



# RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 1 )

2005

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### BOOKLET A

#### Instructions to Pupils

1. Write your Name, Class and Index No. in the spaces above.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

**Section A : Comprehension (Graphic Stimulus) ( 5 marks)**

Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.

# MAY SPECIALS

## Food and Beverage Promotions

### Dunearn House

- Treat your mom to the best-looking eatery in town!
- Watch the satay man as he drizzles oil over the coals, inducing the flames to leap high.
- All female diners will receive a complimentary hand rose posy.



### Wattern Lodge

- Voted the Most Popular Restaurant of the Year once again!
- Treat yourself after a day's hard work with Wattern International Buffet.
- Dishes include tom yum soup, curry chicken, spaghetti and many more!
- Also open on Weekends and Public Holidays

### Raffles Gelato Terrace

- Gelato here is a cool treat for the weight-watching Singaporeans.
- Our best-seller Strawberry Hill Gelato is sure to send shivers down your spine!
- Enjoy 10% discount for all VISA card holders.



### Shelford Bay

- The perfect place for all seafood lovers especially when Chef Joey is back.
- Don't forget to ask for the Chef Joey's signature dish, scallops topped with tangy onion salsa.
- For full menu, check out our web site at [www.shelford.sg](http://www.shelford.sg)



### Hillcrest Hotel

For reservations, please call 123 45678. We accept credit card payment.

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 "Food and Beverage Promotions" will last for one \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) public holiday
  - (2) weekend
  - (3) month
  - (4) year
  
2. The word "complimentary" means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) free
  - (2) special
  - (3) expensive
  - (4) beautiful
  
3. The menu at \_\_\_\_\_ is specially tailored to those who are on a diet.
  - (1) Dunearn House
  - (2) Watterm Lodge
  - (3) Raffles Gelato Terrace
  - (4) Shelford Bay
  
4. At Watterm Lodge, \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) diners must vote for their favourite restaurant
  - (2) diners must work hard in the day
  - (3) menu will change every day
  - (4) food from different countries is served
  
5. If Mr Tan wants to book a table, he should \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) check out the restaurant's web site
  - (2) ask for the Chef
  - (3) telephone to reserve a place
  - (4) pay using his credit card

**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. "I would \_\_\_\_\_ more oranges if I knew they were so sweet," said Father.
- (1) have bought
  - (2) had bought
  - (3) be buying
  - (4) bought
7. \_\_\_\_\_ we are not too tired, we will hike up the hill.
- (1) Although
  - (2) If
  - (3) Unless
  - (4) As
8. The river cruise departs \_\_\_\_\_ hourly intervals.
- (1) by
  - (2) on
  - (3) at
  - (4) between
9. Neither Susan nor her sisters \_\_\_\_\_ their homework.
- (1) was finished
  - (2) were finished
  - (3) has finished
  - (4) have finished
10. Several decades ago, fishermen \_\_\_\_\_ their own partners as baits to catch octopi.
- (1) use
  - (2) used
  - (3) was using
  - (4) has used
11. Both Robert and \_\_\_\_\_ will go to the "Our Young Explorer" camp.
- (1) I
  - (2) me
  - (3) my
  - (4) mine

12. Mrs Johnson, \_\_\_\_\_ money was stolen, had reported the robbery to the police.
- (1) whom
  - (2) which
  - (3) who
  - (4) whose

**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.

A queer little shiver passed through Jeanie's body. She could feel some green (13) headed ants crawling up to her ears and she could hear them talking.

"I can hear the little ants chittering to each other as they crawled up to my ears."

"Do you mean you can hear ants talking (14) Sophie responded in surprise.

"Every single word," Jeanie said (15) Although I do not exactly understand their language."

13.      (1) [ - ]    hyphen  
          (2) [ , ]    comma  
          (3) [ ' ]    apostrophe  
          (4) [ . ]    full stop
14.      (1) [ , " ]    comma and inverted commas  
          (2) [ : " ]    full stop and inverted commas  
          (3) [ ? " ]    question mark and inverted commas  
          (4) [ ! " ]    exclamation mark and inverted commas
15.      (1) [ " ]    inverted commas  
          (2) [ ! " ]    exclamation mark and inverted commas  
          (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. Old Mrs Ang \_\_\_\_\_ all her hopes on her only son.

- (1) pinned
- (2) attached
- (3) mapped
- (4) fixed

17. Jill has no difficulty \_\_\_\_\_ a gecko from a chameleon.

- (1) comparing
- (2) recognising
- (3) identifying
- (4) distinguishing

18. May's uncle left her a fortune, but she \_\_\_\_\_ it all in no time.

- (1) flattened
- (2) depressed
- (3) squandered
- (4) deducted

19. Pupils should \_\_\_\_\_ Henry who was chosen as the most courteous pupil in the school.

- (1) copy
- (2) emulate
- (3) imitate
- (4) follow

20. Janet decided to quit the team as she felt that the members were \_\_\_\_\_ their efforts on pointless and time-wasting activities.

- (1) dissolving
- (2) dissipating
- (3) disrupting
- (4) distilling

**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.

Many of the 12 sherpas with our team are old hands at helping foreign climbers realise their dreams of standing on top of the world. Four have even made it to the Everest summit before.

It is a hazardous job. Since the first attempt to climb Everest in 1921, more than 40 sherpas have perished guiding or portering in climbing expeditions.

The chief sherpa is Mr Tamang, who is guiding our expedition. He can carry loads three times that of best Western climbers, attributed by some to the genetic ability of a sherpa's blood to carry more oxygen

21. (1) qualified  
(2) trained  
(3) famous  
(4) skilled
22. (1) difficult  
(2) challenging  
(3) dangerous  
(4) tiring
23. (1) died  
(2) fallen sick  
(3) suffered  
(4) sustained injuries
24. (1) expensive holiday  
(2) journey for a purpose  
(3) risky trip  
(4) short excursion
25. (1) ascribed  
(2) contributed  
(3) speculated  
(4) rumoured

**Section F : Comprehension MCQ (5 marks)**

**Read the passage and answer the questions 26 to 30**

<p>Yellowstone Park, Wyoming - It's as if they were never gone and don't plan on leaving again.</p>	1
<p>On this day 10 years ago, the cages were opened for the first gray wolves in 70 years to leave their "mark" on Yellowstone National Park. And mark it they have.</p>	
<p>From the first 66 wolves turned loose here in 1995 and 1996, there are now almost 850 animals in 93 breeding packs.</p>	5
<p>As many as 200 wolf pups could be born this spring. That'll bring the wolf population to more than a thousand. Federal officials say the next 10 years could be more critical than the last 10 in trying to find the balance where man and wolf can co-exist.</p>	
<p>For the last decade, Ed Bangs has tried to keep that balance.</p>	10
<p>"Wolf habitat is really in the human heart and it's going to be how many wolves people will tolerate," says Bangs, a wolf expert at the U.S. Fish &amp; Wildlife Service.</p>	
<p>Rancher Marvin Davis has zero tolerance, but now there is grudging acceptance.</p>	
<p>"They're here and we have to accept that," says Davis.</p>	
<p>Government sharpshooters have killed 294 wolves who have "taken" livestock, and the environmental group Defenders of Wildlife has paid 300 ranchers \$500,000 for their losses.</p>	15
<p>But it's the incremental change in attitude that Suzanne Stone marvels at.</p>	
<p>"I think most people realise that their worst fears are not coming true," says Stone, the northern Rockies field representative for Defenders of Wildlife. "They can actually live with wolves."</p>	20
<p>Even Yellowstone Park is adjusting. Wolves feast on elk. Less elk means more willow trees, which in turn means more beavers. Call it "wolf ecology 101".</p>	
<p>"Here you have the stuff that is going to be in textbooks 10 to 15 years from now," says Yellowstone's chief biologist, Doug Smith. "It is a very rare scientific opportunity."</p>	25
<p>It's an opportunity to study not only the wildness of the wolf, but the tolerance of man.</p>	
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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. According to the passage, authorities are concerned that the wolves are \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) eating too much
- (2) running loose at the park
- (3) frightening the tourists
- (4) reproducing too quickly

27. The phrase "grudging acceptance" in line 13 means \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) unwillingly accepted
- (2) happy to accept
- (3) scared to accept
- (4) has not accepted

28. For the last 10 years, Ed Bangs had tried to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) give the wolves a balanced diet
- (2) keep the wolf and human population balanced
- (3) increase the wolf population
- (4) bring the wolf population to more than a thousand

29. Some wolves were killed because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) they had stolen from the farmers
- (2) they had fallen into a pot of stock
- (3) hunters had shot them for fun
- (4) they were sick

30. Based on the current situation, people realise that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) they are not fearful of the wolves
- (2) man and wolves can co-exist
- (3) they have to get rid of the wolves
- (4) the wolves have to leave the National Park

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# BOOKLET B

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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**

(A) as	(D) has	(G) is	(K) their	(N) was
(B) and	(E) have	(H) on	(L) there	(P) were
(C) but	(F) in	(J) to	(M) who	(Q) which

Jada and Jessie are twins. They \_\_\_\_\_ born on August 5, 1992. They are ten  
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now \_\_\_\_\_ in the Primary Four. Jada and Jessie do everything together. They are in  
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the same class. They dress alike and look the same. People always get them confused.

Teachers always get them mixed up \_\_\_\_\_ school. Even their father \_\_\_\_\_  
(33) (34)

trouble telling them apart.

Their mother doesn't, though. She always knows which twin is \_\_\_\_\_. Jada and  
(35)

Jessie often try to confuse her, \_\_\_\_\_ it has never happened.  
(36)

One day, their father told their mother to get one of them a different haircut so that he

could tell them apart. Jada and Jessie were horrified \_\_\_\_\_ they didn't want to look  
(37)

different. They liked looking the same. Their mother came to \_\_\_\_\_ rescue, and  
(38)

refused to make them cut their hair. The girls were happy just the way they were and didn't

want to change. Their dad just shook his head. He would have \_\_\_\_\_ stay confused.  
(39)

Jada and Jessie didn't care. They knew their own identity, and that \_\_\_\_\_ all that mattered.  
(40)

**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.

You might be surprised to know that children like you have helped solve some pretty big problems

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in our world. Every year the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes recognise ten kids who have

worked on great ideas to help people or the environment.

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Renée Haggerty, 13, goes on a field trip in 2003 to the Great Lakes Science Center in

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Cleveland, Ohio. There, she saw an **echybeet** about how **poisonous** chemicals affect plants and

animals in Lake Erie.

She felt she had to act. "It scared me that there were such **large** numbers of fish dying," she said.

Discarded batteries from everything from cell phones to radios can release poisons into the

environment. Renée realised that recycling was an **easy** solution, "Everybody can contribute to a

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recycling program unless everyone uses batteries." She wanted to increase **awearnes** in her area.

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So Renée talked to the Lorain County, Ohio, school board and got **purmmison** to

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start a recycled program in 16 elementary schools. With help from her family, friends, and local

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waste-management officials, she gathered containers, arrange transportation, and created

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an **addukasonle** video. And she gave awards to the schools.

The result? They collected a half ton of batteries in just a few weeks for the annual

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**hazzadous-waste** collection day in 2003.

Adapted from: <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/kids/2005/03/barron.htm>

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**Section I : Comprehension Cloze (15 marks)**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

For 20 years, Sarah Scantlin has been mostly oblivious to the world around her – the

victim of a drink-driving \_\_\_\_\_ (51). Today, after a remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ (52),

she can talk again. Her father knows Sarah will never \_\_\_\_\_ (53) recover,

but her new found ability to speak again has given him his daughter back.

Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (54) an 18-year-old freshman when she was \_\_\_\_\_ (55) by

a car driven by a drunk driver as she walked to her own car \_\_\_\_\_ (56)

celebrating with friends at a teen club.

For years, she could only blink her \_\_\_\_\_ (57) - one blink for "no", two blinks for

"yes" -to \_\_\_\_\_ (58) to questions that no one knew for sure she \_\_\_\_\_ (59)

She still \_\_\_\_\_ (60) constantly from the effects of the accident. She habitually

\_\_\_\_\_ (61) her arms across her chest, her \_\_\_\_\_ (62) clenched under her

chin. Her neck muscles are so constricted she \_\_\_\_\_ (63) swallow to eat. She

started talking in mid-January with the help from a \_\_\_\_\_ (64) therapist.

Sarah's doctor, Dr Bradley said physicians were not sure why she had suddenly begun

talking \_\_\_\_\_ (65) believe critical pathways in the brain may have regenerated.

Adapted from Straits Times, 14 February 2005.

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**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. Sam caught the cat. The cat ate his fish.

\_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. "I will be going to the cinema tomorrow," Rachel said.

Rachel said that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. She said she was sorry. Her best friend was still angry.

Although \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. John was reprimanded. He came home at midnight yesterday.

\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. You are not allowed to watch television if you do not finish your homework.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section K: Comprehension Open-Ended (20 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Dressed in her Sunday best, Lily went on stage this Thursday morning to collect a medal for honesty from the Superintendent of the Police Force. The Superintendent praised her and told her to continue to be an honest person.

It all began last Monday. On that day, Lily was taking a bus home from school. She was feeling quite tired because she had just finished her basketball training. As she was waiting for her bus, she noticed a small purse on the seat of the bus-stop. Lily suspected that someone had left the purse behind accidentally, so she picked up the purse to see if there was any way she could find out who the owner was. To her relief, she saw an address card in the purse. She decided to bring the purse personally to the address she saw on the address card since there was no Neighbourhood Police Post nearby where she could hand the purse to.

When Lily reached the flat, she rang the doorbell. However, no one answered the door, so Lily decided to wait for the owner to come home. After about half an hour, Lily's perseverance finally paid off when a middle-aged housewife walked towards the door she was waiting at.

"Are you Mrs Tan?" Lily asked.

"Yes, I'm Mrs Tan. Is anything the matter?" the woman answered.

"Oh, I think you dropped this purse at the bus stop this afternoon, Mrs Tan," Lily said as she handed the purse to a surprised Mrs Tan.

"Oh dear, I did not even know that I had dropped my purse. I don't know how to thank you. The purse contains a large sum of money," Mrs Tan said in a relieved tone.

"It's all right, Mrs Tan. I've got to go home now, bye!" Lily said and left.

Lily had almost forgotten about the matter the next day when her teacher came up to her and told her that Mrs Tan had called the school to praise her honesty. Her teacher also said that there had been \$5000 in the purse which Lily had picked up. The principal was so proud of her that she submitted her name to an 'Honesty Competition' organised by the Singapore Police Force.

This was how Lily came to be awarded with the honesty medal. After the ceremony, a smiling Mrs Tan came up to her and congratulated her.

"Lily, luckily I noticed your school uniform and name tag, or else I wouldn't have known how to contact you," added Mrs Tan.

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71. For what reason did Lily receive a medal on stage one Thursday morning?

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72. What does 'dressed in her Sunday best' (Line 1) mean?

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73. According to the passage, why did Lily pick up the purse even though it did not belong to her?

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74. What was Lily's initial intention when she first picked up the purse?

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75. Give a word of your own that has the same meaning as 'perseverance' in Line 14.

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76. Why was Mrs Tan surprised when Lily returned the purse?

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77. How did the school learn of Lily's good deed?

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78. How did Lily come to be awarded with the honesty medal?

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79. How many days had it been since Lily returned the purse to Mrs Tan when she received her honesty medal?

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80. Which sentence tells you that Lily left a good impression on Mrs Tan?

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**Raffles Girls Primary School**  
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*Exam Solutions*

**Answer Sheets**

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| Q1  | Q2  | Q3  | Q4  | Q5  | Q6  | Q7  | Q8  | Q9  | Q10 |
| 3   | 1   | 3   | 4   | 3   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 2   |
| Q11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 | Q15 | Q16 | Q17 | Q18 | Q19 | Q20 |
| 1   | 4   | 1   | 3   | 3   | 1   | 4   | 3   | 2   | 2   |
| Q21 | Q22 | Q23 | Q24 | Q25 | Q26 | Q27 | Q28 | Q29 | Q30 |
| 4   | 3   | 1   | 2   | 1   | 4   | 1   | 2   | 1   | 2   |
| Q31 | Q32 | Q33 | Q34 | Q35 | Q36 | Q37 | Q38 | Q39 | Q40 |
| P   | B   | F   | D   | Q   | C   | A   | K   | J   | N   |

41. recognizes    42. went    43. exhibit    44. because/since/    45. awareness  
as
46. permission    47. recycling    48. arranged    49. educational    50. hazardous
51. Accident, incident  
 52. Recovery, treatment, surgery, operation, miracle, therapy.  
 53. Fully, completely, totally  
 54. was  
 55. Hit, injured. Hurt  
 56. after  
 57. Eyes, eye  
 58. Respond, answer, react, reply  
 59. Knew, understood, heard  
 60. Suffers, hurts, cries  
 61. Folds, crosses, puts, places, clutches, wraps, bends, hold, hugs  
 62. Fists, fist  
 63. Cannot, couldn't, can't, could not  
 64. Speech, skilled, professional, remarkable, good, great,  
 recommended, qualified, famous, special, fine, smart, wonderful,  
 local, helpful, female, kind, young.  
 65. but

66. Sam caught the cat which ate his fish.  
 Sam caught the cat which had eaten his fish.  
 Sam had caught the cat which ate his fish.
67. Rachel said that she would be going to the cinema the next day/following day.
68. Although she said she was sorry, her best friend was still angry.  
 Although she said that she was sorry, her best friend was still angry.
69. John was reprimanded for coming home at midnight yesterday.  
 John was reprimanded for he came home at midnight yesterday.
70. Unless you finished your homework, you are not allowed to watch television.
71. It was for her honesty.  
 She had returned a purse (containing a lot of money) to its rightful owner.  
 She had won an Honesty Competition.  
 She had done an honest end.
72. It means to be dressed in her finest/best/nicest clothes.  
 She was dressed in her finest/best/nicest clothes.
73. She wanted to find out who the purse belonged to.  
 She wanted to see if there was any way she could find out who the owner was.  
 She suspected that someone had left the purse behind accidentally.  
 She thought someone had dropped the purse.
74. She wanted to hand the purse to a Neighbourhood Police Post/police
75. The word is persistence.
76. Mrs Tan did not know /had not realized that her purse was missing/lost/gone.  
 Mrs Tan did not know her purse had dropped/she had left it as the bus-stop.  
 Mrs Tan had left her purse behind.
77. Mrs Tan had called the school to praise her honesty.
78. She took part in an Honesty Competition (organized by S'pore Police Force).  
 Her principal submitted her name to Honesty Competition (organized by S'pore Police Force).  
 The Singapore Police Force selected her as the winner of the Honesty competition.
79. It had been ten days. (Last Monday to this Thursday morning).
80. It is "After the ceremony, a smiling Mrs Tan came up to her and congratulated her."