (2) lucky draw
 - (3) canoeing competition
 - (4) beach soccer competition
- 5 There are _____ watches to be won at the lucky draw.
- (1) ten
 - (2) twenty
 - (3) fifty
 - (4) seventy

Section B: Grammar (7 marks)

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.

6. Mary and Jane sorted out their toys and decided to give _____ away to the orphanage.

- (1) few
- (2) some
- (3) much
- (4) any

7. Why is she so worried? It was no fault of _____ anyway.

- (1) his
- (2) him
- (3) her
- (4) hers

8. When there is no rain for a long time, the cactus will use _____ store of water a little at a time.

- (1) it's
- (2) its
- (3) their
- (4) theirs

9. The discipline mistress said to the pupil, "You _____ not wear ankle socks to school or you will be punished."

- (1) will
- (2) might
- (3) would
- (4) should

10. _____ the invention of electronic mail, communication has become faster and more convenient.

- (1) Despite
- (2) Until
- (3) Before
- (4) Since

11. Mrs Lee wouldn't be robbed if she _____ her diamond ring to the market.
- (1) wore
 (2) had worn
 (3) hadn't worn
 (4) isn't wearing
12. We are sorry for embarrassing you. It is a case of _____ identity.
- (1) mistake
 (2) mistook
 (3) mistaken
 (4) mistaking

Section C: Punctuation (3 marks)

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.

The month before Rosa's birthday, Amelia asked, "Have you decided what you'd like for your birthday?"

"Why (13) Yes. A bicycle!" said Rosa.

"But that's impossible (14) Amelia exclaimed.

"Who's ever heard of a hen riding a bicycle?"

"That's just it (15) Rosa replied. "I want to be the first!"

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

Section D: Vocabulary (5 marks)

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.

16. The place was badly flooded and we had to _____ through knee-deep water.
- (1) waddle
 - (2) glide
 - (3) wade
 - (4) amble
17. The residents of the buildings were told to _____ before the bomb exploded.
- (1) extinguish
 - (2) eradicate
 - (3) evacuate
 - (4) evaluate
18. I cannot make out this writing. It is _____.
- (1) illegal
 - (2) illiterate
 - (3) ineligible
 - (4) illegible
19. If you want to work here, you had better get _____ with the others.
- (1) through
 - (2) in
 - (3) past
 - (4) along
20. The room was so _____ with furniture that Susan had difficulty moving about to search for her cat.
- (1) clumped
 - (2) muddled
 - (3) littered
 - (4) cluttered

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Having artificial limbs has not deterred Angel Wallanda from leading a
(21)
normal life. Besides taking things in her stride, she performs courageous acts as
(22)
well.

Angel Wallanda from New York lost her right leg to cancer but with the
help of her artificial limb, she was able to walk the high wire. Her last performance
(23)
was in 1990 when she performed her daredevil act. It was sponsored by Mansfield
University to raise funds to help defray her medical expenses. However, she gave in
(24) (25)
to her illness in May 1996.

21. (1) overwhelmed
(2) hindered
(3) secured
(4) beleaguered

22. (1) craven
(2) hilarious
(3) arduous
(4) plucky

23. (1) fake
(2) natural
(3) ordinary
(4) common

24. (1) disregard
(2) ease
(3) reduce
(4) settle

25. (1) succumbed
(2) overcame
(3) conquered
(4) provided

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Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 marks)

Read the passage and answer the questions 26 to 30.

Like all species of Pacific salmon, the Chinook salmon are hatched in fresh water, spend part of their life in the ocean, and then spawn in fresh water. All Chinook salmon die after spawning. The Chinook salmon may become sexually mature from their second through seventh year. As a result, the fish in any spawning run may vary greatly in size. A mature 3-year-old will probably weigh less than 2 kilograms, while a mature 7-year-old may exceed 25 kilograms. Females tend to be older than males at maturity. In many spawning runs, males outnumber females in all but the 6- and 7-year age groups. Small Chinook salmon that mature after spending only one winter in the ocean are commonly referred to as "jacks" and are usually males. Alaska streams normally receive a single run of Chinook salmon in the period from May through July.

The Chinook salmon often make extensive freshwater spawning migrations to reach their home streams on some of the larger river systems. Yukon River spawners bound for the extreme headwaters in Yukon Territory, Canada, will travel more than 3,200 kilometres during a 60-day period. The Chinook salmon do not feed during the freshwater spawning migration, so their condition deteriorates gradually during the spawning run as they use stored body materials for energy and for the development of reproductive products.

Each female deposits from 3,000 to 14,000 eggs in several gravel nests, or reeds, which she excavates in relatively deep, moving water. In Alaska, the eggs usually hatch in late winter or early spring, depending on the time of spawning and water temperatures. The newly hatched fish, called alevins, live in the gravel for several weeks until they gradually absorb the food in the attached yolk sac. These juveniles wiggle up through the gravel by early spring. In Alaska, most juvenile Chinook salmon remain in fresh water until the following spring when they migrate to the ocean in their second year of life.

For each of the question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make a choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. Most Pacific salmon are _____.

- (1) born in the sea and they die in the sea too
- (2) born in the rivers and they die in the rivers too
- (3) born in the river and they die in the sea
- (4) born in the sea and they die in the river

27. After the salmon produces its offspring, it _____.
- (1) dies
 - (2) returns to the ocean
 - (3) continues to live in the river
 - (4) goes on another spawning run
28. Male salmon in spawning runs vary in _____.
- (1) age only
 - (2) size only
 - (3) weight only
 - (4) size ,weight and age
29. During the spawning migration, the Chinook salmon _____.
- (1) go on a diet
 - (2) loose their appetite
 - (3) do not eat and get weaker
 - (4) eat a lot and remain strong
30. Salmon eggs are laid _____.
- (1) on calm and shallow water
 - (2) on the banks of the river
 - (3) just anywhere in the moving water
 - (4) into holes which the female fish had dug

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Section G : Grammar Cloze (10 marks)

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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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|-----------|------------|---------|----------|----------|
| (A) above | (D) behind | (G) of | (K) or | (N) up |
| (B) and | (E) down | (H) off | (L) that | (P) with |
| (C) at | (F) next | (J) on | (M) to | (Q) yet |

Suddenly, Jenny felt she must look over her shoulder. Whether it was that she noticed the bear looking _____ something beyond her, or that she heard sounds _____

(31)

(32)

her, she was not sure. She simply had to look back. Her hair stood _____ ends. She was

(33)

stricken _____ fear and almost fell _____ the ledge. There, at the far end,

(34)

(35)

stood another huge bear.

At first, Jenny was so dazed with terror _____ she thought she was going mad and

(36)

seeing grizzlies everywhere. Yet the two bears were real _____ one thing became

(37)

apparent. She was trapped.

Desperately, she looked _____ into the ravine. She would certainly fall

(38)

_____ her death if she attempted that route. She looked _____ at the rock

(39)

(40)

wall above her. It was so sheer that not even a monkey could have managed to scale it.

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Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 marks)

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

(41)

Now and then, we have the **unplesent** experience of waiting for a bus that never seems to come.

We wait for twenty minutes, thirty minutes, even forty minutes or more. At last

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comes one and, of course, it is crowded. People usually get very **iretated**. Perhaps it

(43)

is more annoying to see two or even three buses come **bunch**.

(44)

(45)

Bus companies **esplane** that buses sometimes do not run in schedule. This is

(46)

parshelly due to breakdowns or drivers being absent suddenly. Even with a pool of

(47)

standby buses and drivers, it is hard to put things **rightly**.

(48)

(49)

Sometimes, buses get **catch** in traffic jams. This may **caused** **bunching** and it is

very difficult to re-schedule the buses.

(50)

Singapore, however, does have an **aficent** bus system.

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Section I : Comprehension Cloze (15 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Out of sheer curiosity, Ng Lee Ling decided to give windsurfing a go in 1992. Within three years, she made it to the national swimming team and bagged a bronze _____ in the 1997 South-east Asian (SEA) Games in Jakarta. (51)

Her friend then _____ her to skeet shooting. Again, she took it up quickly and was _____ of the Singapore contingent in Vietnam at the SEA Games in 2003. She came in fifth for her event. She had a good attitude and would not _____ up till she had achieved what she thought she was capable of. Her greatest achievement was to _____ Singapore in two different sports even though she had taken them up within short periods of time. (52)

Despite _____ well enough to secure a place in university at nineteen, she _____ the thought as her family could not _____ it. Her father, an electrician, died she was 15. He had a stroke six years earlier which left him _____. To make ends _____, her housewife mother did odd jobs and borrowed money from relatives. Lee (53)

Ling, like her six elder siblings, made supporting the family her _____
(60)

Before helping out at a noodle stall, she was a lowly-paid shipping clerk and sales coordinator, _____ about \$500 a month. At 1.6m tall, she found her 68kg frame
(61)
obese. She started by whittling _____ her hefty frame through a strict regimen of diet
(62)
and exercise. Within three months, she shed 10kg. That was the turning point in her

(63)

Armed _____ newfound confidence and an _____ in exercise, she
(64) (65)
enrolled in the School of Physical Education to earn a diploma. After the course, she taught in a
primary school. It was around then that she took to sailing, which she loved for its "exhilarating
freedom".

Adapted from Straits Times, 7 March 2004

Section J: Transformation/Synthesis (10 marks)

For each of the questions 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).

66. The soccer match was cancelled. The field was in a sodden condition.

_____ because _____

67. "Will you be arriving on the morning flight tomorrow?" Mrs Chin asked her husband.

Mrs Chin asked her husband _____

68. Officer Tan arrested the teenagers. The teenagers threw stones at Mr Lim's car.

_____ who _____

69. We haven't had a meal together. We last ate together at David's birthday party.

_____ since _____

70. He is young. He plays basketball very well.

Despite _____

Section K: Comprehension Open-Ended (20 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

The first thing I was shown before I sat down and had my tea was a list of kitchen maid's duties. When I looked at this list, I thought they had made a mistake. I thought it was for six people to do. Kitchen maid's duties— rise at five-thirty every day except on Sunday – six o'clock, clean the fireplace, light the fire, polish the fire-irons, clean the brass on the front door, scrub the staircase, clean the boots and shoes and lay the servants' breakfast. All this had to be done before eight o'clock. The things that were written down to do after breakfast throughout the day, well, I had never seen such a list in my life!

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"Come and have your tea and meet all your fellow servants," Mary said to me. Mary was an old friend of my mother. She introduced me to this job. Heading towards the servants' hall, I felt that nothing could be worse for me. I was in the lowest pit. I thought, "How could my mother let me come here and tell me that things are better here, you didn't have to work so hard, you've got more free time and people think better of you?"

10

I went into the servants' hall and when I say I met the other servants, do not think that I was introduced to them. No one bothers to introduce a kitchen maid. You are just looked at as if you are something that the cat brought in.

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I sat down and had my tea, but how I ate it with so many pairs of eyes staring at me, I do not know. Fortunately, my father and mother had always been very insistent on table manners. We were never allowed to sit anyhow. We had always to be prim and proper.

20

I had not met the cook; she was out, she had gone to see a film. The cook had a lot more free time than anyone else, could go out in the afternoon she liked, as long as she was back in time to cook dinner at night. Naturally, she was the one I was most keen to meet. It was with her I had to spend a larger part of my life.

25

Mary told me that Mrs McDonalds, the cook, was quite a pleasant person. However, I took that with a grain of salt since Mary was never under her. After tea, I had a look at the kitchen. That was enough to strike a final note of depression!

Adapted from Below Stairs by Margaret Powell

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71. Why did the writer think that there was a mistake in the list of the kitchen maid's duties?

72. "Come and have your tea" (Line 9) Who invited the writer for tea?

73. What does "I was in the lowest pit." (Line 11) tell you about the writer's feelings?

74. Where did the writer have her tea?

75. "... .. how I ate it with so many pairs of eyes staring at me, I do not know." (Line 18) Who were staring at the writer?

76. According to the passage, what kind of parents do you think the writer had?

77. Why did the writer think that it was better to be a cook?

78. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the writer did not believe Mary when she said that the cook was quite a pleasant person?

79. Why was the writer so eager to meet Mrs McDonalds?

80. When exactly did the writer feel the last note of depression?

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- 66 The soccer match was cancelled because the field was in a sad condition.
- 67 Mrs Chin asked her husband if he would be arriving on the morning flight the next day.
- 68 Officer Tan arrested the teenagers who threw stones at Mr Lim's car.
- 69) We haven't had a meal together since we last ate (together) at David's birthday party.
- 70) Despite he is young, he plays basketball very well.

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- 71) It was because the list of the kitchen maid's duties was so long it for six people to do

72) Mary, an old friend of the writer's mother, invited the writer for tea.

73) The writer was feeling depressed and helpless.

74) The writer had her tea in the servants' hall.

75) The other servants in the servants' hall together with the writer were staring at her.

76) The writer's parents were heartless.

77) The writer felt that the cook had more free time than anyone else to do her own things.

78) The sentence is "However, I took that with a grain of salt since Mary was never under her."

79) It was because the writer being a kitchen maid would spend most of her time with the cook who is Mrs McDonalds helping her out in the kitchen.

80) The writer felt the last note of depression when she saw the state the kitchen was in.