



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

MOCK EXAM PAPER

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Name: _____ Class: P3 _____ Index No: _____

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Duration: 1 h 15 min

Section A: Grammar (10 X 1 mark)

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

1. Look at _____ group of girls dancing at the park across the road.

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

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2. Since we had _____ time, we went to the library before returning to the classroom.

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

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3. How does Jim _____ to school every day?

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

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4. There is no pupil in the classroom. Has _____ left?

- (1) anyone
- (2) nobody
- (3) everybody
- (4) somebody

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5. Xiao Li can sing _____ than her sister.
(1) beautiful
(2) beautifully
(3) more beautifully
(4) most beautifully ()
6. Since the restaurants are closed, we will eat _____ home.
(1) in
(2) at
(3) against
(4) between ()
7. Last night, John did not _____ his homework as he had a terrible headache.
(1) complete
(2) completes
(3) completed
(4) completing ()
8. Billy came in last for the race _____ he was happy that he had completed it.
(1) as
(2) but
(3) since
(4) unless ()
9. Jane _____ Malaysia next month.
(1) visit
(2) visited
(3) visiting
(4) is visiting ()
10. Amy can cycle very well, _____ she?
(1) can
(2) can't
(3) does
(4) doesn't ()

Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 1 mark)

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

11. Andy strapped the watch on his _____ so he raised his hand to look at the time.
(1) wrist
(2) neck
(3) knee
(4) knuckle ()
12. Kate had to _____ Janet's idea of wearing a bright dress to the party.
(1) think up
(2) think for
(3) think out
(4) think over ()
13. I should not have kicked the hungry cat. I _____ and apologised for my cruel act.
(1) imitated
(2) admired
(3) repeated
(4) regretted ()
14. Metal beams are often used as _____ to help workers get to the high parts of a tall structure.
(1) building
(2) sculpting
(3) scaffolding
(4) brainstorming ()
15. There are very few baby gorillas born each year. We should protect these _____ animals from dying out altogether.
(1) aged
(2) extinct
(3) abandoned
(4) endangered ()
16. You will _____ the river by littering it with rubbish.
(1) pollute
(2) recycle
(3) beautify
(4) conserve ()

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.

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| (A) able | (B) addictive | (C) general | (D) inactivity |
| (E) live | (F) overweight | (G) problem | (H) snacks |
| (J) success | (K) time | (L) underweight | (M) watch |

Many of us like to watch television. Some cannot (17) _____ without this activity. Have you ever asked yourself how much (18) _____ you spend on it? Watching television can actually be (19) _____. When we are glued to the television, it becomes a (20) _____. Why?

Watching too much television can be harmful to your (21) _____ health. You might run the risk of being (22) _____ through lack of exercise and eating too much unhealthy (23) _____. Getting carried away watching television for hours on end is common. However, you are (24) _____ to control this addiction by being disciplined.

Only then, can you enjoy this recreational activity and stay healthy at the same time.

Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Cloze Passage 1

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word(s) from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

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| (A) have played | (B) is playing | (C) play | (D) played |
| (E) plays | (F) playing | (G) were playing | |

Johnny was feeling bored at home one Sunday morning. He pleaded with his father to take him out to (25) _____. "Daddy, do you remember I last (26) _____ at the playground? It was two weeks ago," Johnny said. Seeing how bored Johnny was, his father agreed and took him to the playground.

At the playground, Johnny saw many friends. Soon, they started (27) _____ together. They had an enjoyable time. Now, Johnny always (28) _____ hide-and-seek at the playground with his friends. They look forward to seeing one another.

Cloze Passage 2

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank

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| (A) although | (B) at | (C) because | (D) of |
| (E) on | (F) to | (G) with | |

Yesterday after school, I met my best friend, Joey, for lunch. When he arrived (29) _____ the canteen, he took a seat. Then he put his schoolbag down. (30) _____ a sigh. He had received the results (31) _____ his Science examination that day. He told me that he had failed the examination (32) _____ he had studied very hard for it. I encouraged him not to give up and treated him to a cup of ice-cream to cheer him up.

Section E: Open-ended Comprehension 1 (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

There was once a king of Scotland named Robert Bruce. During his rule, he was at war with the King of England, King Edward. King Edward had led a great army into Scotland to drive him out of the land.

During the war, Bruce led his army to fight against their foes six times. In each battle, his men were beaten and driven into flight. At last, his army was scattered and they were forced to hide in the woods or caves. Bruce was tired and was ready to give up hope.

One day in the cave, Bruce lay on the ground and saw a spider weaving a web on the ceiling. He watched on as it laboured slowly with determination. Six times it tried to throw her thread from one beam to another, six times it fell short.

However, the spider did not lose hope. It tried the seventh time. Bruce almost forgot his own troubles as he watched it closely. This time, the thread was carried safely to the beam. "I will try a seventh time too!" cried Bruce.

Immediately, he arose and left the cave. He called his men together. He told them his plans. Soon, an army of brave and ready men gathered. Bruce led his men to fight another battle with King Edward and this time, they succeeded.

Adapted from <https://americanliterature.com/author/james-baldwin/short-story/bruce-and-the-spider>

For question 33, tick (✓) your chosen answer.

33. In paragraph 1, who does the word 'him' refer to?

(1m)

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34. In paragraph 2, which word has the same meaning as "enemies"? (1m)

35. Which one of these qualities best describes the spider in paragraph 3? (1m)

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| | careless |
| | obedient |
| | persevering |

- For questions 36 to 38, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'. (3m)

| | Statement | True | False |
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| Example | King Edward was the king of England | ✓ | |
| 36. | Bruce defeated the King of England six times. | | |
| 37. | Bruce saw the spider in the cave weave a web on the ceiling. | | |
| 38. | The spider succeeded in throwing the thread over the beam on the sixth try. | | |

39. In paragraph 5, what two things did Bruce do after he called his men together? (2m)

- i) _____
- ii) _____

Section F: Open-ended Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Ben always had excellent results in his school report cards. Father had passed away when he was one and it was Mother, a clothes cleaner, who paid for all his school fees.

One day, Ben's friend remarked about how perfect Ben's hands were. Curious, he asked if Ben had ever helped Mother wash clothes before.

The question saddened Ben as Mother was the only one doing the housework. He had never lifted a finger to help her. She did not want him to. Instead, she wanted him to focus on studying. When Ben came home that evening, he asked Mother to let him clean her hands. Eyes lighting up, she readily showed her hands to Ben.

Ben held Mother's hands and washed them with soap. His tears fell as he noticed that they were so wrinkled and bruised. As he was rinsing the soap off her hands, Mother cried out because some bruises were so painful.

Ben thought about how the pair of wrinkled and bruised hands had washed the clothes every day. He thought about how that pair of old hands had paid for his school fees and ensured that he had a bright future. The bruises on Mother's hands were the price that she had to pay. After cleaning Mother's hands, Ben quietly washed all the remaining clothes for her, a task long overdue.

Adapted from: <https://krishnatoday.com/appreciate-others-good-works/>

40. Based on the passage, what did Ben's mother work as?

(1m)

41. Which sentence in **paragraph 1** tells you that Ben did very well in school? (1m)

Answer question 42 in a complete sentence.

42. In **paragraph 2**, what made Ben's friend curious enough to ask him if he had ever helped Mother wash the clothes? (2m)

For questions 43 to 45, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'.

Give a reason for your answer. The first example has been done for you. Refer to **paragraph 3** to help you. (3m)

| | Statement | True | False | Reason |
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| Example | Ben felt sad by his friend's question. | ✓ | | The question saddened Ben. |
| 43. | Mother did not want him to do the housework. | | | |
| 44. | Ben had never helped his mother around the house. | | | |
| 45. | Mother was reluctant to show him her hands. | | | |

46. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in paragraph 4. (1m)

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| | Ben held and washed his mother's hands with soap. |
| | Ben saw the wrinkles and bruises on Mother's hands. |
| | Mother felt much pain in her hands when Ben rinsed the soap off them. |

Answer question 47 in a complete sentence. Refer to paragraph 5 to help you.

47. In what ways did Mother's hard work help Ben? (2m)

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| 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 1 | E | K | B | G |
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| Q33 | Bruce |
| Q34 | Foes |
| Q35 | Persevering |
| Q36 | False |
| Q37 | True |
| Q38 | False |
| Q39i | He told his men his plans |
| Q39ii | He led his men to fight another battle with King Edward. |
| Q40 | A clothes cleaner |
| Q41 | Ben's perfect hands made his friend curious enough to ask him. |
| Q42 | Ben's friend remarked how perfect his hands were because he was curious if Ben had ever helped Mother wash the clothes. |
| Q43 | True. Mother wanted him to focus on studying. |
| Q44 | True. Mother was the only one doing the housework. |
| Q45 | False. Mother readily showed her hands to Ben. |
| Q46 | 1, 2, 3 |
| Q47 | Mother paid for Ben's school fees and ensured that he had a bright future. |