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WRITING MODULE
(CEFR-ALIGNED)



PREFACE

Practice Makes Perfect, SPM Reading & Writing Module (CEFR - Aligned) is the product of concerted endeavour by SISC+ Bahasa, Unit Pembelajaran PPD Muar in collaboration with Panel Perunding Matapelajaran (PPMP) Bahasa Inggeris Daerah Muar and Panel of Module Writers of Jawatankuasa Kerja Pemuaafakatan Kurikulum (JKKDPKD) Bahasa Inggeris Daerah Muar. The Panel of Module writers tasked to upgrade the district's performance as well as the JKPKD members who have given commendable cooperation and undivided attention in our bid to come up with an instructional module that is able to facilitate an easy teaching and learning process. Indeed, the need for modules like this arises from the dearth of meritorious reference books and workbooks that focus on CEFR-aligned exercises pertinent to Reading and Writing.

It is our ardent hope that this module :

- Exposes the pupils to the new CEFR-aligned format pertaining to the 5 parts prevalent in Paper 1 of SPM 1119 Examination.
- Enhances the pupils' writing skills on par with the prerequisites underlined in all 3 parts in Paper 2 of SPM 1119 Examination.
- Evokes a modicum of confidence amongst educators and pupils alike.

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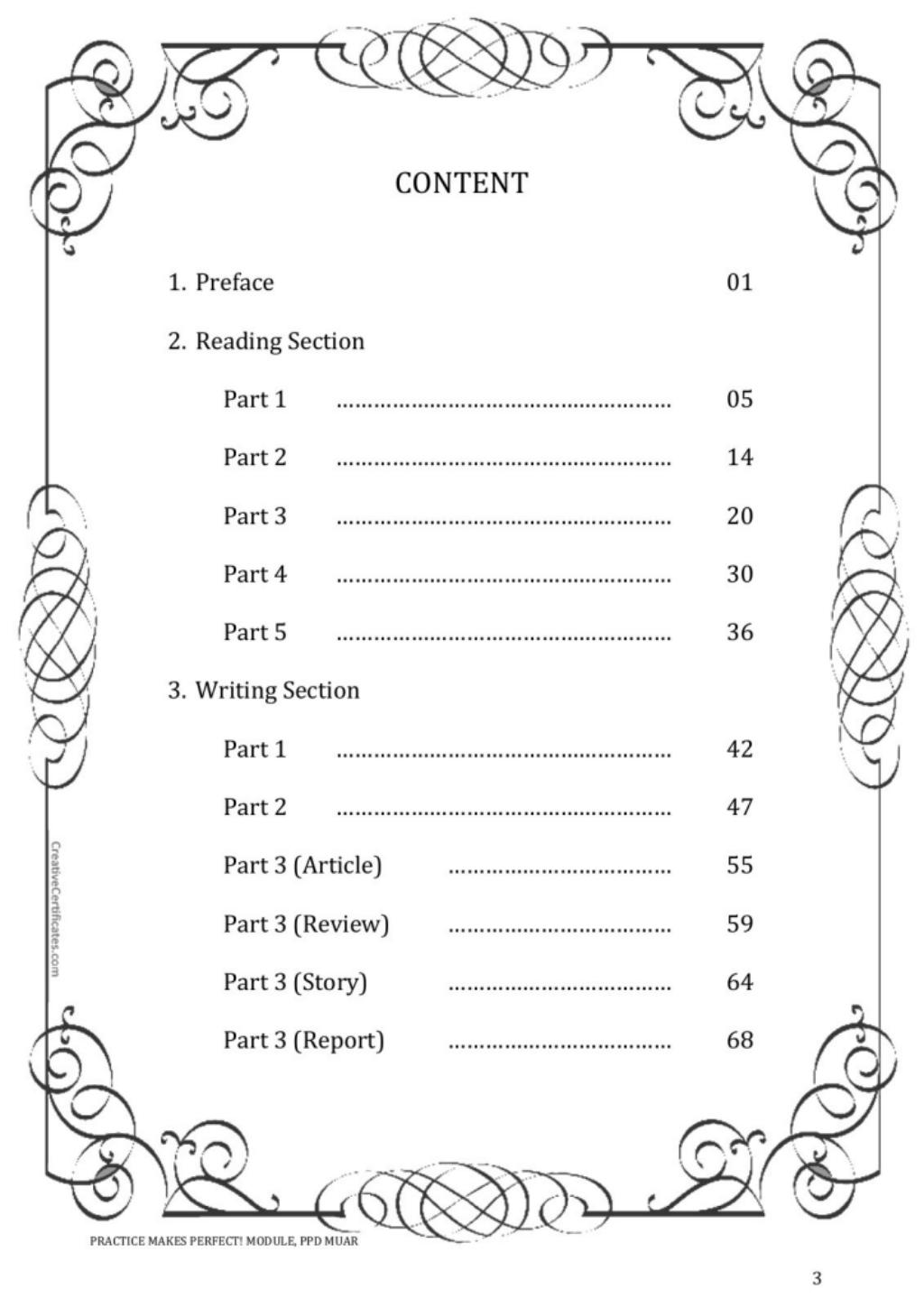
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READING SECTION

PART 1

SET 1

Question 1 to 8

Read the text carefully in each question. Choose the best answer A, B or C.

"Start them young and let them see how their savings can grow by using this transparent coinbox, specially designed to sort coins according to size and value."

We at *The Chartered Bank* want to encourage the saving habit among the younger generation. Open a children's savings account with a first-time deposit of only Rm10 to get this coinbox and let your children enjoy saving their money!

1 The purpose of the advertisement is

- A. to introduce a new savings habit
- B. to tell parents how to save their money
- C. to get more people to open savings accounts for their children.

The National Mathematics Challenge -
registration now open!

Calling all Form Four students!

The National Mathematics Challenge is a fantastic chance to show your mathematics skills.

The two teams which make it to the final stage will compete in a live television show that will challenge them to solve mathematical problems. The champions will win a prize of RM2000 and a trophy. The first runners-up will win RM1000.

2 Which statement is true about the National Mathematics Challenge?

- A. Winners will only receive cash awards.
- B. The competition is open to all secondary students.
- C. Only the final two teams will be shown on live broadcast.

3 Which of the following is true about the notice?

- A. The owner of the store is also a pottery artist.
- B. The store is closing down on the first of November.
- C. The store is open every day throughout the month of November.

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PETRONAS PLAY PARK	
	<p>SCHOOL HOLIDAY VOUCHER</p> <p>Get a RM20 reduction on ticket prices with this voucher.</p> <p>Spend the day with your loved ones exploring the world of science!</p> <p>Terms and conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum purchase of 5 tickets • Valid every day during the one-week semester holiday from 21 to 27 May • Available to Malaysians only

4 Which of the following is true?

- The tickets can only be purchased in May using the voucher code.
- The voucher can be used by everyone including foreign tourists.
- The discount is available to local citizens buying at least 5 tickets.

Attention all students!

Do you have what it takes to make your own robot? How fast can your robot move? Join us in a DIY robot race.

'MY RACING ROBOT'

When: 3 July; 7.30 a.m.

Certificates will be given to all participants and top 3 will be awarded cash prizes. Camp dates are pending confirmation. Interested? See Karen of 5 Mewar after lunch break.

5 The notice to students says that

- Students can register as a pair or a group.
- The training camp dates have yet to be determined
- Anyone interested in joining the race should speak to their class monitor.

Charlie, did you phone the plumber?

Yes, mum, I gave him a call two hours ago.

Could you please ring him again because there is just too much water being wasted – none of us know how to fix this burst pipe.

I've got an idea. Since our regular plumber is not available right now, what if I ask our neighbour for help? He did say he is quite a handyman.

That's a great idea! Tell him we are happy to pay for his time.

Okay!

6 Which of the following statements is true?

- Charlie's mother is upset that he is wasting a lot of water.
- Charlie's mother is willing to pay the neighbour for his help.
- Charlie's neighbour has been living there for a long time.

We're hiring!
Telemarketer

We are growing international online shopping company in China and we now opening in Malaysia. We have ten positions available and all interviews will be done online.

Requirements:

- A minimum of 3 credits in the SPM examinations, including Bahasa Melayu and English
- Basic computer skills
- Stable internet connection

This is an excellent opportunity to join a company that allows you the freedom to work from home.

Send your CV to: TowBowMY@mymail.com.

Closing Date: 31 December

7 Which of the following statements is true?

- A. Only those with good computer skills will be interviewed online.
- B. Ten successful candidates will be based in the office.
- C. School leavers can apply for the positions.

8 Which of the following statements is true?

- A. The pollution level is still under control.
- B. The owner of the factory has been arrested.
- C. The workers can still choose to come to work.

KUANTAN: A factory specialising in making carpets has been issued a summons for polluting the nearby river. All factory operations have been stopped and the employees have been told to go home immediately. It was discovered that the factory was dumping the chemical waste from fabric dyes used to dye the carpets directly into Sungai Jerneh. A warrant has been issued for the owner of the company, who has gone hiding. 'It is lucky that we noticed the pollution before it got out of hand,' commented the Chief of Police.

SET 2

Question 1 to 8

Read the text carefully in each question. Choose the best answer A, B or C.

Dear Editor,

The other day, I went to a waterfall for a picnic with a few friends. I had gone there a few years ago and found the place to be beautiful and peaceful. However, this time, I was rather disappointed.

The forest area where the waterfall is located had lost part of its charm because of illegal logging. The forest had lost a lot of its trees. It was also very hot there. I was shocked to find the area surrounding the waterfall littered with rubbish.

Disappointed environment lover

1 Why was the writer disappointed?

- A. The forest no longer existed.
- B. People threw rubbish in the waterfall.
- C. The waterfall area was no longer beautiful.

HAZE INDEX

	Good Low pollution without any bad effect on health.
Below 50	Moderate Moderate pollution that does not pose any bad effect on health.
51 – 100	Unhealthy People who have heart and lung diseases should avoid prolonged or strenuous outdoor physical exertion. Healthy people should reduce prolonged or strenuous outdoor physical exertion
101 – 200	Very Unhealthy People who have heart and lung diseases should avoid outdoor activities. Healthy people should avoid prolonged or strenuous outdoor physical exertion.
201 – 300	Hazardous People who have heart and lung diseases should avoid outdoor activities. Healthy people should minimise outdoor activities.
More than 300	

2 According to the table above, when the haze levels are unhealthy, healthy people should

- A. Minimize outdoor activities.
- B. Avoid prolonged or strenuous outdoor physical exertion.
- C. Reduce prolonged or strenuous outdoor physical exertion.

USE YOUR SMARTPHONE TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT

Ecofriend is designed to spread news on ways to save the environment. This is done through a newsfeed of environmentally friendly activities and posts on eco-friendly tips and products that help you save energy and conserve water. The app also allows you to see how you rank among your friends on saving the environment with a leader board. This app was created by teens. The Ecofriend team plants a tree for each download of the app, which is available on Android and iOS platforms.

3 The advertisement says that the app

- A. was invented by teens.
- B. is only available on Android.
- C. only gives you tips on saving the environment.



TIA REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS (LARGE)

The bags are made from rPet material which is sourced from recycled plastic drink bottles. You will find your bags super strong. They are often capable of holding far more than you may be able to carry! Our lightweight bag is also incredibly compact. You can fold it up into a pouch the size of your fist, therefore it is super convenient to carry. It also features a sturdy carabiner clip so you can clip your shopping bag onto your handbag or belt. Furthermore, if you do not have enough hands, the built-in shoulder strap comes in very handy. The reusable bag only costs RM15.40. you can purchase it online at www.reusable.com

4 What is the advantage of Tia Reusable Shopping Bags?

- A. They are easy to clean.
- B. They are made from recycled glass bottles.
- C. They are very strong and can hold a lot of things.

GERIK: Recently, the Belum Conservation Malaysia (BCM) celebrated its 10th anniversary by planting 300 *gaharu* trees in the Belum-Temenggor Rainforest Complex.

The ceremony which was held on 9 July at the Belum Rainforest Resort on Pulau Banding in Gerik, Perak was attended by a number of famous TV personalities.

All the celebrities planted a portion of the 300 *gaharu* trees which were sponsored by an anonymous donor. They also pledged their support for environmental conservation through the BCM's Belum Forest Friends (BFF) initiative. The BFF initiative was launched earlier this year as part of an overall drive to get more Malaysians actively involved in rainforest conservation.

5 From the newspaper extract, we know that the celebrities

- A. paid for the *gaharu* trees.
- B. launched the BFF initiative.
- C. planted some of the *gaharu* trees.

Every morning, you wake up and brush your teeth. However, while brushing your teeth, you should turn off the tap. Only turn the tap back once it is time to rinse. You should also turn off the tap while washing your hands. First, wet your hands, then turn off the tap while you scrub your hands. Then, turn it back on when you are ready to rinse. It is also very important to fix leaky faucets. This can help to save a lot of water.

6 Which title best summarises the above text?

- A. Ways to Save Water
- B. Fixing Leaky Faucets
- C. How to Brush Your Teeth

7 If you want to celebrate Earth Hour in a simple way, you could

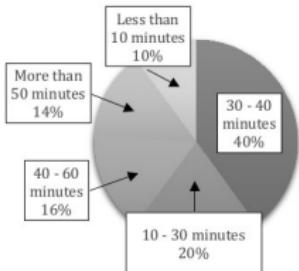
- A. go stargazing.
- B. have a concert.
- C. host an Earth Hour party.

CELEBRATING EARTH HOUR

The purpose of Earth Hour is for people to show their support for strategies that will help solve the problem of global warming. It usually falls on the last Saturday of March. There are many ways you can celebrate this meaningful event. A few fuss-free ways are by hosting a candle-lit dinner, go stargazing or simply switching off your lights for an hour. If you want something bigger, you could put up a concert, screen a movie or host an Earth Hour party!

Approximate reading time per page = 1 minute 15 seconds

Average Reading Time = 48 minutes
(Note: Lover Our Earth magazine has 48 pages)



8 What can we conclude from the above statistics about Love Our Earth magazine?

- A. The average reader finds it easy to read the magazine.
- B. The minimum time spent reading it is 30-40 minutes.
- C. The approximate reading time per page is more than 1 minute.

SET 3

Question 1 to 8

Read the text carefully in each question. Choose the best answer A, B or C.

Merdeka Fun Run

Date: 23 August
Venue: Sunway College
Time: 7.00 a.m.
Location: Johor Bahru, Malaysia
Category: 5 km

Bookmark this race

Rate Comment Share Mobile app Entitlement

Event day schedule:
Schedule not yet available. Please check back at a later time or click here to upload.

Share this race

Besides Bahasa Malaysia and English, I am confident that Malaysian could and should master at least another language for their own benefit.

I must say that the debates over the language issue have reminded me of the late Datuk Mahadzir Lokman, the former TV3 newscaster and much sought-after emcee who could speak many languages including Bahasa Malaysia, English, Mandarin, Tamil and Hindu. He also had basic knowledge of Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Greek and Japanese.

Mahadzir, fondly known as "Datuk Dale", actually represented the true multicultural Malaysia. His flair for foreign languages never made him less Malaysian or forget the national language.

Kuala Lumpur
TAGS / KEYWORDS
English, Letters

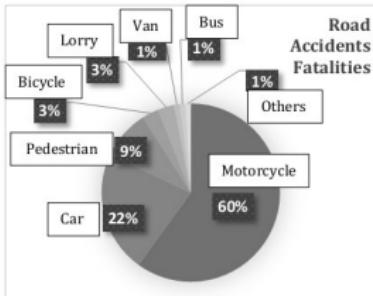
     

1 From the notice, we know that we are unable to

- A. view the schedule for the event day.
- B. rate the "Fun Run" notice.
- C. comment on the race.

2 The writer is asking Malaysians to

- A. be confident in Bahasa Malaysia and English.
- B. learn languages such as Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Greek and Japanese.
- C. learn at least one more language other than Bahasa Malaysia and English.





Lili
012-3323256

Emy
Hi, Lili! What's up?

Lili
I'm a bag of nerves today. I have to attend and interview for a scholarship programme. I'm not sure if I am to it tomorrow.

Emy
Don't worry – I can share a few tips here. Practise and repeat answering questions about yourself and why you want to further your studies – maybe in the field you are applying for! Apart from that, be there ahead of time. Then, try to stay calm.

Lili
Wow! I didn't think of that. Thank you Emy for your tips.

Emy
No problem. What are friends for?

HEALTH JOURNAL

When it is time for meals, we tend to focus on what we should eat, but we overlook our eating habits. Ellyn Satter, a social worker and registered dietician, suggests that normal eating includes going to a meal hungry and eating until we are satisfied, being able to choose the food we like and getting enough of it. We should also give some thought to our food selection so we get some nutrition, eat three meals a day and leave some cookies on the plate because we know we can have some again tomorrow.

3 What can we conclude from the statistics on 'Road Accident Fatalities'?

- A. Car fatalities are 3 times higher than motorcycle fatalities.
- B. Motorcycle fatalities are 10 times higher than pedestrian fatalities.
- C. Motorcyclists constitute more than 50 percent of the total number of fatalities.

4 When Lili said '**bag of nerves**', she was referring to

- A. a nervous breakdown.
- B. feeling nervous about her interview.
- C. not being prepared for the interview.

5 According to the health journal, we can have a healthy eating habit if we

- A. eat when we are full.
- B. eat when we are hungry.
- C. select food we like without thinking.

You need calcium to build strong bones when you are young and to keep bones strong as you get older. Everyone needs calcium, but it is especially important for women and girls. Many people, including most women, do not get enough calcium. For women, if you are between the ages of 19 and 50, get 1,000 mg of calcium. If you are 51 and older, take 1,200 mg of calcium every day. Calcium can help prevent osteoporosis. 1 in 4 women in 20 men over the age of 65 in the United States have osteoporosis. Calcium helps to keep your bones strong.

6 Based on the information, we know that

- A. if you are only 17, you do need calcium.
- B. if you are 20, you need 1000 mg of calcium.
- C. only those above 65 years of age have osteoporosis.

7 Deejay

Dr. Jay, please continue enlightening us with the health tips.

Dr. Jay

Thank you. Just to add on about the weight loss. If you tend to eat at night, then you are likely to pile on the weight. Johnny Lewis, a researcher, suggests that having dinner in the evenings or an hour earlier than usual helps to shed the unwanted kilos.

I suppose I have to cut down on those late snacks then.

Looks like it. Let me talk about sleep. Marco Roswell, a sleep expert, says that we need at least seven hours of quality sleep at night. Research shows that if we don't get enough sleep, we are more prone to heart disease, impaired immune function, lower glucose tolerance and obesity.

Oh dear! The effects are serious!

Yes, indeed and once you are sleep deprived, your performance and memory quickly suffer. So listeners, please value your sleep if you want to stay healthy and function well.

Which of the following statements about the conversation is true?

- A. Lack of sleep does not affect your memory.
- B. Sleep problems can be caused by impaired immune function.
- C. Having an early dinner had been proven to assist in weight loss.

8

SIGNPAD ESIGNIO: TRUSTWORTHY DIGITISING OF SIGNATURES



The eSignio model was introduced in December 2007 and has quickly become a favourite among those seeking an easy to use and trustworthy solution for digitising handwritten signatures.

What does the phrase trustworthy solution imply?

- A. A dependable option
- B. A faithful companion
- C. An efficient machine

PART 2

GUIDELINES

- ✓ Allocate only about 15 minutes for this section
- ✓ First, read through the whole passage to get the gist.
- ✓ While reading, look out for clues that may help you to identify the answers that may be found in the passage.
- ✓ Next, look at the context of the blank, that is, the words that come before and after the blank. These words may act as clues to identify the correct answer.
- ✓ Check the tenses, subject-verb agreement, parts of speech and vocabulary.
- ✓ Choose the best answer from the options A, B and C or A, B, C and D for each blank. Eliminate those options that are clearly incorrect.
- ✓ Finally, read through the whole text again to make sure that your answers are grammatically correct and that the passage itself makes sense.

Some tips to remember:

- 1) 'do / does / did' and 'to' – always followed by based form of verbs
- 2) Modal verbs
 - E.g. will / would, shall / should, can / could, may / might, ought to, etc. – always followed
 - by based form of verbs
- 3) 'before', 'while', 'when' or 'after' – normally followed by present participles (verb + -ing)
- 4) a) 'a' for singular countable nouns that begin with consonant sounds
 - b) 'an' for singular countable nouns that begin with vowel sounds (a, e, i, o, u) or (silent 'h')
 - c) 'the' is used for unique words or words that have already been mentioned.
- 5) a) Plural forms – they, we, them, us, theirs, etc
 - b) Singular forms – he, she, it, his, hers, its, etc
- 6) Subject-verb agreement
 - a) singular subject takes singular verb
 - (i) add 's', 'es', 'ies' to verbs
 - (ii) use of 'has', 'is', 'does'
 - b) plural subject takes plural verb (including I and You)
 - (i) takes plural verb – no 's' to verbs
 - (ii) use of 'have', 'do', 'are', etc.
 - (iii) but for 'I' – use 'am', 'was'

SET 1

Choose the **best** answer from the options **A, B, C** and **D**

Friends are important to us. We do not need too many friends but a few great friends 1 a huge difference in our lives. I have such a good friend in my life. 2 name is Lily, and we go to the same school. Although we are the same age, we do not learn in the same class. Her class is one floor below mine because we have different interests in studies. I love science and she loves history.

Lily has a good sense of humour. She always makes me smile when I am down. She sometimes makes jokes that I can laugh so hard my stomach hurts. She is the most hardworking person I know, and she is never selfish in 3 what she knows. Her knowledge in world history is amazing. She 4 to become a history journalist one day.

Lily and I live in the same neighbourhood. Every morning, we take the school bus together to go to school. Sometimes, my mother would make two 5 meals to give one to Lily. We would eat together during the school break. I can 6 a lot. So, when Lily cannot finish her meal, I would be the first to take her food. 7 always jokes that I might become a teddy bear if I keep eating so much.

Another reason Lily and I become so close is because we share the same love for netball. We both 8 for the school netball team and we train three times a week after school. Lily is recently chosen as the team captain. Coach likes that she is a fair person. One time I was late for 9, she made me run five rounds around the court as punishment even though we are close friends. Besides, she trains hard and always 10 with us during games.

I am grateful because I have a good friend. Lily has been like a sister to me. I cannot imagine my life without her.

1.	A. make	B. makes	C. making	D. made
2.	A. Her	B. His	C. Its	D. She
3.	A. share	B. shares	C. sharing	D. shared
4.	A. dream	B. dreams	C. dreaming	D. dreamt
5.	A. parcel	B. package	C. wrapped	D. packed
6.	A. eat	B. eats	C. eating	D. ate
7.	A. I	B. He	C. They	D. She
8.	A. is playing	B. play	C. played	D. will play
9.	A. training	B. train	C. trainer	D. trained
10.	A. communicate	B. scold	C. shout	D. argue

SET 2

Choose the **best** answer from the options **A, B, C** and **D**

Once many students finish high school or college, they 1 the uncanny desire to travel as far away from home as possible. Visiting new places and seeing exotic locales around the world 2 can be a great learning experience, but there is one big problem that these young travellers face — a lack of money. Most countries nowadays are 3 young globetrotters by offering a six- to twelve-month working holiday for anyone between the ages of 18 and 30. 4, they will be able to experience new cultures while making enough money to survive.

In Australia, the working holiday program 5 been a phenomenal success. In its first year of existence, 1975, 2,000 working visas were 6. By 2006, this number had increased to 113,000, which is estimated to have added US\$1.3 billion to Australia's economy in that year. Many of the positions 7 are in the hospitality industry or harvest work, but some travellers are getting jobs in finance, health care, and education.

For Australians, Britons, and New Zealanders, a popular place to spend a working holiday is Canada, 8 there are numerous ski and snowboard resorts. Jobs as lift operators, snowboard coaches, or as members of the resort staff are 9 simple. The biggest benefit in Canada is that all workers get free lift passes while they are employed. A working holiday is the perfect solution for those 10 want to see the world but need some help to finance their once-in-a-lifetime trip.

1	A. has	B. have	C. is	D. are
2	A. it	B. its	C. it's	D. its'
3	A. other	B. another	C. most	D. many
4	A. is	B. was	C. had	D. have
5	A. has	B. do	C. is	D. are
6	A. in	B. into	C. with	D. around
7	A. was endangered	B. is endangering	C. is endangered	D. endangers
8	A. tradition	B. traditional	C. traditionally	D. traditionalist
9	A. protection	B. promotion	C. search	D. ban
10	A. who	B. when	C. what	D. which

SET 3

Choose the **best** answer from the options **A, B, C** and **D**

Dear Uncle Sam,

It was nice meeting you again after all these years. In fact, you have hardly changed except 1 your greying hair. I know I have changed.

It must 2 as a great shock to you to hear that I have chosen to become a teacher instead of a lawyer. Well, I was younger then and I thought that being a lawyer was everything, but I was wrong. I hated the 3 life although it was financially very rewarding. So, I decided to quit and start all 4 again.

Actually, I went into teaching 5 by chance. There was a teacher on maternity leave in my sister's school and I agreed to help out. The rest is 5. Now, I find that teaching 6 very rewarding. It has its ups and downs but at the end of the day, when you know you have helped someone make something 7 his life, that is all that matters. Teaching will not make 8 a millionaire, but I feel that my life is far richer than anyone else. Every time I am able to make a child see the light, I am rewarded. Besides, I can also 9 my knowledge of the outside world to them and use my acting and debating skills to the fullest. I also have time to read and travel during the holidays.

I hope you are not too disappointed with me. I know that 10 have always wanted me to become a lawyer but I am very happy with my vocation and I wouldn't change it for anything else.

Your niece,

Rachel

1.	A. in	B. on	C. to	D. for
2.	A. be	B. arise	C. come	D. get
3.	A. hectic	B. exciting	C. feverish	D. consumption
4.	A. in	B. on	C. over	D. to
5.	A. quit	B. quite	C. quiet	D. quits
6.	A. story	B. record	C. history	D. movie
7.	A. of	B. in	C. out	D. over
8.	A. you	B. me	C. us	D. we
9.	A. lend	B. borrow	C. give	D. impart
10.	A. he	B. she	C. you	D. it

SET 4

Choose the **best** answer from the options **A, B, C** and **D**

I was born into a lovely family. My first earthly sensation was of groping blindly, hungrily
—1— my mother's furry underbody, along with five other hungry and helpless puppies.

I weighed a little more than a pound. I was blind —2— I could not walk. All I could do was to squirm, eat and sleep. I looked like a plump rat of no special colour. A day later, one of my siblings —3— of colic. I was aware that his cries —4— waned, and he died.

Twelve days later, I —5— to look less like a plum rodent. I finally opened my eyes for the first time and saw my surroundings. I was housed in a room with several cardboard boxes and a soft old blanket was underneath my mother. My days and nights —6— taken up with eating and sleeping.

Then, I finally met my master. He —7— in occasionally to look at us but he never ventured nearby. One day, my mother had gone out for a run. My master walked into the room with a container. He lifted me up and put me on the floor in front of the milk. Then, he —8— my nose into the container. It was a sticky and disagreeable sensation. I tried to wriggle free. I washed my milky nose with my tongue and to my —9— the milk was tasty. By the next day, I was able to crouch in front of the container and lapped gawkily at its contents. Much of the milk was spilt everywhere but more and more of it went down my throat —10— I mastered the art of drinking milk.

1.	A. on	B. by	C. over	D. against
2.	A. but	B. and	C. because	D. so
3.	A. die	B. died	C. dies	D. dead
4.	A. come	B. came	C. become	D. became
5.	A. begin	B. began	C. begun	D. beginning
6.	A. was	B. were	C. is	D. are
7.	A. has come	B. had come	C. was coming	D. would come
8.	A. thrust	B. urged	C. passed	D. keep
9.	A. disgust	B. surprise	C. confusion	D. excitement
10.	A. as	B. so	C. in	D. on

SET 5

Choose the **best** answer from the options **A, B, C** and **D**

Just as my friends and I finished lunch at a hotel, a little distance from my office, it started to pour heavily. When it became lighter, I decided to 1 the drizzle to get to my car, which was parked at my office three streets away. My friends argued that I should not go since I was seven months pregnant then. I assured 2 that I would be very careful. One of them wanted to come with me but I insisted that she stayed with another friend who needed help 3 her baby. I walked out of the 4 and started making my way to the car.

Then at the traffic junction, a van stopped, and the passenger alighted with an umbrella. Before I knew what was happening, he walked right beside me and told me he would 5 me to my destination. I was embarrassed and declined, but he was very persistent. During our walk, he kept telling me to walk slowly as the ground was wet. When we got to the car park, I thanked him, and we parted ways. I did not get the 6 name and may not even recognize him now. Did he purposely stop for me? I will never 7.

So how did I pay for this kindness? I was at home that day 8 I noticed two Indian construction workers walking in the heavy rain. They were probably on their way to the construction site near my housing estate, which was a long walk in. I went out and passed them an umbrella. They 9 aback by my gesture and I told them they should take the umbrella and keep it. They were very grateful and like me, probably wondered 10 a stranger was offering such kindness.

1.	A. brave	B. braved	C. braving	D. have braved
2.	A. us	B. them	C. their	D. theirs
3.	A. on	B. for	C. with	D. from
4.	A. van	B. hotel	C. car	D. shop
5.	A. guide	B. escort	C. attend	D. company
6.	A. stranger	B. strangers	C. stranger's	D. strangers'
7.	A. know	B. knew	C. knows	D. knowing
8.	A. as	B. while	C. when	D. whereas
9.	A. took	B. taken	C. had taken	D. were taken
10.	A. why	B. who	C. when	D. how

PART 3

SET 1

Directions: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. Refer to the text to check your answers when appropriate.

TV

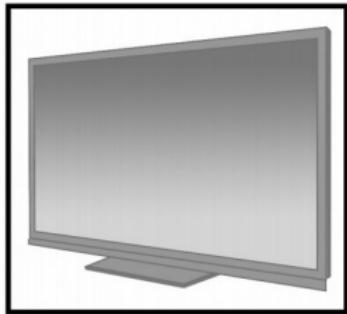
Televisions show sounds and pictures. They get data from cables, discs, or over-the-air signals. They turn this data into sounds and images. People watch news and shows on them. You probably call them TVs.

John Baird made the first TV in 1925. It had one colour. It could only show 30 lines. This was just enough room for a face. It didn't work well, but it was a start.

The first TV station was set up in 1928. It was in New York. Few people had TVs. The broadcasts were not meant to be watched. They showed a Felix the Cat doll for two hours a day. The doll spun around on a record player. They were experimenting. It took many years to get it right.

By the end of the 1930s, TVs were working well. America got its first taste at the 1939 World's Fair. This was one of the biggest events ever. There were 200 small, black and white TVs set up around the fair. The U.S. President gave a speech over the TVs. The TVs were only five inches big but the people loved it.

They wanted TVs. But World War II was going on during this time. Factories were busy making guns and bombs. When the war was over, TV spread across the country.



By 1948 there were 4 big TV networks in America. They aired their shows from 8 to 11 each night. Local shows were aired at other times. Most of the time, nothing was shown at all. TV was not "always on" like it is now.

Colour TVs came out in 1953. They cost too much money for most. Also, shows were aired in black and white. By 1965, colour TVs were cheaper. TV stations started airing shows in colour. People had to switch if they wanted to see the shows.

Now most TVs are high-def. This means that they have many lines on them. This makes the image clear. TVs have come a long way since Baird's 30-line set. High-def TVs have 1080 lines. There are state of the art sets called 4K TVs. These TVs have 3,840 lines. Some people watch TV in 3D. I wonder what they will come up with next. Smell-o-vision anyone?

1. When did colour TVs come out?
 - A. 1925
 - B. 1953
 - C. 1939
 - D. 1965
2. Which was **not** true about the first TV?
 - A. It could only show one colour.
 - B. It only had 30 lines.
 - C. It did not have sound.
 - D. It did not work well.
3. When did networks start showing programs in colour?
 - A. 1948
 - B. 1953
 - C. 1965
 - D. 1939
4. Why did the first TV station only show Felix the Cat for two hours a day?
 - A. They were running tests.
 - B. Felix the Cat was really popular.
 - C. Felix the Cat had been a big radio star.
 - D. Felix the Cat was the only show that they had.
5. Which of these events slowed the spread of TVs?
 - A. The World's Fair of 1939
 - B. The Civil War
 - C. The election of the U.S. President.
 - D. World War II
6. What is the author's main purpose in writing this?
 - A. He is trying to explain how a TV works.
 - B. He is telling readers how TVs became popular.
 - C. He is describing the history of the TV.
 - D. He is trying to get people to watch more TV.
7. Why did many families switch to colour TVs in 1965?
 - A. Colour TVs cost a lot of money.
 - B. Many shows were only shown in colour.
 - C. Colour TVs came out in 1965.
 - D. World War II ended and troops returned home.
8. Why was 1939 an important year for TV?
 - A. Many Americans were introduced to TV.
 - B. The first colour TV was released.
 - C. The first TV station began broadcasting.
 - D. John Baird created the first TV.

SET 2

Directions: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. Refer to the text to check your answers when appropriate.

Chess

Chess is called the game of kings. It has been around for a long time. People have been playing it for over 500 years. Chess is based on an even older game from India. The chess we play today is from Europe.

Chess is a two-player game. One player uses the white pieces. The other uses the black pieces. Each piece moves in a special way. One piece is called the king. Each player has one. The players take turns moving their pieces. If a player lands on a piece, he or she takes it. The game ends when a player loses his or her king. There are a few more rules, but those are the basics.

Some people think that chess is more than a game. They think that it makes the mind stronger. Good chess players use their brains. They take their time. They think about what will happen next. These skills are useful in life and in chess. Chess is kind of like a work out for the mind.

You don't always have lots of time to think when playing chess. There is a type of chess with short time limits. It's called blitz chess. In blitz chess, each player gets ten minutes to use for the whole game. Your clock runs during your turn. You hit the time clock after your move. This stops your clock. It also starts the other player's clock. If you run out of time, you lose. Games of blitz chess are fast-paced.

Chess is not just for people. Computers have been playing chess since the 1970s. At first, they did not play well. They made mistakes. As time went on, they grew stronger. In 1997, a computer beat the best player in the world for the first time. It was a computer called Deep Blue. Deep Blue was big. It took up a whole room. By 2006 a cell phone could beat the best players in the world. Chess sure has come a long way. Don't you think so?



1. What is the author's purpose in writing the second paragraph?

- A. To explain the rules of chess
- B. To compare different types of games
- C. To talk about game pieces
- D. To persuade people to play chess

2. Which is **not** a reason that chess is a good workout for the mind according to the text?

- A. Good chess players think about what will happen next.
- B. Good chess players take a lot of risks.
- C. Good chess players take their time.
- D. Good chess players use their brains.

3. How long have people been playing chess?

- A. Over 100 years
- B. Over 500 years
- C. Over 1000 years
- D. Over 5000 years

4. Where did the game that chess is based on come from?

- A. Europe
- B. America
- C. India
- D. All of these

5. Which best describes the main idea in the fourth paragraph?

- A. This paragraph argues that players should think less.
- B. This paragraph explains how blitz chess is played.
- C. This paragraph explains time clocks work.
- D. This paragraph describes many different ways to play chess.

6. How does a game of chess end according to the text?

- A. One player takes all of the other player's pieces.
- B. One player makes it to the end of the board.
- C. One player becomes king.
- D. One player loses his or her king.

7. Which happened first?

- A. Computers did not play chess well.
- B. Deep Blue won an important game.
- C. Cell phones got good at playing chess.
- D. Deep Blue took up a whole room.

8. How is blitz chess different from regular chess?

- A. Each player has two kings.
- B. Players are blindfolded.
- C. Players only have ten minutes to play.
- D. Players start from a random position.

SET 3

Directions: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. Refer to the text to check your answers when appropriate.

Worst Game Ever?

E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial is a video game that came out for the Atari 2600 game system in 1982. It was based on a very popular film of the same name. It cost over 125 million dollars to make. Star programmer Howard Scott Warshaw created it with consultation from Steven Spielberg. And it is widely considered to be one of the worst video games ever created. The massive failure of *E.T.* and its effects on Atari is an often-mentioned reason for the video game industry crash of 1983.

It was July 27th, 1982. Howard Scott Warshaw was hot off the success of his most recent game, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. He received a call from Atari C.E.O. Ray Kassar. Atari had bought the rights to make a video game version of Spielberg's movie, *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*, which had just been released in June. Kassar told Warshaw that Spielberg had specifically asked for Warshaw to make the game. Warshaw was honoured, but there was one huge problem. Atari needed the game finished by September 1st in order to start selling it during the Christmas season.

It had taken Warshaw six months to create *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. The game he made prior to that took him seven months. He was expected to create *E.T.* in around five weeks. Warshaw just did not have enough time to program the game properly, but he accepted the challenge anyway and production began. Spielberg wanted Warshaw to create a simple maze game, similar to *Pac-Man*, but Warshaw had a bigger vision. He wanted players to explore different environments in a 3D world. Warshaw followed his vision.

Atari anticipated that the game would be a huge success. Usually, companies like Atari have people test games before releasing them. If there is something that testers really dislike, programmers can fix it before the public gets a chance to play. Atari decided to skip testing due to time limitations.

They wanted the game released during the holiday season. It was: *E.T.* was released in December of 1982.

The game sold very well at first. It was a hot holiday item. Unfortunately, Atari overestimated how many they would sell. They made 5 million copies and they only sold 1.5 million. Most people who played the game hated it. The graphics were bad. Game play was awkward. Players got stuck in holes that they couldn't escape. A short time limit made the game difficult to explore and frustrating to play. Some people who stuck with the game grew to like it, but it wasn't the mainstream success that Atari had hoped it would be.

Too many copies of the game sat on store shelves. One employee remembers the game being discounted five times, from \$49.95 to less than a dollar. Many people returned the game. Atari was left with millions of unsold copies. In September of 1983, a newspaper in New Mexico reported that between 10 and 20 semitrailer truckloads of Atari products were crushed and buried at a landfill in Alamogordo. Perhaps a million or more copies of *E.T.* were buried in the desert. When word got out, the drop site had to be covered with cement to prevent scavenging.

Atari lost over \$100 million on *E.T.* The game was so bad that it was said to have affected Atari's reputation. The video game industry soon fell into a deep depression. In 1983 the industry made \$3.2 billion. By 1985 profit fell to just over \$100 million. This was almost a 97% drop. Many critics believe that Atari's blunder on *E.T.* was one of the causes leading to this depression. *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* will long be remembered as one of the worst video games ever made, if not one of the causes of the decline of the entire video game industry.

1. Which of the following is **not** a reason for the failure of *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*?
 - A. The programmer was not given enough time to finish the game properly.
 - B. Atari did not test the game before its release.
 - C. Atari made too many copies of *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*.
 - D. The game was released on a new system that only a small number of people owned.
2. Which of the following were effects of the failure of *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*?
 - A. Perhaps a million or more copies of the game were buried in the desert.
 - B. Atari lost over \$100 million.
 - C. The video game industry sunk into a deep depression.
 - D. All of the above
3. Which of the following was **not** listed as a reason why *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* was considered one of the worst games ever?
 - A. The soundtrack was annoying.
 - B. The graphics were bad.
 - C. A short time limit made the game frustrating.
 - D. Players would get stuck in holes.
4. Which of the following events happened first?
 - A. *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* video game was released to the public.
 - B. The entire video game industry sank into a deep decline.
 - C. Steven Spielberg suggested that the *E.T.* video game should be like *Pac-Man*.
 - D. Atari buried millions of cartridges and game consoles in the New Mexico desert.
5. Who programmed *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*?
 - A. Steven Spielberg
 - B. Ray Kassar
 - C. Howard Scott Warshaw
 - D. Elliot Thomas
6. Why did Atari decide to skip testing *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*?
 - A. Testing was too expensive.
 - B. Spielberg would not allow testing.
 - C. They were in a hurry to release the game for the holiday season.
 - D. Testing video games was not common until after *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* was released.
7. When was the game *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* released?
 - A. June 1982
 - B. September 1982
 - C. December 1982
 - D. September 1983
8. According to the text, which group of people would like playing *E.T.*?
 - A. People who really enjoyed watching the movie
 - B. People who liked playing fast, fun games
 - C. People who stuck with the game despite its flaws
 - D. People who enjoyed playing *Raiders of the Lost Ark*

SET 4

Read the information provided in a room leaflet from The Barclay Hotel in New York. For questions 1 to 10, choose the correct answer.

Your Room at A Glance

INSTANT SERVICE

To make your stay more enjoyable, Instant Service is available “around the clock” for any requests.

WAKE-UP SERVICE

Please contact Instant Service.

IN-ROOM BAR

Your private bar is stocked daily with a variety of drinks and snacks. Items removed are automatically charged to your account. A menu with pricing is located in your room.

THE INTERNET

Your room is equipped with high-speed Internet access. A daily access fee will be assessed to your account.

EXPRESS CHECK-OUT

For a fast and effortless check-out, please utilize our voicemail check-out by dialling extension 4510 and leave your name and room number.

IN-ROOM COFFEE

Complimentary coffee is replenished daily in your room. Keurig-makers have directions located on the front of the machine. If further assistance is required, please dial Instant Service. Complimentary coffee and tea are also served in the Lobby from 6:00AM to 7:00AM.

FITNESS CENTER

The Fitness Centre offers an assortment of cardio and weight training equipment. Available 24 hours a day with a guestroom key card access on the third floor. Access to the steam room and sauna are available from 6:00AM to 8:00PM.

IN-ROOM SAFE

The safe can be programmed with a personalized four-digit pin code for each use. Please see detailed instructions located in the safe. Alternatively, safe deposit boxes are available at the Reception Desk.

HOUSEKEEPING SERVICE

Your room is serviced daily between 8:30AM and 2:30PM Monday through Friday; between 9:00AM and 3:00PM Saturday, Sunday and Holidays. For fresh towels after service hours, please dial Instant Service.

LAUNDRY & SHOE SHINE

Please find instructions in your closet for Laundry, Pressing and Dry-Cleaning Service. For Shoe Shine service, please contact Instant Service for pick-up.

ENTERTAINMENT

For your viewing pleasure we are pleased to offer a selection of pay per view movies and entertainment options. To view these and other options, press the menu button on the remote control.

Material from Intercontinental New York Barclay Hotel

1. You can contact Instant Service ...

- A. twelve hours a day
- B. twenty-four hours a day
- C. in the hotel lobby next to the clock
- D. every hour on the hour: at 6 o'clock, 7 o'clock, etc.

2. There is a variety of drinks and snacks ...

- A. in the hotel's private bar
- B. that are removed from your room every day
- C. that you can have and pay with your room bill
- D. that are automatically charged to your bank account

3. There is ... Internet access in your room.

- A. fast
- B. free
- C. basic
- D. wireless

4. If you want a coffee, you can ...

- A. dial Instant Service
- B. put money in a machine in your room
- C. follow the directions to the nearest coffee bar
- D. have it for free in the lobby early in the morning

5. To enter the Fitness Centre you need ...

- A. your room key card
- B. to ask for a specific key
- C. to be a guest on the third floor
- D. to go between 6:00AM and 8:00PM

6. You can find that your room hasn't been cleaned yet if you come back at ...

- A. 2:00AM on a Friday
- B. 2:00PM on a Friday
- C. 3:00AM on a Sunday
- D. 3:30PM on a Sunday

7. The in-room safe is ...

- A. an alarm system that you can program
- B. a box with a pin code to keep valuable things
- C. a deposit box that you can get at the Reception Desk
- D. a personalized four-digit pin code to enter each room

8. If you need to clean your shoes ...

- A. you'll find instructions in your closet
- B. call Instant Service for instructions on how to clean them
- C. call Instant Service and they'll clean them for you in your room
- D. call Instant Service and they'll collect the shoes from your room

Food for a community

A message from Life co-author, Helen Stephenson

One of the best things about travelling is trying different food. But just as interesting as the food itself is the experience of sharing the meal with other people. I've been very lucky to have shared some fantastic home-made food with friends and acquaintances in a number of countries. One of my fondest memories is of family beach picnics on 1st January, somewhere quite near to the equator – a memorable start to each new year. Every year for many years the people of Milpa Alta, Mexico, have prepared a feast in the week before Christmas. Sixty thousand tamales and 15,000 litres of hot chocolate are made in less than a week, not too much and not too little for the thousands of people who show up for the feast. The feast is called *La Rejunta* and is made for pilgrims preparing for the long walk to the holy cave of *El Señor de Chalma* on January 3rd. The people responsible for organising *La Rejunta* are called the *majordomos*. It's an honour to be chosen and so many people want to do it that the waiting list is full until 2046.

The stages in the organisation of *La Rejunta* are the same every year. Tradition is important to the Milpa Alta people. Corn has been grown here for hundreds of years and the name of the region means 'high cornfield'. Local farmers grow most of the corn, meat, and vegetables needed as ingredients for the meal. And a year before the event, the men go to the forest and collect wood that they pile up high near the home of the *majordomos* so that it will be properly dried before it's used for open-air cooking. This year's *majordomos* are Virginia Meza Torres and her husband Fermín Lara Jiménez. 'There is an infinity of things to do,' Virginia Meza Torres says

firmly, as if to indicate there is no time to talk. Virginia is heading to the local offices to get the necessary permits and Fermín sets off into the countryside in search of more ingredients. They leave their daughter Montserrat Lara Meza in charge. She is a 24-year-old graduate student who's come home to help her parents for the week. Volunteers are starting to arrive and Montserrat wanders down the hill to a shed to see how the toasting of the corn is going. Everything is made from the basics – no instant mixes or other culinary shortcuts are allowed.

Such traditional approaches are part of everyday life here. Eating together is perhaps the most important example. 'In my experience, there is a glue, a bonding, that comes from the time together at the table,' says Josefina García Jiménez. She often cooks for her nieces and nephews and says, 'It feels like I am passing down a tradition, and when it comes to their turn to be adults, they will remember what I have done. Here we have time to cook, time to think just what ingredients are needed, time to show our kids through cooking that we love them.'

When the day of *La Rejunta* arrives, the volunteers have been up all night, though no one admits to feeling tired. Fermín has made sure there are enough tamales for everyone, and the head cook has been stirring the atole (chocolate drink) all night. After a 14-year wait, and a full year of preparation, it's almost time for Fermín and Virginia to hand over responsibility to the next *majordomos*. But first, there are thousands of cups of atole to serve.

1. The article is an account of ...
 - A. day-to-day life of farmers in Mexico.
 - B. key features of a Mexican community.
 - C. what Mexican people eat at Christmas.
 - D. Mexican food and community
2. La Rejunta is ...
 - A. a meal where all the guests bring some dishes.
 - B. just one example of Milpa Alta traditions.
 - C. started as a way of using up extra corn in Milpa Alta.
 - D. A traditional food
3. La Rejunta feast ...
 - A. is held once a week.
 - B. lasts a week.
 - C. takes a week to get ready.
 - D. Every month
4. Pilgrims to the holy cave ...
 - A. take Rejunta food to eat on their journey.
 - B. make their trip after Christmas.
 - C. are called majordomos.
 - D. Love to eat different type of food
5. Which statement is true?
 - A. It's hard to find people who want to organise the feast.
 - B. It's difficult to get selected to organise the feast.
 - C. The next feast is in about thirty years' time.
 - D. It's celebrated only by Mexican
6. Which statement is NOT true, according to the second paragraph?
 - A. Preparations for the feast start a year in advance.
 - B. Everything required for the meal comes from the local area.
 - C. Only vegetarian food is served at the meal.
 - D. Mexican plant their food locally
7. Virginia and Fermin ...
 - A. have lots of experience organising these meals.
 - B. make all the preparation themselves.
 - C. are too busy to spend much time with the author.
 - D. are tourists
8. In Milpa Alta, people pay attention to traditions ...
 - A. all the time.
 - B. only at certain times of the year.
 - C. when they eat.
 - D. Once a month

PART 4

SET 1

You are going to read a letter about the National Service Programme. Six sentences have been removed from the letter. Choose from the sentences A to H the one which fits each gap (1 to 6). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Mark your answers on **the separate answer sheet**.

No 7, Jalan Sulaiman,
84000 Muar.

26 June, 2021

Dear Putri,

How are you and everyone at home doing? I hope everyone is in the pink. I heard that you have been chosen to join the National Service Programme. Let me assure you that this programme will be beneficial for you. A friend of mine who attended it said he was glad he went for it.

First of all, 1 Before joining the programme, my friend hardly did any housework such as making his own bed or washing his own clothes. However, now he does not rely on his mother or maid because he has learnt to do it himself. I know at present your mother or maid does everything for you. 2

Another benefit of the programme is that you will be able to meet people of different ethnicities and religions from all over our country. 3

Besides, 4 They carry out activities like painting town halls, cleaning up parks and planting trees by a riverbank. They learn leadership skills and teamwork.

This programme also helps you to keep fit and healthy. 5

6 Joining this programme means you will get the opportunity to travel to another state to attend the programme. During the programme you will go on field trips and be able to see different parts of Malaysia, not forgetting a singing competition, telematch games and even a swim in a waterfall.

I think you should attend this programme with a positive attitude. I have to sign off now. Look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,
Mei Hui

A	It is high time you learnt to do things yourself	E	This programme offers many exciting activities.
B	It helps you broaden your circle of friends.	F	This programme will also teach you survival skills
C	Participants will go jungle trekking and marching every day.	G	It helps participants develop some good habits and become more independent.
D	The participants will also do some community projects.	H	This program is educational and inspiring.

SET 2

You are going to read a letter about a heart-warming incident. Six sentences have been removed from the letter. Choose from the sentences A to H the one which fits each gap (1 to 6). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use. Mark your answers on **the separate answer sheet**.

15, Lorong Orkid,
Jalan Bakri
84200 Muar.

25 June 2021

Dear Wie Ling,

How are you? My family and I are in good health. You guess what? Something happened yesterday and I can't wait to tell you about it.

Yesterday, as I was shopping along the bustling Jalan Maharani, I witnessed a heart-warming incident.

1 By noon, I myself had bought several bags of things within an hour. When I was in a queue at a counter to pay for my new shoes, I saw a rather frail old lady standing across the street all by herself. She tried to cross the street a few times but failed due to the heavy traffic.

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Suddenly, the poor lady tripped and fell in her attempt to go across. The things in her bag scattered on the road. 3 I felt so sorry for her. As I was going over to give her a helping hand after paying for my purchase, I saw a young man going forward to her aid. He helped her up and collected her things on the ground. Then he gently helped her cross the road by practically stopping the traffic.

4 . She thanked him gratefully as he got her a taxi. The young man then disappeared into the crowd. 5 I do not know who the young man was or his name but what he was certainly commendable.6

What have you been doing since I last heard from you? Do tell me your news. I must go now. Take care.

Best wishes,
Aidah

- A His kindness seemed to reassure the lady who had been quite flustered.
- B The vehicles were slow moving but none of them was willing to give way to her.
- C Sometimes it does not take much to make someone's day.
- D Passers-by, however, continued on with their activities, pretending as if nothing had happened.
- E I was deeply touched by what I saw.
- F It was such an unlucky day for her.
- G Unfortunately, a man snatched her handbag and ran away.
- H The area was crowded as people were doing their last-minute shopping in preparations for the forthcoming festive season.

SET 3

You are going to read an article about a group of boys who went on a camping trip. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A to H the one which fits each gap (1 to 6). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

A CAMPING TRIP

We had been planning to go on a camping trip for a long time. At last, during the recent holiday, the six of us managed to do it.

We gathered at Wei Xian's house and started off early on our trip to the campsite. It was beside a river in the jungle. 1 Entertained by Johan's jokes and Akmal's songs, we laughed throughout our walk.

At noon, we stopped for lunch at a small village. By the time we arrived at the river, it was quite late in the evening. Having Joven with us, we were able to quickly set up our tents. 2 Then, we sat around the fire that we had built to have our dinner. After a delicious meal of rice and rendang, we chatted for a while before going to bed. We all felt tired and decided to go to sleep early.

The next morning, we woke up to the chirping of birds and insects. 3 Wei Xian, who fancies himself a great naturalist, was able to identify the footprints of a few animals. Azim, not to be outdone, could identify many wild plants by name. I was quite impressed by their knowledge and felt that I had learned a lot from them.

We later stopped at a waterfall to have a picnic and a rest. 4 We also bathed at the waterfall. It was a refreshing experience. Before nightfall, we decided to return to our camp.

The third day was spent climbing some nearby hills. We were excited to discover a small cave in one of the hills. We explored the cave and found bats in it. 5 His shrieks were scarier than the sounds of the animals. There were some unusual insects in the cave. 6 We practically had to drag him out of the cave. That next day, we rose early to return home. We all agreed that it had been a memorable and enjoyable trip.

A We packed some food and started on our jungle trekking.	E Every time we heard the fluttering of wings Johan screamed.
B Wei Xian would have loved to spend hours studying them.	F The scenery was spectacular.
C Although it was a long way, we found it fun	G The food finished quickly as we were hungry!
D We were shocked and dashed out of it.	H He was quite an expert at this.

SET 4

You are going to read an article about the threat to the survival of animals. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A to H the one which fits each gap (1 to 6). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The Threat to The Survival of Animals

Man has always been a threat to the survival of animals. In the last two hundred years, this process has accelerated. Population growth, industrial civilization and hunting are the main enemies of animals. Animals have been driven from their natural habitats for the sake of development.

Among the most tragically endangered species is the mountain gorilla. It is now one of the rarest animals in the world. Mountain gorillas live only in the dense tropical rainforest of the Virunga Volcanic region of central Africa. Although they live far away in the forest, they are not spared of the threat from human. 1

Birds have been flying the skies for centuries. Today a number of species of birds are slowly becoming extinct. Many of them have already extinct and many more are on the endangered list. Their reduction in number has been mainly due to the loss of habitat. Many wetlands, the home of several species of birds, are being converted to developed land for housing and industries. 2 Oil spills and the dumping of mineral waste are constantly contaminating the sea. Aquatic birds, while looking for food in these waters, find their feathers coated with grease and filth. This does not only make it difficult for them to fly but also prevents them from staying afloat in the water.

Fifty years ago, there were hundreds of thousands of elephants in Africa. 3 In the last ten years, they have taken the lives of approximately eighty thousand elephants in the vast continent. They are hunted for their tusks, which are priceless. For centuries, craftsmen have used ivory to make statues, jewellery, piano keys and other articles. 4

Every year, about fifty thousand baby seals are slaughtered in the annual seal cull. 5 They have been killed brutally for the sake of their pelts which are made into coats, handbags and hats. Many people, concerned about the conservation of seals, have joined hands to protest these merciless killings. They are aware of the plight of these animals and are coming together to save the seals. 6 Prohibiting the hunting of rare animals alone is no longer sufficient to ensure their survival. We should allow them adequate natural habitats to live in. The decision to let them survive lies with us.

- A Since then, the number of poachers has increased.
- B These magnificent animals may one day become extinct if this unnecessary killing is not stopped.
- C These animals are struggling to survive in the hand of man.
- D Pollution too has taken its toll on their population
- E These people must change their attitudes towards animals
- F These conscientious people have stopped using goods made of their skin or the fur of other animals.
- G Agricultural development and forestry have reduced their number greatly
- H These cute, shy animals are mostly clubbed to death or sometimes shot.

SET 5

You are going to read an article about a man running for his life. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A to H the one which fits each gap (1 to 6). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Mark your answers on **the separate answer sheet**.

A Man Running for His Life

Nahim peered through the hole in the wall. It had taken him a while but he had finally managed to free himself of the ropes that bound his hands and feet. The man who had been left behind to guard the hut was dozing under a tree. Nahim knew that the other two had gone to the nearby town to get some food and to send the ransom note. He had heard them talking about it earlier.

He crept to the door and slowly pushed it open. The guard was still asleep, probably tired out from the activities of the night before. 1 The rustling of the bushes as he bolted down the jungle path woke the guard but he did not look back. He ran as he had never run before, dodging and ducking to avoid the overhanging branches and creepers. 2

He did not know where he was going. He did not know if the jungle path led anywhere. All he wanted to do was to get away from the kidnappers.

He heard shouts behind him. From the crackling of twigs and swishing sounds of footsteps thundering over the decaying undergrowth, he guessed that the guard was chasing after him. 3 Being smaller in size, he could dash through the bushes and trees faster than the bulky guard.

In the distance, he saw the trees thinning. He must be nearing the edge of the jungle. With renewed hope, he forced himself to move faster. 4 A sharp pain tore at his ankle. He put his foot down on the ground and tried to rest his weight on it. The pain was terribly intense. He bit his lower lip to stop himself from crying out loud.

He did not see anybody around but the shouts behind him were getting closer. He also heard the trashing and slapping sounds nearby. 5

He had to act fast or he would be caught. Falling on all fours, he left the path, crept slowly along the undergrowth and hid himself as best as he could in a thick bush. 6

A His pursuer was gaining on him	E Suddenly, he stumbled and fell.
B He kept running forward as fast as he could.	F He prayed that the guard would not spot him
C He shouted for help.	G He was not aware of the numerous scratches and cuts that he received.
D The next instant, he sprang out of the hut and was running for his life.	H He was so tired that he fell asleep almost immediately.

SET 6

You are going to read a letter about good health. Six sentences have been removed from the letter. Choose from the sentences A to H the one which fits each gap (1 to 6). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Good Health Begins at Home

Good health is a state of the well-being of all aspects of our life, be it physical, emotional or mental. It is often determined by our economic, social and physical conditions. One's family, community and culture are basic elements that have an enduring influence on every area of one's life. 1 child's view of living healthily can be attributed to house rules, family attitudes, emotional support and economic background.

The family is responsible for everything to do with health. Tiny tots learn about healthy social interaction from older family members. 2 Young adults learn the value of proper dietary habits and regular exercise when they see the fitness state of the senior members of the family.

Eating is often referred to as one of man's greatest passions. 3 Parents have the greatest influence on their children's eating patterns. Parents should make their children aware that fruits, vegetables, grains and milk belong to the good food group and should be consumed regularly. Sweet food such as chocolate, ice cream and candies should only be identified as occasional treats. 4 If parents constantly relent to their children's demands, junk food may become part of their regular diet.

It is a tried and tested fact that good habits, when learned and practised early in life, have a lasting effect. One such habit that a child needs to adopt is regular exercise. About 50% of today's youngsters are not getting enough physical activity. 5 Children should be discouraged from turning into couch potatoes early in life. Couples should start a fitness plan for the family as soon as they are married.

The state of a child's emotional and mental health, although not obvious to outsiders, is easily visible to his family members. The complexity of today's society and its demands are making it difficult for parents to spend quality time with their children. However, parents must give it priority as their children need to feel loved and cared for. A child who enjoys the love and security of a stable family life can lead a stress-free life. 6

Indisputably, parents are in a pivotal position to shape the health conditions of their offspring.

- A The number of obese people is increasing daily.
- B Parents have to be firm in ensuring these habits are practised at all time.
- C They should always be there to support their children.
- D Teenagers' eating preferences and habits are determined mainly by their parents.
- E Parents should always be aware of the influence they have on their children.
- F To say that health begins at home is no exaggeration.
- G He would develop a positive outlook which in turn helps him lead a healthy life.
- H In fact, it plays a vital role in determining our state of physical health.

PART 5

SET 1

We interviewed six teenagers about the importance of having breakfast to them. Read the notes below and answer the questions that follow.

Teenagers about Importance of Having Breakfast

A - WEE BOO, 25 years old

I personally feel that we should never skip breakfast because it will make you feel sleepy all throughout your day. I skipped a few and I really felt horrible the whole day. I even suffered bloated stomach.

B - ROSHAN, 20 years old

To me breakfast is very vital because it provides our body the optimum energy that we need. It will definitely make us feel more energetic.

C - SITI MAIZURA, 35 years old

I am a gym trainer and I would like to differ as in breakfast is important but what kind of breakfast you eat really counts. You need to make sure it is wholesome and healthy.

D - RANI MALINI, 23 years old

I strongly believe that breakfast is crucial because it is the first meal of the day. It will be the boost for our whole body as it activates all our body system again.

E - JAMES, 22 years old

I don't quite agree that breakfast is important because we can skip if we don't want to as sometimes, we do get up nearing noon. Why not have lunch right away? Breakfast maybe light like toast and milk.

F - AH CHONG, 30 years old

Breakfast is very important because it prevents you from getting stomach problems. Always eat fruits first as it helps your digestion system.

Question 1 to 4

Which paragraph (A-F) describes the following notes of Teenagers about Breakfast?

	Statements	Paragraph
1	Help prevent stomach issues	.....
2	I think it should reflect what you eat for breakfast.	.....
3	It is a good body booster	.....
4	I think lunch can replace breakfast for late risers	.....

Question 5 to 8

Complete the notes below using the information from the text. Choose no more than one word from the passage for each answer.

What We Know About the Importance of Breakfast

- It provides you with (5) ____ energy and makes you feel energetic.
- It is advisable to start your breakfast with fruits because it helps your (6) ____ system.
- When you skip your breakfast you will feel (7) ____.
- Skipping breakfast can also lead to problem like (8) ____ stomach.

SET 2

We interviewed six residences at Taman Kemian about the Consequences of Flash Flood. Read the notes below and answer the questions that follow.

Taman Kemian Residence about Consequences of Flash Flood

A - SEKARAN, 45 years old

It caused massive traffic jams in and around Taman Kemian. We should focus on the poor drainage system in our Taman. We need to improvise it to prevent floods.

B - FATIMAH, 60 years old

Many houses in our Taman were affected. It was the worst flood and even schools were badly affected. Some people lost all their belongings in the flash flood. We need to prevent builders building houses around rivers. River flows are blocked due to dumping grounds.

C - JULITA, 45 years old

Our roads have plenty of holes or open drains that were covered with water. Our children and all of us were stranded in our homes as we were afraid to move around. We might fall or get injured. We really hope authorities will take immediate actions and cover the open holes and drains.

D - PETER, 34 years old

We lost most of our vehicles. We could not move our vehicles because there was no early warning of the flash flood. We were afraid to move our vehicles because the fast-moving floodwater can easily sweep our vehicles away. We request for early flash flood warning.

E - AH CHUI, 20 years old

Most of us were evacuated to the flood relief centres around our area. But sadly, there were only two. We need more, we cramped ourselves while waiting for help. It was so uncomfortable.

F - RAZALI, 23 years old

We hardly got an urgent help because there were no alternative pathways for us to move our help to arrive to us. We starved for food but luckily the flood receded within couple of hours. We need more alternative pathways to move or for help to reach us during floods.

Question 1 to 4

Which paragraph (A-F) describes the following notes of Taman Kemian Residence about Flash Flood?

Statements	Paragraph
1 We need more alternative pathways
2 We were evacuated and relieve centres were limited.
3 We lost our cars and lacked early warning
4 Homes and schools were badly affected.

Question 5 to 8

Complete the notes below using the information from the text. Choose no more than one word from the passage for each answer.

- We could not travel safely due to (5) ____ holes and drains.
- We faced massive traffic jams and our (6) ____ system is the main reason.
- We know that river flows are blocked due to the increase of (7) ____ grounds.
- We need to create more flood (8) ____ centres around flood areas.

SET 3

We interviewed six teenagers about what family means to them. Read the opinions below and answer the questions that follow.

Teens about Family

A - RAMU, 16 years old

Family to me means a unity among the people living under one roof.

B - JAMILA, 14 years old

Family to me means my parents and my siblings. We live happily.

C - HUI CHIN, 15 years old

Family to me is someone who is there or was there when you need them most. It could be my immediate family members or my friends. They are those who are close to my heart.

D - RING, 13 years old

Family to me means my own mother. My mother is a single parent and my dad has died when I was 1 year old. So, my family and my everything is my mother.

E - JERAMY, 19 years old

I don't know much of a family because I came from a broken family and I grew up in an orphan care centre. For me the orphan care caretakers are my family. I really miss my true parents.

F - AIDIDA, 17 years old

Family to me means someone who cares for you and accepts you just as you are. Even my roommate is a family member for me.

Question 1 to 4

Which paragraph (A-F) describes the following opinions of teens about family?

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

	Statements	Paragraph
1	To me family resembles a strong unity bond	.....
2	To me my family are members from my care centre	.....
3	Family is those who love me for myself	.....
4	My nuclear family is my family	.....

Question 5 to 8

Complete the notes below using the information from the text. Choose no more than one word from the passage for each answer.

Mark your answer on the separate answer sheet.

What We Know About Family

- Even a mother can take care of her children and she is named as (5) _____ parent.
- For teenagers a (6) _____ family can lead to emotional breakdown.
- People who help someone during the time when they (7) _____ them most are considered family.
- Those who (8) _____ a teenager for who they are can also be referred to as family.

SET 4

We interviewed six students about what online learning means to them. Read the notes below and answer the questions that follow

Students about Online Learning

A - ROY, 12 years old

Online learning is what I consider learning using the computer and internet. It is digital.

B - JAMES, 16 years old

I never liked online learning due to poor internet connection and I can't meet my teachers and I do sometimes miss my online classes due to poor internet.

C - ROBEKA, 15 years old

I love online learning because I can learn at my own pace. And I can learn in a more comfortable environment.

D - REJACK, 13 years old

I don't prefer online learning because I can't hand in my work and get it marked especially my essays just like how my teachers mark on my books. I do sometimes find it hard to understand my teachers comments on my essay.

E - LIZA, 14 years old

I prefer online learning because I can learn from various materials accessible online.

F - LINA, 10 years old

I like online learning because I can learn using computer. I love using emails. I don't like to communicate face to face.

Question 1 to 4

Which paragraph (A-F) describes the following notes of Students about internet?

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Statements	Paragraph
1 It is a virtual learning environment
2 I prefer hard copy rather than soft copy feedback's
3 Internet access is an issue for me
4 I can get to learn from a wide range of resources

Question 5 to 8

Compete the notes below using the information from the text. Choose no more than one word from the passage for each answer.

Mark your answer on the separate answer sheet.

What We Know About Online Learning

- (5) _____ internet becomes a hurdle for students to learn online.
- It is (6) _____ to comprehend online feedback given especially for writing.
- Online learning becomes fun since you don't need direct interaction as just an (7) _____ can help send your messages.
- Students feel more comfortable with online learning because learning takes place on their own (8) _____.

SET 5

We interviewed six sports players about their opinions on GOLF. Read the opinions below and answer the questions that follow.

Sports Players about Golf Game

A - BREWLEY, 44 years old Golf is a sport for elite older men.
B - JANE, 24 years old Golf is a game played by a lot of young women players.
C - LINDA, 35 years old I play golf and I got the interest by watching others play at a golf course next to my house.
D - PETER, 14 years old I think golf is a good exercise because golf courses are very big and I usually walk about ten kilometres during a game.
E - RATINE, 60 years old I have been playing golf since I was eight years old and I believe you can't learn golf without proper tutors to teach you.
F - Aaida, 50 years old I am a golf tutor and I find that nowadays generation don't value the game and they find it really boring.

Question 1 to 4

Which paragraph (A-F) describes the following opinions of Sports players about Golf game?
Write your answers in the table below.

	Statements	Paragraph
1	To me golf is played by rich older men	.....
2	To me young women are also golf players	.....
3	Playing golf is a good exercise	.....
4	As a golf tutor I find golf is boring for the upcoming generations.	.....

Question 5 to 8

Complete the notes below using the information from the text. Choose no more than one word from the passage for each answer.

Write your answer in the given blanks.

What We Know About Golf

- Even women are playing golf because there are a lot of (5) _____ women golf players.
- You can get interested to play golf by only (6) _____ others play.
- You can't learn golf without (7) _____ tutors to educate you.
- Golf is a good (8) _____ since you will walk at least 10 kilometres during a game.



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WRITING SECTION



PART 1

SET 1

Question: Write a reply to Janice's message

Hi Theo,

My parents are taking me to a funfair in Batu Pahat next weekend. I recall how you visited one around two years ago when we were still in primary school. What did you see there and how did you feel? I am truly anticipating this visit to the funfair as I will be accompanied by my siblings.

Do tell me too what you learnt by visiting the amusement park in Kajang. I do want to glean some substantial information so that I would be able to write a post in Facebook about my upcoming excursion without a hassle.

Janice

Vocabulary	
funfair - amusement park	glean - gain
recall - remember	excursion - short trip / jaunt
anticipating - look forward to	hassle - problem

Sample answer

Hi Janice ,

It must be vivifying to have fun in the perimeter of an amusement park during the weekend. On my visit to the celebrated UK Fun Park in Kajang years ago, I saw a number of things including merry-go-rounds, carousels, as well as bumper cars. All those funfair machines precipitated a sense of exhilaration in my heart as I tried the extreme rides and cavorted around the fairground gaping at the LED lightings that came in variegated colours.

My visit to the funfair taught me to conquer my fear of heights. Hence, I am not acrophobic any longer. On top of that , the visit also showed me the importance of following instructions to the latter. Indeed, Janice , you must never act on an impulse when you are in an amusement park.

Dearest, I do hope you enjoy yourself tremendously at the funfair. Please remember to get some snapshots too.

Theo
(155 words)

Vocabulary	
perimeter -area	acrophobic – afraid of heights
act on impulse – act without thinking	cavorted – jumped /danced

SET 2

Hi,

How are you doing? I hope you're doing well. I'm writing to ask if you have some suggestions on what I can do to celebrate my sister's birthday. I've thought about some ideas, but I couldn't seem to make a decision.

Her birthday is in two weeks. What do you think I should do?

Write back soon.

Eliza,

To:@.....com

From:@.....com

SAMPLE ANSWER:

To : eliza@hellomail.com .
From : [rания@hellomail.com](mailto:rania@hellomail.com)

Hi Eliza,

I'm doing fine. I hope you've been well too. You seem very excited about your sister's birthday. I think two weeks is enough time for you to prepare for the celebration, so don't worry.

To begin with, you could enlist the help of your family members to surprise your sister. Maybe you could cook her favourite food or bake her a cake and then surprise her at midnight. If your sister doesn't like surprises, you could simply buy her something she likes and congratulate her.

I hope that helps.

Rania.

SET 3

Question: Reply an e-mail from your best friend.

Hi bestie!

How have you been? I'm so excited that the school holiday is just around the corner. Remember our plan for an outing that was cancelled last year as I had to move away? Guess what?! I'm coming back next week!

What are your thoughts about an outing in the near future? We can hang out and have a catch-up session! Let me know where do you think would be the best place to see you, and please suggest some activities that we could do together!

Miss you much and do write back!

John

To: From:

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PART 2

SET 1

QUESTION: Your class has been discussing how they spend their money and your teacher has asked you to write an essay about what you would spend your money on.

In your essay, you should write about:

- what you would like to buy
- reasons for your choice
- where do you usually buy these things from

SAMPLE ANSWER

Money is an essential element in our lives. Indeed, people who lived in the early civilisations used variegated precious items as early forms of money. Today, we use money to buy everything that we need to live comfortably. In addition, we also buy non-essentials that bring us a sense of happiness.

I normally use my money in a thrifty way. In short, as I am still studying, I would like to use whatever money that I have to buy books such as reference books, workbooks, novels and dictionaries. This is because, books like Geography reference books can help me widen my knowledge about the world in general. For example, I would be able to gain some useful knowledge about the Eskimos who live in the very cold regions of Greenland. Furthermore, novels can ascertain that I gain a whole collection of new words which improve my writing skills. In addition, it makes me to recognise a few renowned writers who aspire me to be just like them one day.

As there are very few thriving bookstores in my hometown, I buy these books from MPH Bookstore in Malacca. Nonetheless, at times, I just buy them from a quaint little bookshop known popularly as "Ban Heng" amongst Muarians. All in all, quoting from Benjamin Franklin, "reading makes a man full".

(221 words)

Merit words that can replace normal words	
happiness- contentment	quaint - picturesque
non-essentials- luxuries	useful- utilitarian
about - pertaining to	very cold - hyperborean
improve- enhance	collection -repository

SET 2

QUESTION: Should young offenders be sent to army camps? State your opinion and give three reasons to support your answer.

Plan

* Topic/Opinion whether young offenders should be sent to an army camp
(Paragraph 1)

* Give your opinion about punishment in general
(Paragraph 2)

* Give 3 reasons for your opinion
(Paragraph 3 , Paragraph 4)

*Summarise your opinion and give a comment.
(Paragraph 5)

SAMPLE ANSWER

It is a fact that young offenders should be sent to a place that would help them stay away from wrongdoings of any kind. In truth, in some countries, youngsters with criminal records are packed off to rehabilitation centres while in others, the only option is a tough boot camp. I believe that it is advisable to send young people who have committed a crime or been implicated actively in misdeeds to an army camp .

Undoubtedly, punishment is a necessary evil in our society as we hurtle towards development. In brief, all forms of criminal activities are punishable by law whether they involve violence or otherwise. By way of illustration, if a person commits a crime, he has to face the consequences. Even in the olden days, anyone who went against the dictates of a country's law was punished. Sometimes, criminals were skinned alive, impaled or thrown into a colosseum to be eaten alive by animals.

Youngsters who have committed crimes of passion or a spate of minor misdeeds ought to be sent to army camps so as to relearn the importance of obeying the law at all times. These youngsters are also taught to have self-esteem and confidence in themselves. Subsequently, this would help them become happier people who would hate to reoffend.

In addition, young offenders also learn life skills as well as living skills when they are in boot camps. For instance, the life skills that they master are decision making, communicating effectively and thinking critically while the living skills are cooking, gardening and carpentry. When they are armed with these skills, life will seem much better for them.

In a nutshell, young offenders worldwide can go through rehabilitation at army camps where away from the protective arms of their parents, they are forced to discard their bad habits and grow into respectable people. Thus, going to an army camp is actually beneficial.

(329 words)

Vocabulary	
misdeeds - wrongdoings	offenders- wrongdoers
option -choice	carpentry - making /repairing wooden things

SET 3

QUESTION: Your teacher asked you whether you prefer to read print books or e-books. State your choice and give 3 reasons for your answer. Name a print / digital book that you like and say why you like it.

SAMPLE ANSWER

Books, in truth, are truly awe-inspiring whether they are print books or e-books. Nonetheless, people have different preferences with regards to these books.

Indubitably, I prefer print books to e-books although some people maintain that physical books are heavy and cumbersome. This is because print books bring a kind of joy to my heart as I touch them and add them to my collection. I can even catalogue them so as to keep track of the print books that I have already read so far.

Another reason why I prefer print books to digital books is because print books come in numerous genres and do not focus on any particular genre. As an avid reader, I love to read all kinds of books under the sun. By way of illustration, I read novels, adventure stories, literary works and the like. Besides, I like reading print books as they will not cause my eyes to grow dry due to the rays released by electrical gadgets. In brief, by reading print books, we will not be risking our health.

There are actually a number of print books that I have read but the one that I like best is "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen. Indeed, this book has captivated my heart as it portrays a love story between 2 people who come from different social classes. Darcy, the protagonist loves Elizabeth, the heroine yet he tries to suppress his love for her. Of course, the story has a happy ending. I do hope to read more print books in the near future.

(263 words)

Vocabulary	
cumbersome - burdensome	captivated- attracted
By way of illustration -For example	portrays -shows

SET 4

QUESTION: Your teacher asked you whether you like to eat local food or western cuisine. State your choice and give 3 reasons for your answer. Explain too why you do not like the other type of food by giving one reason.

SAMPLE ANSWER

There are variegated types of food in Malaysia and most of the kinds of food prevalent in this multiracial country are local fare. Nonetheless, some exclusive restaurants do serve western delicacies and dishes.

I love all varieties of edibles but my favourite food is of course "Nasi Lemak" which is actually coconut flavoured rice that is eaten with chicken condiment, anchovy condiment or shrimp condiment. In truth, Malaysians like to start their day by stopping at an open-air stall and digging into a plate of Nasi Lemak. I like Malaysian food because it is spicy and savoury. Besides, Malaysian food can be found everywhere that is from the roadside stalls to well-known cafes. Another reason why I like local food is because it is affordable. By way of illustration, a plate of "nasi lemak" with chicken condiment merely costs around RM 6.00.

I do not like western food like chicken chop because the price is exorbitant as it is rarely sold by hawkers. However, I do eat western food once in a blue moon.

(177 words)

Vocabulary	
variegated types – many types	exorbitant – very expensive
edibles – food	once in a blue moon – once in a while

PART 3 (ARTICLE)

SET 1

QUESTION: Write an article describing a place.

SAMPLE ANSWER: A bird's - eye view of Middleton

Middleton Estate was founded in the 1930s when rubber was first introduced to Malaysian planters as an alternative cash crop to replace cassava. It was managed by the Guthrie company for many a decade.

Middleton Estate is a bijou estate in the state of Negeri Sembilan where the mornings are scented with the redolence of wild orchids that thrive in exotic orchid houses. These de rigueur structures that delineate a post-independence architecture is mostly scattered atop the viridian hillocks near the ancient dispensary, a century-old health facility that caters to the needs of the small population that lives in virtual seclusion.

This gargantuan plantation accommodates locals who come from all walks of life. Some folks are of Indian descent from Tamil Nadu while others are indigenous groups viz the Jakums. All these people either stay in zero-lot-line homes near the oil palm holdings or in dilapidated attap huts near the jungle's edge. Together, they form the manual labour force as some work as day labourers while others eke a living by doing a miscellany of household chores in the opulent homes of the estate manager and staff.

Indubitably, Middleton Estate is awe-inspiring due to the management's piquant tradition of screening Tamil movies in open-air theatres during weekends when the labourers unwind and mingle with one another. Then, there is a tiny Hindu temple on a knoll a little away from the main road where the people can hear bells being rung. Indubitably, it is considered a sacred place by devotees from around Negeri Sembilan because it is where miracles occur from time to time. Furthermore, the picturesque scenery of cows grazing in the meads is an unforgettable sight.

Without a doubt, this entrancing place can help lift spirits whenever someone is in the doldrums. In truth, Middleton Estate will hold many riveting memories for visitors who come here to relax.

(314 words)

Vocabulary	
opulent - luxurious	riveting - compelling
redolence - fragrance	entrancing - capable of attracting
de rigueur - modern	in the doldrums - sad
dispensary - clinic	picturesque - visually attractive

SET 2

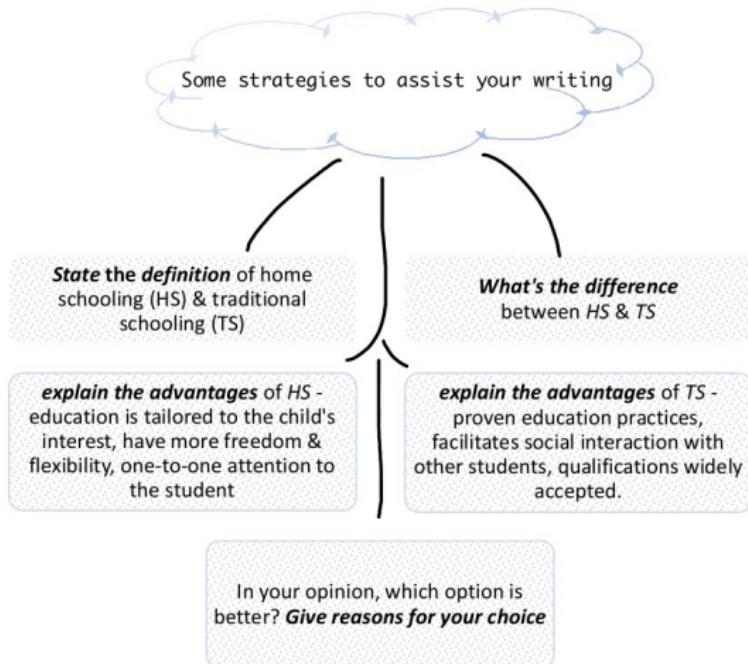
QUESTION: Write an article.

Article

Home Schooling vs Traditional Schooling

- What is meant by home schooling and traditional schooling?
- What are the advantages of each schooling system?
- Which is better option? Give your reasons.

Write an article answering these questions.



PART 3 (REVIEW)

Tips & Tricks - writing a movie review

- Introduction
- Title
- Date of release
- Background information
- Cast
- Movie director

1. *Summary* of the story **without touching on the ending**
2. Elements of the *plot* – **first person narration**, real footage
3. *Creative devices*- **trailers**, close to the **real tragedy**
4. Recommendations

Sample of a movie review

Titanic which was released in 1997 is actually an American epic or romance that was written, directed, co-produced and co-edited by James Cameron. The cast includes Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet and Billy Zane. This movie delineates the 1912 sinking of the RMS Titanic.

The story begins with the RMS Titanic's maiden voyage. This ship is depicted as the glorious possession of the White Star Line. Nonetheless, its sturdy built does not stop it from encountering problems in the Atlantic's gelid waters.

Incontrovertibly, the highlight of the plot is the hapless love affair between Rose DeWitt Bukater and Jack Dawson who hail from different social classes. The use of first-person narration lends authenticity to the plot and the employment of the actual Titanic's footage has created a surreal atmosphere.

The film moguls also utilised a number of trailers to promote this movie. Other than that, the beauty of Titanic is that the movie is very close to the real tragedy and tugs at our heartstrings with the final song "Nearer My God to Thee".

This movie certainly deserves raving reviews. In brief, adults of all ages should watch the story unfold whilst enjoying the romance intertwining historical values offered in the movie.

(201 words)

Vocabulary	
gelid – cold	sturdy – strong
depicted – portrayed	tugs at our heartstrings – affects us emotionally

SET 1

QUESTION: Your teacher asked you whether you prefer to travel to local destinations or to foreign tourist spots. State your choice and give 3 reasons for your answer. Write too about a place that you would love to visit and give one reason for wanting to go there.

SAMPLE ANSWER

Travelling is a vivifying form of activity that can also be considered as a pastime. It is believed that 7 out of 10 people like to go travelling during the holidays. Indeed, they need this respite away from the hectic schedule of their daily lives. People often travel abroad. On my part, I love travelling to local destinations.

Indubitably, I love to visit local destinations in lieu of visiting foreign tourist spots as it is more affordable. This is because, the flight fare is cheaper. Normally, we can also drive our own convertibles to places around Malaysia. In other words, we do not have to go through the hassle of boarding a flight or a luxury cruise. Consequently, we will not feel weary or enervated as when travelling overseas. This is due to the fact that we will not have to go through a lot of red tape or bureaucracy as we complete the paperwork and do our medical check-ups.

Furthermore, I prefer to travel around Malaysia so as to support our local economy. In truth, after the advent of the pandemic, our country has suffered huge financial losses. Hence, I want to do my share in helping Malaysia rise above the monetary conundrums that assail her from time to time. In brief, I do not want to spend my money supporting another country's economy.

I believe that there are a number of elysian tourist places in Malaysia. Nonetheless, the place that I would love to visit is Malacca with its antiquated shops and colonial edifices. In fact, I want to visit Malacca to try and understand our Malaysian heritage with its native craft and the like.

(277 words)

Vocabulary	
vivifying –interesting	bureaucracy –complicated administrative procedure
pastime – hobby	monetary – financial
weary –feeling extremely tired	conundrums – problems
enervated – drained of energy	antiquated – old

SET 2

QUESTION: We want reviews of a summer camp for a group of teenagers. Your review should include information about the place, the food, and what you can do there. Would you recommend it to other people your age? The best review will be published in next month's magazine.

Plan

- Title
- Paragraph 1
 - *Name ,location of summer camp.
 - *Say whether your review is positive or negative.
- Paragraphs 2 - 4
 - Describe the place ,the food and the activities.
- Paragraph 5
 - Recommendation

SAMPLE ANSWER: Camping in Lemon Grove

The summer holidays are an exceptional time of the year when school going children attend camps and participate in a miscellany of programmes in a bid to de-stress and find a modicum of serenity away from the hullabaloo of their daily lives. Indeed, Lemon Grove which is located in the peripheral area of Muar is an ideal place for summer camps due to its close proximity to the legendary Mount Ophir.

The nonpareil campsite is well-equipped with a gallimaufry of camping paraphernalia and facilities. By way of illustration, there are a number of bijou rooms for those who do not think that it is romantic to sleep out in the open under a canopy of gleaming stars. These kids can sleep in de rigueur bunkbeds without being bothered by a swarm of mosquitoes as well as annoying arachnids. For those more adventurous teenagers with a penchant for the outdoors, there are 20 tents that are rented out for RM100 apiece for a 3-day stay. In addition to that, there are numerous shower stalls and latrines to cater to the campers' needs.

Lemon Grove is popular with campers because it is the only camping place that has a restaurant that prepares packed lunches for the campers. This eatery too specialises in salubrious vegetarian fare although variegated types of casserole dishes and pot pies are also prepared for people who favour a meaty diet. Furthermore, Lemon Grove is an awe-inspiring spot as during the nocturnal hours, campers can prepare their own dinner with the cooking stoves and barbecue grill sets that can be found outside the rooms.

The campground proprietor has ensured that all campers have a thrilling time at camp. Here, in Lemon Grove, there is a maze of hiking trails that lead hikers to a beguiling waterfall at the foothills of a forested mountain. Besides, the visitors can also go fishing in tiny sampans and simultaneously luxuriate in the viridescent beauty of the tropical forests on both sides of the deep rill that cuts through the camping site. Indubitably, the campers can also do a spot of canoeing and birdwatching.

If you are thinking of going on a summer camp, then you should opt to go to Lemon Grove as it offers a wide range of activities to teenagers of all temperaments. Those reticent ones can revel in the quietude by taking a ramble in its Brobdingnagian butterfly garden. Meanwhile, teenagers who are considered extroverts can take part in a talentime that is organised every other day. It will be truly invigorating to be part of the experience.

(436 words)

Vocabulary	
exceptional - special	bijou - small
a modicum - a little	de rigueur - modern
hullabaloo - commotion	latrines - toilets
peripheral area - outskirts	luxuriate - enjoy
proximity - nearness in space	simultaneously - at the same time
nonpareil - unrivalled	

PART 3 (STORY)

SET 1

QUESTION: Write an account of a trip to a native settlement.
Describe your feelings.

SAMPLE ANSWER

The crimson sky marked the dawn of day as I started on a school trip to a native settlement in the district of Kuala Langat. The zephyr blew in through the window of the bus that made its way to the destination at record speed. Indeed, I was thrilled to think that I was going to experience a very different lifestyle.

After a 2-hour long journey from the city, we arrived at the Mah Meri Cultural Village in Carey Island. Once we reached our destination, we converged to the huge building where we were served iced lemonade and a salmagundi of savoury cakes. Gleefully, we tucked into our mouth-watering breakfast fare as the Mah Meri youth welcomed us with the Jo'oh Dance. Later, we were shown around the village.

Next on our agenda was a tiny museum full of wooden sculptures that portrayed the indigenous people's lifestyle. Their craftsmen carve wooden sculptures and figurines of various deities as well as spirits. It intrigued us no end to know that these sculptures are, more often than not, used by their shamans during exorcism rituals. Other than these exceptional items, the Mah Meri also make wooden masks that have caused them to be widely known as "The Masked Men of Malaysia".

On our visit, we also witnessed a mock Mah Meri wedding which involved a miscellany of customs including dancing around an anthill and hiding the bride just before the auspicious ceremony started. Then we attended a workshop to learn palm leaf origami and tree-bark cloth making. We were, undoubtedly, overawed by the Mah Meri's expertise at wood carving. At noon, we stopped to eat a sumptuous meal that comprised seafood delicacies, roasted sweet potatoes and glutinous rice wrapped in banana leaves. While we ate, we were entertained with all kinds of folklore, myths and legends.

As the birds were returning to their abode in the bushes, we prepared to return to the city. Before we left, we bought several souvenirs for our relatives and friends. Some of us bought handwoven bracelets and baskets in variegated colours while others settled for exquisite wooden key holders. In truth, we were rather thankful that we had been given the opportunity to visit a native village.

(371 words)

Vocabulary	
crimson - red	exquisite - beautiful
at record speed- very fast	souvenirs - gifts
intrigued - fascinated	overawed - impressed

SET 2

QUESTION: Think about an embarrassing experience that you have had and write about it.

Pointers

- *Use the first person
- *Divide your story into *paragraphs*
- *Use Past Tense
- *Use linking words
- * Make it *interesting* by using
 - Direct Speech , questions and exclamation marks
 - Strong adjectives
 - Adverbs
 - Expressions / Idioms

SAMPLE ANSWER: An embarrassing account

I walked towards the Experiment Theatre located in a rustic part of University Malaya where secondary jungles flanked the viridescent fields and colonial edifices that brought memories of a bygone era. The sweltering sun beat down on craggy tarred roads as I slogged on, unperturbed by the ominous clouds swirling upon the puce-coloured firmament.

When I arrived at my destination ,I ambled around the gargantuan building in search of my friends ,Phillip ,Veronica and Shalini. The four of us were bosom friends who did almost everything together whenever we were in the perimeter of the campus. Today, we wanted to secretly watch our lecturers practising for a grand theatre event that was scheduled to be held in a fortnight. I found my friends in the latticed foyer, discussing and talking in loud whispers.

Phillip grinned at me when I snuggled in between Shalini and Veronica. "Are you scared, Rose? Please, don't be. I will protect you with my life and chivalrous action should anything go amiss", he quipped. I gave him a quizzical look before telling them that I could only stay until 6 pm as a storm was imminent. All of them nodded and hugged me. Phillip voiced their mutual feelings when he said, "Thanks a million, Rosie. Your presence will help us camouflage our true intentions". I understood what he meant as I was Ms Harben's fair-haired student as she always took the time to buy me an assortment of chocolates besides counselling when I was in the dumps.

As the afternoon shadows lengthened, we hid behind the red velvet drape curtains that lent a touch of enigma to a typical day .We were young and energetic and thoughtless ,without a care in the world. Consequently ,we were not tormented by any sense of guilt or remorse as we trespassed into the private domain of our lecturers who were busy with their theatre practice. From behind the shelter of the lattice, I watched them keen-sightedly, never missing a move. Veronica did more than watch. She urged me to record them on my phone so that we would be able to circulate the said video amongst our course mates.

Being naive , I did my level best to comply to her wishes by taking a video of Ms Harben as she twirled around and exchanged pleasant rejoinders to Mr Henry's comical words. All of a sudden ,Shalini sneezed. It precipitated a hush as everyone stood still as if in a tableau. Then all hell was set loose and there was a pandemonium as our lecturers ran towards the foyer to apprehend us. Of course ,they reprimanded us and instructed the four of us to leave. Mr Henry also managed to snatch my smartphone in a bid to delete the tell-tale pictures and videos. "I would never have guessed that you are capable of such sly behaviour", Mr Henry chided me. My cheeks immediately turned a scarlet red as I endeavoured to hide my embarrassment. In truth, it was such a mortifying experience.

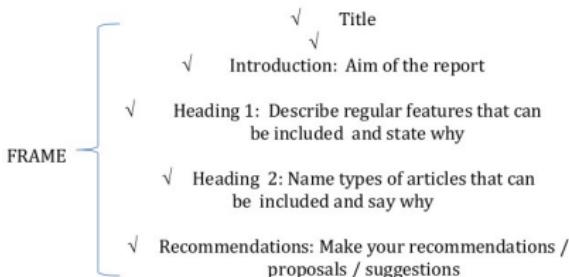
(507 words)

Vocabulary	
viridescent - greenish	precipitated - caused
edifices - buildings	hush -silence
in a fortnight - in two weeks' time	reprimanded - scolded
in the dumps -sad	apprehend - catch
tormented - experiencing severe mental suffering	tell-tale -revealing
remorse -regret	chided -scolded

PART 3 (REPORT)

SET 1

QUESTION: Your college has decided to start its own monthly magazine for students. You have been asked to write a report for the college dean about the types of regular features and articles it could include, explaining why they would be interesting for students.



SAMPLE ANSWER

Report on Monthly Magazine

Introduction

Students are, more often than not, beleaguered by a dearth of information pertinent to the daily occurrences in the perimeter of the school. Indubitably, the monthly magazine will keep the students well-informed about the activities and programmes that had been held throughout that month. Students too will be given a scintilla of information pertaining to the school's achievements in the past weeks.

Regular Feature

Green Lungs, a naturalists' column can be featured in this magazine so as to encourage students to safeguard the viridian beauty of the school compound by not littering. Funds too can be collected via naturalists' activities which are publicised in the column. Another activity that can be featured is "The Benevolent Hearts Project" that teaches students to do an act of kindness on a daily basis before jotting it down in their dairies. There can also be a counselling column where people can air their grousers and grievances. Every month, a new activity can take precedence over others.

Types of Articles

The magazine in question can publish humorous and witty articles that touch on the school's culture and traditions. This will enhance the students' knowledge about their alma mater. The school's rules and regulations too can be delineated in the pages of the magazine. This will help the management and the Prefectorial Board to ensure that discipline is adhered to. The school magazine can also put up articles pertinent to contemporary issues such as the ways to hinder the pandemic.

Recommendation

I feel that a salmagundi of articles reviewing literary works and doing a commentary on the school's athletes ought to be published. The students' interest can be elicited by preparing articles that make reading fun.

(291 words)

SET 2

QUESTION: You witnessed an accident in front of your school. The police officer, Sergeant Kamil, has asked you to write out a report.

Report

Accident in front of School

- How did the accident happen?
- Were the victims injured?
- What happened to the vehicles?

SOME IDEAS TO ANSWER

- Φ State the *time* and *location* of the accident
- Φ Describe the accident in *detail*
- Φ Describe the *vehicles involved* in the accident.
- Φ Whose *fault* was it?
- Φ Elaborate on the *condition of the vehicles*.
- Φ Remember to *write your name* at the end of the report.

BUILDING A BETTER VOCABULARY



angry / indignant / vexed	confused / puzzled / bothered	green / viridescent / verdant
cold / chilly / bleak / nippy	handsome / personable / fetching	crooked / knobbly / gnarled
honest / forthright / candid	ugly / hideous / gruesome	old / ancient / antiquated
worried / anxious / perturbed	beautiful / appealing / winsome	important / paramount / salient
happy / jovial / cheery	cunning / wily / crafty / sly	hut / shanty / lean-to
big / large / huge / vast	sour / tart / acetic	laugh / guffaw / chortle / giggle
very big / colossal / enormous	bad smell / odour / stench	cry / weep / sob
Small / tiny / miniature	unpleasant / irksome / vexatious	see / descry / behold / observe
disappointed / disheartened / downcast / let down	afraid / scared / terrified / petrified / horrified	well-known / prominent / distinguished / renowned
brave / valorous / valiant	sad / depressed / dejected	dirty / grimy / filthy
strange / odd / peculiar / bizarre / weird / unusual	sky / the vault of heaven / firmament / atmosphere	shout / bellow / clamour / at the top of one's lungs
affable / friendly / pleasant / sociable / easy-going	sweet smell / fragrance / redolence	picturesque (scenery) / quaint / charming / captivating
fierce / feral / vicious	haunted / ghostly / jinxed	expensive / costly / exorbitant
beggar / tramp / vagabond	sick / ill / poorly / ailing	sleepy / languorous / somnolent
blue / azure / cerulean	full of (negative things) / rife with / rampant with	tired / weary / enervated / exhausted / fatigued
bright / vivid / brilliant	funny / hilarious / humorous	dark / inky / pitch black / gloomy
hot / sweltering / scorching / blazing / boiling / sizzling	interesting / engrossing / compelling / enticing	surprised / astounded / confounded / flabbergasted
neat / immaculate / spotless / spick-and-span / impeccable	serious / solemn / intense / sombre / sober	great / terrific / tremendous / splendid / grand
funny / hilarious / comical / entertaining / rib-tickling	polite / courteous / respectful	possible / doable / workable / feasible / achievable

ANSWER

READING SECTION

PART 1

SET 1

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

SET 2

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

SET 3

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

PART 2

SET 1

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

SET 2

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

SET 3

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

SET 4

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

SET 5

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

PART 3

SET 1

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

SET 2

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

SET 3

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

SET 4

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

SET 5

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

PART 4**SET 1**

- 1. G
- 2. A
- 3. B
- 4. D
- 5. C
- 6. E

SET 2

- 1. H
- 2. B
- 3. D
- 4. A
- 5. E
- 6. C

SET 3

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

SET 4

- 1. G
- 2. D
- 3. A
- 4. B
- 5. H
- 6. F

SET 5

- 1. D
- 2. G
- 3. B
- 4. E
- 5. A
- 6. F

SET 6

- 1. F
- 2. D
- 3. H
- 4. B
- 5. A
- 6. G

PART 5**SET 1**

- 1. F
- 2. C
- 3. D
- 4. E
- 5. optimum
- 6. digestion
- 7. sleepy
- 8. bloated

SET 2

- 1. F
- 2. E
- 3. D
- 4. B
- 5. pen
- 6. drainage
- 7. dumping
- 8. relieve

SET 3

- 1. A
- 2. E
- 3. F
- 4. B
- 5. single
- 6. broken
- 7. need
- 8. accepts

SET 4

- 1. A
- 2. D
- 3. B
- 4. E
- 5. poor
- 6. hard
- 7. email
- 8. pace

SET 5

- 1. A
- 2. B
- 3. D
- 4. F
- 5. young
- 6. watching
- 7. proper
- 8. exercise