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**Part 1**

**Questions 1 to 8** are based on the given stimuli.

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

To: **bobngbaba@hmail.com**

Subject: Handicraft Care Project

Hi Bob,

How have you been keeping up after SPM? Feeling bored, not knowing what to do? There is a project that provides chances for the jobless or part-timers. It is a handicraft training programme from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April for those who are interested. The programme consists of three courses: knitting, soap making and cooking. For further details, visit its website at **www.careproject.com**. Hope you can give it a try.

Regards,

Joe

- 1 The aim of Handicraft Care Project is to
- A conduct courses for promotion
  - B provide jobs for the unemployed
  - C provide new skills for the unemployed

**Malaysia's Women's Doubles Create History**

Congratulations to Pearly and Thinaah for emerging champions in the French Open badminton tournament. Before reaching the finals, they had beaten three pairs ranked higher than them. In the finals, they met the Japanese pair who had beaten them six times before. This time, our Malaysian pair played very well by smashing from the back, playing some excellent net shots and even performing some trick shots. They are the first Malaysian women's pair to win the championship in France

*In awe,  
Badminton Fan*

- 2 Malaysia's badminton women's doubles pair made history
- A when they played very well.
  - B when they won the French tournament championship
  - C when they beat the Japanese pair effortlessly.

I was in a Chinese Primary School for six years before I joined the English Secondary School. I could hardly speak and write English in the beginning. Somehow, I became interested in reading and was always in the library. I read all “The Famous Five” and “The Secret Seven” series by Enid Blyton. I also began to write diaries. Gradually but steadily, I improved my English. I later became an English teacher in a primary school. The key to mastering the English language is reading a lot and writing frequently

- 3 The text shows that Yuen
- A is a great English teacher
  - B improved his English through reading and writing
  - C was much influenced by Enid Blyton



- 4 From the conversation, we know that the u-Phone is
- A amazing
  - B expensive
  - C impressive

**Bridge Tragedy**

GUJARAT: At least 140 people died when an old bridge packed with holiday-makers broke and dropped into the river below. A source said that there were more than 500 people on the 150-year-old suspension bridge. They were celebrating the last day of the Deepavali festival. Disaster struck when the suspension cables snapped suddenly. There were screams and shouts for help. The police came and tried their best to rescue those trapped in the river.

- 5 The bridge tragedy was caused by the following, except
- A the people were celebrating Deepavali on the bridge
  - B there were too many people on the bridge
  - C the suspension cables were too old

**TV Sales Up**

PETALING JAYA: In view of the approaching FIFA World Cup finals in Qatar, TV dealers are having good sales. Football fans are also taking advantage of the sales promotions and the huge discounts given. Many go for the latest premium models, the top-selling of those which are with 4K resolutions and ultra-high definition (UHD). A fan said, "A high-quality television is important for better viewing." Besides discounts, some TV shops are giving free T-shirts, jerseys and even soundbars.

- 6 Football fans buy the latest TV models because
- A the tournament is held in Qatar
  - B the FIFA World Cup finals are approaching
  - C TV dealers offer high discounts and free T-shirts

Tigers are considered to be highly efficient and intelligent predators of the jungle. This means that if they are indiscriminately killed and become extinct, the rest of the jungle ecosystem will suffer irreversible consequences. Unfortunately, it seems that they are fast on their way to experiencing the same fate that befell the dodo birds.

7 Which of the following words are closest in meaning to indiscriminately?

A *With careful planning*

B With a lot of weapons

C Without any control

There are a number of food stalls that operate 24 hours in Malaysia. This is because Malaysians love to eat all the time. *Nasi lemak* and *roti canai* are the all-time favourite breakfast. Some even enjoy having them for lunch and dinner. Coffee break is something everyone looks forward to in offices just as school children look forward to recess.

8 The main idea of the text is

A Malaysians love to eat

B The food in Malaysia is delicious

C There are many food stalls in Malaysia

## Part 2

Questions 9 to 18 are based on the following passage.

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

### Frustration at the Airport

I had never been more anxious in my life. I had just (0) spent the last three endless hours trying to get to the airport so that I (9) \_\_\_\_\_ travel home. Now, as I watched the bus driver set my luggage on the airport sidewalk, I realised that my frustration had only just begun.

This was (10) \_\_\_\_\_ first visit to the international terminal of the airport, and nothing was familiar. I could not make sense of any of the (11) \_\_\_\_\_. Where was the check-in counter? Where should I take my luggage? I had no idea where the immigration line was. I began to panic.

I tried to ask a passing businessman for help, but my words all came out wrong. He just scowled and walked away. What had happened? I had been in this country for a whole semester, and I could not even (12) \_\_\_\_\_ how to ask for directions. This was awful! Another bus arrived at the terminal, and the passengers (13) \_\_\_\_\_ carrying all sorts of luggage. Here was my chance! I could follow them to the right place, and I would not have to say a word.

I apparently dragged my (14) \_\_\_\_\_ luggage bag behind me which weighed nearly 28 kilograms and followed the group. We finally reached the elevators. Oh, no! They all fit in it, but there was not enough room for me. I got on the elevator when it returned and gazed at all the buttons. Which one could it be? I (15) \_\_\_\_\_ button 3. The elevator slowly climbed up to the third floor and jerked to a stop.

Tears formed in my eyes as I saw the deserted lobby and realised that I would (16) \_\_\_\_\_ my plane. Just then, an elderly airport employee shuffled around the corner. He saw (17) \_\_\_\_\_ I was lost and asked if he could help. I related my predicament. He smiled kindly, and led me down a long hallway. We walked up some stairs, turned a corner, and, at last, there was customs!

When I turned to thank him, he was gone. I will never know that kind man's name, but I will always remember his unexpected (18) \_\_\_\_\_. He helped me when I needed it the most. I can only hope that one day I will be able to do the same for another traveller who is suffering through a terrible journey.

- 0 A spend  
B spent  
C spends  
D spending
- 9 A must  
B should  
C could  
D would
- 10 A my  
B our  
C her  
D his
- 11 A posts  
B signs  
C posters  
D itinerary
- 12 A recollect  
B retain  
C recognise  
D remember
- 13 A came in  
B came out  
C came of  
D came to
- 14 A tiny  
B immense  
C enormous  
D miniscule
- 15 A press  
B to press  
C pressed  
D pressing

16 A miss

B missed

C missing

D to miss

17 A that

B why

C when

D if

18 A insolence

B courtesy

C audacity

D rudeness

**Part 3**

**Questions 19 to 26** are based on the following passage.

*Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer A, B, C or D.*

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

I grew up in a small town surrounded by the beauty of nature. From a young age, I was captivated by the colours and textures of the world around me, and I would express my creativity through my artwork. I would spend hours in my backyard, sketching and painting the flowers, trees and animals that filled my world with wonder.

As I grew older, my passion for art continued to blossom. I studied art in college and pursued my dream of becoming a professional artist. I held exhibitions of my artwork in local galleries, and my talent was recognized and admired by many. My paintings adorned the walls of my cosy little house, which I had turned into my own art studio.

One day, however, I began to experience persistent fatigue and a nagging cough. I brushed it off at first, thinking it was just a minor cold or flu. But as the weeks went by, my symptoms worsened. I found it increasingly difficult to breathe, and I noticed I was losing weight rapidly despite having a healthy appetite. Feeling concerned, I decided to see my doctor.

After a series of scans, I received a devastating diagnosis - I had stage four lung cancer. As a non-smoker in my early thirties, the news came as a shock. I felt as though my world had come crashing down around me. I was overwhelmed by fear, uncertainty and sadness as **I struggled to come to terms with my diagnosis.**

My oncologist explained the treatment options to me, which included chemotherapy, radiation and targeted therapy. Despite the overwhelming news, I was determined to fight. I drew upon my inner strength and made the decision to undergo treatment.

The treatment journey was gruelling. I experienced severe side effects from the chemotherapy, including nausea, vomiting, hair loss and fatigue. There were times when I felt like giving up, but the care and support of my family, friends and fellow cancer patients at the hospital kept me going. I found solace in my artwork, using it as a means of expressing my emotions and finding comfort during the difficult times.

As months passed, my health gradually improved. My scans showed that the tumours were shrinking, and I began to regain my energy. I was able to return to my work, albeit with a renewed perspective. I found immense joy and inspiration in the simple beauty of life – the vibrant colours of the skies at sunrise, the gentle rustles of leaves in the wind, and the warmth of a hug from a loved one. I cherished every moment, realizing the preciousness of time and the value of my health.

Throughout my cancer journey, I discovered a newfound resilience within myself. I learned to appreciate the small joys in life and to find the meaning in the midst of adversity. I found strength in the support of my loved ones and formed deep connections with fellow cancer survivors who understood the challenges I faced.

After a year of rigorous treatment, I received the incredible news that I was in remission. My cancer was in check, and my scans showed no evidence of the disease. It was a moment of pure elation and relief for me, and my loved ones. I knew that my battle was not completely over, as cancer could be unpredictable, but I was determined to live my life to the fullest.

With a renewed sense of purpose, I continued to pursue my passion for art. I poured my emotions and experiences into my artwork, creating pieces that spoke to the resilience of the human spirit and the beauty that can be found in the face of adversity. I held an exhibition of my artwork, showcasing my journey battling cancer and the hope that carried me through. My artwork resonated with many, and I received praises for my talent and bravery.

19. In paragraph 1, what can we tell about the writer's character?

- A She liked nature.
- B She was a quiet person.
- C She was curious about her surroundings.
- D She was sensitive to things that are beautiful.

20. In paragraph 3, when did the writer start to notice her health problem?

- A When her cough worsened.
- B When she began to feel tired.
- C When she had persistent cold and flu.
- D When she had a drastic drop in her weight.

21. In paragraph 4, why does the writer say '**I struggled to come to terms with my diagnosis**'?

- A She wanted to reject her diagnosis.
- B She found it difficult to accept her diagnosis.
- C She felt dejected and disappointed with her diagnosis.
- D She could not understand the terms used in her diagnosis.

22. In paragraph 6, how did the writer feel about her chemotherapy?

A A cruel treatment.

B A draining process.

C A self-discovery journey.

D A self-reflection opportunity.

23. Which of the following does **not** give the writer strength to face her chemotherapy?

A Family members' care.

B Other cancer patients' support.

C Emotional support from hospital personnel.

D Comfort drawn from doing artwork.

24. In paragraph 7, what does it suggest when the tumours of the writer were shrinking?

A The writer had recovered.

B The writer could enjoy life as usual.

C The writer's chemotherapy was effective.

D The writer felt she had limited precious time.

25. What was the outcome of the year-long treatment?

A The writer had fully recovered.

B The writer had to continue the treatment.

C The writer's condition was under control.

D The writer's cancer was still unpredictable.

26. What is the **main purpose** of the writer writing this article?

A To share her passion in arts despite falling ill.

B To inspire others with her cancer fighting journey.

C To reflect the challenges she faced as a cancer patient.

D To highlight hobbies are important to help a cancer patient

**Part 4**

**Questions 27 to 32** are based on an article about reframing failure.

Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences **A to H** the one which fits each gap (27 to 32). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use. Mark your answers on **the separate answer sheet**.

**Reframing Failure**

Everyone experiences failure at one point in their lives. (27)  Thus, people fear failure and it is natural that people avoid involving themselves in anything that could end in failure.

A common perception of failure is not achieving a goal or an expectation.

People do not want to be labelled as a failure. (28)  It is true that we do not set out to fail but once we fail, we are actually gaining new insights, learning from our mistakes to ensure that we achieve success in our next attempt. Failure in fact gives us new information that teaches us how to move closer to our goals.

When people see themselves as failures, they lose their self-esteem, motivation and confidence. (29)  This is a common misconception. Many successful people have experienced failure but never label themselves as failures. In fact, they have the mentality whereby they felt that if they have never failed means they did not take enough risks. To them, failure generates growth and spurs them to be more motivated to do better.

How do people actually define failure? People tend to believe that achieving a goal is simple and straight forward. (30)  If a marathon runner sets a goal to run her marathon in under 4 hours but completes it in 4 hours and 15 minutes, she is deemed a failure. However, her previous best time is 4 hours and 30 minutes. She has actually done much better than her previous run. Is she really a failure?

People need to reframe failure by looking at different situations in a new light.

(31)  Trying something new means having to make multiple attempts to get things right. Therefore, beginners need to have a mindset whereby failure is defined as a chance to improve. Beginners who are afraid of failing can never learn as fear of failure is one of the strongest inhibitors of learning. They miss out on the opportunity to learn and grow because they respond defensively to failure.

(32)  No matter how hard we try to avoid failure, we will still need to face it somehow, if not today then it will be tomorrow. We need to embrace failure by redefining

failure as a creative learning process, rather than a goal achievement. An open mindset could help reframe failure into success.

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| <b>A</b> Failure can be embarrassing and painful to experience.   | <b>E</b> They have high expectations, often unrealistic and impractical goal. |
| <b>B</b> Avoiding failure is nearly impossible in our lives.      | <b>F</b> For beginners, success is not easy.                                  |
| <b>C</b> Very often, these mistakes are not even noticeable.      | <b>G</b> They believe that once they are failure, they are failure for life.  |
| <b>D</b> In truth, measuring goal achievement is very subjective. | <b>H</b> They fail to see how failure can actually be useful in our lives.    |

### Part 5

Questions 33 to 40 are based on the following texts.

Read the texts carefully and answer the questions that follow.

#### TEENAGERS ON WISE CONSUMER

**A - Darren Chan, 16 years old**

Speaking of being a wise consumer, I remembered when I was young, I used to buy lots of things whenever I went out shopping with my Mum. Later, I realised that I don't really need them. It was at that moment that I liked those things. It was a waste. Always ask yourself, "Do I really need this?" and "How often will I use this?"

**B - Qaseh Binti Abdullah, 14 years old**

I always go to the market with my mother. She has taught me ways to become a wise consumer. She always has a list of things she needs to buy. With this list, shopping is much easier and most importantly, consumers do spend beyond their budget. Hence, I make a list of what I need to buy and make sure it's within my budget! This way, I don't spend money unnecessarily.

**C - Donovan Arumuthu, 15 years old**

Do you think you're saving more when buying a pair of shoes at a huge discount during sales? Beware of sales promotion or discounted items! Having sales and discounts are one way for retailers to trick consumers into buying at impulse. Impulsive buying is usually triggered by emotions and feelings. Plan your purchases before you go shopping!

**D - Tey Jeff, 13 years old**

A wise consumer needs to compare the prices of goods. Shop around and you'll find similar products sold at different prices elsewhere. Look up the prices while on the go. It's worth the effort and you won't regret doing so. A wise consumer needs to be intelligent and hardworking by researching the current market.

**E - Lim Bee Ling, 15 years old**

Ask friends for a referral and do your own research on the items you have in mind. Nowadays, online shopping is very popular. A wise consumer will research the price of a product on the Internet. Your friends can help you too. Post a description of the item you're looking for and ask whether anyone could refer you to a good website or any shop that sells that item for a cheap price.

**F- Nordiana Daniel, 14 years old**

I saw an advertisement for a guitar on sale. It was dirt cheap. I quickly grabbed it. Within a month, the guitar gave way. Sad to say, there wasn't any warranty. So, I lost every single cent. I have learnt to become a wise consumer since then.

**Questions 33 to 36**

Using the information given, which text **(A to F)** describes the following views on wise consumer? For each question, mark your answer on the answer sheet.

Statement	Paragraph
33 Comparison helps consumers save a lot.	_____
34 Only buy what you need and not what you like.	_____
35 Plan purchases to avoid impulsive buying.	_____
36 Buy within your budget so as not to waste your money.	_____

**Questions 37 to 40**

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

**My Shopping Experience**

Last month, I went to ZZZ Shopping Mall to do some shopping. There was a 70% **(37)** \_\_\_\_\_ on all items. I could not resist it so I went on a shopping spree with my friend, Eve. I told myself that I must only spend within my **(38)** \_\_\_\_\_ but when I went to the shopping mall, I was attracted to many cheap items. I borrowed some money from Eve. Weeks later, I looked at those items I bought and told myself, "Why **(39)** \_\_\_\_\_ now? You shouldn't buy what you don't need!" Since then, I have learnt to become a wise consumer so that I could get my money's **(40)** \_\_\_\_\_.

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