



**RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ( 2 )**  
**2014**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (       ) Class: P5 \_\_\_\_\_

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**BOOKLET A**

**Instructions to Pupils**

1. Write your Name, Class and Index No. in the spaces provided above.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided for questions 1 to 28 only.

**Section A: Grammar (10 X 1 mark)**

**For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

1. Jane, \_\_\_\_\_ father is a vet, loves animals too.

- (1) who
- (2) which
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

2. Tom was walking so close to the edge of the pond that he nearly fell \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- (1) onto
- (2) into
- (3) along
- (4) beside

3. Siti, together with her friends, \_\_\_\_\_ watching the movie next week.

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

4. "Has anyone here ever \_\_\_\_\_ for an adventure camp before?" Mrs Lee asked the class.

- (1) go
- (2) goes
- (3) went
- (4) gone

5. What the teacher said yesterday made her \_\_\_\_\_ harder to improve in her studies.

- (1) work
- (2) works
- (3) worked
- (4) working

6. Either Alice or the twins \_\_\_\_\_ at home when the accident happened last night.

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

7. Mary and Kate only have \_\_\_\_\_ to blame for missing the audition as they had overslept.

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

8. The camping trip will have to be cancelled \_\_\_\_\_ the weather changes for the better.

- (1) if
- (2) as
- (3) unless
- (4) although

9. The girls \_\_\_\_\_ their training soon and will make their way home.

- (1) finishing
- (2) will finish
- (3) had finished
- (4) have finished

10. Looking at the poor performance of the team this season, there is \_\_\_\_\_ hope of them making it to the finals.

- (1) any
- (2) little
- (3) few
- (4) much

**Section B: Vocabulary (5 X 1 mark)**

**For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

11. The child fell off the bed and hurt her head due to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the caregiver.

- (1) negligence
- (2) supervision
- (3) consideration
- (4) management

12. Our prefect, Danielle, is very \_\_\_\_\_ in her work. I cannot imagine her ever making any careless mistakes.

- (1) arduous
- (2) gracious
- (3) conscious
- (4) meticulous

13. The suspect was \_\_\_\_\_ as there was insufficient evidence to link him to the crime.

- (1) acquitted
- (2) convicted
- (3) sentenced
- (4) imprisoned

14. Charlotte and Elaine have decided to \_\_\_\_\_ and become friends again.

- (1) tie the knot
- (2) bury the hatchet
- (3) save their own skin
- (4) burn the candle at both ends

15. You must take a firm stand and not \_\_\_\_\_ to pressure from your friends.

- (1) admit
- (2) beckon
- (3) condition
- (4) succumb

**Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)**

**For each question from 16-20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

Jurong Regional Library is one of the most popular libraries in Singapore.

An entire basement of the library is dedicated to nurture the inquisitive young  
(16)  
minds.

The perimeter of the children's section is lined generously with vibrantly  
(17)  
painted low chairs and tables so you do not always end up sitting on the floor.

A Read Aloud corner is set up so that parents and their boisterous bunch can  
(18)  
have fun with the books without the disapproving looks from the library staff.

Their fiction section – books in Chinese, Malay and Tamil languages – is  
praiseworthy, particularly its collection of folk and fairy tales from all over Asia.  
(19)

The range available is extensive and possibly unparalleled anywhere else.  
(20)

With such a wealth of books available as well as an enticing reading  
environment, it is no wonder that Jurong Regional Library has become one of  
the most popular libraries in Singapore.

*Adapted from "Let's read in the forest", Family.*

16. (1) eager  
(2) curious  
(3) analytical  
(4) interested

17. (1) aptly  
(2) amply  
(3) simply  
(4) seriously
18. (1) rowdy  
(2) vicious  
(3) grievous  
(4) dangerous
19. (1) valuable  
(2) justifiable  
(3) believable  
(4) commendable
20. (1) unseen  
(2) uneven  
(3) unfamiliar  
(4) unmatched

**Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 × 1 mark)**

Study the poster below carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

# Kids Art Camp

*brought to you by National Arts Council*

Back by  
popular  
demand!

Nominated for Parents' Choice Award  
2014, "Best Vacation Programme"



Calling all 9-12 year olds! Come on down to **Kids Art Camp**, a one-stop centre where you can participate in a variety of art activities this December holiday to indulge in some creative FUN!

**Dates : 1 Dec 2014 - 8 Dec 2014**

**Venue: Merlion Art Museum**

**Registration/ Course details:**

- Register online at [www.kidsartcamp2014.com](http://www.kidsartcamp2014.com) from 1 Oct 2014 to 31 Oct 2014.
- Fees are a flat rate of \$50 for each workshop, excluding a registration fee of \$10 and a material fee of \$30.
- All art materials will be provided.

**For further enquiries,**

Visit [www.kidsartcamp2014.com](http://www.kidsartcamp2014.com) or email us at [kidsartcamp@gmail.com](mailto:kidsartcamp@gmail.com).

You may also contact us at 61234567.

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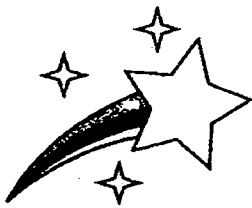
**Lee's  
Papercrafts**

**Pop Bookshop**



### Schedule for 2-Day Workshop

Date/Time	Workshop
1 Dec - 2 Dec <b>Mon-Tue</b> 9 am - 12 noon	<b>Theme: Recycling Mania</b>  Used objects get a new lease of life as children learn to use their creativity to turn used objects into beautiful works of art!
3 Dec - 4 Dec <b>Wed-Thurs</b> 1 pm - 4 pm	<b>Theme: Pottery Fun</b>  Children learn basic techniques in modelling clay to create works of art that express their unique personalities.
5 Dec - 6 Dec <b>Fri-Sat</b> 1 pm - 4 pm	<b>Theme: Draw, Paint, Create</b>  Children dabble in a wide variety of materials –crayons, colour pencils, acrylics, water colours and poster colours to explore the art of painting and drawing.
8 Dec - 9 Dec <b>Mon-Tue</b> 9 am - 12 noon	<b>Theme: Cartoon Drawing</b>  Children learn basic cartoon drawing techniques to create their own characters. Maybe your child can be the next Walt Disney!



Renowned cartoonist Alex Lee, creator of the popular cartoon "Captain Earth", will make a guest appearance at the Cartoon Drawing Workshop!

#### Testimonials:

My son, who used to hate Art, totally enjoyed the workshops! The instructors are passionate and highly qualified!

Mrs Lee Hui

I look forward to Kids Art Camp every year! It's the highlight of my holidays! This year will be my third Kids Art Camp!

Sara Tan

Best way to spend the vacation! The workshops are engaging and educational. Really value for money!

Josiah Tay

**For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

21. The main purpose of this poster is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) encourage creative thinking
- (2) promote renowned cartoonist – Alex Lee
- (3) give more information about Kids Art Camp
- (4) create awareness on using recycled materials for art

22. How do interested participants sign up for Kids Art Camp?

- (1) Call the hotline-61234567.
- (2) Go to the Merlion Art Museum.
- (3) Register online at [www.kidsartcamp2014.com](http://www.kidsartcamp2014.com).
- (4) Email the organisers at [kidsartcamp@gmail.com](mailto:kidsartcamp@gmail.com).

23. The organiser of Kids Art Camp is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Wonder Paints
- (2) Lee's Papercrafts
- (3) Genius Art School
- (4) National Arty Council

24. The schedule of Kids Art Camp is presented in a table to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) distract the reader
- (2) rate the different workshops
- (3) explain how simple the workshops are
- (4) organise the information in an easy-to-read manner

25. May is only free on weekday afternoons. Which workshop can she attend?

- (1) Pottery Fun
- (2) Cartoon Drawing
- (3) Recycling Mania
- (4) Draw, Paint and Create

26. Which of the following art pieces would one most likely create in the Pottery Fun workshop?

- (1) glass jewellery
- (2) canvas painting
- (3) personalised T-shirt design
- (4) decorative bowls and plates

27. Testimonials of ex-participants are used in this poster to

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- (1) show appreciation for ex-participants of the camp
- (2) make Mrs Lee Hui, Sara Tan and Josiah Tay famous
- (3) highlight the passionate and highly qualified instructors
- (4) convince people that Kids Art Camp is a quality art programme

28. Which one of the following statements is true?

- (1) The workshops are conducted daily.
- (2) Alex Lee will conduct all the art workshops.
- (3) Participants must bring their own art materials.
- (4) Participants have to pay more than \$50 for each workshop.

BOOKLET B

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**SECTION E: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38 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.

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

(A) a	(E) because	(J) some	(N) though
(B) about	(F) down	(K) the	(P) to
(C) ago	(G) its	(L) these	(Q) up
(D) and	(H) or	(M) their	

For years, scientists have debated whether dinosaurs were warm-blooded like mammals, or cold-blooded like reptiles, fish and amphibians. Now, scientists have found that (29) \_\_\_\_\_ prehistoric creatures were somewhere in the middle. This new information shows that dinosaurs are very different from today's animal species that are all either warm (30) \_\_\_\_\_ cold-blooded.

"I think we were all surprised by this," said University of New Mexico Professor Felissa Smith who supervised (31) \_\_\_\_\_ study. "The idea certainly took (32) \_\_\_\_\_ getting used to."

The last dinosaurs roamed the earth more than 60 million years (33) \_\_\_\_\_. However, there is always more to discover (34) \_\_\_\_\_ these ancient creatures.

There are certain characteristics that make warm-blooded creatures different from cold-blooded creatures. Warm-blooded creatures can control (35) \_\_\_\_\_ body temperature. They also eat a lot and burn calories quickly. Cold-blooded creatures do not

control their body temperature internally. They use sunlight (36) \_\_\_\_\_ keep warm, and they move much more slowly. Cold-blooded creatures do not need to eat very much. Their bodies slow (37) \_\_\_\_\_ due to colder temperatures.

Dinosaurs are in the middle (38) \_\_\_\_\_ they do not fully regulate their internal temperature, but their temperature does not only rely on their environment either. The study shows that this feature helped dinosaurs and allowed them to thrive for so many years.

*Adapted from <http://www.timeforkids.com/news/dino-discovery/165461>*

**Section F: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12 × 1 mark)**

**Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error.  
Write the correct word in each of the boxes.**

Twenty-six-year-old Yang Yun had a dream – to work with whales.

Therefore she took part in a competition at Polarland in Harbin, northeast China, to

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land a job working for the theme park's famous beluga whales, Mila and Nicola.

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As one of the finalists, Yun was require to dive as deep as possible into a

(41)

freezing tank with the whales – all without breathing equipment. She made it close to the bottom, but at 4.5m, she realised her legs had cramped due to the Arctic-temperature water.

(42)

She could not move it and she was stuck, thinking she was going to die. That was when the

(43)

whales come to her rescue.

(44)

"I began to choke and sink even low and I thought that was it for me – I was dead,

(45)

until I felt this incredible force under me driving me to the surface," Yun told jornalists later.

(46)

Mila and Nicola, both two-metre beluga whales, swam toward Yun and nutched her towards the surface. Mila at one point clamped the diver's leg in her mouth to propel her forward.

"Mila noticed the problem before we did," one of the Polarland officials said later.

"She is a sensitive animal and works closely with humans. I think this girl owes Mila

(47)

its life."

The whales usually spend their days performing with two trainers in a

(48)

beautiful underwater dance dipicting the "Heart of the Ocean", and blowing rings of bubbles in the water.

(49)

Mila is known as an inteligant and sensitive animal. She can now chalk up saving

(50)

human life among her accollades.

News of Mila's heroic deed travelled far and wide. Since then, Mila has become the biggest attraction of the theme park.

Adapted from "<http://www.readersdigest.com.au/hero-pets>"

**Section G :Comprehension Cloze ( 15 x 1 mark)**

**Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.**

Imagine this: a picturesque bay with glittering waters and a world-famous skyline and floating garbage everywhere in sight.

Meanwhile, tranquil beaches and parks are left (51) \_\_\_\_\_ with trash such as plastic bottles once the visitors have gone home.

Does that sound (52) \_\_\_\_\_ Singapore to you?

An anti-littering volunteer group, the Waterways Water Society (WWS), (53) \_\_\_\_\_ an odd contest for a country with a worldwide (54) \_\_\_\_\_ for being spotless. It asked Singaporeans to send in photographs of some of the dirtiest places (55) \_\_\_\_\_ February and April this year. It picked up ten winners (56) \_\_\_\_\_ about sixty submissions.

One shot emerged of a part of Marina Reservoir close to Marina Bay Sands literally covered in a sea of trash washed in by the rain. Yet (57) \_\_\_\_\_ one revealed a segment of East Coast Park that is infested with flies due to the litter lying around.

In one particular photograph, a road divider along Prinsep Street was piled up with so much rubbish, it (58) \_\_\_\_\_ an open dumping ground. The same could be said of Pasir Ris Park (59) \_\_\_\_\_ picnickers left their trash brazenly.

The dozens of photographs sent in (60) \_\_\_\_\_ void decks, parks and roadsides from Toa Payoh to the Central Business District strewn with rubbish.

"We had expected it. It wasn't a (61) \_\_\_\_\_ to us," said WWS chairman Eugene Hong. He plans to make the contest annual and (62) \_\_\_\_\_ the most striking photographs on its Facebook page.

"For our group, whenever we go out, our mission is (63) \_\_\_\_\_ look for litter. The sad thing is, we are (64) \_\_\_\_\_ disappointed. We always find litter.



Singapore's reliance on an army of about seventy thousand cleaners to keep the island (65) \_\_\_\_\_ and span is definitely not something we should be proud of, especially since November 2012, when Keep Singapore Clean head Liak Teng Lit called the nation "a cleaned city, not a clean city". As citizens, we should work towards a more gracious and responsible society by cleaning up after ourselves.

*Adapted from Contest to snap Singapore's dirtiest places bares it all by David Ee, the Straits Times 16 July 2014*

**Section H: Transformation / Synthesis (5 x 2 marks)**

**For each question from 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as that of the given sentence(s).**

66. Tom likes running. Joe likes running too.

Both \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. If we do not take a taxi to school, we will not be able to get there on time.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. "I will be attending a seminar here," Miss Shen told her friend.

Miss Shen told her friend \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Tammy is fearful of the dark. She went down the stairs to check out the noise.

\_\_\_\_\_

in spite of her fear \_\_\_\_\_

70. Siti was delighted. She was chosen as a finalist in the singing contest.

Much to her \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section I : Comprehension (Open-ended) 20 marks**

**Read this passage carefully and answer the questions 71 to 80.**

I knew it was a risk, but a risk I had to take. The journey across the turbulent sea could very well cost me my life, but I had to deliver the shipment of illegal goods. I would deliver the shipment with Brandon to Tiku Island and that would be my last involvement with the underworld. Big Boss has promised to let me go and I desperately held on to his words. I had to.

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Both of us loaded our cargo onto the old, unassuming speedboat and wasted no time in getting ready. The last rays of the day would soon be upon us and we had to reach our destination before nightfall. Nothing could deter us now – except that looming, ominous cloud in the distance.

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The engine coughed into life and we were off. I looked around, edgy and wary, for any sign of police patrol boats.

"You sure you want to get away from us?" Brandon asked, amidst the purring of the engine.

"I've never been surer of anything in my life," I replied, looking straight ahead into the horizon. By now, large drops of rain were pelting our faces and a strong wind was slicing at us.

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"But why?" Brandon asked once more. "Don't you like it here? Big Boss gives us protection from the police. And you'll never receive that much money in your lifetime."

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"Yes and you have been with me through all kinds of hardship," I said in a voice that was barely audible, "but I have my reasons. I do not want to live a life of crime. I cannot live with my conscience. Why don't you consider leaving as well?"

Brandon never got to answer that question, for at that moment, lightning streaked across the sky and a clash of thunder like a command from the heavens exploded in our ears. We were in the heart of the thunderstorm. However, the worst part was, the engine of our speedboat stopped abruptly and despite our best attempts, it refused to start.

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Brandon got up from his seat once more to cover our goods, but no sooner was he up than he went down again except this time, he was in the water.

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"Brandon! Grab my hand! Brandon! Where are you?" I shouted anxiously but I could barely see anything amidst the heavy rain. I strained my ears to pick up any possible call for help, but could not detect any.

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Suddenly, panic, fear and anger took control of my body. Fearing for my life, I gave up searching for him. My vision was blurred and I acted blindly. I drove my fist down heavily onto the dashboard and miraculously, the engine came to life.

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By then, my body was trembling violently but I managed to bring the speedboat safely to the shore of Tiku Island. I heaved myself out of the boat and collapsed heavily onto the sand. I kissed the sands and muttered a prayer of thanks.

Finally, I got onto my feet to get the shipment. Suddenly, light shone brightly around me. I was stunned.

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Too late. I was caught. All my dreams of leading a normal life were now only shattered fragments like the sand beneath my feet. As I looked longingly at the sea, I saw a familiar outline of a man struggling in the waters.

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**Your answers must be in complete sentences.**

71. What was the writer delivering to Tiku Island? (1m)

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

\_\_\_\_\_ The speedboat engine stopped working.

\_\_\_\_\_ It started to rain.

\_\_\_\_\_ The writer scanned the area for any patrol boats.

73. Choose the word/words from lines 7 to 14 in the passage that have similar meaning to the words/phrases below. (3m)

stop	
dark	
careful	

74. What was the question Brandon never got to answer in line 25? (2m)

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75. Why was Brandon reluctant to leave the Big Boss? (2m)

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76. Why did the author want to stop his involvement with the underworld? (2m)

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77. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is *True* or *False*, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True / False	Reason
It was night time when the author loaded the cargo onto the boat.		
Delivering the shipment was the author's first assignment.		
The author managed to deliver the goods successfully.		

78. How did the author feel when he landed on Tiku Island? (2m)

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79. Which sentence from lines 41 to 50 suggests that Brandon survived the journey? (2m)

80. Do you think the author was a loyal friend? Support your answer with information from the text. (2m)

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Q1	4	Q21	3	Q41	equipment	Q61	surprise
Q2	2	Q22	3	Q42	them	Q62	post
Q3	1	Q23	4	Q43	came	Q63	to
Q4	4	Q24	4	Q44	lower	Q64	never
Q5	1	Q25	1	Q45	journalists	Q65	spick
Q6	4	Q26	4	Q46	nudged		
Q7	4	Q27	4	Q47	her		
Q8	3	Q28	4	Q48	depicting		
Q9	2	Q29	L	Q49	intelligent		
Q10	2	Q30	H	Q50	accolades		
Q11	1	Q31	K	Q51	strewn		
Q12	4	Q32	J	Q52	like		
Q13	1	Q33	C	Q53	held		
Q14	2	Q34	B	Q54	reputation		
Q15	4	Q35	M	Q55	between		
Q16	2	Q36	P	Q56	among		
Q17	2	Q37	F	Q57	another		
Q18	1	Q38	E	Q58	resembled/ became		
Q19	4	Q39	with	Q59	where		
Q20	4	Q40	required	Q60	showed		

Q66 Both Tom and Joe like running.

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Q68 Miss Shen told her friend that she would be attending a seminar there.

Q69 Tammy went down the stairs to check out the noise in spite of her fear of the dark.

Q70 Much to her delight, Siti was chosen as a finalist in the singing contest.

Q71 The writer was delivering illegal good to Tiku Island.

Q72 3,2,1

Q73

stop	deter
dark	ominous
careful	wary

Q74 The question was to ask Brandon to also consider leaving Big Boss.



Q75 Brandon liked it there as Big Boss would give him protection from the police and he would receive a huge sum of money from Big Boss.

Q76 He did not want to live a life of crime and he could not live with his conscience.

Q77

False	The last rays of the day would soon be upon the author and he had to reach Tiku Island before night fall.
False	The author would deliver with Brandon to Tiku Island and that would be his last involvement with the underworld.
False	The police had caught him.

Q78 The author felt relieved.

Q79 As I looked longingly at the sea, I saw a familiar outline of a man struggling in the waters.

Q80 Yes, I think that the author was a loyal friend.

When Brandon fell into the water, the author searched for him and reached his hands out to allow Brandon to grab him even though he could barely see anything amidst the heavy rain.