



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2014

Name : _____ Class: P4 Index No: _____

13 Oct 2014 ENGLISH (PART 1) Duration: 1 h 15 min

Sections A to C	24
Sections D to G	26
Total	50
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Section A: Grammar (8X1 mark)

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

1. "Call me later. I _____ my baby sister now," Anna said.

- (1) fed
- (2) feeds
- (3) have fed
- (4) am feeding ()

2. May and her sister read the recipe and cooked the dish _____.

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

3. During English lesson yesterday, Mr Lim _____ annoyed when the pupils kept interrupting his lesson.

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

4. Matthew _____ very happy when his friends told him the news.

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

5. Two days ago, we _____ in the debate tournament after training for weeks.
(1) participate
(2) participated
(3) have participated
(4) were participating ()

6. While Mother _____ a shower, the phone rang.
(1) takes
(2) will take
(3) has taken
(4) was taking ()

7. _____ shopper queuing there is waiting to collect his free gift.
(1) That
(2) This
(3) These
(4) Those ()

8. We must leave soon as we have very _____ time left to reach school.
(1) few
(2) little
(3) many
(4) much ()

Section B: Vocabulary (6X1 mark)

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

9. The spectators need not worry about where to park their cars as there is _____ parking space at the Sports Hub.
(1) full
(2) ample
(3) restricted
(4) insufficient ()

10. She always has an _____ for cakes, no matter how much she has eaten.
(1) appetite
(2) ambition
(3) attention
(4) aspiration ()

11. The vicious dog attacked a child and had to be _____.

- (1) put in
- (2) put off
- (3) put back
- (4) put down

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12. During the famine, there was a shortage of food and many people _____ to death.

- (1) froze
- (2) burnt
- (3) starved
- (4) drowned

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13. The concert will be _____ to a later date.

- (1) modified
- (2) improved
- (3) concluded
- (4) postponed

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14. When the singer won the most popular singer award, she was _____ and shed tears of joy.

- (1) in hot water
- (2) over the moon
- (3) at loggerheads
- (4) green with envy

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Section C: Comprehension 1 (10marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

As I was growing up, I travelled to many parts of the world to perform. I went to different circuses, amusement parks and zoos. People often shouted my name, "Tarra" whenever they saw me. Fame was not important to me, though. Over the years, I grew old and sick. I was taken to The Elephant Sanctuary, a place for sick and retired elephants like me.

I frequently walked by myself although I was always surrounded by many of my own kind. Then, a canine, Bella, was brought in. I noticed that she spent a lot of time tailing me around when not guarding a bulldozer. She wagged her tail and barked whenever she saw me. I tried to avoid her as she was too noisy.

At first, I thought she found shelter from the heat by staying under my belly. Bella desired to be with me wherever I went. She walked with me every day. Over time, her warmth melted my frozen heart. I began to enjoy her company. I did not mind her at all.

Then, just last month, Bella had a spinal cord injury and had to undergo surgery. She could not move her legs and wag her tail for three long weeks. I could only stand from afar, waiting longingly for her return. When Bella was well again, no words could express my joy!

Adapted from <http://www.elephants.com/tarra/TarraBella.php>

For Q15 and Q16, decide who did the following activities. Tick ✓ your chosen answer. Refer to paragraphs 1 and 2 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Activities described in paragraphs 1 and 2		Tarra	Bella
Example	entered an elephant sanctuary	✓	
15.	performed in many countries		
16.	wagged her tail and barked		

17. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The Elephant Sanctuary is meant for _____ elephants. [1m]

	noisy
	lonely
	retired

18. Which word has the same meaning as 'following'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

I noticed that she spent a lot of time tailing me around when not guarding a bulldozer.
(A) (B)

19. Name two things Bella did so that she could be with Tarra.

i. _____ [1m]

ii. _____ [1m]

20. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

In paragraph 3, the phrase "her warmth melted my frozen heart" suggests that _____ [1m]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | the weather was freezing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tarra was touched by Bella |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bella succeeded in irritating Tarra |

For Q21 and Q22, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 4 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Statements		True	False
Example	Bella was well again.	✓	
21.	Tarra looked forward to her friend's return after the surgery.		
22.	Tarra could not move her legs for three long weeks after her injury.		

23. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines below to show the order of events that happened in paragraph 2. [1m]

_____ Bella followed Tarra around.

_____ Tarra walked by herself frequently.

_____ Tarra avoided Bella as she was too noisy.



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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 K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) actively	(B) against	(C) breeding	(D) decreased
(E) despite	(F) drastically	(G) endangered	(H) halt
(J) increased	(K) protecting		

The leatherback turtle has survived for more than a hundred million years but is now facing extinction. The leatherback turtle population in Malaysia has 1) _____, with not a single nesting sighted so far this year, 2) _____ ongoing conservation efforts.

The eastern Terengganu coast in Malaysia used to be one of the largest nesting sites for the 3) _____ leatherback turtle, where thousands of female leatherbacks, having crossed the Pacific Ocean, return to the place they were born.

In the last two decades, their numbers have dwindled 4) _____. Last season saw just two nests on the beach and this year, there has been none. This is in spite of strict laws 5) _____ nesting sites and efforts to build hatcheries.

Conservationists and wildlife experts called for an immediate action plan to 6) _____ the decline. They blame global climate change, egg harvesting and 7) _____ coastal fishing for upsetting the turtles' 8) _____ habits. "Many turtles have died from injuries caused by fishing boats," said Kitty Simmonds, a conservationist.

Adapted from Channel News Asia, 21 Aug 2007

Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 (4X1 mark)

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

I am here at the new shopping mall with my mother. There [is / are] many shoppers at the mall. The mall [has / have] a variety of shops at each level. My mother [read / reads] the directory to locate the stationery shop. To avoid the crowd, we [walk / walks] quickly towards the shop to buy some stationery. After that, we head for a drink at the food court.

Section G: Comprehension (Open-ended) (5x2 marks)

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

Sixty-year-old Chen leads her life with a daily routine – waking up in the wee hours of the morning, she makes her way to the vegetable wholesaler, collects her vegetables and sets up her stall at the market, which she tends all by herself till seven or eight in the evening. Being the first to arrive and last to leave, the other stall owners have fondly given her the title of 'market manager'.

The stall her father left her means everything to her. Even though she does not earn much from selling vegetables, she is able to donate a large sum of money towards various charitable causes, including helping schools, orphanages and poor children.

Oscar-winning director, Lee Ang, said of Chen, "Money is only worthy if given to those in need." He added, "Of all she has given away, her greatest gift is to set a good example to others and inspire them."

Regular customers turn up at the stall with a vegetable basket and a camera, hoping for a picture with Chen. Despite all the attention, Chen remains humble. "I have done nothing extraordinary and everyone who wants to can do it. I do not place great importance on money. When I donate to help others, I feel happy and I can sleep well at night."

"My philosophy in life is simple: If doing something makes you worried, then it must be wrong. If it makes you happy, then you must have done the right thing. What others say is not important," says Chen.

Adapted from: The Reader Digest, 2012

Answer these questions in complete sentences.

17. Where does Chen get her vegetables from? [1 m]

18. Why do the other stall owners call Chen the 'market manager'? [2 m]

19. Which sentence in the second paragraph tells us that Chen's vegetable stall was passed down to her? [2 m]

For Q20-22, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False" and state the reason from the passage. The first example has been done for you. [3 m]

	Statement	True	False	Reason
Example	Regular customers at Chen's stall wanted an autograph from her.		✓	The customers at Chen's stall wanted to take a picture with her.
Q20	Chen <u>sells</u> vegetables only on weekends.			
Q21	Chen <u>does</u> not hire any worker for her stall.			
Q22	According to Lee Ang, Chen <u>is</u> not a good role model to others.			

23. Besides being humble, what other word would you use to describe Chen? Explain why. [2 m]

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## Exam Paper 2014 Answer Sheet

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### Part 1

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

15. Tarra

16. Bella

17. retired

18. A

19. i. Bella walked with Tarra everyday.

ii. Bella kept tailing Tarra.

20. Tarra was touched by Bella

21. True

22. False

23. 2, 1, 3

### Part 2

|    |   |     |   |     |   |
|----|---|-----|---|-----|---|
| 1) | D | 6)  | H | 11) | C |
| 2) | E | 7)  | J | 12) | D |
| 3) | G | 8)  | C |     |   |
| 4) | F | 9)  | B |     |   |
| 5) | K | 10) | F |     |   |

13. are

14. has

15. reads

16. walk

17. She gets her vegetables from the vegetable wholesaler.

18. She is always the first to arrive and the last to leave the market.

19. The stall her father left her means everything to her.

20. False: She tends the stall daily from morning till evening.

21. True: She works by herself.

22. False: According to Lee Ang, Chen is a good role model to others.

23. Chen is charitable. She donates a huge sum of money to people in need.