



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Duration: 1 h 15 min

Section A: Grammar (8 X 1 mark)

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

1. Mrs Eng will be taking Danielle and _____ to the zoo.

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

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2. You _____ so brave when you jumped into the water to rescue the drowning puppy yesterday.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

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3. While Peter _____ in the field, he slipped and fell.

- (1) plays
- (2) will play
- (3) has played
- (4) was playing

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4. Alyssa likes to play with slime, _____ she?

- (1) did
- (2) does
- (3) didn't
- (4) doesn't

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5. My grandfather is an author. He _____ many books since 1980.
(1) write
(2) wrote
(3) is writing
(4) has written ()

6. There is only a _____ salt left in the container.
(1) few
(2) less
(3) little
(4) least ()

7. One of the books _____ missing from the class cupboard yesterday.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were ()

8. Mrs Lim had a toothache _____ she refused to see a dentist.
(1) if
(2) or
(3) so
(4) but ()

Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)

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

9. There was a huge _____ in the classroom once the fire alarm went off.
(1) commotion
(2) confirmation
(3) commitment
(4) contamination ()

10. Jack's improvement in his latest English test _____ him to do even better in the next test.

- (1) expires
- (2) inspires
- (3) respire
- (4) perspires

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11. Ann tells Drake that she has seen a monster. He says that it is only her wild _____

- (1) interaction
- (2) introduction
- (3) imagination
- (4) investigation

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12. Ginny likes to carry the small, _____ fan in her pocket. It is light and easy to carry.

- (1) fixed
- (2) heavy
- (3) portable
- (4) suspended

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13. Ken's mother encourages him to _____ his problems in her instead of going to unreliable friends.

- (1) argue
- (2) confide
- (3) analyse
- (4) comment

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14. The good man was a/an _____ as he went all out to save the flood victims.

- (1) hero
- (2) villain
- (3) culprit
- (4) instigator

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Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Read the story 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.

(A) absorbed	(B) end	(C) feasted	(D) growl
(E) hated	(F) hiss	(G) laughed	(H) leaves
(J) participate	(K) satisfaction	(L) share	(M) strike

My owners said they liked me very much. I did not agree. They thought it was fun dangling strange little objects over my head but I (15) _____ them. While I was forced to eat dry biscuits, they (16) _____ on fresh meat.

Luckily, I got some (17) _____ from clawing the furniture. Tomorrow, I might eat another house plant. The (18) _____ tasted better than dry biscuits.

To get their attention when they were having their meals, I tried to (19) _____ like a tiger. It was an attempt to make them (20) _____ their food with me. I meant to (21) _____ fear into their hearts. However, they only cooed and (22) _____, telling me what a cute and funny little kitten I was. That was not working according to my plan.

Adapted from Cat's Story of Captivity: http://www.guy-sports.com/humor/stories/cat_stories_children.html

Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Cloze Passage 1

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word(s) 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) sang | (B) sing | (C) sings | (D) singing |
| (E) sung | (F) was singing | (G) were singing | |

Serene has many hobbies. She loves (23) _____ best. She has always wanted to be a singer. She often (24) _____ while she does household chores. Whenever there is a family gathering, Serene will be asked to (25) _____. Since Primary One, she has (26) _____ in front of her family and friends. This has made Serene a more confident child.

Cloze Passage 2

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) besides | (C) in | (D) of |
| (E) through | (F) to | (G) under | |

I have done well in school with the support of my parents. My parents always tell me that I can achieve good results in school (27) _____ sheer hard work. (28) _____ being hardworking, I must also be an attentive student and listen (29) _____ my teacher in class. I have to revise the day's lessons (30) _____ home. I heed my parents' advice and realise that they are right. I am doing better in my studies and I am a happy student.

Section E: Open-ended Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Fuman, a Primary Three boy in Yunnan, China, showed up in school red-faced, with frost coating his hair and eyebrows. It was extremely cold on that day and he had braved freezing conditions to walk four kilometres to school on the day of his examinations.

As Fuman lived quite a distance from school, he had to walk for more than an hour in thin clothing along dangerous mountain paths to get there. He made a funny face when he got to class, causing his classmates to burst into laughter.

Fuman lived in a mud house with his grandmother and older sister. His father worked in another country and his mother, unable to accept their poor living conditions, had left the family when he was two. Aside from attending school, the boy also helped his grandmother with farming work. Extra food was a rare treat for the family. Their meals were mainly homegrown potatoes and rice.

Fuman liked playing basketball and reading science fiction books about aliens. He hoped to be a policeman so that he could protect his grandmother. His New Year's resolution was to study hard and get money to help treat his grandmother, who was ill. Fuman's plight touched many hearts across China and he received donations from well-wishers.

Adapted from: <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asia/chinese-ice-boy-melts-hearts-after-4-5km-walk-to-school-in-9847796>

31. Which word in **paragraph 1** has the same meaning as "endured"? (1m)

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Write your answer for question 32 in a complete sentence.

32. In **paragraph 1**, how did Fuman look like when he showed up in school? (2m)

33. Which three-word phrase in **paragraph 2** tells you the reaction of Fuman's classmates when they saw Fuman? (1m)

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For questions 34 to 36, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'. (3m)

Refer to **paragraph 3** to help you.

The first example has been done for you.

Statements		True	False
Example	Fuman lived with his mother and older sister.		✓
34.	Fuman's father passed away due to the poor living conditions when he was two.		
35.	Fuman helped his grandmother with farming work.		
36.	Eating meat was a rare treat for Fuman and his family.		

For question 37, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

37. Choose the most suitable title for the story. (1m)

	A Snowy Day
	A Comical Act
	A Resilient Boy

38. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

	Fuman received donations from well-wishers.
	Fuman made a funny face when he got to class, which caused his classmates to laugh.
	Fuman walked for more than an hour in the cold weather to his school on the day of his examinations.

For question 39, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

39. Based on paragraph 4, what did Fuman like to do? (1m)

	He liked to read at the basketball court.
	He liked to read science fiction books about aliens.
	He liked to be a doctor so that he could treat his grandmother's illness.

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Section F: Open-ended Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Grandmother and I were forced to escape from our home because of the war that was ongoing. On the way to the camp where all those whose homes were destroyed were given shelter, we were separated. I had to stop searching for her as it was getting dark. I headed towards the camp with fading hope that I would find my last family member.

As I approached the camp, I saw many people huddled together with relief written on their faces. They were grateful to have survived. I pictured Grandmother, her frail body inching towards a safe shelter where she could rest for the night. I promised myself I would find her the next day.

When I woke up, I heard voices. People around me were recounting how the sound of the aeroplanes roaring above them had frightened them when the first attack started. Many camps and villages had been destroyed. They were worried that the second attack might happen again. Therefore, the camp would be unsafe for the next few days. As I heard this, my heart shattered. How was I going to find Grandmother? I stood up and looked around. The people in the camp were all up and about, ready to move on.

Then, I heard a familiar cry and whipped my head around. There stood my grandmother. I was glad she was safe. Tears of joy streamed down my face as I ran towards her waiting arms. Finally, we were reunited.

Adapted from *The Clay Marble* by Minfong Ho

For question 40, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

40. Based on paragraph 1, the writer and her grandmother had to flee from home due to _____ (1m)

	war
	poverty
	starvation

41. In paragraph 1, who does the writer's "last family member" refer to? (1m)

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For question 42, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

42. In paragraph 2, the people at the camp felt _____ (1m)

	angry
	thankful
	determined

43. Which word from paragraph 2 tells you that Grandmother was very weak? (1m)

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For questions 44 to 46, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'.

(3m)

Give a reason for your answer. Refer to paragraph 3 to help you.

The first example has been done for you.

	Statements	True	False	Reason
Example	The camp was safe from another attack.		✓	The attack was likely to occur again soon at the camp.
44.	The first attack that happened had caused much damage.			
45.	The writer was upset when she found out that there might be another attack.			
46.	The people at the camp were still asleep when the writer looked around.			

Write your answers for questions 47 – 48 in complete sentences.

47. In the last paragraph, what made the writer whip her head around?

(1m)

48. In the last paragraph, give two reasons why tears of joy streamed down the writer's face?

(2m)

i) _____

ii) _____

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EXAM PAPER 2018 (P3)

SCHOOL : RGS

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
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Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	3	2	1	E	C	K	H	D	L
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
M	G	D	C	B	E	E	B	F	A

Q31) braved

Q32) He was red-faced, with frost coating his hair and eyebrows.

Q33) burst into laughter

Q34) False

Q35) True

Q36) True

Q37) A Resilient Boy

Q38) 3 , 2 , 1

Q39) He liked to read science fiction books about aliens

Q40) war

Q41) Grandmother

Q42) thankful

Q43) frail

Q44) True – The first attack that happened destroyed many camps and villages

Q45) True – When she found out that there might be another attack, her heart shattered as she wondered how she was going to find her grandmother.

Q46) False – When she looked around, the people at the camp were all up and about ready to move on.

Q47) The writer heard a familiar cry.

Q48) i) The writer and her grandmother were reunited.

ii) The writer was glad that her grandmother was safe.