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REPORT

Model SPM Question

Recently, the Environment Club of your school organised Saving the Environment Week to increase students' awareness on the importance of saving the environment. As the secretary of the club, you have been asked to write a **report** on the programme to your principal.

In your report, include the following:

Organiser

Environment Club

Aims

- make students aware of the importance of saving the environment
- encourage students to practise 3Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle) in their daily lives

Dates

17 - 21 August 2016

Venue

Permai Hall

Participants

• all students and teachers

Activitiies

- Recycle Booth
- poster drawing competition
- treasure hunt
- handicrafts competition using recycled products

When writing the report, remember to:

- address it to the principal
- provide your report a title
- write your name
- include **all** the points given
- suggest TWO other ways to save the environment.

Note: For your report, you will receive up to **15 marks** for the format and content points , and up to **20 marks** for the quality of your writing.

Let's study the question and try to understand it.

Keywords from the question (words commonly used) :

(A) From the rubrics

- Environment Club
- organise
- Save the Environment Week
- increase
- awareness
- secretary
- report
- principal
- address
- include
- elaborate

(B) From the given content:

- organiser
- aim
- practise
- date
- venue
- participants
- activities
- aware
- importance
- encourage
- daily
- lives



Let's try to write

Based on the information given in the question, complete the following tables.

(Write simple sentences)

Format/Clues from the question	What to write?
'Address it to the principal'	То:
	The Principal
	Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Permai
Title	
Name	

		Information from the question
Instruction: underlined pror	Change the nouns.	Recently, the Environment Club of <u>your</u> school organised Saving the Environment Week to increase students' awareness on the importance of saving the
To write your introduction, simply use the information given in the question.		been asked to write a report on the programme

Content No.	Notes given in the question	Complete sentences of the content	
C1	Organiser - Environment Club	<i>The</i> organiser <i>of the Saving the Environment Week</i> was	
C2	Aims- make students aware of the importance of saving the environment. Aim -	One of the aims was toA Another aim was to	
C3	encourage students to practice 3Rs in their daily lives		
C4	Dates - 17 - 21 August 2016	<i>The</i> dates were	
C5	Venue - Permai Hall	venue Permai Hall.	
C6	Participants- all students and teachers	The participants of the programme were	

C7	Activities : Recycle Booth	One of the activities was	
C8	poster drawing competition	Next, there was a	
C9	treasure hunt	There was also	
C10	handicrafts competition using recycled products	Besides, there	
C11	Suggestion 1	Another way to save the environment is	
C12	Suggestion 2 To save the environment we can also C12		
Conclusion		The programme was veryand helped students to	

INFORMAL LETTER

Model SPM Question

Your friend has planned to spend his coming holidays to Korea with a group of friends. Since it is his first time, you have decided to write him a letter to give him tips on travelling abroad. Using the notes below, write your letter.



When writing your letter, you should remember:

- to layout the letter correctly (address, date, salutation, closing)
- use all the points given
- suggest two activities that you can do during your trip
- that the letter is to your friend

Note :

For your letter, you will receive up to **15 marks** for the format and content points, up to **20 marks** for the quality of your writing.

Helpful vocab	ulary:	
There was	There were	one of the
Don't forget to	D	
Don't		
Contact		
Pleasant		

Keywords from the question (words commonly used)

(from the rubric)	(from the content)
spend	online booking
holidays	ticket
traveling	accommodation
abroad (overseas)	check-in
tips	luggage
	winter
	four season
	boarding pass
	embassy

Use the guidelines below to write out the letter.

	Format	Content	
	Sender's address		
		(Date)	
	Salutation	Deer	
	Salutation	Dear,	
	Introduction	How are? I am	
		I heard that you are going to	
What to d	do? (the keyword	l is the word <i>do</i>)	
Content:	Online booking	First, you can dofor theOR	
C1		you canthe ticket online.	
C2	Accommodation	Don't forget to(think of a verb) for the accommodation.	

C3	arrange transportation	Then, you should	
C4	early check-in	You should also do	
What to I	bring? (the keywo	ord is 'bring')	
C5	boarding pass		
C6	passport and visa		
C7	no heavy luggage	(when you see the word <i>no</i> , you can change to <i>don't</i>) Don't heavy luggage	
C8	winter clothing(four season countries)	winter clothing for four season countries.	
Extra tips	S		
C9	Travel in groups	An extra tip is	
C10	Malaysian embassy- available for assistance	You can alsoMalaysian embassy that available for assistance.	

C11	Suggested activity 1	
C12	Suggested activity 2	
	Ending	I hope you will have a trip.
	Closure	Your friend/ Yours sincerely

Notes: For Closure include your signature

Some common words that can be used in answering DW

join

organize

do







HOW TO WRITE?

1.WHAT TO WRITE?



2. HOW TO WRITE?





GUIDING PICTURES

LET'S START WRITING ©

BASIC SENTENCE PATTERNS.

1.S + V

*Subject (nouns-name of a person, people, animals, things & pronouns)

*Verbs – action/non-action words

Subject	Verb
Daniel	jumped.
Sarah	
The baby	cried.
The cat	ran.
He,She It	slept.
I,We,They	rested

2. S + V + O

*Objects – nouns/pronouns

Subject	Verb	Object
Amir and Diana	Read	books.
The students	played	football.
My father	bought	a new car.
She	Cut	the vegetables.

3. S + V + C

*Complement – used to complete sentences with verbs to 'be' (am ,is,are,was,were)

Subject	Verb	Complement
The ladies	are	beautiful.
Our house	Is	near the beach.
They	Were	late.
Mariam	Was	sick.

Let's add more details called expansion



Subject	Verb	Object	Expansion	
Irfan	kicked	the ball	hard.	how
The				
villagers	planted	fruits	at the orchard.	where
Amin and				
Joey	finished	their homework	last night.	when
She	danced		all night long.	for how
				long

SENTENCE PATTERN CHART

					Expansion			
No.	Subject	Verb	Object	Complement	how	For how long	where	when
1.	The teacher	explained	the topic	to the students	clearly.			
2.	The teacher	explained	The topic	to the students		for one hour.		
3.	The teacher	explained	The topic	to the students			in the lab.	
4.	The teacher	explained	The topic	to the students				yesterday.
5.	The teacher	explained	The topic	to the students	clearly	for one hour	in the lab	yesterday.
6.	Pak Ismail	visited	interesting places	with his family	by train.			
7.	Pak Ismail	visited	interesting places	with his family	by train.	for a week		
8.	Pak Ismail	visited	interesting places	with his family	by train.			last school holiday.

TIP #1: USE THESE GUIDING QUESTIONS TO START WRITING SENTENCES.

A. Myself

- 1. What is your name?
- 2. How old are you?
- 3. Where do you live?
- 4. Where do you study?
- 5. What is your favourite subject? Why?
- 6. Do you like going to school? Why?

B. My physical attribute

- 1. What kind of face do you have? e.g. I have a round face
- 2. What kind of eyes/ eyebrows/ lips/ cheeks/ nose do you have?
- 3. What colour are your eyes? e.g. My eyes are _____
- 4. What is the colour of your skin?
- 5. What size is your body? Are you thin or plump? Are you tall or short?
- 6. Do you like the way you look? Why?

C. My personal traits

- 1. What is your strength? / What are your positive traits? Give examples.
- 2. What are your weaknesses? Give examples.
- 3. What do you think you must do to improve yourself?

D. My hobby

- 1. What is your hobby?
- 2. When do you do your hobby?
- 3. Where do you do your hobby?
- 4. Why do you like the hobby?

E. My ambition

- 1. What do you want to be when you grow up?
- 2. Why do you want to be a _____?
- 3. What do you think you must do to achieve your ambition?

F. My family

- 1. Who is your father? / What is your father's name?
- 2. How old is he?
- 3. What is your father's job?
- 4. Who is your mother? / What is your mother's name?
- 5. Does she work? / What is your mother's job?
- 6. How many siblings do you have?
- 7. What do you usually do with them?
- 8. Do you love your family? Why?

G. My friends

- 1. Do you have many good friends at school?
- 2. What are their names?
- 3. Do you learn in the same class?
- 4. What do you do together?
- 5. Do you love your friends? Why?

H. My idol / The person that I admire

- 1. Who is your idol? / What is his/her name?
- 2. How old is he/she?
- 3. Where does he/she live?
- 4. How does he/she look like?
- 5. What are his/her positive traits?
- 6. Why do you admire him/her? / What do you like about him/her?

I. My favourite place

- 1. What is your favourite place?
- 2. Where is the place? / Where is it located?
- 3. Why do you like the place? / What is special about the place
- 4. What do you usually do there?

J. My unforgettable experience

- 1. What is your unforgettable experience?
- 2. What happened?
- 3. Who was involved?
- 4. How did you feel?
- 5. What is your wish or hope?

The second secon	 Siti has big round eyes. Babies smell good. Her lips are red and soft. Amir is a good listener. His hands are strong.
	 Johan likes to play with his siblings. They always go to the playground. They are very happy.
	 John has many hobbies. He spends his weekends flying kites. His grandfather taught him how to make kites.

TIP #2: LET'S WRITE SENTENCES BASED ON PICTURES

NOW LET'S TRY WITH THESE PICTURES.



TIP # 3 : YOU CAN ALSO DRAW PICTURES TO GET MORE IDEAS TO WRITE

Q:Write four paragraphs on what you and Aiman did last weekend.

 Aiman and I went for a school trip. We went there by bus.
 We visited many interesting places. We had a picnic by the beach.
 We saw a boy drowning. Aiman jumped into the sea and pulled the boy out.
 The boy was brought to the hospital. His parents thanked us for helping.

NOW, LET'S PRACTISE WRITING USING THE TIPS ©

<u>CW QUESTIONS (Terengganu Past Years' Trial Questions~</u> <u>NARRATIVE, REFLECTIVE, DESCRIPTIVE)</u>

- 1. Write a story of two siblings who became close after a cold relationship. (2008)
- 2. The day I will never forget. (2008)
- 3. My future job (2009)
- 4. The most priceless thing in my life (2009)
- 5. An event that has made you realize how much your parents love you. (2010)
- 6. My life 20 years from now. (2010)
- 7. Describe a unique person whom you know. (2011)
- 8. What I like about myself. (2012)
- 9. Describe your favourite television character. (2013)
- 10. Describe a memorable school trip that you have joined and explain why it is memorable (2014)
- 11. Why is friendship important? (2015)
- 12. 'No man is an island'.

Write a story of a famous person ending with:

- "... Tears rolled down his cheek as the crowd cheered excitedly." (2015)
- 13. Describe how you and your classmates cooperated to win a competition.(2015)
- 14. Describe an event that you have taken part in and explain how you felt about it. (2016)
- 15. Write a story about somebody who felt thankful to his sibling for showing him how to act right. End your story with:

"That was the most meaningful lesson he had ever learnt in his life." (2016)



IMPORTANT EVENTS

Test Your Knowledge!

For each event, write the answers for each character/detail in the spaces provided under the headings 'Character/Theme/Value' and 'Personal response'.

Event 1 : Dawan won the scholarship.





Details of Event	Character / Theme / Value	Personal response (for the detail chosen)
 When Dawan won the scholarship, her classmates congratulated her. She looked around for Kwai. He was standing away from her. She called him but he left . Dawan knew that Kwai was sad because he did not get the scholarship. Dawan then went home. She asked for Kwai but he was not home. She felt uneasy. She told her father that she got the scholarship. Her father was angry. For him, a girl did not need to be well-educated However, her grandmother was proud of Dawan. She wanted to take Dawan to Noi's house. They wanted to know more about the City. As it was far, Dawan's mother decided to go and not her grandmother. 	Dawan – determined / intelligent Father - simple-minded Grandmother - supportive	(3)He was standing away from her. Personal response: Kwai should be happy for his sister.

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Dawan win?

2. Where was Kwai?

3. How did Kwai feel?

4. Why did he feel that way?

5. How did Father react when he knew Dawan won the scholarship?

6. Why did he react that way?

7. Why did the grandmother wanted to go to Noi's house?

8. Who finally took Dawan to Noi' house?

Event 2 : Dawan went to Noi's house.





Details of Event	Character / Theme / Value	Personal response (for the detail chosen)
 At Noi's house, Dawan saw postcards and <u>pictures of city scenes.</u> She liked_them . She wanted to know the good things about the city from Noi. However, Noi said the city was not good for a girl like her. Dawan was frustrated because she thought everything was good about the City. Dawan still wanted to go to the City. She wanted to see it by herself. 	Dawan	 (4) However, Noi said the city was not good for a girl like her. Personal response: Noi should give Dawan encouragement.

True or False?

1.	Dawan liked the postcards.	True / False
2.	Dawan thought living in the city was bad.	True / False
3.	Noi said good things about the city.	True / False
4.	Dawan did not believe what Noi had said.	True / False

Event 3 : Dawan was at the marketplace





Details of Event	Character /Theme / Value	Personal response (for the detail chosen)
 Dawan went to the marketplace alone. Usually, her mother and grandmother would take 	Dawan -	
her there but not this time.3. The marketplace was busy.4. Dawan did not have enough money to buy the lotus.	Bao -	
 She only had ten cents. She went to a fat man. He said the price for a lotus was twenty cents. 		
 8. He did not want to sell it for ten cents. 9. Bao saw this. She called Dawan. 10. She gave the lotus for free to Dawan. 		
 They became friends. Dawan told her that she wanted to see the monk. 		
13. She would take the lotus to the temple.14. She needed the monk's help.15. She wanted him to persuade her father to allow her		
to study in the City. 16. Bao encouraged her not to give up. 17. Bao offerred Dawan to set free a sparrow.		
 This would increase her chance to get help from the monk. However, Dawan did not want to do so. 		
20. She did not want to take advantage of her new friend.		

Based on Event 3, do the followings.

- (a) Underline the correct answers.
- 1. Dawan went to the marketplace (alone, with her mother).
- 2. He had (twenty cents, ten cents) with her.
- 3. Dawan (paid, did not pay) for the lotus.

(b) Complete the blanks with the correct answers.

- Dawan told ______ that she wanted to see the _____.
 She would take the ______ to the temple.
- 3. She wanted the monk to _____ her ____ to allow her to study in the City.
 4. Bao offerred Dawan to set free a _____.
- 5. Dawan did not want to free the _____.

Event 4: When Dawan went to the temple.



Details of Event	Character / Theme / Value	Personal response
		(for the detail chosen)
 Dawan entered the temple. The head monk was reading the Buddhist guidebook. She waited for him to finish the reading. The monks left for breakfast. Dawan then waited for him in the courtyard. The head monk came and asked why she was there. She told him about the scholarship. She wanted him to talk to her father. The monk did not want to help her. For him, Dawan was only a girl and did not need to continue her studies in the City. It would just be wasting her time and spirit. Dawan was angry and disappointed. She then left the place. 	Dawan - Monk -	

Answer the following questions.

1. Where was Dawan?

2. Why did she go there?

- 3. Did the monk want to help her? Why?
- 4. What did Dawan feel?

Event 5 : The fight at the market place.



Details of Event	Character / Theme / Value	Personal Response (for the detail chosen)
 Dawan was frustrated. She walked back to the marketplace and met Bao. Bao told Dawan to be positive. She asked her to free a sparrow. Vichai was angry because of that. They fought. Kwai tried to protect Bao. However, Kwai became angry when Bao said he was a bully to Dawan. There was a fight and Dawan's ankle was hurt. Luckily, Noi was there. She treated Dawan's wound. Bao gave her an umbrella. Dawan then left the place with her injured ankle in the rain. 	Bao Noi	

Arrange the following sentences in the correct order.

	Jumbled Sentences	Correct Order
1.	Kwai tried to protect Bao.	
2.	Bao gave her an umbrella.	
3.	Noi treated Dawan's wound.	
4.	Bao asked Dawan to free a sparrow.	
5.	Dawan then left the place.	
6.	Dawan walked back to the marketplace.	
7.	They fought.	
8.	There was a fight and Dawan' s ankle was hurt.	
9.	Kwai was angry when Bao said he was a bully.	
10.	This had made Vichai angry.	

Event 6: When Dawan walked home after the fight at the marketplace.



Details of Event	Character /Theme / Value	Personal response (for the detail chosen)
 Dawan walked slowly and went to the river. 		
2. Kwai was on the old bridge.	Dwan -	
3. Dawan tried not to face him.		
 However, she realised she needed to be nice to Kwai. 		
5. Then, Dawan left the umbrella for Kwai.		
6. She walked towards home in the rain.	Kwai -	
7. Her ankle was still hurt.		
8. When Kwai saw this, he ran to join her.		
9. He shared the umbrella with her.		

Based on the event above, state at two least words that describe :

(i) Dawan : _____

(ii) Kwai :______

Event 7: When Father decided to allow Dawan to study in the City.



	Details of Event	Character / Theme / Value	Personal response (for the detail chosen)
2.	Dawan and Kwai went home. Father was angry. He knew Kwai placed the second for the scholarship.	Father	
4.	Grandmother told Dawan to be strong. Father wanted Kwai to study in the City, and not Dawan because she was a girl.	Grandmother	
6.	Kwai decided that Dawan would study in the City and not him.	Kwai	
	Dawan tried to persuade Father to let her go to the City. Finally, Father agreed with her decision.	Dawan	

True or False?

- 1. Grandmother was supportive. True / False
- 2. Kwai had sacrified for Dawan. True / False

3. Father did not allow Dawan to study in the City. True / False

Theme / Lesson? How Do You Write It? Complete the following table

No.	Theme	Lesson	
1.	Determination	We must be determined.	
2.	Love	We must our family members.	
3.	Sacrifice	We should for our siblings.	
4.			
5.			

(a) The following is the sample answer for the question below:

Based on the novel you have studied, write about your favourite character. Give reasons. Support your answer with close reference to the text.

However, the paragraphs are jumbled. Arrange them correctly.

Jumbled Paragraphs	Correct Order
Besides, Dawan was kind . After the fight at the marketplace, Dawan went to the river.Kwai was on the old bridge. Dawan tried not to face him. However, she realised she needed to be nice to Kwai.Then, Dawan left the umbrella for Kwai. <i>This shows how kind Dawan was.</i> She walked towards home in the rain.Her ankle was still hurt. When Kwai saw this, he ran to join her.He shared the umbrella with her.	
In conclusion, I like Dawan because of the reasons mentioned.	
This is because she was determined . When she won the scholarship, she went to Noi's house. At Noi's house, Dawan saw postcards and pictures of city scenes. She liked_them . She wanted to know the good things about the city from Noi. However, Noi said the city was not good for a girl like her. Dawan was frustrated because she thought everything was good about the City Dawan still wanted to go to the City. She wanted to see it by herself. <i>She was very determined.I will do the same if I were her.</i>	
In the novel Sing To The Dawn by Mingfong Ho, my favourite character is Dawan.	
Dawan also went to see the monk. <i>This shows how determined she was</i> . Dawan entered the temple. The head monk was reading the Buddhist guidebook. She waited for him to finish the reading. The monks left for breakfast. Dawan then waited for him in the courtyard. The head monk came and asked why she was there. She told him about the scholarship. She wanted him to talk to her father. The monk did not want to help her. For him, Dawan was only a girl and did not need to continue her studies in the City. It would just be wasting her time and spirit. Dawan was angry and disappointed. She then left the place. <i>The monk should give her support</i> .	

(b) Write the whole answer in the space provided.

Try the following questions:

- (i) Based on the novel you have studied, write about an event that you like. Support your answer with close reference to the text.
- (ii) Based on the novel you have studied, write about the theme of determination. Support your answer with close reference to the text.
- (iii) Based on the novel you have studied, write about a character who shows determination. Support your answer with close reference to the text.
- (iv) Based on the novel you have studied, write about a lesson you have learnt. Support your answer with close reference to the text.

Question (ii): A suggested approach

Theme	Who?	Events?	Personal Responses?
Determination	Dawan	When Dawan went to Noi's house	

The layout of the answer.

Paragraph 1

	In the novel,the theme ofwas shown by
some	characters.
Parag	iraph 2
	When Dawan won the scholarship, she went to
Parag	iraph 3
	Dawan also went to see
Parag	iraph 4
I	Besides,her grandmother was also determined

Paragraph 5

In conclusion, the characters above show determination in the novel.