

RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

	SEMESTRAL EXAN 2016	lination (1)	Score Out of 95 marks	
Name:	()	Class: P6	Parent's Signature	
4 th May 2016	English Language Paper 2	Duration: 1 h 50 min		

Paper 1

Others

 SW 15	CW 40	Listening 20	Oral 30

Paper 2

BK A	GC	Editing	CC	S/T	Compre	Total
28	10	12	15	10	20	95

Total of all components:/	200)
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Percentage

Paper 1	Paper 2	Others
SW - Situational Writing	BK A - Multiple Choice Questions	Listening
CW - Continuous Writing	GC - Grammar Close	Oral
	Editing	
	CC - Comprehension Cloze	
	T/S- Transformation & Synthesis	
	Compre -Comprehension Open-ended	

Section A: Grammar (10 X 1 mark)

For each question from 1 to 10, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1.	The children are quarrelling who should have a larger share of the cake.
	(1) at (2) so (3) with (4) over
2.	I not have accepted Sam's dinner invitation as I just realised that I have a prior appointment.
	(1) may (2) shall (3) might (4) should
3.	Was that James worksheets were torn?
	(1) who (2) whom (3) which (4) whose
4.	Mandy used to paint in the mornings and in the evenings.
	(1) cycle (2) cycles (3) cycled (4) cycling
5.	The choir members asked to wait at the back of the auditorium while the group of dancers was dancing on stage.
	(1) Is (2) are (3) was (4) were

6.	Anika	never tells lies,?	•
	(2) (3)	did she does she didn't she doesn't she	
7.	invent	having many failed attempts, Issac Newton continued working clions until he succeeded.	n his
	(3)	Despite Besides Although instead of	
8.	Never	before there been so many complaints about the hotel's ser	vices.
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	is are has have	
9.	Our sy	wimming coach told and that we had to wors until the thunderstorm blew over.	rait
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	(2)	he me	
	(3)	him I	
		he me him I him me	
10	(3) (4)	him I	
10	(3) (4) . Jessie	him I him me asked, "either of the twins coming?"	
10	(3) (4) . Jessie (1)	him I him me asked, "either of the twins coming?" Is	
10	(3) (4) . Jessie	him I him me asked, "either of the twins coming?"	

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.		not understand your explanation as it is too	Can you repeat?
31,4		stifled	
	(2)	vague	
	(3)	candid	
	(4)	illegible	
12.	The	villagers had to flee their homes as the flood had	the entire
g. Hang,	town	Ո.	
		splashed*	
		drenched	
		cascaded ^x	
	(4)	inundated	
13.	In o	rder to his fuming father, he finally promise	d to turn over a new
	/4\	incite	
	(1) (2)	pacify	
	(3)	subdue	
	(4)	alleviate	
14.	The	angry workers the streets to protest additions.	gainst the poor working
	(1)	took to	
	(2)	took on	
	(3)	took off	
	(4)	took down	
15.		man wrongly accused of murder was finally red his innocence was found.	after evidence that
	(1)	incriminated	
	(2)	discredited	
	(3)	invalidated	
	(4)	vindicated	

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

The wide expanse of powdery white lay majestically before me. I stood there,

astounded, as I took in the amazing sight. It was a slope of mucky brown and white just the
(16)
previous day. It was incredible what nature could create with just one night of continuous
(17)
snow. The peace and tranquility was quickly interrupted by the cacophony of children's
(18)
laughter and parents' voices. It was going to be an exciting day. Or so I thought.

Together with the instructor, I took the ski lift up to the slopes. As the lift slowly inched (19) its way up, so did my fear. Apart from a feeble-looking handle bar, there was nothing else that separated nature from me. Immediately, a wave of regret set in. How am I going to ski down? However, there was no time to ponder. It was time to get off the lift. Scrabbling off, I was lucky (20) not to have tumbled down. As I stood there, looking down at the monster I had to conquer, my mind was momentarily blown away by the spectacular sight staring at me.

- 16. (1) fulfilled
 - (2) distracted
 - (3) perplexed
 - (4) overwhelmed
- 17. (1) conjure
 - (2) design
 - (3) reveal
 - (4) emit
- 18. (1) resonance
 - (2) assonance
 - (3) dissonance
 - (4) consonance

- 19.
- (1) edged (2) swayed (3) whizzed (4) launched
- 20.

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- (1) meditate (2) formulate (3) deliberate (4) speculate

Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1 mark)

Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28. For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.



The National Gallery Singapore is finally open to the public after five years of refurbishment. The National Gallery integrates two national monuments: the former Supreme Court and City Hall buildings. With its colonial-style facade preserved, the National Gallery is indeed a sight to behold and an architectural icon that Singapore is proud to have.

The National Gallery oversees the largest collection of Southeast Asian (SEA) modern art. Its mission is to be the centre for research on the modern art of the region by offering wide access and fresh understanding of our visual art heritage. Indeed, aspiring and established artists from all over SEA would love to have their works exhibited in this historical monument.

Join us for fun-filled festivities from 24 May 2016 to 6 June 2016 at the Art Carnival on the Padang with live performances and art workshops.

Admission rates:

Standard ticket: \$20 Concession ticket: \$15

Concessionary rates available to the following non-Singaporeans:

Children

(7 to 12 years)

Full-time International students (A valid student pass is required for verification)

Seniors (60 years and above)
(An I/C or valid pass is required for verification)

Free Entry

Singaporeans

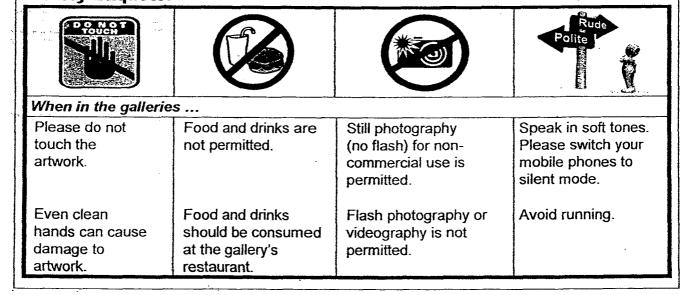
Permanent Residents (PRs)

All children (6 years and

below)

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Gallery Etiquette



Adapted from https://www.notionalasliames

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

21.	The building of the National Gallery Singapore comprises
	 (1) only the former Supreme Court (2) the former Supreme Court and City Hall (3) the former Supreme Court and The Padang (4) the former Supreme Court, City Hall and The Padang
22.	The National Gallery Singapore aims to
	 (1) have the largest collection of South East Asian modern art (2) be an exhibition venue for aspiring artists from Southeast Asia (3) serve as the centre for research on the modern art of Southeast Asia (4) showcase the iconic architecture of Singapore's historical monuments
23.	According to the brochure, which one of the following statements is true?
	 (1) The events at the gallery will last for two months. (2) All non-Singaporeans need to pay admission fee. (3) All events planned for the opening celebrations are free. (4) The gallery only showcases South East Asian modern art.
24.	If a visitor wants to enjoy The Facade Show and the Art Camival at The Padang, when should he attend the opening celebrations?
	 (1) 29 May, 5 pm to 7 pm. (2) 29 May, 5 pm to 8 pm. (3) 30 May, 5 pm to 7 pm. (4) 30 May, 5 pm to 8 pm.
25.	John was reprimanded for not following gallery etiquette. Which one of the following did he do?
	 He consumed food and drinks in the gallery's restaurant. He sauntered along the aisles of the gallery. He spoke on his mobile phone in soft tones. He took videos of artwork.

26.	Which one of the following events at the opening celebrations will allow visitors to have a hands-on learning experience?
	(1) Art Forum (2) Storybooths (3) Fun Sketchwalks (4) The Facade Show
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e de la companya de l	
27.	According to the text, which one of the following statements does not explain why the gallery used a <u>timeline calendar</u> to display the events during the celebrations?
	(1) A calendar helps the organiser to document this historical event.
ent es	(2) A calendar shows the simultaneous overlap and duration of events.
	(3) A calendar allows the reader to see all the events at a quick glance.(4) A calendar is a way of displaying a list of events in chronological order.
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28.	The main purpose of this brochure is to
	 entice people to visit the National Gallery's opening celebrations publicise the National Gallery's status as an architectural icon in Asia advertise the National Gallery as a venue for artists to hold exhibitions promote the National Gallery as an institution where one can pursue research work in Southeast Asian art

BOOKLET B

Name :		lass: P6	Index No:				
SECTION E: Gramma	Cloze (10 x 1 ma	(k) • . •					
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.							
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(A) at	(E) by	(J) or	(N) whoever				
(B) behind	(F) despite	(K) since	(P) where				
(C) beside	(G) how	(L) towards	(Q) wherever				
(D) but	(H) on	(M) whenever					
Bridget Barsam	ian loved two thing	s: Roller-Skates and \	Volkswagen Bugs cars. She would				
practise outrageous st	unts (29)	her skates wi	henever there was an opportunity.				
Quite often, she would	zoom around show	ing off her moves usua	ally consisting of flips and spins. On				
one occasion, she flew	past a busy traffic	intersection (30)	a dizzying speed while				
performing dangerous	stunts, incurring the	incense of two scream	ning ladies.				
Then, when Bri	dget was eight yea	rs old, an accident ha	ppened. She woke up in a hospital				
(31)	a doctor told her	she should not be a	alive. It was possible that he was				
complimenting her hea	rt's determination to	keep pumping when s	she was so badly hurt,				
(32)	nore like ly, he w as	scolding her for roller-s	skating into traffic the way she had.				
V 8 3	Q -1	•	, ,				
(33)	what it look	ed like, she had been j	paying attention — she saw the red				
light ahead and the	cars. She merely	failed to realise (34)	quickly she was				
approaching them. Her	skates had a way	of making her feel pow	erful and relaxed and it was easy to				
lose track of her speed	1	,					
Her quirky inte	rest in Volkswager	n Bugs cars was som	ething even her parents could not				
understand. (35)	she s	aw one of those cars,	she would shout, "Bug-buggy, Zoo-				

buggy!" Then, she would punch (38)	she happened to be with, twice, on the arm.
On that same occasion, she saw the red light a	and the busy traffic, but she also saw a yellow
Volkswagen Bugs car parked near a fire hydrant.	Hence, still speeding (37) the
direction of the intersection, she turned her head I	oack to yell "Bug-buggy, zoo-buggy" at her friend,
Tabitha, who was on a scooter right (38)	her. She wanted to be sure Tabitha
heard her loud and clear, because she intended t	o hit her on the arm, twice, when they stopped at
the corner.	

Adapted from the book "Goodbye Stranger" by Rebecca Stead

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

	ct word in each of the boxes.
	(39)
	Palaeontologists have made a rare find. It is the <u>remain</u> of a dinosaur that
(40)	
¥1	has <u>intack</u> bones. More importantly, it also has preserved feathers and tissue,
1)	
includ	e skin. The fossil belonged to an ostrich-like dinosaur called <i>Omithomimus</i> (or-nih-
	(42)
THO	i-my-mus) that lived from 100 million to 66 million years since.
(43)	
	Sciencetists believe that dinosaurs and modem-day birds are related. The new
	(44)
disco	very could shed more light on the link <u>among</u> these two groups of animals.
	(45)
	Omithomimus means "bird mimic" in Latin. Just a few speciments with feathers
	(46)
have	ever been discovered. Palaeontologists at the university <u>analised</u> the fossil to
	(47)
re-cre	pate what the dinosaur might have looked like when alive. They believed it had larger, <u>long</u>
feath	ers on its arms and no feathers at all on its legs.
	(48)
	Ostriches today have these kind of plumage, which helps them regulate their

(49)	
body temperature. The feathers trap heat and the exposed skin on	their legs <u>realeses</u> it.
The structure of Omithomimus's feathers, tissue and bones looked	a lot like that of birds
(50)	
today, strengthening the avidance that dinosaurs and birds shared	a common ancestor. The
details that have been gleaned from this well-preserved fossil may	help figure out when these
creatures first appeared and why.	

Adapted from "http://magazines.scholastic.com/news/2015/12/Feathered-Find By ALLA KATSNELSON

Section G :Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Purple's rarity in nature has given it a prestigious status for centuries	; ,
The colour purple has been associated with royalty, power and weat	(51)
centuries. In fact, Queen Elizabeth the First forbade anyone(52)	close members of
the royal family to wear it. Purple's elite status stems fhe (53)	rarity and cost of the dy
originally used to produce it.	
Purple fabric used to be so outrageously expensive that only rulers of	could(54)
it. The dye initially used to make purple came from the city of Tyre, which is	now in modern day
Lebanon. Fabric traders obtained the dye from the mucus of sea snails that	only
found in the Tyre region of the Mediterranean Sea to (56)	
Hercules who it — or rather, his dog did, after picking up	a sea snail off the
beach and developing purple drool.	
A lot of work into producing the dye, as more that	n 9,000 sea snai is we re
required to create just one gram of Tyrian purple. Since only wealthy rulers	could afford to buy the
colour , it became associated with the imperial classes of Rome, Egypt, an	d Persia. Purple also
came to spirituality and holiness because the ancient em	perors, kings and
queens that wore the colour were often thought of as gods or descendants	of the gods.

Adapted from http://www.livescience.com/33324-purple-royal-color.html

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

For each of the questions 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).

he pupils fled when they saw the prefect.	
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	# L
Tim insisted that he did not break the vase but his mother did not believe	him.
Despite Tim's	
Kelly asked me if I could lend her my dress for the dinner the next day.	
Kelly asked me, "	

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

Read the following passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

I loved autumn. The leaves were gold and red and the smell of grain dust filled the air. However, there was one reason above all that I loved autumn – the corn in my garden was ready to be eaten. There was nothing quite like walking into a corn patch and finding a big, fat corn. However, it was not always that easy to do so. Sometimes, there were pests that laid claim to my prized possession before I got a chance to harvest it. These masked bandits 5 came in the dark of the night and often stripped everything off that had the slightest yellow hue. I am, of course, talking about raccoons, not my neighbours. The previous year, I lost half my patch to the night raiders, so I was determined that I would be ready that year.

All my neighbours had advice for me. John, who used to work for a classical music station, claimed that if I put a radio out there playing country western music, it would drive them away. He reasoned, "Who can keep his appetite while listening to such boring music?" I knew my neighbour had some prejudices, but I decided to give it a try.

Since we did not have any air-conditioning, we had to leave the window open. The cool night breeze was pleasant except when it brought country music floating in with it. I did not know if the raccoons lost their appetite but I did know that I could not sleep. Besides, if it stopped them at all, it was only for a short time. Either the raccoons got used to the music, or they learned to tune it out like John said he did. Hence, I thought opera music would have the same effect on raccoons. When I listened to it, I tended to lose my appetite and I thought it would be easier to sleep through. It was actually worse. It seemed to have the same effect on the raccoons. They ate less and tore up more. I think it irritated them.

The next day, I bought an electric fence charger, some wire and some posts with insulators. It cost me \$200. Again, when Tom, my neighbour, learnt of it, he roared with laughter. "It's definitely cheaper getting corn from the market!" he chortied. "We'll see who gets the last laugh when I have corn fresh off my patch while you are still buying yours that are picked days in advance!" I hollered after him. Deep down, I also refused to concede defeat in 25 the battle against the raccoons.

With the fence put up, I waited for it to exact its prowess on the thieving creatures. That night, I got hit again. The corn that were starting to ripen lured them into my territory. The holes under the fence told me how the raccoons got in. Infuriated, the next day, I bought pieces of coal and put them all the way around my corn under the wire. It cost a lot and it was one full day of labour. It was exhausting but I was determined to teach the raccoons a lesson.

The next morning, I realised that my garden had been raided yet again. The raccoons had figured out how to unplug the electric fence. That day, I headed to the farmer's market, praying that I would not run into Tom.

Adapted from "Nothing but a Miracle Life's Outlake - Year 4" by Daris Howard

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71.	What was the main reason the writer liked autumn?				[1m]	
	<u> </u>					
72.	What was t	he writer's "prized	possession" in line 5?	•		[1m]
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		. "Porting" (1-4)				
73a.	What "preju		John have against con		music?	[1m]
73b.	What effect	did he think it had	d on others?			[1m]
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74.	List 3 other	2-word phrases ti	hat the writer used to r	efer to	o the raccoons.	[3m]
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75.	How was th	ः ne effect of opera ।	music on raccoons sim	nilar to	the effect it had on the	writer? [2m]
,		ti dan.				
		s. 7. 5.				

		in the table below is <i>True</i> or Fal	se, then
ive one reason why you th Statement	ink so. True / False	Reason	[Sn
The raccoons are active at night.			
Playing country music did not stop the raccoons from stealing the corn at ail.			
It was not the writer's first experience having his corn stolen by the raccoons.			
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79 .	In the boxes below, state what the raccoons did to overcome the obstacles	the writer
	had put up to deter them from reaching his com.	[2m]

Obstacles	Raccoons' action		
Electric fence			
25			
Electric fence and pieces of coal under it			

80.	Who do you think had "the last laugh"? Support your answer based on information given passage.				

Setters: Ms Pek Xueyan, Mdm Serene Leong

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2016

SCHOOL: RAFFLES GIRLS'

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

TERM: SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
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Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
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44)between	45)specimens	46) analysed	47)longer	48)this
49)releases	50)evidence	51)for 52)except	53)from
54)afford	55)were	56)According	57)disco	overed
58)went	59)signify	60)even	61)cost	
62)abide	63)used	64)while	65)profit	

66)Their commitment to the project allowed them to complete it to time.

67)Upon seeing the prefect, the pupils fled.

68)Despite Tim's insistence that he did not break the vase, his mother did not believe him.

- 69)Kelly asked me, "Can you lend me your dress for the dinner tomorrow?"
- 70) The beautiful view of the lush tropical trees is obstructed by the buildings.
- 71)The corn the writer grew in his garden would be ready to be earen when autumn came.
- 72) The corn that the writer grew in his garden
- 73)a)John preferred classical music to country music and felt that country music was so boring that one would lose his appetite while listening to it.
- 73b)He thought that if others listened to country music eating, they would lose their appetite as country music was very boring.
- 74)1)masked band its.
 - 2)thiering creatures
 - 3)night raderws
- 75)When the writer listened to opera music, he tended to lose his appetite and when the raccoons listened to it, they ateless corn and tore up more instead opera music irritated both the writer and the raccoons and they both disliked it.
- 76)Tom felt that the author was very silly to spend so much money just to prevent his corn from being eaten by the raccoons, when he could just get cheap corn form the market.
- 77)True / The raccoons raided the author's garden at night. The author nicknamed the raccoons "night raiders".

False / Playing country music could only stop the raccoons from stealing for a short get used to the country music or learn to tune it out.

True / The preveious year, the author lost half his patch to the raccoons.

78)The writer liked to eat corn fresh off his patch instead of buying corn that were picked days in advance from the market. The writer also refused to concede defeat to the reccoons and let them raid his garden and eat his corn.

79) They day holes under the fence

The raccoons had figured out how to unplug the electric fence

80)I think that Tom had "the last laugh". He told the writer to give up and get corn from the market. At first, the writer refused, but in the end, the writer could not figure out a way to prevent the roccoons from raiding his garden and he had no choice but listen to Tom's advice and buy the corn from the market.