



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2015

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Name : _____ Class: P3 _____ Index No: _____

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Duration: 1 h 15 min

Section A: Grammar (8 X 1 mark)

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

1. " _____ cupcakes over there look delicious," Siti pointed at the display.

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

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2. You _____ want to bring an umbrella with you. It looks like it is going to rain soon.

- (1) must
- (2) could
- (3) might
- (4) should

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3. " _____ for your life!" yelled Stephen as they were being chased by a wild boar.

- (1) Run
- (2) Ran
- (3) Runs
- (4) Running

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4. There is _____ wrong with my computer. It is not working properly.

- (1) nothing
- (2) anything
- (3) everything
- (4) something

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5. Janet did not have _____ rest as she was tossing and turning the whole night.

- (1) much
- (2) many
- (3) a few
- (4) a little

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6. Ivan is never on time. He always arrives _____ than anyone of us.

- (1) late
- (2) later
- (3) latest
- (4) lateness

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7. The parade was too crowded _____ we left early.

- (1) or
- (2) so
- (3) but
- (4) otherwise

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8. Ben had cleaned his bedroom before his friends _____ over.

- (1) come
- (2) came
- (3) comes
- (4) coming

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Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

9. The pupils laughed as the clown _____ them with his funny antics.

- (1) bored
- (2) saddened
- (3) applauded
- (4) entertained

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10. Tom _____ himself to completing the homework his teacher has assigned him.

- (1) denies
- (2) devotes
- (3) demands
- (4) depends

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11. Bored, Fred _____ a piece of paper into a ball before tossing it across his room into the trash bin.

- (1) tore
- (2) threw
- (3) kicked
- (4) crumpled

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12. There are many dishes on the dining table for the dinner party. We are having a _____ tonight.

- (1) fast
- (2) food
- (3) feast
- (4) famine

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13. The actor gave a/an _____ to a group of reporters this morning. He had to answer many questions about his new movie.

- (1) quiz
- (2) show
- (3) interview
- (4) conversation

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14. When Sarah accused Alex of cheating in the test, he claimed that he was _____ and that he had not cheated at all.

- (1) guilty
- (2) gullible
- (3) innocent
- (4) inconsiderate

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Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

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

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) accused	(B) amazed	(C) annoyed	(D) argued
(E) came	(F) celebrate	(G) ending	(H) excited
(J) explanation	(K) insufficient	(L) party	(M) tickets

I woke up feeling upset this morning. There was a perfect (15) _____ for this.

It was the start of a long school holiday yesterday, and my brother and I were (16) _____ beyond words. We had been eagerly waiting for it and were supposed to (17) _____ the occasion with a dinner and a movie. However, when the day (18) _____, we spent most of it quarrelling. This was because both of us had mysteriously forgotten to bring our wallets and could not pay for our movie (19) _____ to enter the cinema. We (20) _____ so loudly over whose fault it was that we (21) _____ the salesperson at the counter. As if that was (22) _____, we irritated him further when we disagreed over who had started the argument.

Finally, we decided to search for our wallets at home. Strangely, they were nowhere to be found.

Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Cloze Passage 1

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) as	(B) at	(C) but
(D) in	(E) inside	(F) since

It was Amanda's ninth birthday. That morning, Amanda was (23) _____ high spirits when she woke up. She had been looking forward to her birthday (24) _____ a month ago. She was excited because her mother had hinted that she would be getting a nice birthday present.

Amanda nearly slipped (25) _____ she ran down the stairs to look for her mother. She gasped in surprise when she saw her new dollhouse (26) _____ the foot of the staircase. "Thank you, Mum!" she shrieked in delight.

Cloze Passage 2

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) watch	(B) watched	(C) watching
(D) has watched	(E) is watching	(F) was watching

Daisy loves to (27) _____ television. She was especially fond of (28) _____ Cartoon Network. She knew the schedule of her favourite cartoons by heart.

During the school holidays, she often (29) _____ her favourite cartoons past her bedtime. One night, her mother walked into the living room when Daisy (30) _____ The Looney Tunes Show. "It is already 11.30 p.m. now," sighed Mother. Despite Daisy's pleas, her mother switched off the television and told her to go to bed.

Section E: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Kenny was excited to compete in his first fishing competition. However, the rough and choppy waves made him slightly nervous.

Nonetheless, he was determined to catch the heaviest fish to win a brand-new boat. Kenny paddled to a nearby cove where he had caught a big catfish before. When he got there, it was already crowded with competitors.

Seeing the crowd, Kenny continued to paddle to another spot that looked good. He remembered that he had seen many fishes and prawns splashing around in those shallow waters. Just when he was getting ready his fishing equipment, Kenny realised that he had left all of his squid bait on the beach with his father.

"Great, now what can I use?" Kenny grumbled to himself. An idea struck him when he saw the cheese sandwich his father had packed for his snack. He tore off some bread and wetted them with some seawater before rolling them into little balls. He put them in the fishing hook and started fishing.

Soon, his fishing pole jerked down towards the water. Kenny was ecstatic when he saw that he had caught a big carp!

31. What was the prize of the competition?

- (1) boat
- (2) big carp
- (3) fishing pole
- (4) fishing hook

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32. The word 'it' in paragraph 2 refers to the _____.

- (1) cove
- (2) boat
- (3) catfish
- (4) heaviest fish

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33. Why was Kenny upset with himself?

- (1) He felt nervous.
- (2) His fishing pole broke.
- (3) He did not win the brand-new boat.
- (4) He left all of his squid bait with his father.

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34. What did Kenny use as bait during the competition?

- (1) squid
- (2) bread
- (3) prawn
- (4) catfish

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35. Which of the following has the same meaning as "ecstatic" in paragraph 5?

- (1) calm
- (2) grumpy
- (3) nervous
- (4) overjoyed

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Section F: Comprehension (Open-ended) (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

My four siblings and I gathered around Father, our bowls in our hands. Once we were seated around him, he started to scoop up some rice and gave each of us a piece of bone with some meat on it.

Being the skinniest, I was given the meatiest piece. I walked over to the corner of the hut and picked the meat off until there was no more. Then, I chewed on the bone to get the flavour out. That night, I went to sleep on a full stomach.

My brother, Kim, worked at the house of the village chief so he could bring us the leftovers from the village chief's family every night. It was his only payment. It was clear from the red marks on his face and legs that Kim suffered abuses from the village chief's children whom he considered his friends. My stomach knotted each time I saw Father's face as he received the food from Kim. There were embarrassment and sadness on it.

Kim was only ten. Suffering from malnutrition, his hair was thinning and it grew close to his head, exposing his large forehead. His brown skin stretched over his thin face, causing his eyes and teeth to bulge like those of a monkey.

Each morning as he walked off to the village chief's house, Mother watched and whispered, "My poor little monkey."

Adapted from "A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers" (Loung Ung)

Write your answer for question 36 in a complete sentence.

36. What did Father do when the writer and her siblings had gathered around him? (2m)

37. Which four-word phrase in the passage in paragraph 2 shows that the writer was no longer hungry? (2m)

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38. Write True or False in the boxes next to the sentences. (2m)

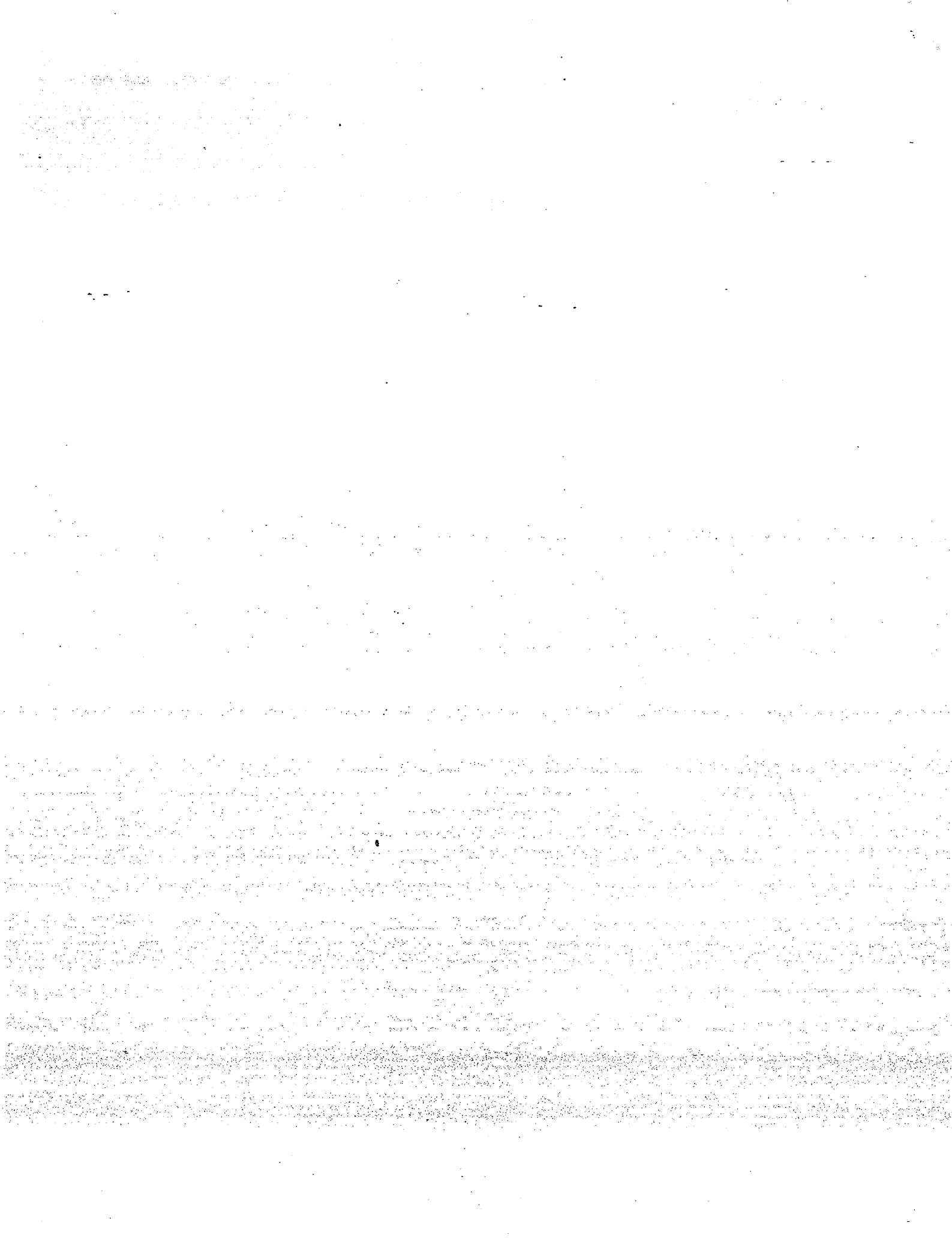
The village chief's children bullied Kim.	
Kim worked in the village chief's house for money.	

Write your answer for question 39 in a complete sentence.

39. What did the writer see in her father's face as he received the food from Kim? (2m)

40. Which word in paragraph 4 has the same meaning as 'undernourishment'? (2m)

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TERM : SA1

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4	3	1	4	1	2	2	2	4	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	3	3	3	J	H	F	E	M	D
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
C	K	D	F	A	B	A	C	B	F
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35					
1	1	4	2	4					

Q36. He would start scooping up some rice and gave a bone with some meat on it.

Q37. On a full stomach

Q38. TRUE / FALSE

Q39. The writer saw embarrassment and sadness on his face.

Q40. Malnutrition

THE END

