

RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

Semestral Assessment 2

2017

Name: _____ () Class: P5 _____

16 October 2017

English Language

Duration: 1 h 10 min

Your
Score
Out of
55 marks

Parent's
Signature

PAPER 1 (WRITING)

Instructions to Pupils

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2. Answer all questions.

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

Raffles Oratory Competition

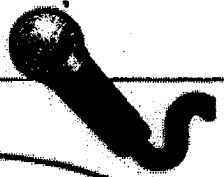
The annual Raffles Oratory Competition is back and we are calling out to those with a passion for public speaking.

Date of competition: 1 November 2017

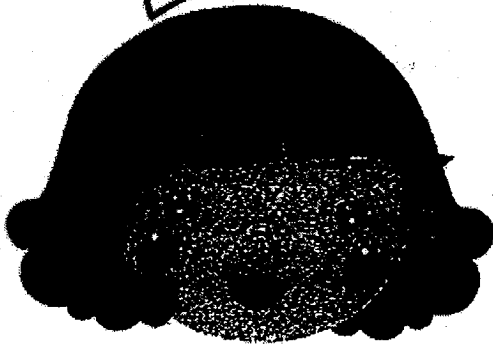
Time and Venue: 9am at Raffles Auditorium

Theme: Friendship

Rules and Regulations: Get into groups of 3 and come up with a 15-minute script based on the theme.



Hey, Sue! Did you see the brochure on Raffles Oratory Competition? Shall we form a team with Julia and take part in it? We have to fill out the registration form and drop it at the information counter at Raffles Auditorium.



Ashley

Yes, I did! I'm sure Julia will be interested as she loves public speaking. She is very good at it too. I will write an email to her this afternoon!



Sue

Your Task

Imagine you are Sue.

Write an email to Julia to invite her to form a team with you and Ashley to take part in the Raffles Oratory Competition.

You are to refer to the information on page 2 for your email.

In your email, include the following information:

- why Julia will be interested in taking part
- theme of the competition
- when and where the competition will be held
- rules and regulations of the competition
- what you need to do to register

You may re-order the points. You should write in complete sentences.

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

Write a composition of at least 150 words about a discovery.

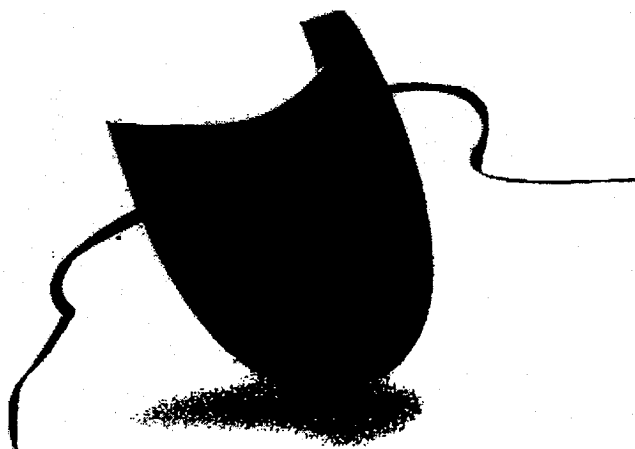
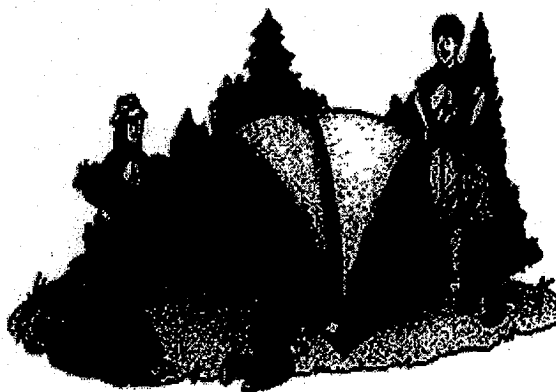
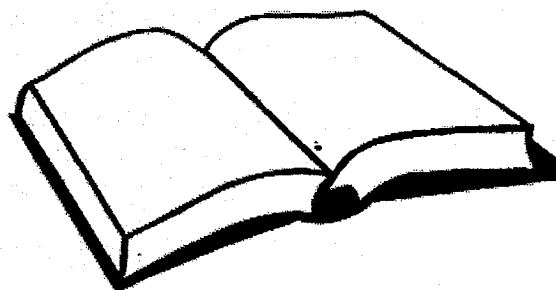
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition.

- What was the discovery?
- What happened during the discovery?
- What did you learn from the discovery?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.



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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)
2017

Your Score Out of 95 marks	
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Name: _____ ()

Class: P5 _____

25 October 2017 English Language Paper 2 Duration: 1 h 50 min

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. Jim, as well as his siblings, _____ reprimanded last night for breaking the window.

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

2. "Simon does not hand in his work late, _____ he?" asked his sister.

- (1) do
- (2) don't
- (3) does
- (4) doesn't

3. The little baby wailed as he was not used to _____ his father without a moustache.

- (1) see
- (2) saw
- (3) seen
- (4) seeing

4. Either the twins or I _____ going to win the competition tonight.

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

5. James _____ the matter with his wife before he decided to quit his job.

- (1) is discussing
- (2) has discussed
- (3) had discussed
- (4) are discussing

6. Experts believe that constant exposure to the sun's rays _____ harmful effects on the skin.

- (1) had
- (2) has
- (3) have
- (4) having

7. I was positive that I heard a woman _____ for help just moments ago.

- (1) shout
- (2) shouts
- (3) shouted
- (4) was shouting

8. _____ the constant nagging by his mother, John continued to stay up late into the night.

- (1) As
- (2) Despite
- (3) Although
- (4) However

9. Prior _____ the horrific accident, he had a successful career as a national athlete.

- (1) of
- (2) or
- (3) to
- (4) till

10. The scientist considers it _____ honour to receive _____ universally-recognised award for his work in the field of medicine.

- (1) a...a
- (2) a...an
- (3) an...a
- (4) an...an

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. Tim has to trust his doctor's _____ and start the treatment for his skin condition.

(1) analysis
(2) diagnosis
(3) resolution
(4) prediction

12. It is always better to talk to your teachers about your problems. What you should not do is to _____ your feelings.

(1) bring up
(2) block up
(3) bottle up
(4) bundle up

13. The team will need all the strength they can _____ to win the game.

(1) sow
(2) muster
(3) control
(4) huddle

14. The young violinist gave a/an _____ performance and was given a standing ovation by the audience.

(1) amplified
(2) mediocre
(3) overloaded
(4) spectacular

15. The man suspected of shoplifting was finally _____ by the police based on the evidence gathered and taken into custody.

(1) apprehended
(2) persecuted
(3) penalised
(4) acquitted

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.

Barbie is to receive a dramatic makeover in 2016, toy company Mattel has revealed. The new range will include three different body shapes – petite, tall and curvy. Marking a radical change from the unrealistic proportions of previous models, the updated dolls are intended to better reflect the diversity of the product's audience.

Mattel is banking on this change, hoping that it will appeal to the shifting expectations of what Mattel called "millennial moms". Despite some minor variations, there has been insignificant change in the size and shape of Barbie since the first doll launched in 1959.

Consisting of 33 different dolls, the new range is the brand's biggest-ever update.

Mattel will be hoping its new-look range reinvigorates demand for Barbie, which has struggled against criticism of the doll's example for young girls. In recent years, dolls from the latest movies, such as Frozen's Snow Glow Elsa, have overtaken it in the toy charts.

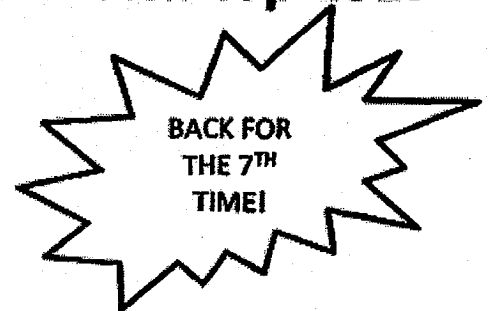
Adapted from Introducing the new, realistic Barbie- By Anna Hart

16. (1) small
(2) stubby
(3) minute
(4) miniscule
17. (1) improper
(2) Imperfect
(3) impossible
(4) impeccable
18. (1) timely
(2) negligible
(3) important
(4) successful
19. (1) Made away with
(2) Made off with
(3) Made up for
(4) Made up of
20. (1) diverts
(2) repairs
(3) amends
(4) stimulates

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

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

Manners Matter Centre presents
2-Day Confidence and Etiquette Workshop 2017



Always wanted to give yourself the cutting edge that sets you apart from your peers?

Our 2-Day Confidence and Etiquette Workshop will give you the much needed boost and empower you with the soft skills that will set you apart from your peers and serve you well into adulthood.

This highly-raved, incredibly effective biennial workshop is a hot favourite amongst parents and children. Through this workshop, our founder and key presenter* and her team of qualified trainers, aim to empower you with confidence in your interactions in various social situations.

Highlights of the Workshop:

Day 1:

- Building Self-Esteem Through Positive Self-Talk
- Recognising the Importance of Effective Listening
- Mastering the Art of Public Speaking with Confidence
- Obstacle Course Confidence Challenge



Day 2:

- Etiquette in Social Media
- Dining Etiquette Experience
- Observing Respectful Decorum in Social Settings
- Presentation of Certificates of Completion to Participants



***Our founder and key presenter:**

- ❖ Miss Audrey Khoo, founder of Manners Matter Centre, is an internationally-renowned motivational speaker and life coach, with more than a decade of experience motivating children from diverse backgrounds.
- ❖ With various accolades under her belt, such as 'Furber 25 Most Influential Women of Asia in 2015' and 'Top 50 Inspirational Speakers (2016)', Miss Khoo possesses the know-how to mould you into the best version of yourself.

Feedback and Reviews:

The workshop allow for collaboration with the other participants and trainers. The activities are conducted with much enthusiasm and injected with humour!

*~ Jocelyn Tang (participant),
12 years old*

I would recommend the workshop as the trainers are attentive and they made the sessions very enjoyable!

*~ Siti Aishah (participant)
9 years old*

The trainers are approachable and professional. I enjoyed myself thoroughly and learned so many useful skills.

*Ikhson Manap, (participant),
10 years old*

**HURRY! SLOTS
ARE LIMITED!**

Dates: 12 December 2017 (Saturday) & 13 December 2017 (Sunday)

Timing: 9 am to 6 pm

Age of participants: 9 to 12 years old

Fees: \$650 per child (inclusive of course materials and lunch and tea for 2 days)

Early bird discounts: 5% off for participants who register before 1 November 2017 and a free goodie bag worth \$60.

To register:

Book through sistick.com or come down to our Head Office at: 65 Bras Basin Road, S(120001).

For more information, please visit our website at: www.mannersmatter.com.sg, call us at 61234 5432 or follow us on social media:



Firstbook



Chatter



Photogram

21. The aim of the workshop is to _____.
- (1) impart the joy of learning in participants
 - (2) ensure the participants enjoy learning
 - (3) build social skills and self-esteem in participants
 - (4) encourage participants to show appreciation towards their peers
22. The workshop is held once every _____.
- (1) year
 - (2) two years
 - (3) half a year
 - (4) seven years
23. Which one of the following activities would be useful in learning how to use the appropriate cutlery during a meal?
- (1) Dining Etiquette Experience
 - (2) Building Self-Esteem Through Positive Self-Talk
 - (3) Recognising the Importance of Effective Listening
 - (4) Mastering the Art of Public Speaking with Confidence
24. The workshop is praised by participants for _____.
- (1) its attractive promotions
 - (2) the accolades it receives
 - (3) its friendly and enthusiastic trainers
 - (4) the use of technology in conducting the workshop
25. Which of the following is included for all participants attending the workshop?
- (1) course materials
 - (2) a free goodie bag
 - (3) lunch and dinner
 - (4) a discount for the workshop

26. On the second page of the flyer, why are the words 'Early bird discounts' written in bold?

- (1) They beautify the flyer.
- (2) They denote a new paragraph.
- (3) They emphasise the attractive offers given.
- (4) They highlight the main objective of the flyer.

27. To sign up for the workshop, you should _____.

- (1) write an email to the centre
- (2) make your way down to the office
- (3) make a booking through the centre's website
- (4) follow the centre through their social media platforms

28. Which one of the following statements is not true?

- (1) The workshop is held ~~on~~ weekend in December.
- (2) Miss Audrey Khoo has won several awards for her work.
- (3) All children under 13 years old can participate in this workshop.
- (4) Each participant will receive a certificate at the end of the 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) as	(D) between	(G) in	(K) on	(N) was
(B) ago	(E) from	(H) many	(L) the	(P) were
(C) before	(F) for	(J) much	(M) to	(Q) with

On 5 January 1933, construction began on the Golden Gate Bridge. Following the Gold Rush boom that began _____ 1849, speculators realised the land north of San Francisco Bay would increase in value due ⁽²⁹⁾ _____ its accessibility to the city. Soon a plan was hatched to build a bridge that would span the Golden Gate that serves ⁽³⁰⁾ _____ a connecting bridge between San Francisco Bay and Marin County. ⁽³¹⁾

Although the idea went back as far as 1869, the proposal took root nearly fifty years ⁽³²⁾ _____. A former engineering student, James Wilkins, called _____ a suspension ⁽³³⁾ bridge with a centre span of about 900 metres to be built. That was nearly twice _____ ⁽³⁴⁾ length of any bridge in existence. It was estimated to cost an astounding \$100 million. Eventually, engineer and poet, Joseph Strauss, said he could build a pure suspension bridge within a practical range of \$25-30 million with a main span of at least 1200 metres.

The construction plan still faced opposition from _____ sources. By the time most of the obstacles ⁽³⁵⁾ _____ cleared, the Great Depression of 1929 had begun, limiting financing options. Despite ⁽³⁶⁾ the challenges, construction of the bridge started _____ 1933 to 1937. ⁽³⁷⁾ The Golden Gate Bridge officially opened on 27 May 1937, the longest bridge span in the world at the time. _____ its tall towers and famous red paint job, the bridge quickly ⁽³⁸⁾ became a famous American landmark. Today, it stands as a symbol of hard work and power of grit in San Francisco.

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

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

Most of us grind our teeth every now and then, but for some, chronic grinding

(39)

causes major problems. Some paytients are completely unaware that they clench or

(40)

grind their teeth at night since a dental check-up shows damage. Sharp teeth, like the

(41)

(42)

canine, may have wear flat, causing crack lines to appear in the enamel. Additionaly, any existing fillings may also start to break.

(43)

Teeth grinding can kontribute to facial pain as well. People can wake up with a sore

(44)

face or a throbbing headache because the muscles in the face had been activated the

(45)

entire night. The first step to getting rid of this problem is to consciouly ensure that there is a gap between the upper and lower teeth at all times, apart from meal times.

(46)

Acute episodes of grinding are usually driven through stress, so it is important to

(47)

practise jaw relaxation techniques by gently clenching your teeth and relax them, two or three times, at intervals throughout the day.

(48)

To solve the problem of teeth grinding while sleep, the teeth can be fitted with a

(49)

night guard, which is a barrier seperating the upper and lower teeth, to prevent them

(50)

from coming together and causing ferther damage. One will have to consult the dentist

to have the night guard moulded to fit his or her teeth.

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Section G : Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

You already know that eating too much chocolate is not good for you. However, something other than your willpower may soon keep you _____ over-indulging.

(51)

People are eating more cocoa than farmers can _____, according to two of the world's biggest chocolate makers. This implies that the world _____ facing a shortage of chocolate supplies.

(52)

(53)

In 2013, people across the world ate 70 000 metric tons more cocoa _____ was produced, forcing suppliers to dip into their stock of cocoa beans. This shortage could

(54)

_____ 1 million metric tons by 2020.

(55)

Several factors cause the _____ of cocoa beans. Higher temperatures and dry weather in West Africa, a major producer _____ cocoa beans, have greatly hurt

(56)

(57)

production there. Plant diseases have also _____ crops, reducing the world's cocoa production by 30 to 40 percent.

(58)

As the crisis continues, chocolate bars will get smaller and less tasty. To counter the problem, farmers have been producing a new strain of cocoa which is _____ to

(59)

fungal infections and produces more cocoa beans than the typical strains, but its taste leaves much to be desired. Manufacturers will also add _____ such as vanilla and

(60)

vegetable fat to chocolate so that they can use less cocoa and chocolate bars will contain more

fillers, like nuts and raisins.

However, it is not all doom and gloom for chocolate. Recently, one Central American research organisation has managed to develop more new strains of cocoa that are resistant to diseases but will still satisfy the _____ buds.

(61)

Some experts also say that the situation has been _____ out of proportions.

(62)

While the projections show that the supply shortage is likely to occur during the next few years,

the production of cocoa beans should _____ up after that. Existing stocks of cocoa

(63)

beans should be enough to cater to the current demand in the _____.

(64)

In other words, the world's chocolate lovers may not need to panic just _____.

(65)

They will still be able to get their chocolate cravings satisfied.

Adapted from <http://magazines.scholastic.com/Top-News/2014/11/is-chocolate-disappearing>

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 the meaning of the given sentence(s).

- 66. Mindy was kind as a child. That often made her parents proud.**

When Mindy was a child, it was _____ that

- 67. Neither Devi nor Jane wants to attend the party.**

Both _____

- 68. The children have to finish their homework first. Then, they can go to the playground.**

Before _____

- 69. Ben could not read what was written on the board. He did not wear his glasses.**

_____ without

- 70. "Do not run about in the cafe," Mr Chen warned his son.**

Mr Chen warned his son _____

Section I : Comprehension (Open-ended) 20 marks

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

Long before I was a traveller, I went to Guatemala as a tourist. Along with my sister, I visited the stunning Lake Atitlan, stayed on a coffee plantation in the city of Antigua and visited the cryptic Tikal Mayan ruins. On our last day there, we hitched across the hilly country and arrived promptly at a tiny border outpost just as the sun was setting. Our plan was to catch the one dilapidated bus that left this forlorn and primitive crossing each night bound for Mexico. Fluent in Spanish, my sister asked the border guard where to catch the bus.

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Pointing to the steps outside, he hurriedly motioned us out and proceeded to close up for the night. It was 9 o'clock at night. The bus was due to leave in an hour. Since we had one hour to spare, I thought we might as well indulge in something to keep us occupied. I shared with my sister a story about my friend, John.

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Some time ago, John was on his dog sled, crossing the frozen Yukon Lake. Just then something shimmering caught his eye. There on the white frozen lake, he spotted a herd of baby white seals in their glossy fur coats, moving across the lake. Just as John was lost in the scenery around him, a terrible storm came up. He completely lost his way. Day after day, John begged Lady Luck to help him but there was only silence. He thought he was going to die until an Eskimo came. He showed him the way and saved him. In the end, John learnt that he did not need something imaginary such as Lady Luck to help him, but he could rely on the kindness of a person's heart in times of need.

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The whole time I was telling the story to my sister, a man with a brown hat paced nervously back and forth. "Excuse me," he called.

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Now, anyone who has ever travelled knows that the only logical response to a stranger who calls out to you is to totally ignore him. Failing which, you risk getting cheated by some scams. Hence, we did not respond. However, the man kept circling us, his voice becoming louder and more insistent as he called out to us. We looked around. There was no one else, except this big, agitated man who was upset with his inability to get our attention heading for us. He leaned in. We backed up. "Madams, my name is Tom and I mean you no harm," he said in broken English. "If you're waiting for the bus, you're in the wrong place. It leaves from the Mexican side of the border, about a kilometre from here," he added.

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Jumping up, we grabbed our backpacks, thanking him as we ran. After running some distance, we spotted the bus pulling away from the bus stop. We summoned all our remaining strength and sprinted towards the bus, screaming at the top of our voices for the bus to stop. Just then, I tripped over and sustained a very bad bruise on my knee. By some miracle, Tom ran ahead of us and stopped the bus for us to get onto it. Settling into our seats for the ten-hour ride, my sister and I looked at each other and smiled. "He's our Eskimo," we said.

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In the next two decades, I would spend almost ten years of my life on the road. While I got to see the tourist sights of the world, it was the Eskimos I met along the way who turned me from a tourist to a traveller. For they were the people of all ages, religions, countries and cultures who taught me that the world is not nearly as scary a place as so many would have us believe.

Adapted from "An "Eskimo" Showed Me the Way" by Jamie Simons

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71. Name two places the writer visited when she went on a tour to Guatemala. (2m)

and

72. Why did the writer tell her sister the story of the Eskimo? (2m)

73. Why did John have to beg Lady Luck for help? List two reasons. (2m)

(I)
(II)

74. What was the "something shimmering" in line 12 that caught John's eye? (2m)

75. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True/False	Reason
The writer did not travel alone to Lake Atitlan.		
The border guard was patient with the writer when giving her the instructions on where to take the bus to Mexico.		
Tom was extremely angry with the writer for ignoring him.		

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

_____ The writer was interrupted by a man with a brown hat as she was telling her sister a story.

_____ The stopped the bus for the writer.

_____ The writer injured her knees.

77. Who does the "Eskimo" in line 35 refer to? (1m)

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78. Why was Tom so insistent on getting the writer's attention? (2m)

79. Choose words in paragraph one which have similar meanings to the words below. Write only one word in each box. (3m)

impressive	
punctually	
desolate	

80. Do you think the writer regretted going to Mexico for her travels? Support your answer with information from the passage. (2m)

Set by:
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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2017 (P5)

SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS'

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	3	4	2	3	2	1	2	3	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	3	2	4	1	1	3	2	4	4
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
3	2	1	3	1	3	2	3	G	M
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38		
A	B	F	L	H	P	E	Q		

39)patients

40)until

41)worn

42)Additionally

43)contribute

44)have

45)consciously

46)throughout

47)relaxing

48)during

49)separating

50)further

51)from

52)think

53)is

54)than

55)reach

56)shortage

57)of

58)killed

59)resistant

60)ingredients

61)taste

62)blown

63)shoot

64)meantime

65)yet

66)When Mindy was a child, it was her kindness that often made her parents proud.

67)Both Devi and Jane go not want to attend the party.

68)Before the children can go to the playground, they have to finish their homework.

69)Ben could not read what was written on the board without wearing his glasses.

70)Mr Chen warned his son not to run about in the cafe.

71)Lake Atitlan and Tikal Mayan ruins

72)The writer and her sister had one hour to spare and the writer wanted to keep both of them occupied while waiting for the bus.

73)i)He lost his way. ii)He thought he was going to die.

74)It was a herd of baby white seals in their glossy fur coats, moving across the lake.

75)True / The writer travelled to Lake Atitlan along with her sister.

False / After giving the instructions, he hurriedly motioned the writer and her sister out and proceeded to close up for the night.

False / Tom was upset with his inability to get the writer's attention.

76)1 , 3 , 2

77)Tom

78)Tom wanted to tell the writer and sister that they were waiting for the bus at the wrong place as he was anxious they would miss the bus.

79)stunning

promptly

forlorn

80)Yes, she was hurt when she ran to catch the bus, she would not want to do that again.

No, she met Tom who stopped the bus going to Mexico so that she and her sister could get on it.