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RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2005

Name : _____ Class: P5 Index No: _____

25 October 2005

ENGLISH

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 h 50 min

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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.

Look Out For The Kids Can Bake – Workshop

- hands-on and fun-filled workshops allowing children to be creative through baking and decorating
- learn to bake colourful and creative cookies

What can you gain from the workshop:

- learn about food preparation through cooking process
- learn the concept of volume, weight and measurement through the use of kitchen appliances
- appreciate the contrast of textures, flavours and colours
- understand the need for hygiene
- improve gross motor skills like kneading, whipping and shaping
- encourage teamwork and sharing
- enhance bonding when done with parents



Venue:

Shan Shan Community Club

56, Bishan St 13, Singapore 570056

Tel: 62590432, Fax: 62590433

Person-in-charge: Mrs Celeste Lim

For registrations, please go to <http://www.shanshan.com.sg>

Fees:

Creative with Cookies!

(Parent and Child)

S\$50 per pair (3-7 yrs old)

12 Dec, 10.30am-12pm

Creative with Cookies!

S\$60 per child (5-12 yrs old)

12 Dec, 2pm-5pm

*All materials and airtight containers are included.

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. How many sessions of workshop will there be?
 - (1) One
 - (2) Two
 - (3) Three
 - (4) Four

2. If Jane and her mother want to join the workshop, they should _____.
 - (1) call to register
 - (2) ask for the person-in-charge
 - (3) log on the Community Club website
 - (4) go to Shan Shan Community Club

3. In the sentence, "appreciate the contrast of textures, flavours and colours". The word "contrast" means _____.
 - (1) similarity
 - (2) mixture
 - (3) uniqueness
 - (4) distinction

4. The age group for the 'Creative with Cookies!' workshop for the parent and child is _____.
 - (1) 3-7 yrs old
 - (2) 7-12 yrs old
 - (3) 5-12 yrs old
 - (4) 3-12 yrs old.

5. Which of the following is not true of the workshop?
 - (1) The workshop for the parent and child will be in the morning.
 - (2) The workshop encourages teamwork and sharing.
 - (3) The children will learn to bake cookies.
 - (4) The children are to bring their own materials for the workshop.

12. "Uncle Sam bought _____ this beautiful Barbie doll," said Mary.

- (1) myself
- (2) my
- (3) mine
- (4) me

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 curtain rose on the wonderful ballet of "Swan Lake".

"I think the ballerina is absolutely marvelous(13) said Trudy excitedly.

"She did the 32 fouettes in "Swan Lake"(14) the step where the dancer goes round and round on her toe rather like a top."

"Yes (15) agreed Wendy's mother. "Every ballet dancer hopes to dance the lead like a princess in "Swan Lake" one day, for not until she has proved herself in great classical ballets can a dancer become a ballerina."

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

14. (1) [.] comma
(2) [X]: colon
(3) ['] apostrophe
(4) [.] full stop

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

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. Either of the dresses _____ good on you.
- (1) looks
 - (2) look
 - (3) is looking
 - (4) are looking
7. A pride of lions _____ resting under the tree when we passed by.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
8. When he saw the note, he said he knew _____ handwriting it was.
- (1) who
 - (2) whose
 - (3) whom
 - (4) which
9. John _____ for the scholarship but is not sure if he will be successful.
- (1) applies
 - (2) applied
 - (3) has applied
 - (4) was applying
10. _____ anyone should call, say I'm not in the office.
- (1) Unless
 - (2) As
 - (3) Since
 - (4) If
11. When I was in college, they let us _____ whatever we liked.
- (1) wears
 - (2) wear
 - (3) wore
 - (4) wearing

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 soldiers wear uniforms to _____ themselves in the forest.
- (1) hide
 - (2) camouflage
 - (3) beautify
 - (4) blend
17. Limei usually buys a _____ for each of her ~~friends~~^{friends} when she goes on a trip abroad.
- (1) relic
 - (2) reminder
 - (3) remembrance
 - (4) souvenir
18. The police received a/an _____ telephone call informing them of a possible bomb location.
- (1) synonymous
 - (2) astounding
 - (3) anonymous
 - (4) humorous
19. Lily was _____ by the principal for her honesty in returning the money to the office which she had picked up from the pick-up point.
- (1) commended
 - (2) revealed
 - (3) publicised
 - (4) reprimanded
20. Ever since the children's father died, they have to live more _____ to make ends meet.
- (1) lovingly
 - (2) generously
 - (3) frugally
 - (4) carefully

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.

Cadence and her dog, Hazel, went for a leisurely stroll on Saturday morning. They strolled
(21)
towards a picturesque park which was alive with tourists and families. The park was spotlessly clean as
(22) (23)
litter bins were placed at strategic locations for the convenience of visitors.

Cadence rested under a shady tree after a long stroll and watched the children playing happily at the
playground. Small pavilions were available for weary visitors to relax and admire the lovely scenery
(24)
around them. The air was cool and fresh. The garden was peaceful and far from the hectic city life.
(25)

21. (1) relaxing
(2) frantic
(3) gentle
(4) rushed
22. (1) crowded
(2) theme
(3) scenic
(4) lively
23. (1) ultimately
(2) perfectly
(3) consistently
(4) effortlessly
24. (1) thirsty
(2) energetic
(3) vexed
(4) tired
25. (1) demanding
(2) busy
(3) wild
(4) berserk

Section F : Comprehension MCQ (5 marks)

Read the passage and answer the questions 26 to 30

The Snow Monkeys of Japan are an endangered species. There are fewer than a hundred left in the world. The Japanese macaques or Snow Monkeys as they are called, live on the slopes of Mount Takasaki on the Island of Honshu.

According to scientists, they lead a remarkably long life, living up to forty years in the wild. Mating between the male and female, takes place during autumn and the young are born in April or May. The baby macaques are a great source of interest to other females, especially the older ones without young of their own. Like all animals, the mothers are usually very protective and do not allow other females to go near them. They chase them away if they ever try to pick up their babies.

About a month before the arrival of winter, the monkeys fatten themselves with plants, wild berries and nuts. Throughout winter, when food is scarce, these monkeys forage on tree bark. Even baby monkeys can be seen nibbling dry twigs.

During the cold winter months, the animals' normally brown fur turns paler and slightly whitish in colour. When it gets colder, they huddle together for warmth. In this posture, they stay on treetops safe from their predators, wolves and wild dogs. When the snow finally melts in spring, the Snow Monkeys appear looking very gaunt. They feed voraciously on the young buds, leaves and flowers to regain their vigour.

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, the Snow Monkeys is an endangered species because _____.

- (1) they lead a remarkably long life of up to forty years
- (2) they gather together for warmth
- (3) there are fewer than a hundred left in the world
- (4) they know how to prepare themselves for winter

27. In line 6, the word "ones" refers to _____.

- (1) other female monkeys
- (2) baby macaques
- (3) the scientists
- (4) other male monkeys

28. How did the monkeys prepare themselves for the harsh winter? They _____.

- (1) feed on young buds, leaves and flowers
- (2) feed on plants, wild berries and nuts
- (3) search for tree bark and dry twigs
- (4) huddle together

29. What happens throughout winter?

- (1) Food is not readily available.
- (2) Mating takes place.
- (3) The monkeys feed themselves with a lot of food.
- (4) The monkeys huddle together and stay on the treetops.

30. From the passage, what can we say about Snow Monkeys?

- (1) Snow Monkeys lead a remarkably long life compared to human beings.
- (2) The female Snow Monkeys give birth to their young during autumn.
- (3) Even though the mothers of the Snow Monkeys are very possessive, they allow other females to pick up their babies.
- (4) Snow Monkeys are well-prepared for every winter.

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EXAMPLE: IF YOU THINK THE 2ND OPTION IS THE CORRECT ANSWER SHADE THE OVAL (2) LIKE THIS :



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| 20 (1) (2) ● (4) ✓ | 40 (1) (2) (3) (4) | 60 (1) (2) (3) (4) |

SCORE: 24/30 (80%)

BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ()

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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) but | (D) from | (G) just | (K) that | (N) to |
| (B) either | (E) in | (H) neither | (L) them | (P) when |
| (C) for | (F) it | (J) of | (M) they | (Q) who |

Concert pianists are great musicians. They have a wonderful memory and they usually play concertos _____ memory. Likewise, conductors don't use any
(31)

music _____ ; but they have their scores on the desk _____ front of
(32) (33)

them. The score shows everything _____ the orchestra should be playing,
(34)

_____ the musicians themselves only have their own part in front
(35)

_____ them.
(36)

To be able to conduct an orchestra properly is a very difficult job. It is not
_____ a matter of beating time and telling the musicians _____ to
(37) (38)

come in. Most of _____ know that anyway. The conductor has to direct
(39)

the musicians _____ get the possible effects.
(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.

Three-year-old James Lye crawled inside the crane machine when his mother wasn't looking because

(41)

he wanted to get a stuffed toy. James created a diversion, sneaked down a chute but played with the

(42)

toys. His mum thought it was funny at first, but then **paniked** when no one could find the key to

(43)

get him out. He was eventually freed to firemen.

(44)

Danielle had taken James to a supermarket at 3.30am when he couldn't sleep. He **pasiered** her for a

(45)

cuddly toy from the machine and when she refused, he threw his drink on the floor to **destrack** her, and then

sneaked into the machine itself.

(46)

"Within two second he had climbed through the hole, into the chute and pushed the door shut so we couldn't get him out," she said.

(47)

James looked so happy playing in the machine that she got a **disposable kamara** and took photographs of

(48)

him in there. However when it becomes clear that the staff couldn't find the key to get him out, she was

(49)

worried. Firemen eventually freed him by **phorsing** the machine open.

(50)

"He was in a bit with trouble afterwards," Danielle said. "He definitely didn't get a toy."

Adapted from: http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/newsid_4570000/newsid_4570600/4570645.stm

Section I: Comprehension Close (15 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

For the Japanese, bathing in an *onsen* (hot spring) has long been a favourite way to take the edge off winter's chill. However the popularity of Q(51) _____ way of warming the body and soul, the footbath, has been quietly heating up Q(52) _____ the past year. For those who have no time for a full-body bath, immersing one's Q(53) _____ up to the ankles in a small tub of hot water is an ideal way to find relief from the cold. Footbaths are also Q(54) _____, imparting all-over warmth without the bother of Q(55) _____ out of and back into one's clothes. This trend is becoming so popular that footbaths are being Q(56) _____ up in shops, train stations, and other public places.

While opening up a full-fledged *onsen* facility is a major operation, setting up a footbath is Q(57) _____. One *izakaya* (Japanese-style tavern) in Nagoya, which has private party rooms Q(58) _____ to accommodate four to six customers, has Q(59) _____ footbath tubs. Customers simply pour bath salts into the Q(60) _____, which is heated to a Q(61) _____ of about 40 degrees Celsius, and dunk their feet in. Q(62) _____ offering good food with a hot footbath on the side, the *izakaya*, called Zabito, may just have hit upon the ultimate relaxation experience.

Cold Q(63) _____ can chill the body, causing a variety of ailments, such as stomach bloating and constipation. Footbaths help to Q(64) _____ these symptoms. A soak in a footbath is particularly Q(65) _____ for pregnant women, who are especially susceptible to chills. Footbaths are just the thing for people who would like to take a shoulder-deep soak in an *onsen* but do not have the time or opportunity.

Adapted from: <http://web-japan.org/trends/lifestyle/11050210.html>

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. Sarah loves pink. She does not like blue.

_____ prefers _____

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67. Mrs Ong said, "I expect all projects to be handed in tomorrow without fail."

Mrs Ong said that

68. Mae dislikes eating carrots. Her brother dislikes eating carrots too.

Neither _____

69. Rachel is tall. She can reach the top of the bookshelf.

_____ enough _____

70. Jonathan carried on playing computer games. His mother warned him not to do so.

Despite _____

Section K: Comprehension Open-Ended (20 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Tom walked aimlessly, oblivious to the crying of the injured old lady behind him. He had no interest to even see the damage on his car. Tears welled up in his eyes. He knew his future was ruined. He could turn back and do the right thing but he was hesitant due to his present state. It would be the end of his future. Suddenly, the sound coming from the old lady grew faint and finally stopped. Tom stood in his track momentarily, then moved on. He caught a glimpse of what was directly behind him and he was sure there was no movement.

What should he do? He did not mean to consume too much alcohol. He thought he could hold his drinks. Unfortunately, he had always been a lightweight. One glass of beer could make him tipsy, let alone five. That did not include the Shirazs and Riestlings, all from famous vineyards. Tom was in a dilemma. He could either be a fugitive on the run and hope to never get arrested or surrender to the police. "What am I going to do? What will my family think?" He started to sob as he began to think of the bleak future that awaited him for the offence that he had just committed. He could almost hear the clanking of metal bars against metal cups and he shuddered at the thought. Just an hour ago, he was at his friend's wedding party; laughing, drinking and enjoying dinner. And now, the mess that he had got himself into could not be reversed. Only a miracle could help him. Perhaps a contraption that defies the laws of nature could transport him all the way back to the wedding party. This time, he would surely opt for alternative means to return home. However, Tom knew that it was just wishful thinking and quickly perished the fantasy that was playing in his mind. He felt that having such meaningless thoughts at the present moment were such a waste of time. Nothing can change.

He could hear two distinct sirens in the distance. "Someone must have spotted the accident," Tom thought to himself. He stood rooted to the spot and took a moment to think. "My parents have taught me to be responsible and I have failed. But I have a conscience and I think this is the only respectable thing to do now," he muttered to himself. Tom turned around and walked back to the spot on the road where it all began.

71. Where was Tom walking?

72. Which sentence in paragraph 1 tells us that Tom had been involved in an accident?

73. What would be the right thing for Tom to do immediately after the accident?

74. Why was Tom hesitant to turn back for the old lady?

75. "Perhaps a contraption that defies the laws of nature could transport him all the way back to the wedding party" (Lines 15-16) Explain what the sentence means?

76. Why did Tom feel that his "meaningless thoughts" (Line 19) were such a waste of time?

77. Where did Tom get himself drunk?

78. What probably made the two distinct sirens?

79. Why did Tom feel that he had failed to be responsible?

80. What does the phrase 'where it all began' (line 17) refer to?

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Answer Sheets

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	3	2	1	4	1	3	2	3	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	4	1	1	4	2	4	3	1	3
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
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Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
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41	and	46	seconds	51	another	56	set	61	temperature
42	panicked	47	camera	52	over	57	easy	62	By
43	by	48	became	53	feet	58	designed	63	weather
44	pestered	49	forcing	54	convenient	59	installed	64	relieve
45	distract	50	of	55	changing	60	water	65	recommended

66. Sarah prefers pink to blue.
67. Mrs Ong said that she expected all projects to be handed in the next day. (Without fail) optional.
68. Neither Mae nor her brother likes eating carrots.
69. Rachel is tall enough to reach the top of the bookshelf.
70. Despite Jonathan's mother's warning, he carried on playing computer games. OR
Despite his mother's warning, Jonathan carried on playing computer games.
71. Tom has walking away from the accident/ walking away from the injured old lady.
72. "... crying of the injured old lady behind him. He had no interest to even see the damage of his car".
73. Either to call the ambulance help the injured old lady or to surrender to the police for his mistake.
74. Because once he turned back for the old lady, this future was ruined and he let his parents down.
75. He wished for an extraordinary method that can turn back time and brings him back to the wedding party before the accident.
76. It is because nothing can change now, it is all too late.
77. Tom got himself drunk at his friend's wedding party.
78. First is the ambulance, second should be the police.
79. Because he thought of running away and he left the injured old lady alone, without calling the ambulance or attending to her injury immediately after the accident.
80. The exact place of the accident.