



MODULE 1 LET'S CHAT

Listening

A

- Occupational pursuit
- Invent
- Acting with each other
- Collaborate or cooperate
- A fierce fight
- Branch
- Roam and look for
- The main idea

B

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|----------|---------|----------|
| 1. False | 2. True | 3. False |
| 4. False | 5. True | 6. True |

C

1. ✓ 3. ✓ 4. ✓ 6. ✓ 8. ✓

D

Part A	Part B
Nathan	plays online games.
Isyarina	by PUBG Corporation.
Isyarina occasionally	is sixteen years old and schooling in Form 4.
PUBG	is the caller from the Career Guidance Society.
PUBG is developed	conducting an online survey on career paths.
The Career Guidance Society is	is an online multiplayer battle royale game.

Speaking

A

(Accept any suitable answer)

- What is your general opinion on instant messengers?
- What are the advantages of instant messengers in social and also business contexts?
- What are the disadvantages then?
- Lastly, what is your conclusion on instant messengers?
- Thank you, sir.

B

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| 1. dependable | 5. contacts |
| 2. feature | 6. means |
| 3. stage | 7. collection |
| 4. discussion | 8. appeal |

C

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|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| 1. False | 2. True | 3. True | 4. True |
| 5. True | 6. False | 7. False | 8. True |

D

2. ✓ 3. ✓ 4. ✓ 5. ✓

Reading

A

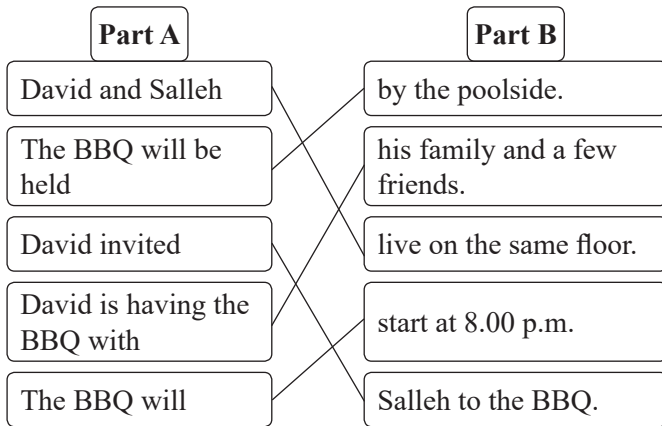
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| 1. typical | 5. participate |
| 2. bought | 6. convince |
| 3. foresight | 7. obstacle |
| 4. take chance of | 8. astounding |

B

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| 1. A | 4. G |
| 2. H | 5. C |
| 3. B | 6. E |

- C**
1. C
 2. A
 3. A
 4. B
 5. C
 6. A
 7. B
 8. A
 9. C
 10. C

D



E

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. True

Writing

A

To	amin@email.com
Subject	Thank you
<p>Hi Amin,</p> <p>I've received your e-mail. I'm well, thank you. Hope you and our friends are also well. Thank you for your appreciation. I've not forgotten all of you. I hope to see you all soon.</p> <p>All the best.</p> <p>Nanda</p>	

B

- A. 10
- B. 9
- C. 8
- D. 6
- E. 3
- F. 4
- G. 1
- H. 2
- I. 7
- J. 5

To	nadine@email.com
Subject	Picnic Trip
<p>Dear Nadine,</p> <p>Hi. How are you? I hope you are in the pink. I just read your e-mail, and I am glad to write a reply to you. Hereby, I would like to suggest Port Dickson for our picnic trip for this upcoming school holiday. I am excited by just imagining the fun we'll have there! There are many things we can do there, like watching the sunset and relaxing by the beach. I am sure the exhilarating view would be the best memory for us to treasure. Also, we can practise our swimming skills there. I am not worried about you as you're a skilled swimmer. But, it will be a fun and challenging experience for a beginner like me. Then, we must not forget to bring our digital camera to capture every moment. In addition, it will be better if we bring some money to buy keychains or T-shirts as souvenirs. I have to go now. See you soon!</p> <p>From,</p> <p>Susanne</p>	

C

- (Accept any suitable answers)
- Confidential information about your identity** – This includes address, phone number, identification card number, and birth date. Don't share this information with other family members either. Other than that, financial information such as bank account numbers must be kept private. People may use it to hack into your account and steal your money.

2. **Your schedule** – Don't tell people that your house will be empty while you are off for a holiday. You may also want to be careful about posting your whereabouts. People may use this opportunity to break into your house while you are away, or worst, stalking you.

3. **Information that could be clues to your password** – While it may be obvious that you shouldn't post passwords online, you should also make sure you don't post information that could allow a hacker to figure out your password. Make sure the answers to your security questions stay private.

Grammar

A

Question	Negative
Does she love chatting?	She does not love chatting.
Is he a scout?	He is not a scout.
Do they play bowling?	They do not play bowling.
Does he have many friends?	He does not have many friends.
Does Manjit live in Kangar?	Manjit does not live in Kangar.
Does Maria like cooking?	Maria does not like cooking.
Does it rain every night?	It does not rain every night.
Is 'Hamlet' a tragedy?	'Hamlet' is not a tragedy.

B

1. is
2. are
3. take, give
4. plays
5. Do, like
6. has
7. go
8. do, eat
9. leaves
10. takes

C

Question	Negative
Is he washing his car?	He is not washing his car.
Are they celebrating Hamid's birthday?	They are not celebrating Hamid's birthday.
Is the baby sleeping?	The baby is not sleeping.
Are you going to Sungai Petani tomorrow?	You are not going to Sungai Petani tomorrow.

Is the government giving out aids to those who are affected by the pandemic?	The government is not giving out aids to those who are affected by the pandemic.
Are the cows grazing in the field?	The cows are not grazing in the field.
Is Marion listening to the radio?	Marion is not listening to the radio.
Are we growing vegetables in our garden?	We are not growing vegetables in our garden.

D

1. Azam is taking his bath.
2. Dharshini is cooking chicken curry.
3. The girls are washing the dishes.
4. They are travelling to Genting.
5. My brother is studying in the U.K.
6. John is taking a selfie.
7. The students are having lunch in the café.
8. The river is flowing extremely fast.
9. My father is teaching me to drive.
10. Siew Leng is staying with her parents.

E

1. C
2. B
3. A
4. C
5. B
6. A

F

1. drier
2. most intelligent
3. bigger
4. most dangerous
5. longest
6. saddest
7. best
8. bigger, the biggest
9. taller, the tallest
10. best
11. the slimmest
12. more comfortable

SPM PAST YEAR QUESTIONS

Paper 1

Part 1

1. A
2. C
3. A

MODULE 2 READY FOR ANYTHING

Listening

A

- panic-stricken ✓
 frightening ✓
 scary ✓
 lucky ✓
 terrifying ✓
 panicky ✓

B

1. a. 2. a. 3. b. 4. b. 5. a.
 6. b. 7. a. 8. a. 9. a. 10. a.

C

1. True 2. True 3. False 4. False
 5. True 6. False 7. True 8. False
 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. True

D

1. take out 2. terrified 3. road divider
 4. junction 5. choking 6. relieved

Speaking

A.

1. deodorant 5. garnishing
 2. tradesman 6. seasonings
 3. derives 7. sniffers
 4. cuisine 8. proficient

Reading

A

1. C 2. C 3. B 4. B
 5. D 6. A 7. D 8. C

B

1. a. 2. b. 3. b. 4. b.
 5. a. 6. a. 7. b. 8. a.
 9. b. 10. b. 11. b. 12. a.

C

Rock climbing
 Mountain climbing
 BASE jumping
 Paragliding

D

1. False 2. True 3. False 4. True
 5. True 6. False 7. True 8. False

E

1. athlete 6. adrenaline
 2. medals 7. lack
 3. alternative 8. fame
 4. speed 9. lethal
 5. thrill 10. concept

F

Extreme Sports	Conventional Sports
BASE jumping	Table tennis
Mountain climbing	Badminton
Bungee jumping	Tennis
Rock climbing	Football
Paragliding	Tai-chi

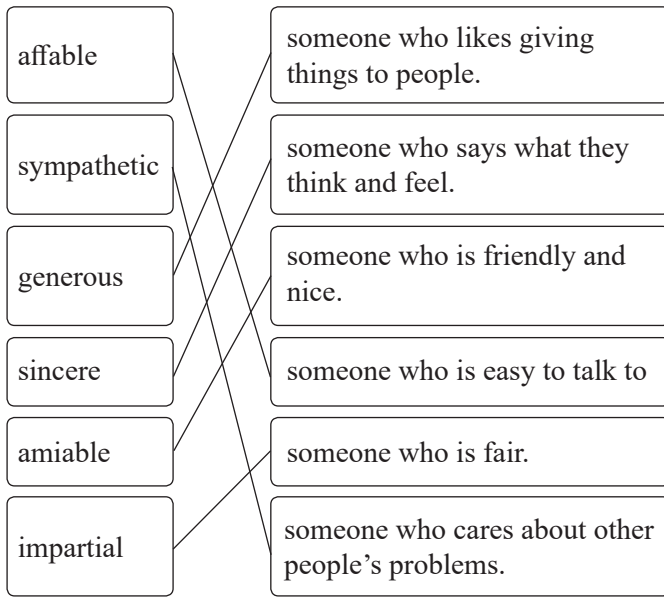
Writing

A Introduction

Extreme sports refer to an activity to challenge our physical and mental limits. In 2019, 70% of youth globally said they were interested in trying extreme sports at least once to test their endurance level. We believe that in Malaysia, the youth thinks the same. My class has been discussing extreme sports, and my teacher has asked me to write an essay on it. Hence, extreme sports will be discussed as follows

Closing

Overall, extreme sports are the best sport for teens who love challenges and adrenaline rush. Not only it will make your body physically healthy, it will also strengthen your mind. Therefore, it is crucial for everyone, not only youth, to try extreme sports and create unforgettable memories for themselves.

B**C**

1. It means he is easy to talk to, friendly and nice. He is also easy to be with.
2. She is considerate and understanding. She thinks about others feel.
3. Miss Goh is generous, kind, giving and helpful.
4. sincere and straight-forward.
5. Diplomatic and impartial.
6. I think she should go to Sumitha because Sumitha is her peer. Lucy would be more comfortable discussing her problem with Sumitha than her teacher. Sumitha is also considerate, sympathetic and understanding.
7. I think Mr Meninderjit would make a good discipline teacher because he is diplomatic and impartial. He doesn't choose sides whenever his students disagree.
8. If Miss Goh was not a teacher, she would make a great charity worker because she is generous, helpful, kind and giving. She likes helping people. These qualities make a good charity worker.

D

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. stationary | 9. elicit |
| 2. stationery | 10. illicit |
| 3. effects | 11. lose |
| 4. affects | 12. loose |
| 5. breathe | 13. than |
| 6. breath | 14. then |
| 7. compliment | 15. principal |
| 8. complement | 16. principle |

E

Once upon a time, there lived a shepherd boy who was bored as he was tending the sheep. To amuse himself, he took a great breath and cried out, "Wolf! Wolf! The wolf is chasing the sheep!"

The villagers came running to help the boy drive the wolf away. But when they arrived at the top of the hill, they found no wolf. The boy laughed at the sight of their angry faces. The angry villagers scolded the boy. Then, they went grumbling back down the hill.

A little while later, the boy cried out again, "Wolf! Wolf! The wolf is chasing the sheep!" To his naughty delight, he watched the villagers run up the hill again to help him drive the wolf away.

When the villagers arrived, they were angry and scolded the boy again. But the boy grinned and watched them go grumbling down the hill once more.

That night, he saw a real wolf prowling about his flock. Alarmed, he leapt to his feet and sang out loudly, "Wolf! Wolf!" But the villagers thought he was trying to fool them again, so they ignored him. The wolf ate all of the sheep.

Grammar**A.**

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|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. ✓ | 2. ✗ | 3. ✗ | 4. ✓ | 5. ✗ |
| 6. ✓ | 7. ✗ | 8. ✓ | 9. ✓ | 10. ✗ |

B

1. some broken glass
2. a lot of heavy industry
3. Was there much traffic
4. any information
5. long hair
6. some advice
7. isn't enough space

C

- | | |
|-------------|-------------|
| 1. a lot of | 6. Few |
| 2. much | 7. a lot of |
| 3. many | 8. a little |
| 4. any | 9. Few |
| 5. any | 10. much |

D

1. What's the name of the man who lives in that house?
2. Overalls are coats which people wear to protect their clothes when they are working.
3. I know a man whose daughter lives in Paris.
4. The doctor that I was hoping to see wasn't in.
5. I often buy cheese that is imported from Denmark.
6. The doctor who treated my mother is in the office.
7. The car which broke down earlier is in the mechanic's workshop.
8. The man whom Julie invited to the party was late.

E

1. broke, were living
2. was beginning, started
3. was listening, knocked
4. were living, was
5. were waiting, came
6. was walking, saw
7. was helping, yelled
8. was cooking, were playing
9. were playing, was sleeping
10. was working, called

F

1. The novel I am reading at the moment is interesting.
2. The town my grandfather lives in is very old.
3. The cookies my mother bought yesterday are delicious.
4. The football match my friend played in was exciting.
5. The house she lives in is not very big.
6. Do you like the song they are playing on the radio?
7. Did you see the beautiful shirt Nadia wore yesterday?

G

1. C
2. A
3. A
4. B
5. A
6. A
7. B
8. C
9. A
10. C

SPM PAST YEAR QUESTIONS**Paper 1****Part 1**

1. A
2. B

Part 3

1. A
2. C
3. A
4. D
5. B
6. B
7. D
8. A

MODULE 3 BUY IT!**Listening****A**

1. Shopper's paradise
2. Shopaholic
3. Shop around
4. Window shopping
5. Shopping spree
6. Shop till you drop

B**List 1 – C****List 2 – B****List 3 – A****List 4 – D****C**

1. **A** No, thank you. I'm just looking. (✓)
C Yes, I'm looking for lipsticks. (✓)
2. **A** Not really. (✓)
B Yes, do you have Louis Paris? (✓)
3. **B** May I try this on? (✓)
4. **A** By card. (✓)
B Cash, please. (✓)
5. **B** Do you have a size bigger than this? (✓)

D

1. B
2. C
3. No. The shopper did not buy the jeans because it was the last pair and it was not his size.
4. The store ran out of that jeans because a lot of people were attracted to the great discount.
(Accept any suitable answer)
5. They give great discounts because they want to clear out old inventory. They might also want to attract more customers into the store.
(Accept any suitable answer)

E

- hypermarket – 3
mall – 1
department store – 4
supermarket – 2

Speaking**A** (Accept any suitable answer)

B (Accept any suitable answer)

C (Accept any suitable answer)

Reading

A

1. Sue wants to invite Jenny to go shopping with her.
2. Sue wants to go shopping at the Green Pine Mall because the mall is having a Saturday Fever Sale.
3. a. Sue's mother gave her money to go shopping. (✓)
c. Sue and Jenny are good friends. (✓)
e. Saturday Fever Sale is a shopping event. (✓)
4. Yes, they are still schooling. Sue told Jenny that they will meet in class to discuss about their shopping spree. Also, both girls are still dependent on their parents for money.

B

1. It is to commemorate unmarried people in China.
2. Unmarried people treat themselves to gifts and presents.
3. Singles' Day has become one of the biggest 24-hour shopping events in China because unmarried people will buy gifts.
4. It originated from Nanjing University in 1993 and spread to several other universities during the 1990s.
5. Singles' Day is also known as 11.11.
6. Singles' Day is the world's largest shopping day because it surpasses both Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales combined.
7. "Treating themselves to gifts and presents" means buying gifts for themselves. "Receiving gifts and presents" means to receive gifts from others.
8. a. Christmas Day
b. Birthday
9. Singles' Day shopping event is not only confined to shoppers in China, but also to shoppers all over the world through Alibaba.com. If I don't live in China, I can make online purchases at other e-commerce platforms. (Accept any suitable answer)

C

1. D 2. B 3. D 4. C 5. A

D

1. B
2. A
3. C
4. B

5. A

6. B

7. C

8. A

Writing

A

Transition	Idea	Elaboration
1. <i>In addition</i>	1. <i>The taste and looks,</i>	1. <i>the creamy and soft textures that linger in our mouth for a split second before they melt.</i>
2. <i>obviously</i>		
3. <i>In other words</i>	2. <i>the fresh ingredients used by the seller make it even more unique.</i>	2. <i>The fact that they are grown traditionally makes us customers not worry about the chemicals' side effects.</i>
4. <i>Also</i>		
5. <i>In short</i>		

Content 1 (C1):

Beforehand, the food that I would always come back to at the traditional market in my neighbourhood is *cendol*. Imagine the sweet coconut milk combined with the savoury green rice jelly, palm sugar syrup and glutinous rice with red beans. Isn't that mouth-watering? With just RM3 per cup, I can enjoy it to my heart's content! To cut a long story short, not only is it cheap, but it is also delicious.

Content 3 (C3):

Needless to say, I would recommend *cendol* to everyone I know. In the interest of not only sharing good things with the people around me but also making sure the traditional market will not cease to exist. In short, the traditional market is a part of us that we would be devastated without.

Grammar

A

1. has told
2. have been
3. has brought
4. has left
5. has painted
6. have known
7. have forgotten
8. has given
9. has won
10. has found

B

1. He hasn't eaten so much rice before.
Has he eaten so much rice before?
2. They haven't forgotten the meeting time.
Have they forgotten the meeting time?
3. Your dad hasn't written the letter.
Has your dad written the letter?
4. I haven't spoken to him about the matter.
Have you spoken to him about the matter?
5. The Sun hasn't risen.
Has the Sun risen?
6. The movie hasn't started.
Has the movie started?

C

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. went | 7. frightened |
| 2. bought | 8. has grown |
| 3. have seen | 9. have known |
| 4. stole | 10. have travelled |
| 5. has been admitted | 11. slept |
| 6. have always wanted | 12. has lived |

D

1. hasn't been visiting
2. has been living
3. have been studying
4. have been playing
5. have not been paying
6. has not been jogging
7. has been looking
8. have been cooking
9. haven't been living
10. have been using

E

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| 1. must | 6. may |
| 2. must | 7. should |
| 3. can't | 8. should |
| 4. must | 9. could |
| 5. should | 10. might |

SPM PAST YEAR QUESTIONS

Paper 1

Part 1

1. B 2. A

MODULE 4 BEING A TEEN

Listening

A

- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1. all ready | 6. its |
| 2. site | 7. ascent |
| 3. lead | 8. emigrated |
| 4. to | 9. whether |
| 5. farther | 10. Who's |

B

1. False 2. False 3. True 4. True 5. True

C

- i. Hormonal changes
- ii. Puberty
- iii. Social and parental forces
- iv. Work and school pressures

D

1. B 2. C 3. A 4. B 5. B
6. C 7. C 8. B

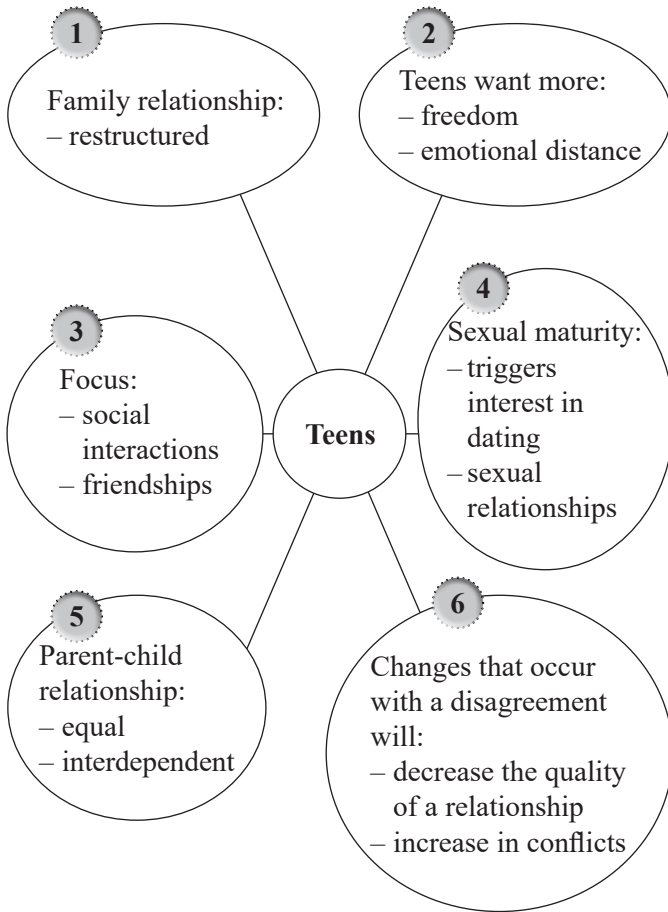
Speaking

A

(Students' answers)

B
(Students' answers)

C

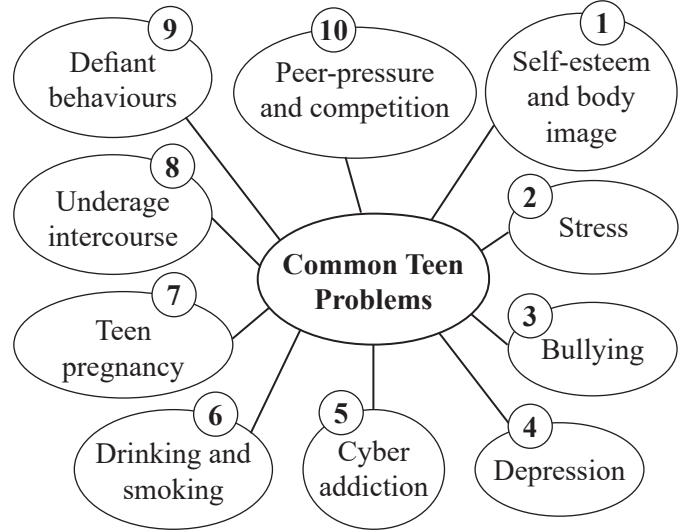


Reading

A

1. Debts (✓)
Work pressure (✓)
Financial constrains (✓)
2. Teenagers face hormonal changes as they begin to grow into adulthood. These changes cause the appearance of pimples and other skin problems. At this stage, teenagers are very conscious of their physical and body shapes.
3. Teenagers may seem defiant because they are transitioning from children to adults. They refused to be treated as children. They want more equal footing with adults, but adults refuse to acknowledge this.
(Accept any suitable answer)

4.



B

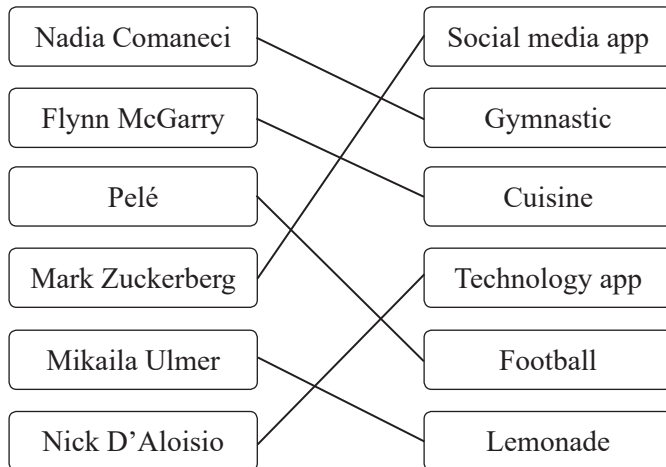
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| 1. F | 5. important |
| 2. D | 6. responsibilities |
| 3. B | 7. choose |
| 4. E | 8. rules |

C

Part A

1. He scored his first World Cup goal against Wales in 1958.
2. He founded Facebook.
3. He began his restaurant business by serving haute cuisine out of his parents' house called Eureka.
4. She concocted the 'Me & the Bees' lemonade brand when she was 9 years old and then struck an \$11 million distribution deal with U.S supermarket giants, Whole Foods Market.
5. She was the youngest person to receive a perfect ten in the Olympics and still holds the record to this day.
6. He sold an app to Yahoo! for \$30 million.
7. I will emulate the success of Mark Zuckerberg because he invented an app that is used worldwide and brought benefits to people.
(Accept any suitable answer)
8. Although they are successful in different fields, their perseverance made them very successful at a young age.
(Accept any suitable answer)

Part B



Writing

A

To	razifahmad@email.com
Subject	Let's meet up!
Hi Razif, It's nice to hear from you after such a long time. How's your family? Yes, it'll be great if we can hang out, just like old times. I'll invite Sam, Krish, Soon Keat and John. You are right, a lot has changed since you left. The old place where we used to hang out during the weekends had been demolished to make way for a new mall. We can go there. Let me know when you're coming, and I'll make the necessary arrangements. <p>Bye! <i>Arman</i></p>	

B

To	tina@email.com
Subject	Weekend Programme
Hi Connor, It's been a while since I last heard from you. I hope you are doing well. Since you have been thinking of registering for the Weekend Programme at your school, I thought I would provide my insight on that matter to solve your dilemma. <p>C1: Honestly, I would suggest you take the Writing Class as you dream to be an author one day. For the sake of your dream, you should sign up for the class as it would teach you creative writing.</p> <p>C2: Not only that, the class also offers you plot-writing techniques, as it is crucial for you to write an engaging plot for your novel sometime in the future. Don't you agree?</p> <p>C3: I very much believe that we teenagers should join more school programmes not only for extra-curricular credit but also to fill our leisure time beneficially.</p> <p>Closing: That will all be from me. Look forward to hearing about the Weekend Programme you chose. Bye!</p>	

C

Teenagers are more informed today than ever before. They are exposed to many things in social media, real or fake. Viral news and posts on social media keep teenagers informed on the latest happenings and the newest trends in technology, fashion and entertainment. It helps them with their homework and tasks because doing research is much easier now. They can look for resources and references by just browsing the Internet.

Since appearing on social media can be anonymous, disabilities of all sorts are almost invisible to other users. A person can be handsome on social media using photo filters. This newfound invisibility is a boost of self-esteem for many teenagers.

On the other hand, social media can also bring disadvantages for teenagers as some of them use social media as a platform for cyberbullying. Cyberbullying has damaging effects on the victims. Besides, it can also lead to isolation in disabled teens. Teenagers believe that the information they read or hear on social media is nothing but the truth. Since there are many things to do on social media, there might be an increase in procrastination.

With social media, teenagers can easily connect to their peers. However, it will ruin their social skills as they will belittle their opinions and disrespect others. They also may not be courteous when dealing with people online.

Grammar

A

1. will see
2. will not go
3. Will, come
4. will paint
5. Will, attend, will
6. will, leave, will leave
7. will call
8. will rain
9. will have
10. Will, tell

B.

1. are going to play
2. is going to go
3. is going to visit
4. am going to cook
5. are going to have
6. is going to see
7. are going to swim
8. is going to buy
9. is going to talk
10. is going to paint

C

1. going to take
isn't going to
Is, going to take
2. are going to buy
aren't going to buy
Are, going to buy

3. am going to see
am not going to see
Am, going to see
4. is going to rain
isn't going to rain
Is, going to rain
5. is going to play
isn't going to play
Is, going to play
6. are going to bed
aren't going to bed
Are, going to bed

D

1. will, have done
2. Will, have said
3. will not have finished
4. will not have gotten up
5. will not have arrived
6. will not have forgotten
7. Will, have written
8. Will, have accepted
9. will, have run
10. will not have arrived

E

1. gets
2. study
3. were
4. would have passed
5. ask
6. will lend
7. will give
8. forget
9. had sold
10. recycle

F

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|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. All | 6. Neither |
| 2. neither | 7. either |
| 3. either, both | 8. Both, neither |
| 4. either | 9. Neither |
| 5. Neither | 10. both |

SPM PAST YEAR QUESTIONS

Paper 1

Part 1

1. C

Part 2

1. A 2. D 3. C 4. A 5. B
6. A 7. B 8. D 9. C 10. B

Paper 2

Part 1

To	lily@email.com
Subject	Working part-time
Hi Lily, I think working as a cashier at a bookshop would be more suitable for you since you love reading and being around books. It would be less tiring compared to standing as a promoter all day, and you'd get to interact with people who share similar interests. As for me, I intend to take a short trip and enjoy some quality time with my family during the holidays. I might also look for a part-time job to gain working experience. Take care! Your sincerely, Harisa	

MODULE 5 GLOBETROTTING

Listening

A

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. b 5. a
6. b 7. c 8. c 9. b 10. a

B

1. C 2. B 3. A 4. B

Speaking

A

1. at the crack of dawn
2. off the beaten track
3. shoestring
4. break the journey
5. travel light

B (Accept any suitable answer)

C (Accept any suitable answers)

Reading

A

1. A 2. B 3. B
4. B 5. C 6. A

B

1. a. art (✓)
b. fashion (✓)
d. cuisine (✓)
e. culture (✓)
2. The River Seine.
3. a. Eiffel Tower (✓)
c. Notre-Dame Cathedral (✓)
4. Paris is referred to as the 'City of Love' because of the romantic atmosphere it exudes. Visitors would feel the romantic vibes since Paris is rich with culture, art, beauty, and history. Paris is also known as the 'City of Lights' because of its leading role during the Age of Enlightenment and because it was one of the first European cities to use gas street lighting on a grand scale on its boulevards and monuments.
5. Yes, I would because I have always wanted to visit Paris, the City of Love. I want to experience the romantic vibes that Paris exudes. I also want to visit the Eiffel Tower and the Notre-Dame Cathedral to see their outstanding architecture.

C

1. B 2. C 3. B 4. A 5. C
6. A 7. B 8. A 9. C 10. B

D

1. a. Travelocity (✓)
b. Expedia (✓)
d. Skyscanner (✓)
f. OneTravel (✓)

2. The two things that I can get for a low price are accommodation and transportation. I will stay in a hostel as it is cheaper. I can also save on travelling by not using taxis. Instead, I will walk, use a public transportation or rent a bike.
3. I would take a photo or make a video with my phone or camera.
4. Haggling can save money because we can get things for a reasonable price. Moreover, haggling is a norm in some countries.
5. I will not use taxis. Instead, I would take the bus, train or walk.
6. House-sitting is when the house owner lets you stay for free and in return, you take care and look after the house for them. The owners may require you to do some house chores.
7. Buying souvenirs is not an essential part of my travel plans because I enjoy sightseeing and visiting places I've never been to before. I will buy souvenir if it's cheap and within my budget.

8.



Writing

A

To	alexty@ymail.com
Subject	I'm coming to London!
<p>Hi Alex,</p> <p>I wish to inform you that my family and I will come to London this December. We will be in London from the 22nd until the 28th of December. We will stay at the Park Grand London, Paddington Hotel. Is it near to your place? My father did the booking online. By the way, can we meet up? You can suggest a place to meet or you can come to the hotel. Perhaps you could show us the Tower Bridge, Big Ben and other tourist spots in London. I will inform you the estimated time we will arrive in London. See you soon.</p> <p>Bye, <i>Elias</i></p>	

B

I would love to visit Italy. Ever since I was little, I have been so fascinated by the Roman Empire and the Renaissance period. Italy has a rich culture, delectable cuisine, interesting history, chic fashion, and cultured art. Firstly, I will visit the Colosseum, a place where ancient gladiators used to fight in Rome. Also, I plan to visit Vatican City. I hope to see the St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel for their breathtaking architecture.

Besides Rome, I would visit several cities too. I would love to go to Venice, the City of Canals and take a ride in a gondola. Another city I would like to visit is Florence. It is renowned for its Renaissance masterpieces such as Michelangelo's David sculpture and Brunelleschi's Duomo at the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore.

In addition, I want to see the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa, take a historical tour of Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius. Last but not least, I will make a stop at Milan, the fashion capital of Italy to shop for clothes. For all these reasons, I choose to visit Italy.

C

C1:

Personal travelling experience around Malaysia
 Visited Langkawi last school holiday – first time boarding a plane – met a new friend – feeling glad

C2:

Why should people visit Malaysia?
delicious food and friendly people – *nasi lemak, roti canai* and *yong tau fu* – don't have to be scared to ask for directions – feel welcomed and celebrated.

C3:

How to encourage people to do more travelling?
Campaigns like Travelling Broaden Your Mind – Ministry of Tourism – booths to promote tourist's spots in Malaysia and oversea – feel enlightened with new knowledge and experience gained.

Grammar

A

1. receptionist
2. baker
3. writer
4. journalist
5. pharmacist
6. supervisor
7. cashier
8. physicist
9. bloopers
10. vocalist

B

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| 1. historic | 6. disinterested |
| 2. implied | 7. bear |
| 3. too | 8. further |
| 4. loose | 9. hanged |
| 5. advises | 10. all ready |

C

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| 1. had been | 6. had been gossiping |
| 2. had been trying | 7. had been hiking |
| 3. Had, been studying | 8. hadn't been visiting |
| 4. hadn't been feeling | 9. had been eating |
| 5. had been playing | 10. had been listening |

D

1. Had he been staying awake?
2. Had she been working there since she was fifteen?
3. Had the plumber been fixing the leak for an hour?
4. Had she been attending classes since morning?
5. Had he been working as a security guard before he retired?

E

1. He said that he was looking for his son.
2. She said that she would buy a big house for her mother if she had been rich.
3. He told Kamil to come to the front.
4. The old man said that he had lived in that village for a long time.
5. She said that she had been baking cookies when the electricity had gone off.

F

1. The lifeguard advised against going into the water.
2. Dharshini advised Veera to go to the doctor.
3. Kamariah encouraged Jenny to apply for the job.
4. Maria decided she would go to Japan that holiday.
5. James explained where the station was.

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Paper 1

Part 1

1. B

MODULE 6 TIME OUT

Listening

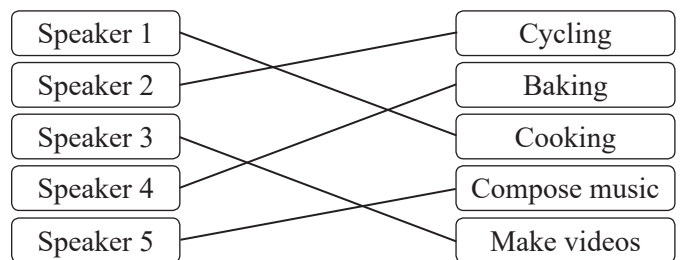
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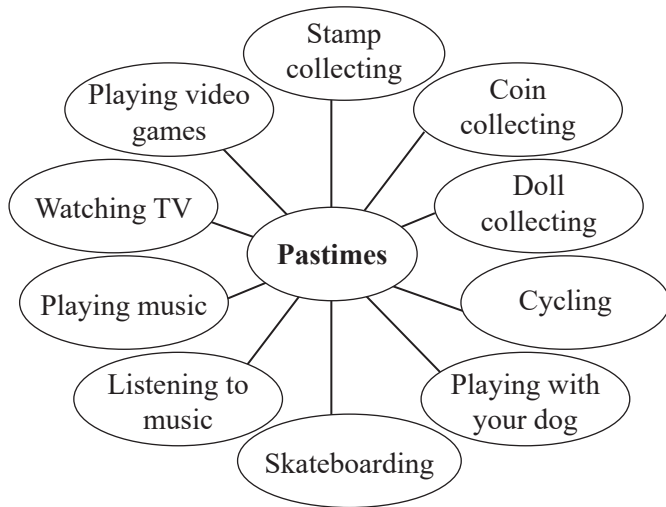
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| 1. B | 2. C | 3. A |
| 4. C | 5. B | 6. B |

C



D**Speaking**A (*Student's answer*)B (*Student's answer*)C (*Student's answer*)

- Hashim's favourite pastime is rock climbing. His father taught him how to rock climb. Hashim has been rock climbing for five years. He wears a helmet and other protective gear when going rock climbing.
- Liza's favourite pastime is photography. She is very interested in photography. Her father bought her a camera when she was 10 years old. She likes to take pictures of scenery.
- Shantini's favourite pastime is gardening. She picked up gardening from her mother. Her mother is also an avid gardener. Shantini lives in a semi-detached house. Beside her house, there is a plot of land where she does her gardening. She likes to plant flowers.

D (*Student's answer*)**Reading**

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| 2. D | 5. E |
| 3. F | 6. C |

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| 1. C | 2. B | 3. B | 4. B | 5. C |
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| 1. B | 2. A | 3. C | 4. B | 5. C |
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Writing

A

To	Carlos Santana
Subject	How I spend my pastime
<p>Hi Carlos,</p> <p>How are you? I hope you are fine. I am writing to tell you how I spend my pastime. Most of the time, I read. After I have done my schoolwork, I would read my favourite storybooks. I like to read detective stories such as crime and mystery. Also, I will usually buy one or two books a month. I prefer printed books rather than digital ones. I have been reading since I was seven years old. That's all from me now. Hope to hear from you soon.</p> <p>Bye!</p> <p>Love, <i>Andre</i></p>	

B

My favourite pastime is collecting old coins and notes. It is called numismatics. Numismatics is the study or collection of currency, including coins, tokens, and paper money. I was thirteen when I started collecting old coins and notes. I had read about the benefits of collecting old coins and notes in an article in a newspaper. I got interested, and the rest is history.

I usually source my old coins and notes from junk sales or the flea market. Sometimes, when I receive some interesting old coins and notes, I will look up their history on the Internet. The stories behind some old coins and notes are interesting. Rare coins and notes such as misprints or limited editions have a high resell value.

Besides old coins and notes, I also collect limited editions newer coins and notes from various countries. Who knows, in the future, these coins and notes will fetch a higher price.

I also join numismatics groups on the Internet to learn more about it. Sometimes, we exchange coins and notes. I also get to meet new friends through these groups.

C

Introduction:

- a story or event recorded by a camera as a set of moving images and shown in cinema or on television
- surveys showed 95% of teenagers have their preferred movie genre
- movies and teenagers are like best friends, companions in time of need
- Thesis Statement: Hence, below are how these two interrelated to one another

C1:

Preferred genre of films

science fiction film – Jurassic Park; Dominion – by Colin Trevorrow – engaging – entering a world beyond reality – feel astonished and amazement with its cinematography.

C2:

Teenagers' frequency of watching films.

once a month – pocket money given by parents – at a cinema near their residential area – with friends or family – feeling jubilant with time well spent.

C3:

Ways to be wise when selecting movies to watch

1. read the online reviews – know the background story and casts – appropriate for your situation, audience, and mood – impressed or not?
2. the major theme highlighted in the movie – depth of thinking, emotional impact, authenticity in relation to what is being depicted through the theme – feeling fulfilled?

Closing:

- teenagers will get inspired to be better if they watch good movies
- movies are the platform to not only teenagers but also people from all walks of life to gain perspectives

Grammar

A.

1. for
2. from
3. on
4. of
5. about
6. to
7. with
8. about

9. in

10. from

B

1. overslept
2. overate
3. overdose
4. overcrowded
5. overheated
6. overspent
7. overworked
8. overweight
9. oversized
10. overstay

C

1. take off
2. get off
3. look down
4. broke into
5. showing off
6. put off
7. think of
8. drop in
9. left out
10. come across

D

1. take a bite
2. take a break
3. take the medicine
4. take a seat
5. take notes
6. take a taxi
7. take a survey
8. take part
9. take a shower
10. take it apart
11. take care
12. take time

E

1. The trees are going to be planted by them
2. The house will be sold by them.
3. The dishes should have been cleaned by Carmen.
4. The broken plates were thrown away by Shakila.
5. That song will be sung by Thomas.
6. My food is being eaten by the crows.
7. The dog is walked by Mr Siva.
8. The report should be written by Aziz.
9. The door has been opened (by someone).
10. The cave had been visited by many tourists.

F

1. Can you lend some money to me?
2. He gave the boy an apple.
3. Edward sent some flowers to Sharmeen.
4. I will make you a sandwich.
5. I want to buy Nadia a ring.
6. Can you bring Velu these books?
7. Maryam showed her friend the photos.
8. The park should be closed.
9. The car must be washed by Afina.
10. Christina was given a pony for her birthday.

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| 1. B | 2. A | 3. B | 4. A | 5. C |
| 6. A | 7. A | 8. B | 9. B | 10. A |
| 11. B | 12. A | 13. B | 14. C | 15. B |

SPM PAST YEAR QUESTIONS**Paper 1****Part 2**

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| 1. B | 2. A | 3. B | 4. A | 5. D |
| 6. C | 7. A | 8. B | 9. C | 10. D |

Paper 2**Part 3****Sizzlers Café: A Hotspot Eatery in Bertam**

If you are looking for a hotspot eatery in Bertam, look no further than Sizzlers Café. Snuggled between Vision Park and Kristal Business Centre, it is the most notable hangout place for people from every walk of life.

This café offers a welcoming environment for all as it is a place where families come together to build memories. As you enter, you will be bedazzled by the setting; a delightful fusion of antique cut stones and luxuries of modernity. The exposed red brick walls add an aesthetic feel of a rustic ambience. The dim façade also elevates the classiness of the interior, where the premise is illuminated mainly from the skylight.

My first time at Sizzlers Café was during my mother's birthday. I had their signature dish, the succulent and flavoursome rib eye steak with mixed garden salad, mashed potatoes topped with parmesan shavings and balsamic glaze drizzle. The steak was grilled to perfection. I could still recall the slight chew, tenderness and juiciness merging into a mouthful. Lastly, I completed my course by savouring the famous s'mores waffles with apple strudel and fluffy macarons with vanilla ice cream. As a passionate foodie, these dishes had the warmth of home-cooked meals based on its wholesome flavour.

In addition, their range of drinks from fresh juices, smoothies and brewed coffees are sold at a reasonable price. I recommend Sizzlers Café to other people as it is a great place to enjoy scrumptious meals at a modest price. With an array of choices and an all-you-can-eat-style menu, best believe there is always something for everyone.

MODULE 7 MOTHER NATURE**Listening****A**

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| e. 12 | f. 9 | g. 11 | h. 10 |
| i. 7 | j. 5 | k. 4 | l. 3 |

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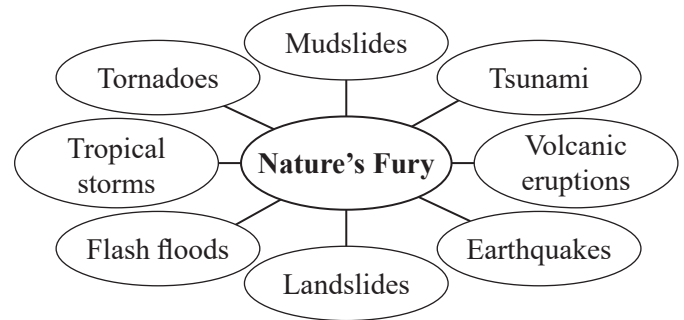
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| 1. A | 2. B | 3. C | 4. A | 5. C |
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6. Nature is a wonderful and relaxing place where all living things reside. The writer mentions butterflies, canoes, bugs, ducks, families, and kids, which shows that nature is a place for everyone.

Speaking

- A** i. (Student's answers)
ii.



- B** (Student's answer)

- C** (Student's answer)

Reading**A**

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| 1. A | 2. B | 3. B | 4. C | 5. B |
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B

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| 1. B | 2. A | 3. C | 4. B | 5. B |
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MODULE 8 IMAGE

Listening

A

artisan	etch
arts and crafts	emboss
collage	handcraft
crafter	handicraft
engrave	glue gun

B

- a. 4 b. 5 c. 6
d. 1 e. 3 f. 2

Speaking

A (Students' answer)

B (Students' answer)

Reading

A

Image		
Still image	Moving image	Still frame
1. Photography	1. Film	1. One frame
2. Visual media	2. Video	of a moving
3. Computer industry	3. Digital video	one
	4. Animated display	
	5. Zoetrope	

B

- They found a man's reflection in one of his pictures.
- The man altered his looks to deceive people and increase his followers on Twitter.
- The man had been altering his face using FaceApp and Photoshop.
- I think what the man did was wrong. He deceived people just to be famous on social media.
- @azusagakuyuki
 - 20,000 followers
 - a beautiful young woman
 - 1,000 followers
 - a Japanese TV show

C

- F
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- The mural is significant to celebrate the role that Stewart Lane played in the maritime industry because there is a connection with Sampan Hang or Boat Alley or Boatmen Alley. Sampan Hang refers to the narrow branch of Stewart Lane that connects to Chulia Lane, one of the narrowest alleyways in Georgetown. Furthermore, Stewart Lane was the one-time home of the Hainanese Mariners and also the Penang Heritage Trust.
- She is able to paint by merely looking at a photograph. She has the talent in capturing human expressions.
- Yes, I think the authorities should encourage such street murals because they can beautify mundane and dirty walls found on the streets. Besides that, it can capture the essence and historical expressions associated with the place, such as The Indian Boatman mural on Stewart Street. These murals can also attract tourists.

Writing

A

Dear Lonely Girl,

The problems you have are relatively common for teenagers your age. To solve your problems at home, I suggest you have a heart-to-heart conversation with your parents. Tell them how you always feel sleepy in class because you spent more time doing the housework. You can also mention that you have less time to complete your schoolwork and study because you are busy doing house chores. Also, don't be afraid to tell them that your grades are falling because of this.

Next, talk to your parents about the problem your brother is giving you or try talking to your brother. Tell him that he may come into your room, but don't mess it up. Alternatively, you could also lock your room.

I feel that your lack of self-confidence stems from your problems at home. Try to have one or two best friends to spend your time with. Try to live your life as other teenagers do. You can also try going for counselling sessions with your counsellor at school.

Hope this helps!

Yours truly,

Salma Magazine

B

Introduction:

Art gives our lives meaning and helps us understand the world around us. Scientific studies have proven that learning and appreciating art enhance our quality of life and make us feel calmer, where it will boost our problem-solving skills and be more creative. My class has been discussing the influence of learning art on creative and critical thinking among teenagers. My teacher has asked me to write an essay on it. Therefore, the following will entail the influence of learning art.

C1:

Your personal experience joining an art class.

Last school holiday – painting class – learn about colours and tones – felt excited – convey message or emotions into art

C2:

Why should teenagers learn art?

Art inspires creativity and new experiences – exercise their hands and their minds, using their imagination – express their unique perspective – thrilled – explore new possibilities and experience the world in a hands-on environment.

C3:

How to encourage creative and critical thinking among teenagers?

Encourage collaboration with others – work with other creative people/artists – learn and encourage them to recognise and appreciate creative qualities – workshop at school – art class – painting supplies – boost creativity

Closing:

Dare to try – get inspired – engage in creative industry – the mystery a future hold from willing to challenge your present

Grammar

A

1. hot under the collar
2. fine-tooth comb
3. roll up our sleeves
4. thinking caps
5. dirty laundry
6. birthday suit
7. spoke off the cuff

8. walking a mile in his shoes

9. dressed to the nines

10. hat in hand

11. ace up my sleeve

12. kid gloves

13. tighten our belts

14. below the belt

15. pants down

B

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| 1. a. along | b. a long |
| 2. a. brooch | b. broach |
| 3. a. cord | b. chord |
| 4. a. duel | b. dual |
| 5. a. envelop | b. envelope |
| 6. a. foreword | b. forward |
| 7. a. cereal | b. serial |
| 8. a. pores | b. pours |
| 9. a. pedal | b. peddle |
| 10. a. queue | b. cue |
| 11. a. storey | b. story |
| 12. a. isle | b. aisle |
| 13. a. torturous | b. tortuous |
| 14. a. all together | b. Altogether |

C

1. The mechanic had my motorcycle repaired.
2. She has her hair washed.
3. My father will have the broken tap repaired.
4. I had him write a letter.
5. He has had the hedge trimmed.
6. Li Hua was having her hair permed.
7. Hamid has been having the store cleaned.
8. They had been having the leaves raked.
9. She had had the potatoes baked.
10. He will be having the house painted.
11. She may have the song recorded.
12. She had the picture drawn.

D

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| 1. A | 2. B | 3. B | 4. B | 5. B |
| 6. C | 7. A | 8. B | 9. A | 10. C |

E

1. had asked, would have given
2. had listened, would have been
3. would have written, had
4. had not broken, would have taken
5. would have swum, had not been

6. had gone, would have met
7. had spoken, would have understood
8. had taken, would not have arrived
9. had not started, would have gone
10. would have gotten, had done
11. would have been, had sent
12. had watched, would have enjoyed

F

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| 1. could | 9. knew |
| 2. had seen | 10. had not stayed |
| 3. travelled | 11. had taken |
| 4. were | 12. had gone |
| 5. had worked | 13. hadn't lost |
| 6. had become | 14. knew |
| 7. hadn't run | 15. would turn up |
| 8. had studied | |

SPM PAST YEAR QUESTIONS

Paper 2

Part 2

Advertisements play a significant role in influencing people's purchasing decisions. Among the many advertisements I have seen, one of the most interesting is the one for the Samsung Galaxy Smartphone. This advertisement stood out the most because of its creativity, colourful visuals and engaging storyline.

It starts by showing the phone in various real-life situations, capturing its sleek design and innovative features. Then, it progresses towards how Samsung demonstrates the camera's quality through vibrant images of nature, travel, and everyday moments. The upbeat background music and energetic tone made it even more captivating.

Advertisements can be a powerful tool in persuading people to buy certain products. They often highlight the best features to convince the audience that they need to have the product. For example, some advertisements use an emotional approach to make people feel that buying the product will improve or upgrade their lives in some way.

In conclusion, advertisements not only entertain but also influence our choices. A creative and attractive advertisement can capture our attention and make us think about buying something we never thought we needed, emphasising the significant impact of advertisements in influencing consumer behaviour.

Part 3

A Memorable Photograph

By, Aravindan Nambiar

Among the countless photographs I have taken throughout my life, a picture of my family, captured on a summer evening at the beach during our holiday in Langkawi, stands out as truly unforgettable. It perfectly encapsulates the joy and togetherness we felt that day. Every time I look at it, I am transported back to that serene and blissful moment.

The picture was taken in June last year, right as the sun was setting, casting a golden hue over the calm waters. In the background, you can see the gentle waves crashing onto the shore while the sky is painted with shades of orange, pink, and purple. My family and I are all smiling, standing close together, our feet buried in the warm sand. It was a simple, yet extraordinary moment, one that we cherish deeply.

What makes this photograph particularly special is not just the beautiful scenery, but also the emotions it evokes. It was the first time in years that we managed to go on a holiday together. Life had kept us busy, but that day, we ignored our worries and enjoyed each other's company. The laughter, the stories we shared, and the peaceful sound of the waves made it a perfect day.

Looking back at the photograph, I am reminded of the warmth of the sun on my skin, the feeling of complete contentment, the sound of the ocean and the smell of the salty sea breeze. The image holds the power to reignite those emotions, making me feel as though I am standing on that beach once again.

In conclusion, this photograph is more than just an image; it is a portal to a precious memory. It captures a moment of pure happiness and serves as a reminder of the importance of spending time with loved ones. It is a memory I will always hold dear, and I am grateful to have it preserved in such a beautiful way.

PRE-SPM MODEL TEST

PAPER 1

Part 1

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| 5. B | 6. A | 7. C | 8. A |

Part 2

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| 9. C | 10. A | 11. C | 12. D | 13. B |
| 14. A | 15. D | 16. D | 17. B | 18. A |

Part 3

19. B 20. C 21. A 22. A
 23. B 24. C 25. B 26. B

Part 4

27. F 28. B 29. D
 30. A 31. H 32. G

Part 5

33. E 37. time
 34. B 38. colleges
 35. C 39. teenagers
 36. F 40. relaxing

PAPER 2**Part 1****Question 1**

To	alex@email.com
Subject	Cleanliness Campaign
<p>Hi Alex,</p> <p>I understand your concern about the condition of the local zoo in our area. A zoo is supposed to be an animal sanctuary, so this e-mail will discuss how to care for the animals and promote the zoo.</p> <p>I support your effort to gather your school's Environmental Club members for the cleanliness campaign. Organising the campaign during the upcoming school holiday is better as it gives enough time to plan, prepare, and encourage others to join. Regarding the zoo's condition, I think the lack of funding and staff impacts the animals' welfare as they don't get the care and attention they require. We can create a membership pass to encourage patrons to return to the zoo. In a way, it gives them an incentive to return frequently. Hope this helps!</p> <p>Your brother, <i>Terry</i></p>	

Part 2**Question 2**

If I had the chance to choose a country to visit, I would choose France. I have always wanted to visit France. It is renowned for its culture, fashion, cuisine, and art museums.

One of the reasons I would like to go to France is because of the Eiffel Tower, the famous monument. It is magnificent. I also want to go to the Louvre Museum, where I will get a chance to see a collection of artworks and artefacts for viewing, including the famous Mona Lisa painting by Leonardo da Vinci. The vast Palace of Versailles is another must-visit attraction in France. These are among the reasons I would like to visit the country.

Other than that, I also would like to see the Notre-Dame de Paris Cathedral, the Arc de Triomphe and Sacré-Cœur. If I have the time, I would like to take the Seine River Cruise and visit the historic battlefields in Normandy. I may also visit the beaches in Cannes and Nice.

I plan to spend at least two weeks in France because of the many places I wish to explore. I also look forward to indulge in thier mouth-watering desserts and pastries. In sum, I hope to visit France based on the above reasons.

Part 3**Question 3****A Visit to MY Radio Station**

Radio is a part of everyone's life, especially those who often commute to work or school. For many, their mornings wouldn't be complete without the familiar chaos of radio stations blasting people's favourite songs, providing traffic updates, and sharing the latest news. I find radios to be the best source of entertainment as they have the power to uplift our spirits. This report sums up our recent trip to MY radio station, which was organised by the English Club.

We departed from school at 9 a.m. after having breakfast and receiving a short briefing from Encik Rizwan, the Teacher Advisor of the English Club. As we set off on our journey, the bus driver turned on the radio, and we joyfully sang along to the songs played on MY.fm, setting the tone for an enjoyable and educational visit.

As soon as we reached the radio station located in Subang Jaya, we were welcomed by Miss Farida, the producer of MY.fm. She guided us on a tour inside the station and explained the operational aspects of a radio programme. We also had the opportunity to meet Amina, TJ and Kumar for MY Morning Slot just as they finished recording. We were all in awe and felt inspired to pursue our career as a radio announcer in the future.

Arranging more visits to the media and communications industry can bring a myriad of benefits as students learn something beyond school settings. Besides that, such experience will allow students to explore new prospects of career paths and observe real-world work environments. I am writing this report on behalf of the English Club members. We look forward to more trips like this to broaden our views and perspective in life and be exposed to many lines of work.

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Question 4

Atlantics

Atlantics is a spooky love story set in Senegal. A 17-year-old girl named Ada has fallen in love with a young construction worker named Souleiman. One day, Souleiman and a few other villagers set out to sea. They disappeared and were presumed dead.

Not long after, their ghosts returned to their neighbourhood to haunt those who wronged them. They had come back for revenge those who had underpaid them. Souleiman also came back. Instead of seeking revenge, he had other plans. He went looking for the love of his life, Ada.

How will Ada react when she sees Souleiman returned, not as a man but as a ghost? Will love run across barriers? It is a love story between a human and the dead.

I would recommend this movie to my friends as it is more than a ghost story. It is a love tale between Ada and Souleiman. Besides that, there are elements of social injustices as well as it highlights the poor working and living conditions in Senegal, where the rich take advantage and abuse the poor working class. The cinematography is beautiful. I have to say Mati Diop's direction is superb. Overall, this movie combines the intrigue of love and romance with something that few directors dare to dabble with.

Question 5

The Unfortunate Night

It was dark at night. The rain had just stopped. The atmosphere was chilly due to the recent rain. I looked around and glanced at my watch. It was just half-past ten. It was still early, I thought to myself.

I wondered why there was nobody around. The villagers would ride their motorbikes up and down the small village road at this hour. It was the only road leading to the main road. It was narrow, with palm trees queueing on both sides of the road. I am not lying when I tell you that nights can be scary here. Not to mention the horror tales that were the favourite gossip of the villagers.

I stared down the dark, narrow dirt road leading to my village from the main road junction. I put up a brave front and cycled fast as I was eager to reach my house, about a kilometre away. Alas, I rounded a sharp bend carelessly. That was when I saw this huge black thing lying on the road. I applied for the brakes, but it was too late. I bumped into it, and fell off my bike. For a moment, I was stunned. What was the thing that I had hit?

I looked back and saw a buffalo! It got up and just walked away as if nothing had happened. I hurt my knees and had scratches on both my hands. I picked myself up and checked my bike. Thankfully, nothing was broken or bent out of shape. Then, I continued my journey home. Thank god it was just a buffalo.