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RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 1 )

2005

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Class: P6 \_\_\_\_\_ Index No: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Paper II

## Instructions to students:

1. This paper consists of 10 sections. There are 80 questions in all.  
*Answer all questions.*
2. Questions 1-30 are to be done on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).
3. Hand in Sections F, H, I and J separately.

**Section A: Graphic Stimulus**

Study the advertisement below carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.



**Leaf**

**Spring**

**The Dream Choice**

- Spectacular views of East Coast Park
- Minutes away from East Coast Beach
- Free shuttle bus service to Bedok MRT station exclusively for Leaf Spring residents
- Expressways, shopping malls and other amenities within reach
- Reputable schools for your children



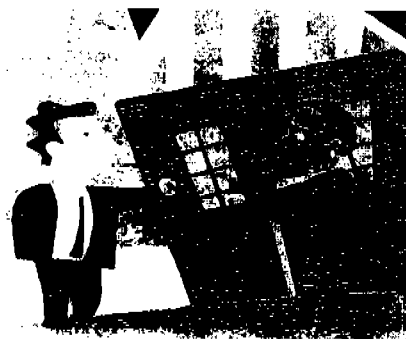
**For Dream Living**

- Olympic size swimming pool and sauna
- Indoor Jacuzzi
- Tennis Courts
- Clubhouse – gymnasium with an aerobics corner
- Recreational zones includes children's playground
- Barbeque pits
- Landscaped garden with Koi ponds



**What Are You Waiting For?  
Contact Your Dream Agent**

- Call Johnny at 9123 4567 now for enquiries or
- Visit our showroom at 37 East Coast Road, "Leaf Spring Dream Home" from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm



**Dream No More!  
Stay in Leaf Spring, Your Dream Home!**



**Another Development Project by East West Development Pte Ltd**

**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. (5 marks)**

1. Which of these statements about Leaf Spring is true?
  - (1) All the units have a view of East Coast Park.
  - (2) It is situated at 37 East Coast Drive.
  - (3) A free shuttle bus service is made available to schools.
  - (4) The shopping malls are nearby.
  
2. Two of the attractions found inside Leaf Spring are the \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) East Coast Park and shopping malls
  - (2) children's playground and outdoor jacuzzi
  - (3) swimming pool and tennis courts
  - (4) expressways and shopping malls
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ can be found in the clubhouse.
  - (1) A jacuzzi
  - (2) A gymnasium with an aerobics corner
  - (3) A landscaped garden with Koi ponds
  - (4) All of the above
  
4. We can make enquiries by \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) visiting the Leaf Spring condominium
  - (2) visiting East Coast Beach
  - (3) calling East West Development Pte Ltd
  - (4) calling the sales representative, Johnny
  
5. This is an advertisement for \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) a clubhouse
  - (2) a condominium development
  - (3) East West Development Pte Ltd
  - (4) East Coast Park

**Section B: Grammar Discrete**

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. (7 marks)

6. John and his family \_\_\_\_\_ going to the zoo every fortnight.
- (1) enjoy
  - (2) enjoys
  - (3) enjoyed
  - (4) are enjoying
7. Never before had I \_\_\_\_\_ as far as I did today.
- (1) swim
  - (2) swims
  - (3) swam
  - (4) swum
8. All but one of the sheep \_\_\_\_\_ grazing in the fields just now.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
9. Either the teacher or team of students \_\_\_\_\_ going overseas tonight.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
10. He would not stop yelling \_\_\_\_\_ I threatened to call the police.
- (1) since
  - (2) despite
  - (3) while
  - (4) until

11. "Please do not persist \_\_\_\_\_ your foolish ways anymore," Mother advised.

- (1) on
- (2) in
- (3) through
- (4) over

12. You were the one who informed the police, \_\_\_\_\_ you?

- (1) didn't
- (2) hadn't
- (3) shouldn't
- (4) weren't

### Section C: Punctuation

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. (3 marks)

Sarah and Jennifer met up at a café to have coffee together and to discuss about their travel plans during the June holidays.

"Sarah, do you have any suggestions as to where we should go (13) asked Jennifer.

Sarah, who was browsing through the brochures, looked up and replied (14) I was thinking maybe we should go to Australia."

"Wow (15) What a great idea. Let's go to the travel fair and find out more about it!" exclaimed Jennifer.

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

**Section D: Vocabulary**

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. (5 marks)

16. By a strange \_\_\_\_\_, we found that we were staying at the same hotel in Tokyo.
- (1) coincidence
  - (2) conscience
  - (3) incidence
  - (4) incident
17. Their efforts to save the poor child were \_\_\_\_\_ as she died on the way to the hospital.
- (1) brave
  - (2) desperate
  - (3) frantic
  - (4) futile
18. When Susan heard about the fun fair, she \_\_\_\_\_ into action and quickly formed a committee to organise the games stall.
- (1) ascended
  - (2) dashed
  - (3) recoiled
  - (4) sprang
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ engines alerted the soldiers to investigate further.
- (1) croaking
  - (2) howling
  - (3) roaring
  - (4) sniffing

20. When Linda walked into the ballroom, all the other ladies present were \_\_\_\_\_ by her radiance.

- (1) overcome
- (2) overrun
- (3) overshadowed
- (4) overruled



Thousands of Filipino villagers fled their homes shortly after ash and lava

rumbled down the slope of Mayon volcano in its first major eruption since 1993. Albay (21)

province, east of Manila, was in a state of pandemonium as experts warned that more (22)  
explosive eruptions could occur.

Villagers said that they were roused from sleep just before dawn by thunder-like (23)

explosions from the mountain. Residents within a seven-kilometre danger zone were evacuated. Lava and superheated clouds of volcanic ash rolled down the mountain at 70-80 kilometres per hour. The streets were thronged with some tourists and residents of (24)  
outlying towns, watching the lava roll down the volcano.

Ash rained over the towns west of the volcano and darkened the skies. Drivers were thus forced to turn on their headlights. All flights to the area were also cancelled in anticipation of the tall ash columns destroying plane engines and causing aircrafts to (25)  
crash.

21. (1) produced high-pitched sounds  
(2) produced long low sounds  
(3) produced loud noises  
(4) produced short outbursts
22. (1) chaos  
(2) eminence  
(3) excitement  
(4) grief
23. (1) awakened  
(2) interrupted  
(3) disturbed  
(4) intruded
24. (1) covered  
(2) crowded  
(3) scattered  
(4) stuffed
25. (1) ambiguity  
(2) apprehension  
(3) expectation  
(4) surprise

**Section E: Comprehension MCQ**

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

(5 marks)

It's the first day of the new year at school. Scott and his friends are in Year 5 and are following Mr Murlin to their room.

When they got to the door, Alice Goodbottom asked, "Can we sit anywhere we want?"

"You'll find labels on the table," he answered. His voice was soft and raspy, but everyone was trying to be good till they managed to size him up, so they all heard him. 5

When we walked in, Johnny and I went searching for our desks at the back of the room. The desks were old-fashioned looking, really heavy, with lids that lifted up so that you could keep your belongings and stuff inside. Then all of a sudden, we caught sight of two labels plastered on two desks that were side by side. The one where I was standing read: A person wearing blue sneakers, different coloured socks and a silver chain around his neck. That was me! I couldn't believe it! I stood there looking at Johnny. He stood there looking at me, and his mouth was open like a double garage. He pointed at his label. It said: A champion skateboard skater, with red track shoes and freckles. That was Johnny. He and I sat down, staring at each other with dumbfounded expressions. 10 15

A whole lot of amazed murmurs were building up all around the room. The two kids in front of us, Candice Waller and Tom Tregonning, showed us their labels. Candice's label said: A person with a banana shaped pencil case and braces on her teeth. Tom's label said: A person wearing a Phantom sweatshirt and yellow underpants. 20

"What colour underpants have you got on?" I asked.

"Yellow," he replied. 25

We all turned and looked at Mr Murlin, who was scanning through some papers on his desk. He was thin, with a brown face and small grey eyes. He didn't look all that old, not as old as Miss Holland. He was wearing a green tie that didn't go with his suit, which was dark blue, almost black. He was just of average height. If you passed him in the street, you wouldn't notice him. For the first time, I looked at him with new eyes. 30

Gradually there was complete silence. They all faced the front and looked at Mr Murlin. He stopped shuffling the papers and came forward to address his new form class.

(Adapted from: 'Staying Alive in Year 5' by John Marsden)

**For each question from 26 to 30, 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.**

26. Mr Murlin was the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) principal of the school
  - (2) author's teacher
  - (3) school's discipline master
  - (4) school's security guard
27. The labels on the desks were \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) for the pupils to choose where they wanted to sit
  - (2) to identify who the good pupils of the year were
  - (3) to let the pupils know where they were supposed to sit for the year
  - (4) for Mr Murlin to know where the pupils were sitting
28. The phrase 'till they managed to size him up' in line 6 tells us that the author and his friends were trying to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) measure Mr. Murlin's size
  - (2) hatch a plot against Mr. Murlin
  - (3) estimate his height and weight
  - (4) decide how to deal with Mr. Murlin
29. The author and his friends were 'amazed' in line 19 because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) they found where they were going to sit
  - (2) they were sitting with the people they liked
  - (3) the labels on the table made it easier for them to know where to sit
  - (4) the labels correctly described each person in the class
30. The words "new eyes" in line 31 refer to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) an improvement in the author's vision
  - (2) Mr Murlin who did not look as old as Miss Holland
  - (3) looking at Mr Murlin from a different perspective
  - (4) not knowing who Mr Murlin was even if the author passed him in the street

Name. \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class: 6( )

**Section F: Structural Cloze Passage**

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. (10 marks)

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE**

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|---------|-------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| (A) a   | (D) for     | (G) it's | (K) moreover | (N) to   |
| (B) an  | (E) however | (H) its  | (L) of       | (P) what |
| (C) are | (F) in      | (J) is   | (M) on       | (Q) why  |

How and \_\_\_\_\_ do frogs make noise? Female frogs

(31)

\_\_\_\_\_ for the most part, mute. The singing is done mostly by the males.

(32)

When calling, a frog keeps \_\_\_\_\_ nostrils and mouth closed and uses

(33)

muscles of the body wall and throat \_\_\_\_\_ shunt air back and forth between

(34)

the mouth cavity and the lungs. The frequency of the call \_\_\_\_\_ largely

(35)

determined by the frog's size but can be varied somewhat. Other characteristics of the

call depend \_\_\_\_\_ the pattern of air flow. \_\_\_\_\_

(36)

(37)

example, producing a long drawn out note or perhaps \_\_\_\_\_ series of

(38)

short notes.

Frog calls are highly species-specific. Listening to a chorus with several species

calling simultaneously, a person may have difficulty \_\_\_\_\_

(39)

differentiating the different calls. The frogs, \_\_\_\_\_, may hear much less

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of the sound around them as their ears tend to be tuned to the frequency level of their

own species.

(Adapted from 'Encyclopedia of Reptiles & Amphibians')

**Section G: Editing for spelling and grammar**

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

The two-seater three-wheeled Cub, just 230 centimetres long and weighing less than

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318 kilograms, is being assembled in Taiwan. What then **destincguishes** The Cub

(42)

from other mini-vehicles which had been unveiled as a result of the energy crisis?

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"Basically," concede Dr. Einhorn, vice president of the company which produces the

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car, "our main concern is safety, which is why The Cub has an **airodienamic** high-

strength fiberglass body, a welded steel frame and a built-in roll bar. As an additional

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safety measure, the doors are of standard sizes. This make entry and exit both

(46)

comfortable and fast ." He added, "The major **commplaintt** against three wheeled

(47)

vehicles in the past is that they overturned easily if a wheel was lost. There was also the

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**tendanci** to oversteer." However, Dr. Einhorn reported that the **designer** of The Cub

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had taken all the factor into consideration. Thus the new Cub has a centre of **graveti**

that is low enough and also close enough to the two-wheeled end, so it will not

overturn even in the most extreme of manoeuvres on a flat pavement.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

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**Section H: Comprehension Cloze Passage**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

A hat consists of a crown, which is the part that fits on the head. No one

\_\_\_\_\_ when people first wore hats. The first hats \_\_\_\_\_ probably  
(51) (52)

for protection from the climate. People in \_\_\_\_\_ climates might have worn fur hats  
(53)

100, 000 years ago. Hats may also be worn for \_\_\_\_\_ from injury, as when  
(54)

construction workers and military personnel wear metal \_\_\_\_\_ plastic helmets.  
(55)

Through the centuries, hats were also worn to \_\_\_\_\_ social status. In  
(56)

ancient Egypt, the nobility wore crowns as early \_\_\_\_\_ 3100 BC. In the same  
(57)

way, hats serve to communicate various things about the people \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
(58)

The hats of fire fighters and coal miners indicate their \_\_\_\_\_ but the colourful  
(59)

and ridiculous hats worn by clowns, express fun and happiness.

By AD 1300s, people wore hats increasingly for decoration, giving \_\_\_\_\_  
(60)

to a large variety of hats and frequent changes \_\_\_\_\_ styles. By and large, hats  
(61)

\_\_\_\_\_ in material and style, depending \_\_\_\_\_ the climate and people's  
(62) (63)

customs. For example, a North American cowboy wears a wide-brimmed hat for protection

from the \_\_\_\_\_. However, as people often wear hats as an \_\_\_\_\_ to  
(64) (65)

clothing, fashion often determines hat styles.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class: 6( )

**Section I: Transformation and Synthesis**

For each of the question 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentences (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). (10 marks)

66. He confessed to the crime but refused to reveal the mastermind.

Though \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

67. Mrs. Li's daughter was sick. She took her to the doctor.

\_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

68. You have not called me for a long time.

\_\_\_\_\_ since \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

69. You must not go to the interchange. I will call you.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

70. Mother told Alice, "Take your medicine after you have seen the doctor."

Mother told Alice \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

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**Section J: Comprehension Open-ended**

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

My first voyage, my first photographic journey to the *ultimate wilderness on earth*, was filled with aspirations and dreams. I dreamt of leopard seals, penguins dashing in and out of ice-floes and of course, over and under images of icebergs which are money shots with my stock agency. My objective joining a photographer and diver expedition on board the Polar Pioneer was to capture a sample of an above and below portfolio of the Antarctica Peninsula. I soon realized that I was too ambitious. For each landing, I had to carry a 30kg backpack of cameras, a pole cam and I had to fight an expedition leader whose mission in life was to make sure I fail.

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Anyway, I persevered, grabbing every window of opportunity for a lucky break to capture a photographic record of the snow, sun and sea in extraordinary formations of ice, creating overwhelming, ever-changing colour spectrums, in an amazing variety of shades and immense brilliance. With an intensity unfelt since childhood, I fought to retain the infinite impressions that flooded the senses. Working the above and below images, I was mesmerized by the hues and shades beneath the ice and I will never forget those indescribable cathedral lights that light up the deep blue sea. I remembered my fingers were numb beyond comprehension, submerged shooting for those over and under images. However, I was too immersed in enthusiasm to feel the pain and cold.

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Scuba diving in these icy waters is an entirely different challenge, especially in water temperatures of around  $-2.2^{\circ}$  to  $-1.6^{\circ}$ . I had to use a dry suit with two layers of fleece undergarment and a dry suit hood to keep me dry. Unfortunately for my trip too, I was not equipped with a dry glove- believe me, the pain is excruciating. In fact, my colleague almost succumbed to hyperthermia. I now know how to prepare myself if I should ever make another trip back to this coldest and windiest continent on earth.

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Adapted from *AustralAsia ScubaDiver Issue 4/2004*  
Written by Michael Aw



**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. In line 1, what place does the phrase 'ultimate wilderness on earth' refer to?

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72. According to the author, what type of photographs was profitable?

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73. Who accompanied the author on this expedition?

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74. In line 5, what do you think the 'Polar Pioneer' refers to?

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75. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'gave in to'?

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76. Explain the phrase 'I fought to retain the infinite impressions that flooded the senses'. (line 14)

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77. What were the two activities the author was involved in during this expedition?

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78. Which phrase in the passage tells you that it has been a long time since the author was this excited?

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79. Why were the author's fingers 'numb beyond comprehension'? (lines 17-18)

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80. What type of gear should the author wear if he were to go on a similar mission to the same place again?

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**END OF PAPER**

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

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11. (2) 12. (4) 13. (2) 14. (4) 15. (2) 16. (1) 17. (4) 18. (4) 19. (3) 20. (3)  
21. (2) 22. (1) 23. (1) 24. (2) 25. (3) 26. (2) 27. (3) 28. (4) 29. (4) 30. (3)  
31. (Q) 32. (C) 33. (H) 34. (N) 35. (J) 36. (M) 37. (D) 38. (A) 39. (F) 40. (E)  
41. DISTINGUISHES 42. HAVE 43. CONCEDED 44. AERODYNAMIC 45. MAKES  
46. COMPLAINT 47. WAS 48. TENDENCY 49. FACTORS 50. GRAVITY  
51. KNOWS 52. WERE 53. COLD 54. PROTECTION ~~AND~~ 55. OR  
56. SHOW 57. AS 58. WEARING 59. JOB 60. RISE  
61. IN 62. DIFFER 63. ON 64. ~~SUN~~ 65. ACCESSORY
66. Though he confessed to the crime, he refused to reveal the mastermind.  
67. Mrs Li took her daughter who was sick to the doctor.  
68. It has been a long time since you called me.  
69. Unless I call you, you must not go to the interchange.  
70. Mother told Alice to take her medicine after she had seen the doctor.  
71. It refers to the Antartica Peninsula.  
72. Over and under images of icebergs photographs were profitable.  
73. An expedition leader and his colleague accompanied the author on the expedition.  
74. It refers to the name of the ship that the author was on.  
75. The word is "succumbed"  
76. It means that the author was trying very hard to remember everything that he had seen.  
77. They were scuba dividing and photography.  
78. The phrase is "with an intensity unfelt since childhood"  
79. His fingers were submerged in icy waters to take photographs of over and under images of icebergs.  
80. He should wear a dry suit with two layers of fleece undergarment, a dry suit hood and dry gloves.