



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2017

Name : _____ () Class: P4 _____

Your Score Out of 20 marks	
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3 May 2017

English Language

Duration: 50 min

CONTINUOUS WRITING

Write a composition of **at least 120 words** about misbehaving in public.

The pictures, not arranged in sequence, are provided to help you think about this topic. Your composition should be based on one, two or all of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- Where did the incident take place?
- What was going on?
- What was damaged?
- What happened in the end?

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

Helping Words:

- chasing each other
- knocked into the display
- tumbled to the floor
- sternly reprimanded
- hung their heads in shame





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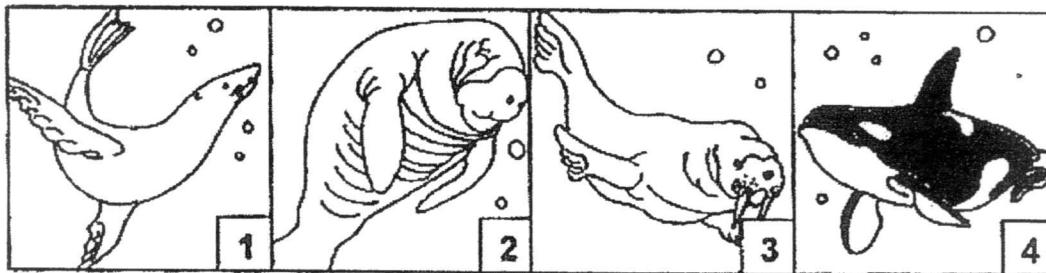
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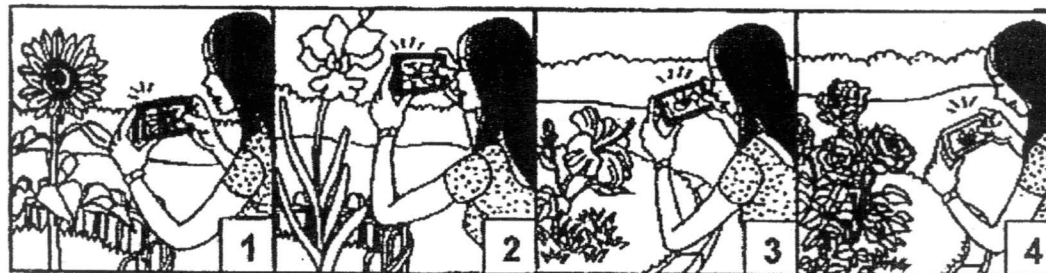
5 May 2017 English Listening Comprehension

Part 1: Picture Matching (4 marks)

For Question 1 and question 2, look at the set of pictures. I am going to read to you a sentence or a paragraph. Listen carefully. Then choose the picture that describes what I have read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.



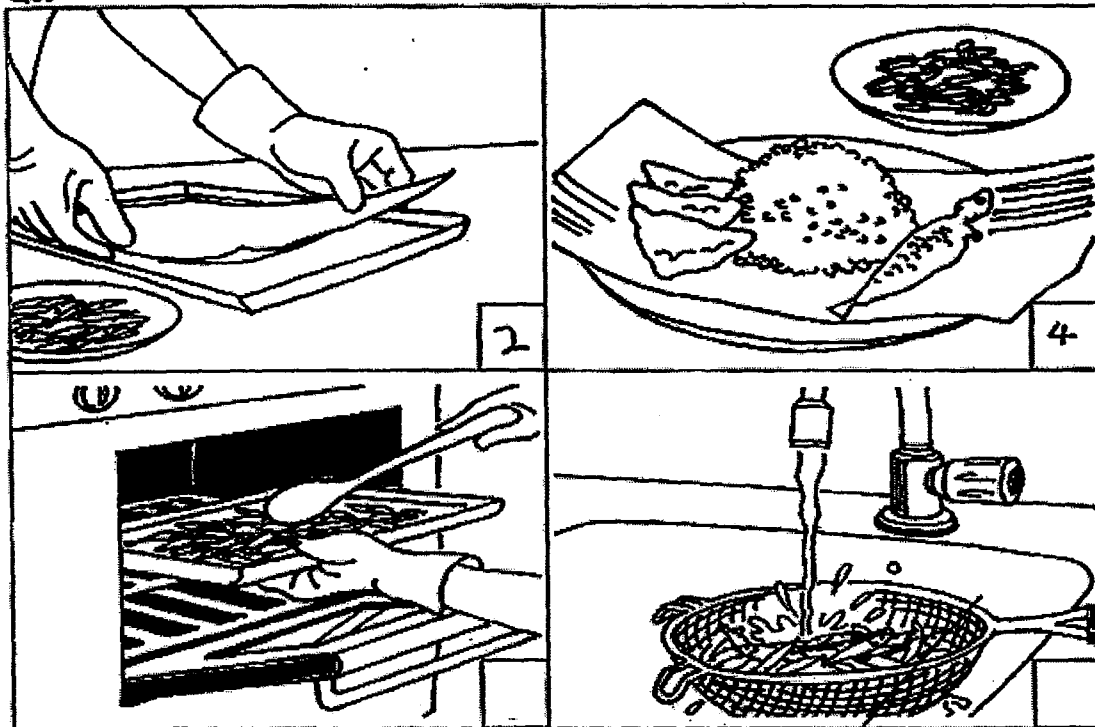
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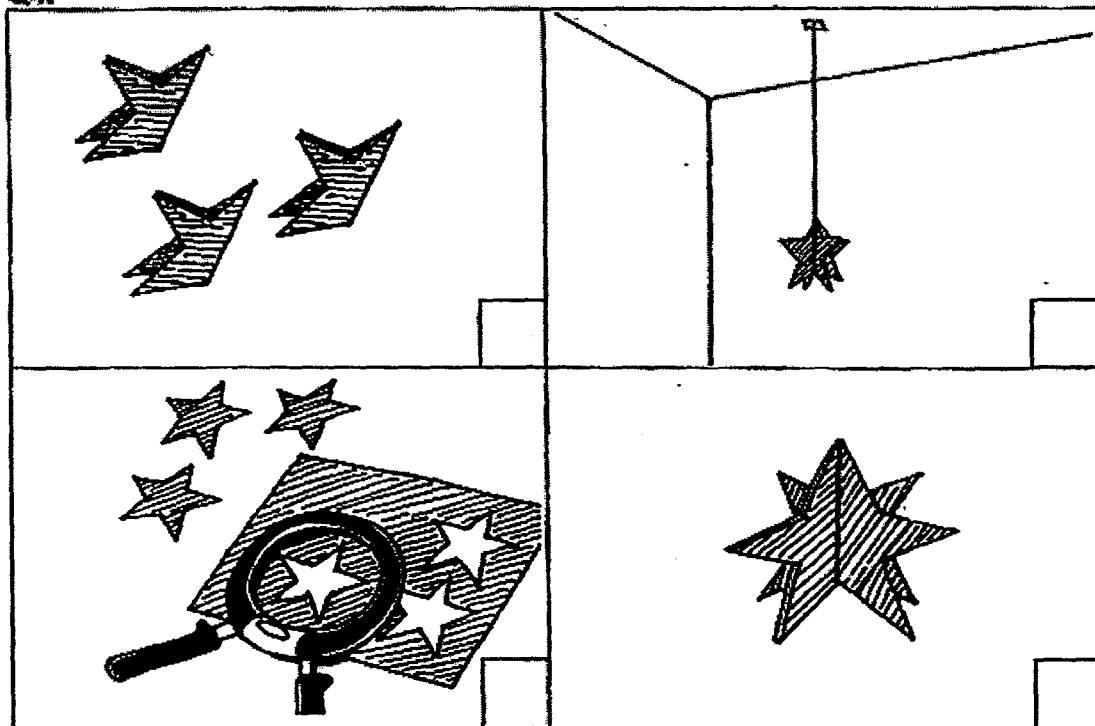
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For Questions 3 and 4, look at the set of pictures. I am going to read to you a set of instructions. Listen carefully. Then choose the pictures that show the correct sequence of what I have read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the box provided.

Q3.



Q4.



Part 2 – Note-taking (5 marks)

Q5 to Q9 is a note-taking test.

Here's good news for SingPost Customers.

As you listen, take down the missing information by filling in each blank numbered Q5 to Q9 with one word or a short phrase.

Q5. SingPost is the short form for _____ Post.

Q6. Month of announcement: _____.

Q7. Parcels will now be delivered from Mondays to _____.

**Q8. For more information, we can visit their _____ at
www.singpost.com.**

Q9. New three-wheeled _____ have replaced the old ones.

Part 3 Unseen Dictation

Dictation (5 marks)

This is a dictation test.

Listen carefully to your teacher's instructions.

Helen Keller was born in 1880.

~~~~ End of English Language Listening Examinations ~~~~



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| Sections D to G    | 26 |
| Total              | 50 |
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3 May 2017 ENGLISH (PART 1) Duration: 1 h 15 min (Part 1 and 2)

**Section A: Grammar [8X1 mark]**

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

- I have lost my eraser. Can I borrow \_\_\_\_\_?
  - my
  - your
  - mine
  - yours
- This toy phone looks exactly like the real one. It is difficult to tell them \_\_\_\_\_.
  - on
  - off
  - from
  - apart
- In all my life, I have \_\_\_\_\_ to see a moose.
  - so
  - yet
  - while
  - although
- Janesa was the \_\_\_\_\_ of all the ten participants when she heard that she had won the competition.
  - happy
  - happily
  - happier
  - happiest

5. Lucy and I \_\_\_\_\_ a song for the children just now.

- (1) sing
- (2) sang
- (3) sung
- (4) sings

6. The policemen were told to station \_\_\_\_\_ around the neighbourhood where the thief last struck.

- (1) himself
- (2) yourself
- (3) yourselves
- (4) themselves

7. "Could someone help me with \_\_\_\_\_ books?" Mrs Lim asked, pointing to the books next to her.

- (1) this
- (2) that
- (3) these
- (4) those

8. Claire likes to eat durians, \_\_\_\_\_ she?

- (1) isn't
- (2) won't
- (3) hasn't
- (4) doesn't

**Section B: Vocabulary [6X1 mark]**

**Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

9. Meen spilled the cold curry on her blouse and it caused an unsightly \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) tear
- (2) blotch
- (3) scorch
- (4) crease



10. A stream is usually a shallow and long \_\_\_\_\_ in the soil where water flows along into the sea.

- (1) tank
- (2) puddle
- (3) groove
- (4) porthole

11. Bree does not \_\_\_\_\_ against anyone. Hence, he has friends from different backgrounds.

- (1) envy
- (2) oppose
- (3) compliment
- (4) discriminate

12. Meredith broke her brother's mug out of spite. It was a/an \_\_\_\_\_ act.

- (1) cautious
- (2) harmless
- (3) accidental
- (4) intentional

13. It was hard to ignore the throbbing in his leg, so after a few painful steps, Fandi finally \_\_\_\_\_ to the pain by crying out aloud.

- (1) agitated
- (2) defeated
- (3) succumbed
- (4) compromised

14. To forge a stronger bond, my family members make it a habit to \_\_\_\_\_ with one another during dinner.

- (1) constrain
- (2) conclude
- (3) consolidate
- (4) communicate

**Section C: Comprehension 1 [10 marks]**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

The Singapore Botanic Gardens was recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site at the 39<sup>th</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee in Bonn, Germany on Saturday, 4 July 2015. This Singapore attraction joins more than 1000 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. It is the third recognised Botanic Gardens after Kew Gardens in England and the Padua Gardens in Italy.

The Singapore Botanic Gardens is home to Burkill Hall, a rare colonial house which was built almost 150 years ago. Built before the days of air-conditioning, Burkill Hall was designed to be cool and airy, with high ceilings. It may even be the last surviving example of what we call the Anglo-Malay plantation-style house.

Next to Burkill Hall lies the National Orchid Garden. It houses an immense assortment of orchid species. To build relationships with other countries, more than 200 orchid hybrids are named after prominent figures.

Beyond heritage, the Singapore Botanic Gardens is also the ideal place for many fun-filled activities. On weekday afternoons, students of all ages visit it to learn about the flora and fauna. On weekends, friends and families may enjoy a picnic or a leisurely stroll. They may even watch musical performances at the Symphony Lake.

Adapted from <http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/singapore-botanic-gardens/1960028.html>

15. On which date was the Singapore Botanic Gardens recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site? [1m]

16. Tick your chosen answer. What does the word "It" in paragraph 3 refer to? [1m]

- Burkill Hall  
 Kew Gardens  
 National Orchid Garden

17. Tick your chosen answer based on the passage. In the National Orchid Garden, we will find \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

- houses  
 orchid hybrids  
 prominent figures

18. Read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". [3m]

|         | Statement                                                                                                                 | True | False |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Example | Burkill Hall is in Singapore Botanic Gardens.                                                                             | ✓    |       |
| (a)     | It is very easy to find a building similar to Burkill Hall.                                                               |      |       |
| (b)     | The 39 <sup>th</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee was held in Germany.                                         |      |       |
| (c)     | Besides the Singapore Botanic Gardens, there are three other botanical gardens recognised by UNESCO World Heritage Sites. |      |       |

19. Which word in paragraph 3 has the same meaning as "variety"? [1m]

Answer question 20 in a complete sentence.

20. What is the importance of naming orchid hybrids after prominent figures? [1m]

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21. State two activities mentioned in the passage that can be enjoyed in the Singapore Botanic Gardens during weekends. [2m]

i. 

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ii. 

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**3 May 2017      ENGLISH (PART 2)      Duration: 1 h 15 min**  
**(Part 1 and 2)**

## Section D: Vocabulary Cloze [8 X1 mark]

Read the passage 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) appealing | (B) dismiss | (C) distract     |
| (D) keep      | (E) never   | (F) often        |
| (G) pleasure  | (H) plots   | (J) recollecting |
| (K) reduced   | (L) resume  | (M) wore         |

Diaries are back in fashion, I think. I used to (22) \_\_\_\_\_ one when I was much younger. However, the novelty (23) \_\_\_\_\_ off only a few weeks after starting it, and I have (24) \_\_\_\_\_ had another since. Diaries, for me, are history.

Anyway, they are now resurfacing, much to children's (25) \_\_\_\_\_. Lest you might (26) \_\_\_\_\_ all this as no big deal, let me tell you it is. Diaries have evolved, becoming more stylish and (27) \_\_\_\_\_. Think of Dork Diaries, or Diary of a Wimpy Kid. These books create much hype about diaries through (28) \_\_\_\_\_ that keep children engaged.

Perhaps, it is not too late to (29) \_\_\_\_\_ my diary writing. What do you think?

**Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 [4X1 mark]**

**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) after | (B) into  | (C) onto |
| (D) out   | (E) under | (F) up   |

One evening, a princess was preparing to go out. (30) \_\_\_\_\_ putting on her bonnet and clogs, she went out for a walk in the wood. When she came to a pond, she sat herself down to rest for a while. She had her favourite toy in her hand, a golden ball, which she would always be tossing up (31) \_\_\_\_\_ the air and catching it again as it fell.

Once she threw it up so high that she could not catch it and the ball bounded away, rolling (32) \_\_\_\_\_ of reach until at last it fell into the pond. The princess peered into the pond but it was very deep, so deep that she could not see the bottom of it. She threw herself (33) \_\_\_\_\_ the ground.

"If only I could get my ball back, I would give all my fine clothes and jewels, everything I have," she thought.

**Section F: Grammar Cloze 2 [4X1 mark]**

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

Bob Dylan is one of the most influential singer-songwriters of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He

(34) [is / was] born on May 24, 1941, in America.

While attending university in the late 1950s, he began performing folk and country songs.

In 1961, Dylan (35) [signs/signed] his first recording contract and emerged as one of the most original and influential voices in the history of American popular music.

Showing no signs of slowing down, Dylan (36) [continues/continue ] to tour in recent years. The legendary singer-songwriter (37) [has / have ] received many awards and most recently, the Nobel Prize for Literature.

**Section G: Comprehension 2 [10 marks]**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

In his chamber, Gaius was snoring. It was loud enough to cover the sound of his footsteps, but Merlin trod softly past him anyway, just to be on the safe side.

Gaius was lying on his back with his mouth wide open. As he crossed the room with gentle steps, Merlin smiled at the old man who was asleep. Gaius was like a father to him and he did not like sneaking off behind the old man's back, but he had to do this. Someone needed his help.

Merlin waited keenly to hear the voice again. However, the soft, continuous calls had stopped for quite some time now. The voice would help him get the sense of its direction.

The edge of his jacket caught on something on the table and before he knew it, a tin pot went clattering softly onto the carpet. Merlin tensed up and immediately looked at Gaius. The old man stirred and flapped an arm. Merlin could only stare, rooted to the spot, waiting for Gaius to open his eyes. He had no explanations to offer as to where he was going then.

Mercifully, Gaius went on sleeping. Relieved, Merlin tiptoed softly to the door. He was about to step out of the room when the voice unexpectedly boomed out. It had resumed, but instead of feeling glad, Merlin tensed up. The voice was too loud and would definitely wake Gaius up. Seconds passed but Gaius did not stir. This puzzled Merlin. Gaius was a light sleeper.

As he closed the door gently, Merlin realised that the voice could be only heard by him. He turned to the direction of the voice. It was calling out to him once more.

*Adapted from Merlin, The Dragon's Call*



**Answer question 38 in a complete sentence.**

**38. What did Merlin do to prevent waking Gaius up? [1m]**

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**For questions 39 – 41, write your answers in the boxes provided.**

**39. What does the word 'this' refer to in paragraph 2? [1m]**

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**40. Write down the word found in paragraph 3 which has the same meaning as each of the words below.**

**[2m]**

|     |         |  |
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| (a) | eagerly |  |
| (b) | endless |  |

**41. Which sentence in paragraph 4 shows that Gaius reacted to the sound of the fallen tin? [1m]**

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42. Based on the story, put a tick (✓) in the box to show if the statement is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

|         | Statement                                                            | True | False | Reason             |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|--------------------|
| Example | Gaius was sleeping.                                                  | ✓    |       | Gaius was snoring. |
| (a)     | Merlin dashed to the door as soon as a tin pot fell onto the carpet. |      |       |                    |
| (b)     | Merlin did not know the exact location of the voice.                 |      |       |                    |
| (c)     | Merlin was outside the room when the voice unexpectedly boomed out.  |      |       |                    |

43. How did Merlin know that the voice could only be heard by him? [2m]

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| Q1  | Q2  | Q3  | Q4  | Q5 | Q6 | Q7 | Q8 | Q9 | Q10 |
| 4   | 4   | 2   | 4   | 2  | 4  | 3  | 4  | 2  | 3   |
| Q11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 |    |    |    |    |    |     |
| 4   | 4   | 3   | 4   |    |    |    |    |    |     |

- 15) 4 – July 2015  
 16) National Orchid Garden  
 17) Orchid hybrids  
 18) a) False          b) True          c) False  
 19) assortment  
 20) It builds relationships with countries.  
 21) i) Families may enjoy a picnic or a leisurely stroll.  
       ii) They may even watch musical performances.

|     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| Q22 | Q23 | Q24 | Q25 | Q26 | Q27 | Q28 | Q29 | Q30 | Q31 |
| D   | M   | E   | G   | B   | A   | H   | L   | A   | B   |

- 32) D          33) C          34) was          35) signed          36) continues    37) has  
 38) Merlin trod softly past him.  
 39) It refers to him sneaking off.  
 40) a) keenly  
       b) continuous  
 41) The old man stirred and flapped an arm.  
 42) a) False / Merlin tensed up and immediately looked at Gaius  
       b) True / The voice would help him to get the sense of direction.  
       c) False / He was about to step out of the room when the voice unexpectedly boomed out.  
 43) Gaius did not hear the loud sound though he was a light sleeper.

