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Chapter

1 Language Awareness, The Basics

1.2 Articles

Practice 1

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|------------|-----------|
| 1 the; a | 6 an; the |
| 2 the; the | 7 a; the |
| 3 the | 8 an; the |
| 4 an; the | 9 an; an |
| 5 the | 10 the |

Practice 2

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|-----|-----|
| 1 A | 4 C |
| 2 C | 5 A |
| 3 C | 6 D |

Practice 3

A holiday is a break from the hustle and bustle of life. We need time to unwind from our hectic lifestyle. It can be for a day or a week. This break is important for people in an overworked society to rest and spend time with their loved ones. Plan a visit to a relative's place or head to the nearest park for some recreational activities.

1.3 Pronouns

Practice 1

- | | |
|--------|--------|
| 1 He | 4 it |
| 2 her | 5 them |
| 3 They | |

Practice 2

- | | |
|-------------|----------|
| 1 his | 4 theirs |
| 2 my; yours | 5 your |
| 3 mine | |

Practice 3

- herself
- yourselves
- I; my; We; our

Practice 4

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|-----|------|
| 1 A | 7 A |
| 2 C | 8 A |
| 3 C | 9 D |
| 4 D | 10 C |
| 5 A | 11 C |
| 6 B | 12 A |

1.4 Adjectives

Practice 1

- adorable; warm

- long
- weak
- imported
- hungry

Practice 2

Student's own answers

Practice 3

Suggested answers

- | | |
|------------|---------------|
| 1 bright | 4 beautiful |
| 2 peaceful | 5 interesting |
| 3 old | |

1.5 Adverbs

Practice 1

- | | |
|---------------|----------|
| 1 angrily | 4 never |
| 2 attentively | 5 hardly |
| 3 seriously | |

Practice 2

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|-------------|----------------|
| 1 quietly | 6 special |
| 2 quiet | 7 perfectly |
| 3 quickly | 8 perfect |
| 4 quick | 9 comfortable |
| 5 specially | 10 comfortably |

1.6 Verbs, Subject-Verb Agreement and Tenses

Practice 1

- | | |
|------------|--------------|
| 1 cooks | 6 saw |
| 2 complete | 7 knew |
| 3 walks | 8 buys |
| 4 went | 9 sang |
| 5 slept | 10 met; fell |

Practice 2

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1 is watching | 4 is reading |
| 2 talk | 5 are cooking |
| 3 attend | |

Practice 3

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|----------|----------|
| 1 called | 8 taught |
| 2 eaten | 9 fly |
| 3 saw | 10 sell |
| 4 went | 11 came |
| 5 sweep | 12 put |
| 6 sing | 13 hit |
| 7 swam | |

Practice 4

- have known
- is known

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- 3 have given
- 4 was given
- 5 have been
- 6 was taught
- 7 has taken
- 8 took
- 9 have written
- 10 sent

Practice 5

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

1.7 Conjunctions, Linkers, Connectors

Practice 1

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

Practice 2

- | | |
|-----|-----|
| 1 A | 4 A |
| 2 C | 5 D |
| 3 B | |

Practice 3

- | | |
|----------------|------------|
| 1 Finally | 4 but also |
| 2 Although | 5 Then |
| 3 so as not to | |

Practice 4

as Then and Furthermore Finally

Practice 5

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

Practice 6

- | | |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| 1 however | 4 Then/Next |
| 2 for example | 5 eventually |
| 3 First | 6 In short/Therefore/As such |

Chapter

2 Vocabulary Enrichment

2.1 Spelling

Practice 1

- 1 environment
- 2 than
- 3 tomatoes
- 4 tomorrow
- 5 recommend

- 6 receipt
- 7 accommodation
- 8 weather
- 9 restaurant
- 10 until

Practice 2

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| 1 successful | 4 anniversary |
| 2 parliament | 5 weather |
| 3 desperate | |

2.2 Thematic Vocabulary

Practice 1

- 1 nauseous
- 2 nutritious
- 3 anxious, corridor, surgery
- 4 casualties, injuries
- 5 operation theatre, relieved

Practice 2

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 sedentary lifestyle | 7 cardio |
| 2 exercise | 8 jumping jacks |
| 3 physique | 9 sports facility |
| 4 obese | 10 equipment |
| 5 health | 11 competitive |
| 6 strenuous | 12 tournaments |

Practice 3

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|--------------|-----------------|
| 1 applying | 5 training |
| 2 unemployed | 6 apprentices |
| 3 retrained | 7 self-employed |
| 4 prospects | |

2.3 Less Common Lexis

Practice 1

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|------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 tranquil | 4 detrimental |
| 2 yearsn | 5 infamous, hideous, gruesome |
| 3 appease | |

Practice 2

Accept any other suitable answers

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|---------------|-------------|
| 1 wonderful | 4 admirable |
| 2 superb | 5 amazing |
| 3 outstanding | |

Practice 3

Accept any other suitable answers

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|---------------|------------------------|
| 1 attractive | 4 radiant; captivating |
| 2 gorgeous | 5 scenic |
| 3 spectacular | |

Practice 4

Accept any other suitable answers

- 1 severe
- 2 offensive
- 3 tormenting
- 4 terrible
- 5 distasteful

Practice 5

Q	H	A	S	T	Y	A	S	P	E
U	O	C	U	N	S	L	A	S	H
A	T	U	C	U	V	H	M	A	A
I	B	T	C	H	S	B	V	U	B
N	A	E	U	I	T	E	O	I	U
T	R	E	M	E	N	D	O	U	S
P	R	E	B	U	K	E	T	N	I
P	E	T	R	I	F	I	E	D	V
S	N	S	E	V	E	R	E	U	E
O	B	S	T	I	N	A	T	E	N

Chapter

3 Basic Writing

3.1 Sentence Structures

Practice 1

Student's own answers

Practice 2

- The results will be out in a few weeks' time.
- My mother bakes fruit cakes for Christmas.
- My brother obtained his degree from University Putra Malaysia.
- Nobody likes to be scolded in front of others.
- Shamsul kicked the ball into the goal.

Practice 3

- Tomorrow is a holiday and/so we plan to go swimming.
- Samy and Ravi liked Lalitha.
- He behaves like a baby although he is already a twenty-year-old adult.
- The boy did not like broccoli but he ate it anyway.
- She did not want to buy the pink blouse nor the blue blouse.
- The chicken curry is delicious but spicy.
- I could not understand the tourists yet they kept talking to me.
- He is thinking of travelling to India or/and Ceylon.

Practice 4

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

Practice 5

Student's own answers

3.2 Sentences with Different Beginnings

Student's own answers

3.3 Tools to Help You Expand Ideas

Student's own answer

Chapter

4 Collocation & Phrasal Verbs

4.2 Collocations

Practice 1

- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| 1 pay | 4 break |
| 2 under, go | 5 take, save |
| 3 went, got | |

Practice 2

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|------------------|-------------|
| 1 take your time | 4 keep |
| 2 work force | 5 expecting |
| 3 chaired | |

4.3 Phrasal Verbs

Practice 1

- | | |
|---------|-------|
| 1 apart | 4 up |
| 2 in | 5 off |
| 3 after | |

Practice 2

- | | |
|-----------|----------|
| 1 through | 4 across |
| 2 down | 5 away |
| 3 on | |

Practice 3

- | | |
|---------------|------------|
| 1 fall apart | 4 back off |
| 2 brighten up | 5 drink up |
| 3 ask... out | |

Practice 4

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1 come up with | 4 set up |
| 2 taken on | 5 turned out |
| 3 grow up | |

Chapter

5 Reading Paper

5.3 Part 1: Short Texts

Practice 1

- Identify a true statement
- Yes
- The four teams which make it to the final stage will compete in activities that will challenge them to solve problems.
- No
- Because it is a team event
- No
- The champions will get the chance to go to the prestigious Nobel Prize Awards ceremony
- A

Practice 2

- 1 Identify a true statement about the notice
- 2 No
- 3 The rides are available only from 4.00 p.m. until 11.00 p.m.
- 4 No
- 5 There is a 50% discount on bus services from all train stations.
- 6 Yes
- 7 The discounts are offered only until 31 March.
- 8 C

SPM Practice 1

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|-----|-----|
| 1 C | 5 C |
| 2 B | 6 C |
| 3 A | 7 C |
| 4 C | 8 C |

Practice 2

- | | |
|-----|-----|
| 1 C | 5 B |
| 2 A | 6 C |
| 3 C | 7 C |
| 4 B | 8 C |

5.4 Part 2: Cloze Text

Sample Questions

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

SPM Practice 1

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

SPM Practice 2

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

5.5 Part 3: Reading Comprehension

Reading for Gist

Practice 1

- 1 The general idea of:
Paragraph 1: why teenagers smoke
Paragraph 2: the health hazards of smoking
Paragraph 3: how to overcome smoking
- 2 why teenagers pick up smoking
- 3 (a) to look cool, act older, lose weight, feel tough
(b) teenagers are easily influenced

Practice 2

- 1 Paragraph 1: the factors why teenagers suffer from stress

Paragraph 2: ways to overcome stress

- 2 stress in teenagers caused by exams and peer pressure
- 3 (a) lack of sleep and severe anxiety
(b) huge amount of competition among teenagers

Part 3

Practice 1

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

SPM Practice 1

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|------|------|
| 19 B | 23 C |
| 20 C | 24 A |
| 21 B | 25 C |
| 22 A | 26 B |

SPM Practice 2

- | | |
|------|------|
| 19 C | 23 D |
| 20 C | 24 C |
| 21 D | 25 B |
| 22 B | 26 C |

5.6 Part 4: Gapped Text

Practice 1

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|-----|-----|
| 1 E | 4 D |
| 2 G | 5 C |
| 3 B | 6 H |

SPM Practice 1

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|------|------|
| 27 C | 30 E |
| 28 H | 31 B |
| 29 A | 32 G |

SPM Practice 2

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|------|------|
| 27 G | 30 F |
| 28 E | 31 A |
| 29 D | 32 C |

5.7 Part 5: Information Transfer

Practice 1

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|-----------------|------|
| 33 C | 34 B |
| 35 F | 36 E |
| 37 difficulties | |
| 38 react | |
| 39 hardships | |
| 40 hesitating | |

Practice 2

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|-----------|
| 33 F |
| 34 E |
| 35 B |
| 36 A |
| 37 eve |
| 39 screen |
| 38 flying |
| 40 debut |

Chapter

6 Writing Paper

6.2 Part 1: Short Communicative Message/Email

SPM Practice 1

Sample answer

From: yogeswari@yesmail.com

To: sumitra@rocketmail.com

Subject: Ways to improve English

Dear Sumitra,
I am glad that you emailed me about your problem. Don't worry, let me share with you some solutions. You should read more storybooks in English to improve your language. If you need extra classes, you can enrol yourself into any good English tuition classes. I am sure the English teacher will guide you on how to improve. Regarding your parents, don't be scared. Just tell them the truth and I am sure they will support you. Trust me, just share this problem with them. I will wait for your good news! Bye and take care.

Yoges

6.2 Part 2: Guided Writing

SPM Practice 1

Sample answer

It is my grandfather's birthday soon. My sister and I make it a point to buy a gift for him every year but this year is special because it is his 70th birthday.

After discussion, my sister and I have decided to buy a new magnifying glass for him. The reasons why we chose a magnifying glass are simple. First and foremost, reading is his favourite pastime. With the magnifying glass, he will not struggle reading the small print. He will be able to read faster and more comfortably.

Besides that, this special magnifying glass comes in two different sizes. Our grandfather can use the bigger one at home and he can easily slip the smaller one into his pocket when he goes out. So he can have his magnifying glass on the go and he can read anytime, anywhere.

Lastly, a magnifying glass is not a common gift but it is special for him.

My sister happened to see this magnifying glass at a newly opened gift shop, so we thought it would be the best special gift for him!

It is important to give a gift to someone we adore to show how much we care about the person.

6.4 Part 3: Extended Writing

Writing an Article

SPM Practice 1

Sample answer

My Ideal Career

By Jake Ng

Being an entrepreneur is my ideal career. I want to be an expert in balloon sculpting and designing. In other words, I want to open and run a balloon shop in the Klang Valley.

I like to be creative and when I am making balloons for my customers, I feel happy and satisfied. When I was young, I loved to see helium balloons floating in the air. Looking at the balloons made my day! Besides, the balloon business is a niche business. Not anyone can open a balloon shop, one needs to learn and practise twisting and turning the balloons into shapes in order to have good business. Moreover, I believe that many people love balloons. During festivals and celebrations, party lovers will patronise my shop and buy lots of balloons from me.

Planning and budgeting is the key to make my ideal career a reality. I have to study and finish my tertiary level education first. Very likely I will get a marketing degree. Then, using my savings, I plan to open a balloon shop in the Klang Valley. The reason for this location is the population here. I can get more customers in big cities. I believe that 'actions speak louder than words.' Therefore, I have to work towards my ideal career. One day, it will be a reality!

Writing a Review

SPM Practice 1

Sample answer

Fusion Cafe

I got to know about Fusion Cafe from a Facebook friend, who is a food blogger, one month ago. Within this period, I have already been there six times.

Fusion Cafe offers a variety of Malaysian, Eastern and Western dishes with a twist. I frequent this cafe because of its burgers. I have tried different types of burgers such as the oriental beef burger, teriyaki chicken burger, lemon and herbs fish burger and black beans burger and I like them all.

However, the burger which really satisfies my palate is the beef and mushroom burger. The layers of bread, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, beef patty, melted cheese, fried mushroom and the restaurant special sauce will surely whet your appetite. The burger bun is soft and toasted to perfection. The beef patty is juicy and the mushroom is soft and juicy. I love the combination of the taste once I sink my teeth into the big fat burger.

Additionally, the burger comes with two side dishes – French fries and mixed salad. The homemade fries are chunky and crispy. The mixed salad is so fresh. You can hear the crunch in each bite.

For me, Fusion Cafe is a great family restaurant. There are a lot of choices from the menu which cater to each individual's taste buds. The restaurant is cosy and the food is reasonably priced. I definitely would recommend it to my friends.

Writing a Report

SPM Practice 1

A Trip to a Beach for a Picnic

Report written by Tanushka David

A trip to the beach for a picnic was organised by the Interact Club just before the year-end school holidays. On that awesome day, twenty Interact Club members were

accompanied by two teacher advisors to a famous beach. An air-conditioned bus was chartered to bring all of us to our destination. Everybody was in high spirits as we boarded the chartered bus.

The sky was clear and the dazzling sun shone brightly. Trees and buildings rushed past and vanished in the diminishing distance. On the bus, we sang merry tunes of popular medleys while Mr Dominic Lester strummed away on his guitar with some students. Excitement filled our hearts and everyone was in a happy mood. After some time, we finally arrived at the seaside. Bouncing with excitement and enthusiasm, we scrambled out of the bus and rushed for the sand.

After settling our bags and food, some of the members built sandcastles of different shapes and sizes, some snapped numerous picturesque views of collected seashells and cute diminutive pebbles that were scattered on the seashore. Some just sat on the white sandy beach and enjoyed the sunshine thoroughly. Some even changed into their swimming gears and swam to their hearts' content. They had a whale of time in the crystal-clear sea water.

After an hour, it was time for food. Fried noodles and chicken wings were so scrumptious and the members gobbled down the food. Time flew by and before we knew it we had to bid farewell to the wonderful place which had provided us with so much fun and pleasure. On the bus, all of us vowed to come back to this wonderful beach. It was indeed a relaxing moment and a perfect place to bond with our friends.

Writing a Story SPM Practice 1

Sample answer

The Day I Lost My Phone

That fateful day, I woke up to find my alarm clock had stopped. I dashed into my bathroom and did a quick wash up! Then, I rushed downstairs to the kitchen to have a quick bite for breakfast. My father was already at the table waiting for me. I didn't dare to look at him as I knew I was running late.

As usual my father would send me for my Maths tuition class at 8.00 a.m. on Saturdays. I actually didn't want to sign up for this tuition class but my pleas had fallen on deaf ears. My mother wanted me to improve my mathematics and so I was attending this three-hour Mathematics class. When I got to class, I took out my book and stationery from my tote bag. It was then I realised that my phone was not in there! 'Gosh! Where could it be?' I almost screamed!

I borrowed my friend's phone to call my own phone thinking that I could have dropped it nearby. But it was to no avail. I couldn't concentrate during class and couldn't wait for class to end. As soon as I reached home, I quickly checked everywhere! Again, I was disappointed!

"Where could it be? Father will be furious with me if I lost my phone!" I thought to myself. After two hours of searching high and low, I plucked up the courage to tell my parents! To my surprise, they did not scold me. My father advised me to call the service provider to block the Sim card immediately. I was thankful that he taught me what to do in such a situation.

From this incident, I learned to be more responsible. A mobile phone is an essential item and everyone finds it convenient to have one. It is user-friendly and multi-functional. It is a device useful to everyone.

Chapter 7 Speaking Paper

Speaking Question in Part 2

Suggested Answers

Practice 1

When you were sick....

Last year, I had a high fever one day. At first, I was very worried and I told my mother that I was unwell. My mother quickly took me to the nearby clinic. After seeing the doctor, I took the medicine regularly. I felt awful when I was sick because I could not do the things that I like. Yes, health is important because when we are sick, we will be sad and bound to the bed. As the saying goes, health is wealth. We have to take good care of our health.

Practice 2

A sports event

I took part in the cross-country race in my school. It was held in January as soon as the school reopened. Cross-country race is a healthy sports event because the students run together and enjoy the event with their friends. It is beneficial for them. I think students should take part in sports because it is the time to unwind and train themselves to be more fit and healthy.

Practice 3

A movie you like

The movie that I like is *The Minions*. It is a funny movie full of rib-tickling moments. The minions are cute yellow creatures and they are always on a mission to save the world. I like this movie because it is funny and I feel relaxed and happy while watching it. It really helps me deal with stress. I think watching movies is a good way to spend time wisely because it is an indoor activity. Many people will feel relaxed and spend quality time with their family while watching movies together.

Practice 4

Favourite food

My favourite food is 'nasi lemak'. It is a very convenient yet delicious food which consists of fragrant rice, a few slices of cucumber, a slice of egg, some peanuts, fried anchovies and not forgetting the spicy sambal. We can buy nasi lemak by the roadside or any mamak stalls. I like nasi lemak because it is delicious and it is quite a complete food. I feel full and satisfied after eating it. Nasi lemak is a famous food as it is quick to prepare and eat. Malaysians love nasi lemak.

Speaking Question in Part 3

Suggested Answers

The advantages of staying in boarding schools

Firstly, students can have more contact with teachers. Teachers are available during extra classes and the boarding

school students can answer questions more frequently.

When students stay in a boarding school, they can form a study group easily. They can discuss subject matters and even complete their group work easily.

Besides that, staying in a boarding school can promote friendship. When the students stay and eat together, they will build stronger friendships.

Apart from that, students can learn to be self-reliant. A boarding school student has to be independent and learn everything on his/her own. This will prove beneficial in future when he/she goes out into the working world.

Moreover, the students have time to do out-of-school activities. These students have more contact time so they can carry out many activities. This will help build their social skills as well.

Lastly, staying in a boarding school helps save time. Parents will not have to arrange for transport and travelling time is saved too. These students do not spend time caught in traffic, thus they have more time for study and leisure.

In my opinion, the most important reason students stay in boarding schools is because it is time-saving. Students can save the travelling time to do more studying and have a fun time with their friends.

Extended question:

In my opinion, I think staying in a boarding school helps a student to excel in studies because all facilities are available in a boarding school. Teachers are also available so students can easily get extra guidance in their studies to excel in their studies.

SPM Format Practice

Any suitable responses

Chapter

8 Listening Paper

SPM Practice 1

Part 1

- 1 C 5 C
- 2 B 6 B
- 3 B 7 A
- 4 C

Part 2

- 8 C 12 A
- 9 B 13 A
- 10 C 14 B
- 11 A 15 C

Part 3

- 16 C 19 D
- 17 A 20 B
- 18 E

Part 4

- 21 young 26 pressure
- 22 cultivate 27 biology
- 23 encouraged 28 pursue
- 24 accompanied 29 hospital
- 25 build 30 regretted

Chapter

9 Model Test 1

Paper 1 Reading

Part 1

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

Part 2

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

Part 3

- 19 A 23 D
- 20 A 24 D
- 21 C 25 C
- 22 D 26 B

Part 4

- 27 D 30 E
- 28 A 31 F
- 29 C 32 H

Part 5

- 33 B 37 followers
- 34 F 38 messages
- 35 C 39 creative
- 36 A 40 techniques

Paper 2 Writing

Part 1

Sample answer

From: Jason
To: Ruby
Subject: Birthday present
<p>Hi Ruby,</p> <p>It's so nice of you to want to get him something. My suggestion is a smartphone because he's going to further his studies abroad next month. So, having a new phone would be useful. He can also use it to video call us. What's more, he told me that he wanted to buy a new phone as his is not functioning so well. I hear that Digital Place is having a sale so maybe you could check out the prices there. I hope my suggestion was helpful.</p> <p>Bye.</p>

Part 2

Sample answer

Nowadays, internet access is no more a luxury but a

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necessity in our everyday lives. For students, the internet is important for them to get information related to examinations, like examination results and about the current curriculum. Moreover, they can get the latest information and do research for the subjects they learned in school.

As for me, I use the internet to do research and to relearn the topics taught in school. There are many interesting documentaries and videos related to the topics I learn at school that I can watch or download for free. This helps me to have a better understanding of these topics.

The best time for me to use the internet is at night when my parents are at home so that I can ask for their assistance when I cannot find the information I want. Furthermore, they are in the know as to which websites I go to and understand the purpose I surf the internet.

In conclusion, the internet is important to students as one of the mediums for studying and not solely for leisure.

Part 3

Question 3

Sample answer

My Ideal Classroom

By Sarah Tawie

School is said to be a second home to students. For me, school is definitely my second home. Apart from the usual school hours, I have to attend extra classes and co-curricular activities in the afternoon. Therefore, I dream of having a classroom which makes me feel comfortable when I'm at school.

My ideal classroom should have air conditioning, an interactive board and internet access. Due to Malaysia's hot weather, having an air conditioner would reduce the humidity and discomfort. Having an interactive board and internet access could aid students and teachers in the learning and teaching process. Imagine how fun learning would be.

Besides that, I would like to have new desks and chairs. The damaged notice board in the classroom needs to be replaced as well. There are a lot of holes on the board, so my classmates and I cannot post notices and messages. I would recommend a 21st century furniture upgrade, for example flexible desks and chairs that you can easily move to suit the activities or lessons on that day. I think it would be awesome to have them in my classroom.

With the furniture upgrade and improved facilities, my classmates and I can decorate the room beautifully. My classroom would have a reading corner and maybe a few lazy chairs for us to relax in.

In closing, this is what my ideal classroom would be like. I know it is impossible to achieve, but I hope one day it will become a reality.

Question 4

Sample answer

Pearl of the Orient

Penang, also known as the Pearl of the Orient, is one of the most fascinating states which I had the opportunity to visit during the last school holidays. It was my fifth visit to Penang, yet there were still so many things to do and places to visit. And of course, a variety of mouth-watering food to eat.

In Penang, there are many touristy places like Penang Hill, Kek Lok Si Temple, and Gurney Drive. The most

enjoyable place I visited on this trip was the Made In Penang Interactive Museum located at Weld Quay, Georgetown. A museum? Well, you can be assured that it is not your typical 'boring' building which stores historical artefacts.

Made in Penang Interactive Museum displays interesting 3D artwork. For example, there is a picture of a huge 3D snake slithering out from the frame of the Snake Temple picture. In addition, this unconventional and impressive museum allows visitors to touch and get close to the artwork. My family and I had great fun taking pictures here. We even created our own photo story, which was exhilarating.

Another beautiful place that I highly recommend visiting is the Batu Ferringhi Beach which is about 11 kilometres from the city centre. It is a popular destination for local and foreign tourists alike. My family and I will head to the beach every time we are in Penang. If you love water sport activities, like jet skiing and parasailing, this is the best place for you.

To end, Penang is a wonderful place to spend your holidays. If you are planning for a holiday, do include Penang in your list. You will undoubtedly enjoy your time spent there.

Question 5

Sample answer

Class Excursion

The day had arrived! On that awesome day, Mr Dominic Lester accompanied twenty of us on our class excursion to the famous seaside. We chartered an air-conditioned bus. Everybody was in high spirits as we boarded the bus.

On the bus, we sang merry tunes of popular medleys while Lester strummed away on his guitar with some students. Excitement filled our hearts and everyone was in a happy mood. After some time, we finally arrived at the seaside. Bouncing with excitement and enthusiasm, we scrambled out of the bus and rushed for the sand. A cool breeze brushed past our cheeks, the sound of waves lapping the rocks and birds chirping on the branches of trees could be heard everywhere. We built sandcastles of different shapes and sizes, snapped numerous picturesque views of collected seashells and cute diminutive pebbles that were scattered on the seashore. We thoroughly enjoyed the sunshine.

Of course, the lure of the greenish-blue water made us change into our swimming costumes and we swam to our hearts' content. We had a whale of time in the crystal-clear sea water. During these exciting hours of fun and joy, we hardly noticed that the day was slipping away. We had to bid farewell to the wonderful place which had provided us with so much fun and pleasure.

During this excursion, we learned about team spirit to set up and clean up the picnic spot. Living in a community is a skill to be learned and upskilled too. So going for an outing or an excursion will be a way for us to learn it well.

Paper 3 Speaking

Part 2

Suggested answers

A family vacation

Recently, my family and I went to Genting Highlands for a short vacation. We went there for two days and one night.

My sister and I enjoyed the fun rides at the theme park. It is a newly opened theme park and everything is still new. We enjoyed ourselves there because we managed to spend quality time together as a family. In my opinion, family vacation is important for family bonding because that is the time when family members do things together and understand each other more.

A favourite pastime

My favourite pastime is jogging. Jogging is a very relaxing activity and it is economical because I do not need to spend any money on it. I like to jog in the evening every day because it is not that hot at that time. For me, it is important to have hobbies because time is not wasted doing nothing and at the same time, we can learn new knowledge about the hobbies.

Part 3

Any suitable responses

Paper 4 Listening

Part 1

- 1 A 5 B
- 2 C 6 C
- 3 C 7 A
- 4 B

Part 2

- 8 C 12 A
- 9 B 13 C
- 10 C 14 A
- 11 B 15 A

Part 3

- 16 D 19 F
- 17 G 20 E
- 18 B

Part 4

- 21 five 26 goals
- 22 develop 27 skills
- 23 positive 28 feel
- 24 learning 29 fun
- 25 hours 30 cause

Chapter

10 Model Test 2

Paper 1 Reading

Part 1

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

Part 2

- 9 B 14 C
- 10 D 15 D

- 11 A 16 D
- 12 B 17 B
- 13 C 18 D

Part 3

- 19 D 23 A
- 20 A 24 C
- 21 B 25 B
- 22 D 26 D

Part 4

- 27 F 30 B
- 28 C 31 H
- 29 E 32 D

Part 5

- 33 F 38 subscribe
- 34 A 39 navigate
- 35 D 40 necessity
- 37 convenient

Paper 2 Writing

Sample answer

From: Junan@speedymail.com
To: Nurin@yipee.com
Subject: Suitable course for you
<p>Dear Nurin,</p> <p>Hi, I am glad that you wrote to me. Time really flies and now you are going to further your studies after the SPM examination.</p> <p>I remember you always wanted to be a DJ when you were young. Since you like to talk and love to be in the limelight, I think studying mass communication is the best option for you. You can continue mingling with more people and talk to them over the radio. In addition, you like listening to songs, I think you will enjoy choosing the numbers for the radio station.</p> <p>Anyway, the final choice is in your hands. Do tell me what you decide.</p> <p>Take care and goodbye.</p> <p>Your cousin, Junan</p>

Part 2

Sample answer

Class field trips are something that we always look forward to. This year, our class teacher appointed me as the person-in-charge of the trip. After discussion with my classmates, we have decided to visit a chocolate factory.

The reasons for this choice are simple. Firstly, we wanted to know the processes involved in making chocolates. Almost everyone loves to eat chocolates so it is a wise choice. In addition, we are eager to know and learn the processes. Besides that, the chocolate factory is just 45 minutes from our school. We can charter a bus there without spending a lot of money on transportation. Moreover, we can buy some

chocolates at the chocolate outlet there. The price will be affordable and attractive for us.

Going for any class trip is purposeful. In my opinion, we can learn a lot from the trip. We will not only learn the ways to produce chocolates but also some social skills. It will be a time for us to get together and enjoy ourselves. It is also a time we spend with our teachers without having to think of school work. It will be an enjoyable yet educational trip for the year.

Part 3

Question 3

Sample answer

My Ideal School Prefects' Room

By Sharmila Nair

Being a Harry Potter fan, I always dream of having the prefects' room decorated with a Harry Potter theme. The wall is painted white, except for a wall which is painted in yellow and red vertical lines. This wall will be the prefects' 'Wall of Fame'. Pictures of the head prefects since the school was established will be hung. The picture frames will be labelled with their names and the year they were elected head prefect.

One of the corners will be the 'Magic Potion' corner. There will be a computer for the prefects to use and a bookshelf to place important files. Additionally, there will be wifi facility to aid the prefects and the teacher advisors to do their work or key in data online.

Furthermore, a colour printer and stationery will be supplied. The pens and pencils will be arranged neatly in pen holders made from recycled items, such as glass jars or tin cans. I will help to draw and paint a few characters from Harry Potter on the jars and tins. These pen-holders are then put on a 'Wizards and Witches' work table, which will be in the middle of the room.

In conclusion, my ideal prefect room is a Harry Potter-themed room. His magical aura will inspire the prefects to give their best in carrying out their daily duties.

Question 4

Sample answer

The Maze Runner

The *Maze Runner* is an amazing book about a futuristic adventure. It was written by James Dashner. The setting of this story takes place in the distant future. It begins with a group of teenagers being teleported into an enormous stone maze. In other words, they are mysteriously trapped there. None of them has a single clue of what happened but they know they must do something to get out of there.

The problems that they face are the maze doors that close every evening and some horrible monsters that roam freely and kill anyone at night if they are still in the maze. Thomas, the main character who teams up with a few brave teenagers, goes into the maze to map the place. They have to come out from the maze before the door closes in the evening. Slowly, they solve the puzzle of the maze with some challenges.

The book is worth a read and it is suitable for teenagers. I learned some values from the main character. He taught me to be calm when we are faced with troubles and challenges. Always think of a way out and be wise in making

decisions. The plot of the story is interesting and can sustain the interest of the reader. It is a post-apocalyptic teen-novel that engages readers as it is full of action too. The story revolves around nature, life and humanity. Go to the nearest bookstore to get a copy for yourself. Or you can buy an e-book via the Internet too.

Question 5

Sample answer

A Memorable Day

The most memorable day in my life is the day when I met my best friend. I still remember that day vividly. It was a Wednesday. I was walking home from school when suddenly I felt tiny drops of water on my face. It was starting to drizzle. I quickened my pace but the rain was getting heavier. So, I decided to stop at a small cafe about one kilometre from my house. I ordered iced tea and sat in a corner facing the window to watch the rain.

While sipping the tea and enjoying the sound of raindrops, I saw a small figure in the middle of the road. I wiped the blurry window with the sleeve of my jacket so that I could clearly see what it was. I could not believe it! It was a puppy! It was scared as there were cars whizzing past all around it.

Without haste, I ran to rescue the shaken puppy. I did not care about the rain anymore, and ran back home. Straight into the kitchen, I grabbed an old towel and dried the puppy. To make it warm, I put it near the fridge. The next day my mother and I put up posters with the puppy's picture everywhere. After two weeks of waiting, I adopted the puppy. That was two years ago, and the puppy had been with me ever since. Buddy is my best friend forever and that Wednesday was a special day for us.

Paper 3 Speaking

Suggested answers

Part 2

A family outing

Last Sunday, my father took the family for an outing at FRIM, Kuala Lumpur. We had a picnic at FRIM. When we were there, we explored the place that is full of amazing nature. I really liked the magnificent trees. I truly enjoyed myself because I learned more about nature and the importance of conserving nature for future generations. In my opinion, family outings are important for a family because it is when family members can strengthen their bonds. They can learn about and understand each other more.

A pet you like

The pet I like is a cat. I have a pet cat and it is white in colour. I named her Cutey because she is very cute and fluffy. Cutey has beautiful blue eyes. I like my cat because she cheers me up by playing with me. Besides, I like to stroke her white fur. Cutey is very attached to me and I love to spend my time with her. In my opinion, it is important to have pets so that we can feel relaxed and stress free while spending time with our pet. It is indeed a stress buster for

me.

Part 3

Any suitable responses

Paper 4 Listening

Part 1

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| 1 C | 5 B |
| 2 C | 6 B |
| 3 C | 7 C |
| 4 A | |

Part 2

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| 8 A | 12 B |
| 9 C | 13 C |
| 10 B | 14 A |

11 A

Part 3

16 C

17 A

18 E

15 B

19 D

20 B

Part 4

21 confidence

22 guide

23 reword

24 pointers

25 repeatedly

26 avoid

27 expressions

28 tips

29 shortlisted

30 fortnight