

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.

bookings.com Ms. Amylia Qaisara

Kuala Lumpur × Check-in Date — Check-out Date 17 DEC - 18 DEC 2 adults · 0 children · 1 room Search

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Prestige Hotel Kuala Lumpur

 **Good**
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This hotel offers accommodations in the city centre, just a 5-minute walk to KL Tower and Petronas Twin Towers. Featuring classic Malay decor, the luxurious rooms at Prestige Hotel Kuala Lumpur are equipped with a huge flat-screen TV, a mini-bar and tea / coffee making facilities.

RM250
including free breakfast & late check out up to 4pm

- 1 From the website above, we learned that Ms. Amylia Qaisara would prefer this hotel due to these reasons, **except** :
- A Each room is well-equipped with a huge refrigerator.
 - B Its proximity to some popular buildings in Kuala Lumpur.
 - C Guests would be able to check out beyond normal check out time.

How do you cope with jet lag when flying to far-flung destinations? The Australian airline Qantas has looked into this question with the help of scientists. You've tried everything: Melatonin pills, getting as much sleep as possible during the flight or adapting to the destination's time before departure. But there's nothing you can do, and every time you take a long-haul flight, you just can't seem to get the fatigue caused by jet lag under control. Against all odds, the solution could lie in the in-flight food. Indeed, to better cope with the transition from one time zone to another, two surprising foods may be of assistance – chili and chocolate.

Adapted from The Star

- 2 According to the extract, what is the best way to cope with jet lag after a long flight?
- A Adapting to the destination's time.
 - B Eating chocolates or spicy food on board.
 - C Sleeping as much as possible during the flight.

KUALA LUMPUR: Visitors are flocking to Zoo Negara to see Oyen, a cat which has developed a special bond with a herd of capybara here. Zoo Negara vice president Rosly@Rahmat Ahmat Lana said over 3,000 people visited the zoo over the weekend to see the ginger-coloured cat fraternising with the large rodents. Rosly said Oyen is now the "Star of Zoo Negara" and has gained extraordinary popularity following its unique friendship with the capybaras over the past three years. Rosly also said his team intends to find a partner for Oyen so that its line can continue. The friendship between the two different species has become a huge draw at Zoo Negara after a video went viral on social media showing Oyen, a stray cat, hugging a capybara while sleeping.

Adapted from BERNAMA

- 3 Which of the following statements is **true**?
- A Oyen is the name of one of the capybaras in Zoo Negara.
 - B Rosly intended to announce Oyen as the "Star of Zoo Negara".
 - C The cat and the capybaras have been living together for three years.

Who hasn't heard the scary ghost stories of the infamous Karak Highway in Malaysia? This route that connects Kuala Lumpur with the East Coast has appeared in countless ghost stories, including sightings of 'pontianaks' and one of the self-driven yellow Volkswagen which cannot be overtaken. There's also one where a car in which a couple was traveling broke down on the highway and the husband was forced to walk to the nearest emergency phone booth to get help but he never came back. A patrol car pulled up and asked the lady to step out and walk towards them. When she turned back to look at her car, she saw her husband's headless body on the roof of the car.

Adapted from malaysia.news.yahoo.com

- 4 Which of the following statements about scary ghost stories in Karak Highway is **true**?
- A The couple from the east coast was driving a yellow Volkswagen.
 - B Many have seen yellow Volkswagen driven by Pontianak along the route.
 - C A woman had lost her husband after their car broke down on the highway.

**More than 400 doughnuts will be given out for free on 30 November 2023 across all Aleesa's Café outlets in Kelantan!!
Be the first 100 customers of the day to be entitled for the promotion.**

*** only eligible for Aleesa's Café Club Members**

Aleesa's Cafe outlets:

- KB outlet
- Jeli outlet
- Bachok outlet
- Kuala Krai outlet



- 5 According to the advertisement above, you can get free doughnut on 30 November 2023 if you
- A** go to any Aleesa's Café outlet in Kelantan and become the first 100 customers.
- B** are one of Aleesa's Café Club members and are the first 100 customers in Aleesa's Café outlet in Jeli.
- C** sign up to become the first 100 members for Aleesa's Café Club in any of its participating outlets in Kelantan.

SYDNEY: Spanish midfielder Aitana Bonmati today won the Golden Ball for the best player at this year's Women's World Cup after her side beat England 1-0 in the final. The versatile 25-year-old Barcelona star had a phenomenal tournament, playing in every game and was a cornerstone of Jorge Vilda's side. Japan's Hinata Miyazawa took out the Golden Boot for the tournament's top scorer with five goals. England's hugely impressive goalkeeper Mary Earps, who saved a penalty in today's final, won the Golden Glove while the best young player award went to teenage Spanish striker Salma Paralluelo. Spain's victory over England saw them claim the World Cup for the first time.

Adapted from NewStraitsTimes

- 6 Which of the following statements is **true** about the newspaper extract?
- A** Hinata Miyazawa scored the least goals in the tournament.
- B** Aitana Bonmati never missed a single game during the tournament.
- C** Mary Earps helped England to win the World Cup for the first time in history.

Dear Editor,

With the introduction of electric vehicles (EVs), Malaysia can have vehicles that are more sustainable. In densely populated urban areas such as Kuala Lumpur, where air pollution is a concern, the adoption of EVs can lead to improved air quality and better public health outcomes. Reduced air pollution can then contribute to lower rates of respiratory diseases and related healthcare costs. To summarise, encouraging the usage of EVs is a pivotal step to achieving environmental sustainability in the transportation sector without compromising on the environment.

DR. FAIZ

Adapted from NewStraitsTimes

7 The letter shows that

- A the usage of EVs can help to reduce air pollution.
- B EVs should not be used in crowded areas like Kuala Lumpur.
- C there will be upsurge in respiratory diseases with the introduction of EVs.

THE HONORS 5G recently made a grand entry into the Malaysian market on 8th July 2023. The 200MP rear camera on HONORS 5G boasts a 1/1.4-inch sensor and this gives the smartphone camera the ability to capture more details and suppress highlights better in high-resolution mode. An HONORS 5G customer, Mark Teo, said: "If you need a great camera performance phone for under RM2,000, this is the phone to go. The HONORS 5G weighs only 183g, even with its large 5,000mAh battery, which allows users to continuously stream videos of up to 19.5 hours on a single charge. Moreover, users will be able to charge the HONORS 5G to 45 per cent in just 15 minutes with the 66W HONORS SuperCharge.

8 Which of the following statements is **not true** about HONORS 5G smartphone?

- A This smartphone is priced at RM2000.
- B This smartphone is suitable for photography enthusiasts.
- C This smartphone lets the user to charge it within short amount of time.

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.

Emotional Intelligence in The Family

There is nothing like family. The people we (0) are related to by blood and marriage are expected to be our closest (9) _____, our greatest sources of love and support. Too often, however, our interactions with family are (10) _____ with misunderstanding and resentment, bickering and badgering. Those we should know and be known by best, (11) _____ feeling like adversaries or strangers.

Family is where our first and strongest emotional memories are made, and that's where they keep (12) _____. And therefore, emotional intelligence (EQ) succeeds where other efforts at family harmony fail. Active awareness and empathy — the ability to be aware, accepting and permanently attuned to us and others — tells us how to (13) _____ to one another's needs. EQ is incredibly powerful in the family because it puts you in control of your relationships with parents and children, siblings, in-laws, and (14) _____ family. When you know how you feel, you cannot be manipulated by other's emotions; nor can you blame family conflict (15) _____ everyone else. Most of the (16) _____ for improving family relationships are therefore centred on communicating your feelings to those you care about, as close relationships are centred around feeling.

Without this emotional intimacy, family contact becomes a (17) _____, because no one is comfortable spending that much time with a stranger. If you want your family members to know and accept each other lovingly, you must begin with your own emotional honesty and openness. When you do, some familiar measurable advice is transformed to highly (18) _____ methods for bringing your family ever closer.

Adapted from <https://www.helpguide.org/articles/mental-health>

- 0 A is
B are
C was
D were

- 9 A allies
B associates
C colleagues
D accomplices
- 10 A fill
B fills
C filled
D filling
- 11 A eye up
B end up
C ease up
D even up
- 12 A appear
B appears
C appeared
D appearing
- 13 A respond
B response
C responds
D responses
- 14 A extend
B extends
C extended
D extending
- 15 A at
B to
C of
D on
- 16 A styles
B methods
C solutions
D techniques
- 17 A trouble
B burden
C blessing
D tranquillity
- 18 A forceful
B effective
C impressive
D insufficient

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.

It has been 34 years since my husband, Keng Ben Sen left his Ah Ma's (grandmother's) house in Ayer Tawar Perak, Malaysia, and settled down in Kuching, Sarawak, on the island of Borneo. Ah Ma passed away late last year but, during her life, my husband always took every opportunity to visit her little hut. I call it a hut because it is reminiscent of the wooden shacks we drew as kids in art class. When we were instructed to draw a scene of a kampung (village), we commonly drew a timber house surrounded by tall coconut trees situated in the middle of a wide expanse of meadow. The sky above would be dotted with V-shaped birds and fluffy clouds. That was a kampung to a lot of us.

Ah-Ma lived in Ayer Tawar in the middle of a 1.2-hectare palm oil estate all her life and, in 1972 when her husband passed away, she continued to live there, managing it single-handedly and reaping a comfortable income from it every year. In recent years, when harvesting work became too strenuous, she hired workers to reap the palm oil fruits. As a city child, the first wooden village hut I saw was in 2005 when, as a newlywed, I visited Keng Ben Sen's Ah-Ma. It had been his home for the first four years of his life, where he had played freely, where mornings were greeted with cool mist and nights were illuminated by the moon. Even after his family moved out, he would regularly return for sleepovers. To him, Ah-Ma's humble hut was a haven.

But to me, the first annual visit we took to Ah-Ma's hut was a shock, chiefly because it was ... toilet-less. After the four-hour drive from Kuala Lumpur, my only thought was: "Nature is calling and I need to answer!" So, I prodded Keng Ben Sen, "Where's the toilet?" He pointed outside the kitchen. I saw a makeshift cubicle with zinc sheets and a rickety door. Inside it, there was no toilet. **My face fell, as did my heart.** "Th-that's the toilet?" I could see he was trying not to laugh. "This is it," he

line 24

grinned in reply. "Just wash up when you're done" My insides and toes curled so I decided to hold on a little longer.

Ah-Ma's living room was simple. The floor was bare: simple grey concrete that would penetrate your bones on a chilly day. She would rest in her recliner chair with a small antiquated television set as her companion. To the side of the living room was a bedroom where Keng Ben Sen had slept as a young boy. He and his two brothers would fight over the one single mattress that was a luxury back then. The victor slept cosily, while the others would curl up on wooden planks. Despite this, Ah-Ma's house was the only place where my husband has ever slept deeply for 12 hours straight. An indulgence that he misses to this day.

The kitchen was a place of love. As a boy, Keng Ben Sen would collect eggs from the chicken coop; sometimes by reaching underneath the hen. He says nothing beats the taste of fresh half-boiled organic eggs. I was shocked to see that Ah-Ma cooked using firewood that she collected herself — **a feat** for a woman in her 80s. When others tried to help her, she teased them for not doing it properly. She relished cooking for her grandchildren and did not see collecting firewood, drawing water, gathering vegetables or catching chickens as a burden.

Like many elderly people, Ah-Ma didn't like to bother us with her troubles. Even with her closest neighbour just 300 metres away, she preferred to be independent and seldom asked for help. People would ask, "Why is Ah-Ma on her own?" or, "Why don't you upgrade her house so that she's more comfortable?" Yet Ah-Ma was a feisty, independent lady who balked at the idea of living under someone else's roof.

I hope that some day our two daughters will regard their home the same way: as a place that always remains in their hearts. I once asked Keng Ben Sen whether he would feel embarrassed if his business associates knew about his humble origins. "Embarrassed? I'm proud of it!" he replied without hesitation.

Adapted from READER'S DIGEST, MAY 2017

- 19 Where does the writer and her husband live?
- A Island of Borneo.
 - B Kuching, Sarawak.
 - C Ayer Tawar, Perak.
 - D Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 20 Why was Ah Ma's hut considered a haven by Keng Ben Seng?
- A He spent his childhood there.
 - B He stayed there with his family.
 - C It was the first wooden village hut for him.
 - D He was greeted by cool mist every morning there.
- 21 In paragraph 3, which of the following statements is correct?
- A The writer laughed at the situation.
 - B The writer found no toilet in the hut.
 - C The writer's husband was a funny guy.
 - D The writer's husband answered the nature's call.
- 22 The sentence '**My face fell, as did my heart.**' in line 24-25 shows the writer was
- A alarmed.
 - B surprised.
 - C astonished.
 - D disappointed.
- 23 The phrase '**a feat**' in line 39 can best be replaced with a / an
- A struggle.
 - B strength.
 - C hindrance.
 - D achievement.

24 The neighbours kept asking questions about Ah Ma because they were

- A distressed with her life.
- B troubled by her attitude.
- C concerned about her well being.
- D worried about her health condition.

25 In Paragraph 6, all the statements are correct about Ah Ma except

- A she was a courageous person.
- B she wanted to live comfortably.
- C she was an independent person.
- D she did not want to disturb her neighbours.

26 At the end of the text, we learn that we should be

- A grateful in our life.
- B independent in life.
- C proud of our origins.
- D thankful to our family.

Part 4

Questions 27 to 32 are based on an article about a Malaysian young Muay Thai Fighter.

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.

Malaysian Young Muay Thai Fighter

Muhammad Johan Ghazali Zulfikar, also known as 'JoJo,' is a talented young Muay Thai fighter from Malaysia. He represents Rentap Muaythai Gym and has gained significant attention in the Muay Thai community. In February 2023, Johan made his debut at One Championship, a prominent Muay Thai event held at Bangkok's Lumpinee Boxing Stadium. 27 As a result of his outstanding performance, Johan was awarded a performance bonus of 350,000 baht.

28 Using a classic left hook-right hand combination, Johan displayed a remarkable presence of mind, tactical skills, and a calm demeanour, leading to a successful outcome in the match. Johan's achievements extend beyond this particular match.

In 2022, he secured the title in the 14-15 category (under 60kg) at the IFMA World Youth Muay Thai Championship. Standing at 5 feet 6 inches tall, Johan has an impressive 100% finish rate in his fights, and his average bout duration is approximately 3 minutes and 56 seconds.

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30 Born on November 11, 2007, Johan is still in his teenage years, but he has already made a significant impact in the world of combat sports. Despite his young age, Johan possesses remarkable skill and determination, showcasing his abilities in various competitions.

As a 16-year-old athlete, Johan has impressed both spectators and opponents with his agility, technique, and mental fortitude. 31 While Johan is still in the early stages of his journey, his accomplishments thus far have laid a solid foundation for his future endeavours.

The potential for growth and improvement is vast, and Johan's age serves as a reminder that his journey is only beginning. As the years progress, it will be fascinating to witness Johan's evolution as a martial artist and observe how his skills mature alongside his age. 32

Adapted from <https://www.nst.com.my/>

- A. All four siblings continue their education at SMK St. Thomas secondary school in Kuching, Malaysia.
- B. Indeed, Johan Ghazali holds great promise as a rising star in the realm of Muay Thai.
- C. These statistics highlight his skill and potential, particularly considering he is still at the beginning of his career.
- D. The event is broadcasted live in Asia primetime, features 12 explosive Muay Thai, MMA, and kickboxing contests.
- E. His dedication to training and passion for Muay Thai has propelled him to achieve notable victories, demonstrating his potential for a successful future.
- F. During this match, he amazed the audience by knocking out his opponent in a remarkable 16 seconds, leaving everyone stunned.
- G. Johan Ghazali, the talented Muay Thai competitor, is currently 16 years old.
- H. Recently, Johan made headlines again for knocking out an opponent who had been taunting him.

Part 5

Questions 33 to 40 are based on the following texts.
Read the texts carefully and answer the questions that follow.

TIPS ON BUYING A SECOND-HAND PHONE

A - Razali, Kelantan Football Player

Firstly, you need to check the serial and IMEI number of the phone. This should be the first thing you check, whether you buy the phone online or in person. If they are unable to provide this, it's a red flag that the phone may be stolen or a fake. Once you have either of these numbers, check them against the receipt or the box if it's provided.

B - Sarah, Primary School Teacher

You must check the physical condition of the phone. The cosmetic condition is often a sign of how the phone has been looked after (or not!) If you're meeting in person, check for any obvious damage to the screen, charging port, headphone jack and camera lens. Even if the phone looks good in photos, you may be able to notice a loose screen, different screws or damage that suggests there has been repairs made to it.

C - Ravi, Bank Manager

When buying a second-hand phone, do check its battery health. Bring your own charger to check that the battery charges. Most smartphones now have a section under the battery settings that will tell you the health of the battery. A score between 90-100% indicates good battery health, 80-90% is average, and anything below 80% would require a replacement battery.

D - Jason, Restaurant Owner

Making sure that the functions are all working is crucial thing to do when buying a second-hand phone. You can check by performing a call and making sure it connects, sending a text and making sure it delivers, playing something on the speaker to check whether it works or not.

E - Zalina, Doctor

You may consider where you are buying your phone from. A quick Google search will show you there are many second-hand online marketplaces to purchase from. If available, check the sellers' ratings and read their reviews before buying to make sure they are legitimate. Trusted websites such as Back Market advertise their warranty and buyer protection.

F - Johari, Lecturer

You can go to certain websites like iprice.my where it gives you a list of all offers from trusted second-hand shops in Malaysia. You can check on the price and the condition before you buy, so you can save some cash by getting the cheapest price and the pristine second-hand phone. Who knows that you might get a flagship phones worth more than RM5000 at the best deal?

Adapted from [www. https://www.ding.com/community](https://www.ding.com/community)

Question 33 to 36

Using the information given, which text (A to F) describes the following views on buying a second-hand phone?

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

	Statement	Paragraph
33	Make sure that the phone is working fine before buying.	_____
34	There is setting to check a phone's battery condition.	_____
35	Failure to provide these numbers shows that the phone is not authentic.	_____
36	Pictures provided by sellers do not portray the real physical condition of the phone.	_____

Question 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.

Why buy a second-hand phone?

Buying a second-hand phone can be a great option if you're looking to save some money. But before you hand over your hard-earned (37) _____, here's a few things you should keep in mind. It might come as a surprise that used phones now make up 10% of global smartphone sales. But with phone makers Apple, Samsung, Huawei and Xiaomi releasing (38) _____ models priced at RM5K+ every couple of years, for many of us, better value for money can be found in the pre-owned market. On average, phones can be found for 10-15% cheaper if bought second hand within a few months, and as much as 50% within a couple of years. As phone features, (39) _____ life and storage sizes continue to advance, used phones are becoming more attractive to buy. There are a lot of great used phones out there on the market and you can save a lot of money by going this way. Make sure that you check the seller's ratings and (40) _____ from other customers before buying your second-hand phone.

KERTAS TAMAT

ANSWER SHEET FOR PAPER 1

QUESTION 1-36 -

Blacken only one letter for each question. If you wish to change your answer, erase the blacken mark that you have made. Then, blacken the letter for the new answer.

QUESTION 37-40 -

Write your answers on the blank space provided.

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