



# RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 1 )

2014

Sections A to C	24
Sections D to G	26
Total	50
Parent's Signature	

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Class: P4 \_\_\_\_\_ Index No: \_\_\_\_\_

7 May 2014      ENGLISH (PART 1)      Duration: 1 h 15 min (Part 1 and 2)

### Section A: Grammar (8X1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the development of the new train routes, the MRT system is now more convenient.  

(1)	At	
(2)	By	
(3)	With	
(4)	Along	(            )
  
2. The heavy downpour has really dampened everyone's mood, \_\_\_\_\_ it?  

(1)	has	
(2)	have	
(3)	hasn't	
(4)	haven't	(            )
  
3. One of the actors for this movie \_\_\_\_\_ receiving an award for his outstanding performance next month.  

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

4. \_\_\_\_\_ of my friends wants to go with Mark to Universal Studios.

- (1) All
- (2) Few
- (3) None
- (4) Several

( )

5. "Participants, make \_\_\_\_\_ comfortable as the organiser gets everything ready," Mr Haymitch said.

- (1) themselves
- (2) yourselves
- (3) herself
- (4) himself

( )

6. I \_\_\_\_\_ a book when the telephone rang.

- (1) reads
- (2) am reading
- (3) was reading
- (4) were reading

( )

7. \_\_\_\_\_ oranges here are for my friends.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) These
- (4) Those

( )

8. At the rate that we are working, there is \_\_\_\_\_ chance that we can complete the project on time.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) many
- (4) plenty

( )

**Section B: Vocabulary (6X1 mark)**

**Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

9. As he was the heir to the throne, the prince \_\_\_\_\_ all the money after the king's death.

(1) inherited  
(2) crowned  
(3) descended  
(4) succeeded

( )

10. Angeline could not find any \_\_\_\_\_ in the kitchen so she decided to go to the market to buy some disposable forks and spoons.

(1) tool  
(2) cutlery  
(3) apparatus  
(4) equipment

( )

11. The tenants were \_\_\_\_\_ from the flat as they had not paid their monthly rent for the past few months.

(1) limited  
(2) evicted  
(3) invaded  
(4) excused

( )

12. The prisoners were \_\_\_\_\_ to five years of imprisonment.

(1) jailed  
(2) accused  
(3) punished  
(4) sentenced

( )

13. Jason was so \_\_\_\_\_ that he stormed off.

(1) jovial  
(2) elated  
(3) furious  
(4) lethargic

( )

14. The show was so popular that thousands of spectators \_\_\_\_\_ to watch it.

(1) came off

(2) turned up

(3) came about

(4) turned down

( )

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**Section C: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

Janice rang the doorbell reluctantly and wished that the afternoon would go by quickly.

"Welcome!" Grandma greeted, opening the door. "There's tea and cake in the dining room. Help yourself to them."

Janice went to have her tea. She decided to explore the house after tea. Janice started with the attic. In the attic, she found a unique key. She brought the key down to show her grandfather. "Grandpa, what's this key for?"

"Where did you find that? I haven't seen it in years. This is the key to a magical room," Grandpa whispered. "It was the room I used to go to when I wanted to hide from your grandmother," he said with a wink.

"Magical room?" Janice asked.

"It's a room filled with wonderful surprises," Grandpa said. "Let's play a game. Try to find the magical room by the time I finish my tea," said Grandpa.

Janice grabbed the key and stared at it. "The key looks old. The old things are kept in the store room. Maybe I should start there."

Grandpa sipped his tea and shook his head.

Janice knew that meant she was going the wrong way. She halted and wondered, "Old key. I am looking for an old room! The oldest part of the house!"

Janice thought about the oldest part of the house. "The basement! It's the first part that's built!" she exclaimed. She rushed to the basement and looked at the lock. It was unique. "This has to be it!" she said to herself. She slid the key inside and turned it. With a click, the door opened.

Janice walked down the stairs. There was nothing but a box in the middle of the giant room. She walked to the box briskly and opened it gingerly. What she experienced after that was stranger than a dream.

Adapted from: [http://www.superteacherworksheets.com/reading-comp/4th-foggy-figure\\_FOGGY.pdf](http://www.superteacherworksheets.com/reading-comp/4th-foggy-figure_FOGGY.pdf)

15. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

What does the word "it" in paragraph 4 refer to?

[1 m]

- |                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The tea   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The key   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The attic |

For questions 16 and 17, write 1, 2 or 3 in the brackets.

16. The magical room was where \_\_\_\_\_.

[1 m]

- (1) Grandpa had tea  
(2) Janice had found the key  
(3) Grandpa went to when he wanted to hide from Grandma. ( )

17. In paragraph 8, Grandpa "shook his head" because Janice \_\_\_\_\_.

[1 m]

- (1) had finished her tea  
(2) was going the wrong way  
(3) took the key without permission ( )

18. Which word has the same meaning as 'carefully'? Circle either (A) or (B).

[1 m]

She walked to the box briskly and opened it gingerly.  
(A) (B)

19. Name 2 places in the house Janice went to after tea.

[2 m]

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

20. Read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False".

[3 m]

	True	False
Janice was looking forward to visiting her grandparents when she rang the doorbell.		
Janice found a unique key when she was having tea.		
Janice did not find anything in the magical room.		



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7 May 2014      ENGLISH (PART 2)      Duration: 1 h 15 min  
(Part 1 and 2)

### Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8X1 mark)

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

#### USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) dented	(E) flashed	(J) penetrate	(N) relieved
(B) devastated	(F) heard	(K) suggest	(O) roared
(C) drenched	(G) let	(L) thank	(P) vision
(D) enriched	(H) mission	(M) nursery	(Q) ward

It was raining heavily. Lightning struck and thunder (1) \_\_\_\_\_ as I was in my father's car, on my way to school. Suddenly, a flash of lightning blinded my eyes. After that, there was a loud thud. A tree had fallen and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the roof of my father's car.

I was (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to know that my father was fine. Fortunately, he only suffered from minor cuts. Through my blurred (4) \_\_\_\_\_, I saw pedestrians rush towards us. I (5) \_\_\_\_\_ them yelling and the loud sirens approaching. I felt some people carrying me onto a stretcher before I lost consciousness.

When I opened my eyes again, I found myself lying on the hospital bed. I was informed that my father was also recovering well in the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ nearby. I was thankful we were not seriously injured. I really want to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ those strangers who braved the storm to help us. They were (8) \_\_\_\_\_ from head to toe in the heavy downpour. I would never forget what they had done to help us during the accident.

**Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (4X1 mark)**

**Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.**

**USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.**

- |                |               |                |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| (A) bake       | (B) baked     | (C) baking     |
| (D) was baking | (E) is baking | (F) are baking |

I am passionate about baking. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ helps me relax and unwind. I started baking when my mother signed me up for baking class at Bakerzin. There I learnt to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ cupcakes, rainbow cakes, swiss rolls and bread. I have made many new friends who share the same passion as me.

Last week, we (11) \_\_\_\_\_ macaroons while the instructor supervised us. It was not easy.

Next week, my friends and I (12) \_\_\_\_\_ macaroons for our class party. I hope our classmates will like them.

**Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4X1 mark)**

**Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.**

Dear Mum,

I am having so much fun at Auntie Maggie's house here in Australia. I (13) [ love / loved ] staying with her! She (14) [ has / have ] taken me to many places and we have had so much fun.

Yesterday, we (15) [ go / went ] to Sydney Opera house to watch a performance . We had the most amazing time. Everyone (16) [ dote / dotes] on me and I am so happy here. I hope to invite Auntie Maggie to Singapore next year.

Love,  
Jamie

**Section G: Comprehension (Open-ended) (10 marks)**

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

A one-year-old baby gorilla was rescued from illegal hunters. She was rushed to the nearby headquarters. The veterinarians there concluded that she had insufficient food and water and was suffering from depression. These however, were not their immediate concern. They were much more worried about something else. She had been separated from her mother and was deprived of her mother's body contact.

"Baby gorillas cannot survive without their mother's constant body contact," said veterinarian Chris Whittier. "She surely would have died within a week **if the hunters had not been caught.**" Many find it hard to believe that gorillas, which are well-known for their great size and strength, are extremely fragile creatures. The staff began holding and cuddling the little female. If they did not quickly establish a physical relationship with the baby gorilla named Duni, she would not survive.

Duni resisted attention at first, shying away from people who reached for her. "Duni needed contact, but there was no reason that she should trust people after what she had been through," Whittier said. Humans had killed her family.

Three caretakers were assigned to her so that she would be with a foster parent all the time. They worked in shifts, taking turns holding her, carrying her around on their backs, and cradling her while she slept. "She did not trust humans right away," said Whittier, "but she would rather be with somebody than be alone."

Gorillas are vegetarians. Fortunately, Duni had a healthy appetite for the diet she was given. After six months of loving care, a good diet, and a comfortable home at the project's headquarters, Duni was finally looking and acting like a healthy, happy young gorilla should.

Adapted from: <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/stories/animalsnature/gorillarescue/>

**Answer these questions in complete sentences.**

17. In paragraph 1, what was the one thing Duni lacked that the veterinarians were most concerned about? [2 m]

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18. What would have happened to Duni "if the hunters had not been caught"? [2 m]

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19. Why is it unbelievable that gorillas are extremely delicate creatures? [2 m]

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20. Which sentence in paragraph 3 tells you the reason why Duni did not trust people? [2 m]

21. Identify two ways Duni had changed six months after her rescue. [2 m]

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## Exam Paper 2014 Answer Sheet

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**Term: SA1**

### Part 1

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|----|---|-----|---|-----|---|
| 1) | 3 | 6)  | 3 | 11) | 2 |
| 2) | 3 | 7)  | 3 | 12) | 4 |
| 3) | 1 | 8)  | 2 | 13) | 3 |
| 4) | 3 | 9)  | 1 | 14) | 2 |
| 5) | 2 | 10) | 2 |     |   |

15. The key

16. 3

17. 2

18. B

19. Attic; Basement

20. False; False; False

21.

22.

23.

### Part 2

|    |  |     |   |     |   |
|----|--|-----|---|-----|---|
| 1) |  | 6)  |   | 11) | B |
| 2) |  | 7)  |   | 12) | F |
| 3) |  | 8)  |   |     |   |
| 4) |  | 9)  | C |     |   |
| 5) |  | 10) | A |     |   |

13. loved

14. has

15. went

16. dotes

17. She was not receiving enough touch.

18. Duni would have died in a week.

19. They are well-known for their great size and strength.

20. "Humans had killed her family."

21. Duni is happier and healthier.