

Part I

Questions 1 to 8 are based on the given stimuli.

Study the information carefully and choose the **best** answer **A**, **B** or **C**. For each question, mark your answer on the answer sheet.

Green Meadows

A beach-view villa surrounded by white sands, lush greenery and away from the bustling city, it is the perfect weekend retreat for couples. Enjoy being close to nature with total privacy. The luxury villa also has an infinity pool and a jacuzzi.

- 1 Which is **true** about the advertisement?
- A The villa is for sale.
 - B The villa is merely a short distance from the city.
 - C The villa is suitable for couples.

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 - B acne-prone skin.
 - C girls with skin condition.

Rose : Oh, my! I need to shop for maternity clothes. I can't fit into any of my blouses.

Linda : Oh, I know a place. There's this place called the Belly Button of Jalan Rimbayu. They sell the best maternity clothes. My sister used to shop there. You will love it there!

Rose : Will you take me there this Saturday?

Linda : Yes. Sure!

3 Linda couldn't fit into any of her clothes because

- A she becomes thinner.
- B she takes up too much weight.
- C she is pregnant.



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- A The sale lasts more than a week.
- B Discounts will be given to certain products.
- C The sale is only held at selected stores.

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twinklemgmt@mail.com

- 5 Interested applicants must
- A send your résumé to Alicia Toh.
 - B be willing to work late.
 - C renew your driving license.

SERI KEMBANGAN: A motorcyclist was found dead near The Mints last Tuesday. Krishna a/l Prabhu, 34, was hit by a car while making a U-turn. The car driver, Lili Aziz, 42, said the victim was at her blind spot. Police said the case is being investigated under Section 41(1) of the Road Transport Act 1987.

- 6 Which of the following is **true**?
- A Lili Aziz was a blind driver.
 - B The motorcyclist ran over the car.
 - C The case is still ongoing.

Dear diary,

Yesterday, I went out to the supermarket to buy some groceries. I took a box of mints and put it into my pocket because I was already juggling a bag of apples, two cartons of milk and two packets of potato chips. I forgot to pay for the mints! I'm going back to the supermarket later to pay for it. I hope the store won't sue me. It was an accident. Sigh~

7 How does the person feel?



- A Devastated.
- B Awful.
- C Innocent.

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- A to encourage people to write more.
- B to learn to write professionally.
- C to learn to be an author.

Part 2

Questions 9 to 18 are based on the following passage.

Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer A, B, C or D to fill in each blank. For each question, mark your answers on the answer sheet.

The Murders in the Rue Morgue

The front door of the house had been left open, and the visitor had entered without ringing the bell. The visitor advanced several steps upon the staircase. Now, (0) however, he seemed to hesitate. Presently, we heard him descending. Dupin was moving quickly to the door when we heard him coming up again. He came back this time but stepped up with courage and rapped the door of our chamber.

“Do come in,” said Dupin, in a 9 tone, afraid to scare our anxious visitor.

A man entered. He was a sailor – based on his tall, stout and muscular-looking physical, with a daredevil expression. His face, greatly sunburnt, was more than half hidden by whisker and moustache. He bowed awkwardly, and bid us ‘bonsoir’ (French 10 for ‘good evening’).

“Sit down, my friend,” said Dupin. “I suppose you have called about the orangutan. I almost envy you the possession of him - the valuable animal. How old do you suppose him to be?” The sailor drew a long breath, with the air of a man relieved with some intolerable burden. He replied assuringly, “He 11 be more than four or five years old. Have you got him here?”

“Oh no; we had no conveniences of 12 him here. He is at a stable in Rue Duborg. You can get him in the morning. I shall be sorry to part with him,” said Dupin. “I am very willing to pay a reward for finding this animal – that means anything in reason,” the sailor replied.

“Well,” replied Dupin. “That is all very fair, to be sure. Let me think! – What should I have? Oh! I will tell you. My reward shall be this.” Dupin leaned forward. His face 13 to serious. “You 14 give me all the information in your power about these murders in the Rue Morgue.”

Dupin said the last words in a very low tone, almost intimidating. Even to me. He walked 15 the door, locked it, and put the key in his pocket.

The sailor’s face flushed up as if he were struggling with suffocation. He fell back into his seat, trembling. He 16 nothing. I pitied him from the bottom of my heart.

“I perfectly know that you are innocent in this matter. You were not even guilty of robbery. You have nothing to conceal. On the other hand, you are bound to confess all you know. An innocent man is imprisoned, charged with that 17 of which you can point out the 18,” Dupin said.

Adapted and edited from
The Murders in the Rue Morgue
by Edgar Allan Poe.

- 0 **A** however **B** nevertheless **C** besides **D** hence
- 9 **A** confident **B** playful **C** cheerful **D** sympathetic
- 10 **A** idiom **B** simile **C** phrase **D** proverb
- 11 **A** mustn't **B** can't **C** won't **D** aren't
- 12 **A** storing **B** maintaining **C** keeping **D** nursing
- 13 **A** kept **B** observed **C** faced **D** changed
- 14 **A** shall **B** can **C** would **D** might
- 15 **A** behind **B** next **C** near **D** toward
- 16 **A** speak **B** spoke **C** speaks **D** spoken
- 17 **A** wrong **B** law **C** deed **D** crime
- 18 **A** perpetrator **B** victim **C** loser **D** scapegoat

Part 3

Questions 19 to 26 are based on the following passage. Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer A, B, C or D. For each question, mark your answer on the answer sheet.

Knock! Knock!

“Yes, Tania?” Erna asks, not taking her eyes off her planner. “In short, a man named Kyle Hawthorne insisted you on coming to take a look at his old mansion this Saturday. I specifically informed him that you are not available this weekend. But, clients being clients! Can you entertain the man for at least one hour? Please?” Tania begs.

“It’s my Nana’s birthday. I can’t make an excuse. Mum will kill me,” Erna snaps and gives Tania a deadly stare.

“Well, just in case you change your mind, his butler dropped this at the mailbox last night. The property is huge. Like a real England manor house! Take a look. Trust me. You are not going to say no,” Tania grins and leave.

Erna closes her planner, lets out a sigh and opens the already opened envelope. She slips out one picture, and her face brightens.

“Oh my god!” Erna slips out another picture. “What? No!”

A silver Prius approaches the wrought iron 12-foot rusty gate. “Are you sure this is the right place, miss?” asks the driver, whose face is in disbelief. “Wow!” Erna murmurs. “I guess so.”

Erna steps out of the Prius, and the gate swings open. The taxi left, leaving Erna alone at an unknown site. As she walks into the compound, she notices a towering willow tree that she thought had been there since the beginning of time and a small pond that looks unmaintained for centuries. She climbs the steps to the gloomy Georgian mansion. The main door was dark brown, designed intricately with an arch above it. It is sturdy like a vault to a national bank. She can’t help but admire the Gothic-Victorian glum façade.

She knocks on the door, brushes her hair to the side and smiles. The door creaks open to the main foyer. Erna, who was smiling a few moments ago, stuns. She walks into the mansion and the hallway, where a grand fireplace dimly lit up the dreary-looking hall. The old mansion feels vacant and bare. The walls are graced with portraits of unknown faces, possibly the family that used to reside there. “These must dated back to the old days,” she thought.

WHAM!

The loud noise startles Erna. She turns her head to where the noise was. A man in butler work clothes is kneeling to pick up the books scattered on the dark oak wood flooring.

“Oh, God. Are you okay? Do you need any help?” Erna runs to help the man. The man stands from his position. He collects the books and says, “Welcome to Hawthorne’s mansion, miss.”

“Thanks! You are Ronald?” Erna asks.

“Indeed. Master Hawthorne will join you in a moment. Do follow,” says Ronald dryly.

Erna takes out her smartphone and quickly takes a picture of the fireplace before she proceeds to follow him.

“May I ask, how old is this house?”

“It has been the Hawthorne’s since the 16th century. This house is very dear to Master Hawthorne. He wishes to sell off this property so he could **pass on** peacefully as he bears neither heir nor heiress.” Erna nods. “I see.”

Ronald opens a large door that opens up to a library. Erna is in disbelief and ecstatic. She laughs, “This is the library?” She leaves Ronald and wanders off.

The library of Hawthorne’s smelled of old books and dry wood. It has tall walls of ancient volumes, religious texts and thousands of old works of literature perched on each shelf. She looks outside the floor-to-ceiling stained glass window. Her face changes as she notices thunder from afar.

“I can’t stay long. It looks like it’s going to rain soon. I’m not going to find a taxi in this weather,” says Erna worriedly.

A complete silence.

She looks for Ronald, but he is nowhere in the room. “Ronald!” As she heads to the door to find the butler, a strange voice asks, “Do you read?”

Erna freezes. She turns to the voice and notices a man sitting on a burgundy velvet armchair, gawking at her with a pair of brooding eyes. Above him, a portrait of a serious-looking aged man in a uniform only worn by soldiers. She could not make out the man’s appearance. He almost looks like an apparition that appears out of a thin mist. Erna gulps.

19. Why did Erna snap when Tania asked her to take a look at the property?
- A Erna is running late to her Nana's birthday.
 - B Erna is busy arranging her schedule in her planner.
 - C Erna's mum wants her to attend her Nana's party.
 - D Erna wants Tania to go to the Hawthorne's replacing her.
20. What was Erna's immediate reaction when she saw pictures of the house?
- A She was devastated.
 - B She was stunned.
 - C She was thrilled.
 - D She was indifferent.
21. Ronald welcomes Erna to the house. What do you think Ronald's role in the mansion?
- A A caretaker.
 - B Real estate agent.
 - C Butler.
 - D Hawthorne's child.
22. What does the term **pass on** means in the context of the story?
- A Passed away.
 - B Leave the state.
 - C Move to another property.
 - D Grant the property to someone else.
23. Ronald told Erna that his master bears neither heir nor heiress. What did he mean by that?
- A Master Hawthorne chose to live in pain.
 - B Master Hawthorne never got married.
 - C Master Hawthorne is not the sole heir to the property.
 - D Master Hawthorne doesn't care about his marital status.
24. Which of the following statements is **true** about Erna wanting to leave early?
- A Erna wants to attend her Nana's birthday.
 - B Erna knows it would be impossible to find a ride in bad weather.
 - C Erna could not find Ronald in the room.
 - D Erna has to come to work the next day.
25. Which adjectives is the most suitable to describe the Hawthorne's property?
- A Dazzling.
 - B Simple.
 - C Eerie.
 - D Bleak.
26. "*He almost looks like an apparition that appears out of a thin mist.*" What do you think the man is?
- A A spirit.
 - B A wild creature.
 - C A handsome man.
 - D A shadow.

Part 4

Questions 27 to 32 are based on the origins of Count Dracula. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences **A to H** the one which fits each gap (27 to 32). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

The Origins of the Dracula

Made famous by Bram Stoker, Dracula is a gothic novel published in 1897. It tells the story of a solicitor, Jonathan Harker, taking a business trip to stay at the castle of one of the Transylvanian noblemen, Count Dracula. 27 . Dracula later left Transylvania and migrated to England, where he plagued the town of Whitby. Then, he was murdered by Harker and fragmented into dust.

Due to its overwhelming and positive reviews from readers, the book accidentally popularised Bran Castle, which said to serve as an inspiration behind Count Dracula's castle. 28 He only modelled Count Dracula based on a real-life man with a vicious desire for blood, the Prince of Wallachia, Vlad III, popularly known as Vlad the Impaler.

Vlad the Impaler was nicknamed the surname 'Dracul' (dragon) after his selection into the Order of the Dragon (Christian military order), supported by the Holy Roman emperor. 29 Although the people recognised him as a national hero of Romania, his reputation for impaling his victims was even more popular. 30

After his brief stay in Bran Castle, the castle immediately became prominent and associated with vampires in the pop culture world. Bran Castle is one of the most visited attractions in Romania. It was formerly a fortress erected in the 13th century. 31 Costumes, armours, ancient weapons, heraldic banners, artwork, and original furniture are displayed throughout the castle. 32

Bram Stoker never really mentioned that Bran Castle was Dracula's Castle. But, given his vivid interpretation in his book, the readers would like to think so.

A He used to live in Bran Castle for a few months as a prisoner of the Hungarian army before moving to Budapest.

B Shockingly, Stoker never set foot in the castle.

C Harker joins Count Dracula to set off on a new adventure.

D The locals believe that the Romanian folklore of Countess Elizabeth Bathory, inspired the author. She was known for her lustful need for blood.

E Most of them belonged to the late Queen Marie, the castle's former resident.

F Knowing that Count Dracula is a vampire, Harker immediately escapes from the castle.

G Born in Transylvania, Vlad was the second son of Vlad II Dracul, a ruler of Wallachia from 1436 to 1447.

H The castle bears 57 rooms, a secret passageway to the towers, an old water well and a small chapel.

Part 5

Questions 33 to 40 are based on the following texts.
Read the text carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Summaries of Six Books

A **John Doe**

Emmett, a psychiatrist of Swords and Cross Hospital, is assigned to treat a new patient. The man was a John Doe. No one knows his identity as he refused to speak. During their therapy session, Emmett feels something off about the patient. What will Emmett discover about the John Doe?

B **Are You Mine?**

Natalie meets Preston during a conference. She has fallen head over heels with Preston, but his ex-girlfriend wants to reconcile after eight months of separation. Preston is torn between choosing his old flame or his new lover.

C **Hold My Hands**

The Hughs recently moved from Albuquerque to a suburb in Arizona after Marie's husband passed away. With the hope of starting a new life with her two boys, Marie finds the place isn't what it seems. Joanna, her neighbour, invited her to join their religious cult, where they hold a séance to connect with their loved ones in the afterlife.

D **Unwritten Fate of Pip**

A Mexican carpenter, Pip, is on his mission to cross the border to find a better living, leaving behind his criminal father and a drug addict brother. Along his journey, Pip meets a blind man, a girl who believes that the world is ending in four days and a mute refugee. Hop on the heartwarming, soul-stirring adventure of Pip and his life quest.

E **Room 1302**

On the night of Thanksgiving, a loud thump was heard in Room 1302 of The Rose Luxury Hotel. The body couldn't be identified, as the room wasn't registered under any names. New York police officers; Jerome Morrison and Yates Rowan spend days and nights trying to find the ultimate piece to the puzzle. Whose body was it? Who was the killer?

F **Valley of Steam Punk (Vol. 1)**

A century after the apocalypse, the world revived into a new era inhabited by half-robot, half-human. Ariadne, one of the few remaining human survivors, was caught by the Hamblins after another human prisoner leaked her whereabouts. On her sentence day, she escaped with the help of Jule, an apprentice. How will Ariadne protect her kind?

Questions 33 to 36

Using the information given, which text (A to F) describes the following summaries?

For each question, mark your answers on the answer sheet.

Statement	Paragraph
33 A prisoner trying to save mankind.	_____
34 A young man's journey to find a better living.	_____
35 Mysterious man with unknown identity.	_____
36 A man contemplating to choose what's best for him.	_____

Questions 37 to 40

Using words from the texts, complete the summary below. Choose **no more than one word** for each blank.

Write your answers on the answer sheet.

Books to Get You Out of A Reading Slump

Need a book to get out of a reading slump? The first book to motivate your reading touches the theme of romance. How to deal with _____ **37** _____? Amelia and Jonah met at a friend's wedding two years ago. Now, Amelia no longer wants to spend a second in Jonah's lives. How will Amelia break the news? Next is a story of perseverance. Johnston, an ex _____ **38** _____ has been released from prison after serving five years. He sets out to find his family who was taken by his ex business partner. For thriller fans, a story of Alan, a clerk, went flatline for five minutes. After the doctors _____ **39** _____ him, he encountered strange occurrence – seeing premonition of death. Lastly, on summer of 2005, four friends migrated from San Francisco to a _____ **40** _____ in Utah. Twelve years later, when one of them was arrested for drunk driving outside Utah, he found out that they were on a list of missing persons since 2005.

Part 3

[20 marks]

There are three questions in this part. Answer **one** question.

Write your answer in **200 – 250 words** in an appropriate style in the space provided.

Write the question number in the box at the top of the answer space.

Question 3

You saw this notice on a board outside the community centre of your neighbourhood.

<p style="text-align: center;">Articles wanted! 'Reducing Crime Rate in Your Area'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the things that cause people to turn to crime?<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The crimes that happened lately.• How can the communities reduce the crime rate in the area? <p style="text-align: center;">We will publish the best article on our website.</p>
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Write your **article**.

OR

Question 4

You recently saw this poster in a magazine.

<p style="text-align: center;">Reviews required!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Been to any amusement park lately? What makes the amusement park unique? Would you recommend the park to your friends? Why?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Send us your review. The best review will be published in our newsletter.</p>
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Write your **review**.

OR

Question 5

Your teacher has asked you to write a story to be published in a Teen Horror magazine. The story **must** end with the following words:

“Trying to piece everything that had happened last night, I knew I wasn’t dreaming. It was real! It was terrifying.”

In your story, you must:

- describe what happened
- talk about what you experienced

Write your **story**.

