



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2006

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Section A: Grammar (6 X 1 mark)

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

- I wish my parents _____ here with me now.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) were
(4) had been
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- She was in class when she _____ the announcement.
(1) hear
(2) hears
(3) heard
(4) was hearing
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- The children were quiet _____ well-behaved as they knew their teacher was watching them.
(1) or
(2) but
(3) while
(4) and
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- I am _____ than the other two girls.
(1) young
(2) younger
(3) youngest
(4) as young as
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5. After May _____ her dinner, she went out for a walk.

- (1) finishes
- (2) is finishing
- (3) would finish
- (4) had finished

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6. If I were given a chance, I _____ want to travel to Australia.

- (1) should
- (2) would
- (3) could
- (4) ought to

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Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)

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

7. The bride and the groom spent a lot of money to have a _____ wedding.

- (1) lasting
- (2) lavish
- (3) lengthy
- (4) limited

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8. I like _____ as I am good in calculation.

- (1) arithmetic
- (2) history
- (3) science
- (4) social studies

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9. We will never forget the _____ lesson we learn from the heritage tour.

- (1) inexpensive
- (2) invaluable
- (3) introduction
- (4) inexperienced

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10. Her eyes _____ with tears after she heard the sad news.

- (1) glimmered
- (2) glistened
- (3) sparkled
- (4) shone

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11. Alan is _____ from physical exercise as he is not feeling well.

- (1) extorted
- (2) expected
- (3) exempted
- (4) expelled

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12. The crocodile _____ into the muddy water.

- (1) darts
- (2) glides
- (3) cruises
- (4) scampers

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Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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| (A) account | (B) applause | (C) awe |
| (D) bravery | (E) concert | (F) disappointing |
| (G) fear | (H) heights | (J) incredible |
| (K) operation | (L) performance | (M) trouble |

My family and I had the chance to visit a circus last month. The first item we saw was a (13) _____ put up by some Chinese acrobats. They performed many (14) _____ acts.

There ~~was~~ was a four year old girl who rode on a mono-wheel cycle on a thin wire. Even though she had to perform in mid-air, she did not display any signs of (15) _____. She made the audience gasp in (16) _____. When she stepped off the mono-wheel cycle, loud (17) _____ was heard throughout the stadium. Her (18) _____ certainly deserved the loud cheers from the audience.

I cannot imagine myself doing such a thing as I will have (19) _____ balancing myself. On top of that, I am afraid of (20) _____ !

Section D: Grammar Cloze 1 (4 X 1 mark)

Read the passage 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.

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| (A) at | (B) by | (C) beside | (D) in |
| (E) into | (F) of | (G) up | |

Mark was on his way home on a bus when he saw a man acting suspiciously. The man had curly hair. Suddenly, the man slipped his hands (21) _____ the pocket of a young boy who had fallen asleep and took his wallet.

"A pickpocket!" Mark shouted loudly. Everyone in the bus looked up. His shouts also woke the young boy (22) _____. The pickpocket quickly dropped the wallet and ran out (23) _____ the bus.

Mark pursued the pickpocket and the other passengers also joined (24) _____ the chase. In no time, they caught the pickpocket and waited for the police to arrive.

Section D: Grammar Cloze 2 (4 X 1 mark)

Read the passage 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) and	(B) as	(C) but	(D) or
(E) since	(F) until	(G) when	

Jane and Kate are my classmates. They are twins (25) _____ have different interests. Jane's favourite subject is Science (26) _____ she enjoys conducting experiments. Kate likes to solve challenging Math questions.

Last Saturday, the two sisters went fishing. They have been fishing (27) _____ they were nine years old. After fishing for a while, Kate's fishing rod tugged! She tried very hard to pull her rod up. Unfortunately, she lost her balance (28) _____ fell into the river. Her sister quickly jumped into the river to save her. It was an unforgettable incident for the two sisters.

Section E: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

One Friday afternoon, Amy was with her grandmother in Lucky Plaza to buy a pair of shoes. A group of pupils in school uniforms was selling flags. They were asking for donations for The Community Chest. They were volunteers and doing charitable work. They approached Amy and her grandmother as they were about to enter a shoe shop.

Amy's grandmother took out a dollar note and inserted it into the opening of the tin. She received two lovely, red flags in return for her donation. Amy was curious and asked her grandmother why she had paid a dollar for the two red flags. "Weren't they too expensive? I am sure we can purchase them at a cheaper price."

Amy's grandmother smiled and replied, "I did not buy them. I was making a donation for a good cause."

Amy had a **puzzled** look and she asked, "For a good cause?"

Amy's grandmother smiled and replied, "I donated money to help the underprivileged children and bedridden old folks in welfare homes."

Amy went home and told her mother that she wanted to save money for a good cause. When her mother heard it, she hugged Amy and praised her.

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

29. Amy and her grandmother were in _____.

- (1) school
- (2) Lucky Plaza
- (3) The Community Chest
- (4) a welfare home

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30. The group of pupils in school uniforms was in Lucky Plaza to _____.

- (1) buy shoes
- (2) purchase flags
- (3) do volunteer work
- (4) find Amy and her grandmother

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31. Amy's grandmother inserted one dollar into the tin because _____.

- (1) Amy was curious
- (2) she wanted to donate money to help others
- (3) the flags were red and lovely
- (4) the flags were expensive

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32. The word "puzzled" in the passage means _____.

- (1) pleased
- (2) confused
- (3) thrilled
- (4) worried

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33. Amy told her mother that she wanted to save money so that she can _____.

- (1) buy shoes
- (2) hug her mother
- (3) go shopping
- (4) make a donation

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Section F: Comprehension (Open-ended) (5 X 2 marks)

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

I will never forget my first experience watching a movie. I was five years old then. I can still remember vividly that it was a cartoon that I watched with my parents.

When we arrived at the entrance of the cinema, I noticed a long queue at the ticket booths.

"Dad, will we get tickets for the movie?" I asked my father anxiously.

"Don't worry, son. I have booked the tickets in advance," my father assured me.

I heaved a sigh of relief. My father went to collect the tickets while my mother and I went to buy some snacks and drinks. I looked at the huge popcorn machine with wonder. Many children scurried to buy popcorn. There were also many posters displayed on the walls. Every single thing about the cinema amazed me.

Before entering the theatre, my father showed the usher our tickets. He took out a torchlight from his pocket and directed my parents and me to our seats. My mother held my hand tightly as I was afraid of the dark. When I sat down, I saw the large screen in front of me. I turned to ask my parents why it was so different from our television at home. Both of them laughed.

Just then, the movie began. After a while, the theatre was filled with laughter.

When the movie ended, we strolled to a nearby restaurant to have our dinner. I had thoroughly enjoyed myself in the cinema.

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

34. How old was the author when he first watched a movie?

35. Why was the author anxious when he noticed a long queue at the ticket booth?

36. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "walked quickly"?

37. Who showed the author and his family to their seats?

38. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the movie was hilarious?

Answer Sheets
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15) G	16) C	17) B	18) D	19) M	20) H	21) E
22) G	23) F	24) D	25) C	26) B	27) E	28) A
29) 2	30) 3	31) 2	32) 2	33) 4		

- Q34. The author was five years old when he first watched a movie.
Q35. He was afraid that there would be no tickets for him and his family.
Q36. The word is "*scurried*".
Q37. The usher showed the author and his family to their seats.
Q38. The sentence is "*After a while the theater was filled with laughter*".