

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.

Authentic Malaysian Craft

Malaysia is a trove of treasures. Unique pieces of souvenirs evoke feelings of pure joy, making them a perfect complement to every tourist's trip. Bring home the best vacation moments and these stunning Malaysian handicrafts that come in exquisite soft touches.

Visit:

Pak La Souvenir Shop
4449, Jalan Besar,
Kota Bharu,
Kelantan.

Spend RM200.00 and get an instant rebate of RM10.00.

- 1 The advertisement says that
- A the pieces of souvenirs are very soft to touch.
 - B those who buy RM200.00 worth of souvenirs will get a discount.
 - C Pak La Souvenir Shop is giving a discount of RM10.00 for every purchase.

MY AMBITION

Hello everyone,

I am Anisah. I graduated from Universiti Sains Malaysia, majoring in Fine Arts about five years ago. When I was young, whenever someone asked me what my ambition was, my immediate response was to become a teacher. My second choice was to become an entrepreneur. But, my grandmother wanted me to follow in my mother's footsteps. She was an air-hostess. 'Strokes of emotions' – that aptly sums up my present career.

- 2 'Strokes of emotions' implies that Anisah is currently
- A an artist.
 - B a teacher.
 - C an air-hostess.

TONG HUP HOLDINGS

We're moving to:

18, Jalan Munsyi Abdullah, Melaka
(Opposite Sime Shopping Mall)

Free parking available to customers
(except weekends)

Effective: 2nd August

Promotion Sales: 14th June - 15th July

20% discount on all clothing
10% discount on cookware
15% discount on all other items

Thank you
Management

- 3 The purpose of the notice is
- A to introduce new pricing of products.
 - B to tell customers about the free parking.
 - C to announce the new location of the store.

Are you free on the weekend, Nick?

Nothing, so far. What's up, Jalil?

'The Snake Adventure' is showing at Plaza Cineplex. Care to join me?

Oh, no! I have a phobia about snakes!

Sorry! I didn't know.

- 4 Which of the following statements is **true**?
- A Nick is afraid of snakes.
 - B Nick and Jalil love watching movie.
 - C Jalil feels sorry that Nick can't join him.

Shop assistant needed for our bookstore!

You need to:

- be good at working with people.
- be able to carry loads of heavy books.
- be able to speak Mandarin besides English and Bahasa Malaysia.
- be able to work during the busy year-end school holiday.

Send your résumé to:

Mr Ignatius Kim,
Manager,
Bright Bookstore,
Jalan SS 28,
Kuala Lumpur.

5 Which of the following is **true** about the advertisement?

- A Bright Bookstore has a job vacancy.
- B Ability to speak dialects is an advantage.
- C Mr Kim will be conducting the interview.

Attention all parents/guardians,

- Is your child stressed?
- How do you identify a stressed child?
- How can you help?
- Where to reach out for help?

Nice Medical Centre (NMC) is giving a one-day workshop on 'Stress in Children'.

Date : 28th February
Time : 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Venue : Lecture Hall (5th floor, NMC)
Admission : Free (limited to 100 participants)
Registration : www.nmc.workshop

Any query, please call: Mr Tanat 06-2883448

See you there!

6 Which of the following is **true**?

- A Only parents are allowed to register.
- B Those interested need to call the office.
- C Applicants need to register as soon as possible.

PETALING JAYA: Expect at least another four days for the water supply to recover in affected areas. The water treatment plants need to shut down temporarily due to strong odour and are unfit for consumption. Based on the investigation, a factory located in Rawang is behind the pollution. The factory regulates the repairing and maintenance of heavy machinery. The discarded oil during the oil changes was dispensed into the drains which flowed into the river.

Residents of the affected areas have pleaded to the authority to look into this problem seriously.

Adapted and edited from
'Water cuts: Factory behind odour pollution is repeat offender'
by Vijenthi Nair,
The Star
September 2020.

- 7 Which of the following statements is **true** about the newspaper report?
- A Water supply is stopped due to odour pollution.
 - B Residents urge the authority to close down the factory.
 - C The factory might have dumped the used oil into the river.

It's shocking to read that at least 1,000 children in Malaysia are victims of child abuse and neglect. Child abuse is a global problem that has happened since time immemorial.

Every child has the right to live a life free from violence. Why abuse such an innocent, naive, and carefree child?

Parents, please be cautious when hiring babysitters. It would be better to have your relative care for your child or opt for a nursery with clean records.

To whom it may concern, please report any abuse or neglect to the Social Welfare Department. Also, you can send the child to the nearest hospital or make a report at the police station.

- 8 Which of the following is **true** about child abuse?
- A It is not a new issue.
 - B The number is increasing.
 - C A naive child is an easy target.

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 answer on the answer sheet.

Petaling Street, Kuala Lumpur

“Oh, it’s a shopper’s haven! Things (0) _____ are _____ dirt-cheap. Yummy food! A vibrant night market in the city!” These are the comments made by the people _____ 9 _____ asked about Petaling Street.

Petaling Street is the Chinatown of Kuala Lumpur. Petaling Street is fondly _____ 10 _____ 'Chee Cheong Kai' in Cantonese, which means starch factory street. Ever wondered how this name came about? Our country was known _____ 11 _____ Malaya during those days. Kuala Lumpur was rich in tin. Male migrants from mainland China flocked to Kuala Lumpur because of the prosperous tin trade. They were mainly Cantonese, and Hakkas worked as coolies (labourers) in the mines. The Cantonese Ghee Hin and the Hakka Hai San were _____ 12 _____ in China. They were never on good terms with each other. In 1870, a civil war erupted in Larut. These two secret societies were involved.

During the Larut Civil War, the tin mines were abandoned. _____ 13 _____ neglect during the civil war, the tin mines became flooded. Yap Ah Loy, the Chinese Kapitan, managed to persuade the miners and labourers to grow rice and other produce. He set up a tapioca mill on Petaling Street. The tapioca from the farms was brought to this mill to be _____ 14 _____ into flour. Hence, Petaling Street is known to everyone as ‘Chee Cheong Kai’.

An Oriental-style archway with the words ‘Jalan Petaling/Petaling Street’ in gold letters greets visitors. A very prominent feature is the green awning which covers the length of Petaling Street. Petaling Street is very much alive in a vibrant market-like atmosphere with lots of vendors selling all kinds of goods, ranging _____ 15 _____ handbags, watches, clothing, sneakers – you name it, they’ve got it. For shoppers on a tight budget, Petaling Street is the place but do not settle for the _____ 16 _____ the seller first offers. Hagglng is the game here.

An interesting mixture of aroma _____ 17 _____ the air. Savour authentic local Chinese cuisine at Petaling Street. You won’t find exquisite, classy restaurants here, but these hawker stalls dish out the best Wonton noodles or Hainanese chicken rice. The food court is always sardine-packed with customers who do not _____ 18 _____ the long wait. At times, customers need to wait an hour or so.

Petaling Street – the place forward!

- 0 A is **B** are C would D could
- 9 A what B when C where D which
- 10 A told B cited C said D called
- 11 A in B as C for D with
- 12 A allies B friends C enemies D partners
- 13 A Since B Due to C Because D In spite of
- 14 A mixed B kneaded C ground D pounded
- 15 A to B by C till D from
- 16 A fees B fare C price D payment
- 17 A fills B clears C empties D dominates
- 18 A keep B mind C insist D prefer

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.

A few weeks back, I hopped on a boat to explore a ‘*haikyu*’ or ruins. I am now a part-time urban explorer, thanks to this amazing place.

It was summer. Japan was scorching hot. At times, we would all get caught in a downpour that would often last for days. It stopped all working trains, *shinkansen*, and taxis, to name a few. Summer in Japan is always unpredictable.

I was in Nagasaki. It is northwest of Kyushu island. I loved its vibrant city and easy-to-access trams that go in and out through the city.

Around 12.30 p.m., I arrived at Tokiwamachi Port and bought a ticket to tour the notorious Hashima Island. It is one of the most haunted places in Japan and has been uninhabited for years. The island is open to the public, but not all areas are accessible. It also goes by several other names, such as the Battleship Island and Gunkanjima. I jumped on the boat, and my journey began. Luck was on my side. The weather that day was as bright as day.

We were accommodated with pamphlets and an audio guide to fill us in on the island’s story. To my disbelief, it took us almost an hour to reach the island. Along the way, there were several Mitsubishi ship-building factories and other small islands. I did not bother to look at them closely as I set my goal only on Hashima Island. I have been dreaming about this day for the longest time.

My mind drifted off from the view. I listened attentively to the audio guide. Hashima Island used to accommodate thousands of people. The island was known for coal mining. Most residents were labours (plus their families) and managers. Gone were the days when everyone devoted their whole lives to living on the island where there were schools, hospitals, restaurants and all the amenities that most towns provide. In 1974, the mine was closed for good. Everyone had to evacuate the island. Typhoons had caused the buildings to deteriorate, and most had collapsed. I looked out and pondered the fate of the former occupants.

After a while, I saw *it*. Alone, glum and secluded – how I would describe the haunted island. The boat stopped abruptly at a deck. We all got off hurriedly and queued. The tour guide led the way, and we walked on the designated walkways. He held up photos of before the island was dilapidated for us to compare with how the island looked presently.

First, we saw remnants of what used to be a school and a coal mine. As we walked further, more collapsed buildings were in sight. Then, we saw Block 30 – a concrete apartment. I could not help but to feel a little upset that we weren’t allowed to climb the staircase that led up to the dark alleyways as it was cordoned off. Who knew what I would find there?

I understood why we could not gain access to those restricted parts of the island. There were debris, shattered windows and drainpipes everywhere. After a great 45 minutes’ tour of the island, we headed to the deck and returned to our boat. The boat took us to circle the island one last time, and I waved goodbye. From afar, the island was nothing interesting. But to me, to us visitors, it was an enchanting one. The island looked beautiful even when its condition was dejected.

I cannot go back to Kobe without bringing souvenirs home. I bought a castella cake (Nagasaki’s finest) and a tote bag with the island’s mascot – a brown lump of coal called Gansho-kun.

I hopped on the tram back to Nagasaki Station and searched for more abandoned places I should visit in Japan. I have always wanted to explore Nara Dreamland, but I have to partner up with a friend because the amusement park creeps me out. After a long, deep thought, my next destination would be the Former Japanese Navy Underground Bunker in Okinawa. I have to start planning.

- 19 What does the writer mean when he said he's a part-time urban explorer?
- A He dedicated his time to become an urban explorer.
 - B Exploring places is part of his job.
 - C He moonlights as an urban explorer.
 - D He is a modern adventurer that seeks out excitement.
- 20 Why does the writer say summer in Japan is unpredictable?
- A Because of the heavy downpour.
 - B Because the weather is variable.
 - C Because the trains will stop working during summer.
 - D Because Japan is hotter during summer.
- 21 The former habitants of Hashima Island worked for the _____.
- A Mitsubishi's ship-building factories
 - B coal mining
 - C Tokiwamachi Port
 - D tour company
- 22 What happened to the island after everyone had evacuated it?
- A Typhoons destroyed most of the buildings.
 - B It was haunted.
 - C Residents fled to Nagasaki to start a new life.
 - D The residents put up danger signs to avoid tourists.
- 23 "After a while, I saw *it*." What was *it*?
- A Block 30 of the island.
 - B Tokiwamachi Port.
 - C Staircase that led up to the dark alleyways.
 - D Hashima Island.
- 24 Why did the writer feel upset in paragraph 8?
- A Because he could not explore the other parts of the building.
 - B Because he saw collapsed buildings.
 - C Because he was taken aback by the warning sign.
 - D Because of the former school and coal mine.
- 25 Which of the following adjectives suit to describe the condition of the island?
- A Isolated.
 - B Stark.
 - C Depressing.
 - D Occupied.
- 26 Why do you think the writer enjoys exploring these kinds of places?
- A He loves the thrills of scouting abandoned buildings.
 - B He plans to restore these places.
 - C He wants to learn the history behind these places.
 - D He likes to trespass into private properties.

Part 4

Questions 27 to 32 are based on an article about *GMO foods*. 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.

Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) Foods

Those who know about GMO foods often wonder, “Am I eating foods sprouted from GMO crops?” You have probably eaten GMO foods without realising it. Research conducted in 2018 shows that 90% of corn and 94% of soybean in the United States were from genetically modified seeds.

GMO foods are produced from organisms that have had changes injected into their DNA using the methods of genetic engineering as opposed to traditional cross-breeding. **27**

Next, copies of these insect-resistant genes are formed in a laboratory. The scientists then insert these copies into the DNA of another plant’s cells, which means the cells have already altered. **28** Of course, reviews and tests have to be done before they sell these cells to farmers.

The Americans favour various GMO foods, from cornstarch, corn syrup, corn oil, soybean oil, and canola oil to granulated sugar. **29** They include apples, papayas and potatoes.

There are pros and cons to taking GMO foods. The foods are much healthier because GMO foods have little pesticides. Many GMO crops have been altered to lessen the risk of attacks by insects and other pests. **30**

As such, farmers do not need to use that much pesticide on their crops, so fewer health hazards. In addition, less use of pesticides means less damage to the environment. GMO foods are usually much cheaper because they are bred to grow efficiently. Farmers can produce the same amount of food using less land, water and pesticide as opposed to traditional farming. **31**

On the contrary, GMO foods may cause allergic reactions because of their altered DNA. **32** . Moreover, GMO foods may increase antibiotic resistance. It can be very detrimental. GMO foods or non-GMO foods? The choice is yours!

Adapted and edited from
“*Genetically modified food: What are the pros and cons?*”
from Medical News Today,
by Barrell. A, 2022.

A To make it simpler, researchers identify the genes in a plant that cause specific traits such as resistance to insects.

B GMO foods are found everywhere in the world as they are cheap.

C This is mainly because scientists can select the most ideal traits to include in GMO crops.

D These modified cells are then used to grow new, insect-resistant crops.

E This aspect of cost efficiency makes GMO foods much cheaper than their counterparts.

F There is evidence of people complaining of an allergic reaction after taking GMO foods.

G A survey found that most people are not aware that they have eaten GMO foods before.

H Fresh fruits and vegetables are also available in GMO varieties.

Part 5

Questions 33 to 40 are based on the following texts.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions that follow.

What Holiday Means To People

A TOMMY STA MARIA, 56

I work in the catering industry. Going on holiday is very crucial for my staff. I will close the restaurant for a week. It is a holiday for us. Last month, I brought them to Cameron Highlands. It's a way to unwind and relax. Most importantly, this is how I reward my workers who have been with me for a decade.

B SITI MARIAM, 30

Going on holiday boosts my 'feel-good' hormones. This means holidaying with my aged parents in the village. Working in the city is very stressful, so I grab whatever chance I have to make a journey home. Besides that, I love the scenic beauty of the village with its fresh air and tranquillity - that is what a holiday means for me.

C RICHARD ONN, 45

It's the best getaway from the mundane routine of daily life. Being on holiday means getting to know our family members better. We learn the values of being tolerant and patient whilst on holiday. That's how we strengthen our family ties.

D KADIR MOHAMMAD, 33

I believe my performance level is much better after going on holiday to any destinations. It is surprising how I could be so creative and imaginative afterwards. Going on a holiday is a break from the monotony of routine office work.

E SAMUEL MICHAEL, 39

"Going on a holiday to Taman Negara? Yay, we love you, Daddy!" This is the response of my two kids, Sean and Shelley. This is where I understand my kids better. I love to be with my kids when on holiday. I love spending time with them.

F SHIREEN TEOH, 26

While working hard can be rewarding, it can also lead to burnout. To prevent this, I usually go on holiday to a serene resort by the beach. I told myself I need to take at least some time away from the office. Money is not everything! Last week, I was at Pulau Redang with a few friends. It's an amazing feeling when you get to scuba-dive and snorkell in the crystal clear water.

Questions 33 to 36

Using the information given, which text (A to F) describes the following meaning of going on a holiday?

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

Statement	Paragraph
33 Going on holiday makes me more productive.	_____
34 It is how I appreciate the people around me.	_____
35 Feeling of being more lively and active.	_____
36 It's running away from the hustle and bustle of the city.	_____

Questions 37 to 40

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

Write your answer on the answer sheet.

How Holiday Benefits Us

Going on a holiday after long hours of work or school is beneficial for us. It helps us to release our stress, build strong relationships between friends and families and to relax. Our _____ **37** _____ seems to peak after coming home from a holiday as we feel more motivated and creative. Going on a holiday doesn't always mean going with family members or friends. We can go on holiday with our _____ **38** _____. For parents, it is lovely to see our _____ **39** _____ enjoy the fun and excitement when on holiday. They are the pillars of strength in every one's life. The _____ **40** _____ world is dull and unattractive, so going on a holiday is a way to cheer up most people.

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 school library.

Articles wanted! 'My School Library'

- ▶ What facilities should your school library have?
- ▶ What other types of books should your school library have?
 - ▶ How can you improve your school library?

We will publish the best article on our website.

Write your **article**.

OR

Question 4

You recently saw this poster in a magazine.

Reviews required!

Have you been to any interesting place lately with your family? Send us your review.

Say what you enjoyed about the place.

Would you recommend the place to your friends? Why?

Send us your review.

The best review will be published in our special issue.

Write your **review**.

OR

Question 5

Your teacher has asked you to write a story for your school magazine. The story **must** end with the following words:

“As I sped home, I wondered, “Will he come after me again?””

In your story, you must:

- describe what happened
- talk about how the story ends

Write your **story**.

