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PAPER 1

Part 1

1 **A**

Remark: The correct answer is A based on paragraph 2, line 1, “...we need to register by the end of the week and start training as a pair tomorrow.”

2 **C**

Remark: The answer C is correct because it is stated in lines 2-3, “...how serious commitment can help you master the language.”

3 **C**

Remark: The answer is C based on lines 5 and 6, “... stealing the income from the artistes who have worked hard.”

4 **B**

Remark: B is correct because the event lists competitions in the fields of music and dance, as stated in lines 2 and 3.

5 **B**

Remark: B is the most suitable headline because learning new things, varying your routing, having heated debates and playing an instrument can improve mental performance.

6 **B**

Remark: The answer B is true based on lines 2 and 3, “...how you can play a role now. Join the many exciting plans we have lined up...”

7 **B**

Remark: Glocal Travel Agency promises customers food to their taste as stated in the point – “...make-to-order meals”. Hence, B is correct.

8 **C**

Remark: C is correct because the advertisement mentioned, “Fresh graduates are encouraged to apply as training is provided.”

Part 2

9 B

Remark: This question tests on a choice of words. The term “knowledge” refers to the understanding and information Norman had on superheroes movies and comics. Therefore, B is correct.

10 A

Remark: This question tests on a choice of words in past tense. A is the right answer as “took” fits the phrase “took his passion to the next level.”

11 B

Remark: B is correct. This question is about relative pronouns. “Where” refers to place – Kuala Lumpur.

12 A

Remark: This question tests on a choice of words. “Appearances” mean the way something looks. In this context, it refers to the overall look of the vehicles.

13 D

Remark: This question tests student’s knowledge of verbs. In a complex sentence, “entertaining” would be the correct answer as the second verb.

14 C

Remark: This question tests student’s knowledge on prepositions. C is the best choice to fit the sentence “... *his own observation of several websites...*”

15 A

Remark: This question tests on a choice of words. The answer A – “Using” means to make use of the utensils or materials as mentioned in line 11, “... *only a soft, flexible foam rubber...*”

16 B

Remark: This question tests on a choice of words. B is correct as “precise” means marked by exactness and accuracy, as aptly describes the following lines “... *for the suit to be perfect*”

17 C

Remark: The answer C “allow” is accurate as it means to let someone do something, which in this context, to make the wearer move freely.

18 D

Remark: This question tests on linkers and connectors. “Therefore” indicates to give consequence of an action. D is correct.

Part 3

19 A

Remark: A is correct based on lines 2-5, "... volunteers setting up air mattresses with fresh sheets and new pillows. Some of them were busy handing out clothes, food and drinks. Most importantly, about 80 of the city's homeless had gathered to spend their night there, safe and warm. Toilets and showers were close at hand too."

20 C

Remark: C is true as stated in paragraph 3, lines 1-2, "...when she was growing up, her uncle who was an engineer suffered a stroke...". Her uncle lost his job, relied on charity and lived on the streets.

21 C

Remark: The answer is C because he repeatedly declined Kate's family's offers to move in with them as he wanted to stand on his own. This can be supported from paragraph 3, line 4.

22 A

Remark: In paragraph 5, line 2, "Car parks are busy during the day but are vacant at night." Therefore, it is accessible. The answer A is correct.

23 A

Remark: A is correct. Based on paragraph 8, line 3, the guest mentioned that she has many friends now since she began sleeping there.

24 C

Remark: Based on paragraph 8, line 6, "With the benefit of interrupted sleep, she was able to perform well at her workplace..." Therefore, C is the best choice of answer.

25 D

Remark: The answer is D because in the last paragraph, lines 4-5, she did not mention meeting the needs of the homeless, instead, Kate looks forward to getting more volunteers, reviewing work with corporate and business partners and having more funds to finance her work.

26 C

Remark: In the last paragraph, lines 5 and 6, "It takes hard work, passion and will to succeed... if you truly believe in something, you can make it happen." The answer C is correct.

Part 4

27 G

30 C

28 H

31 B

29 E

32 D

Part 5

33 E

37 bottles

34 A

38 materials

35 F

39 reduces

36 D

40 planning

PAPER 2

Part 1

Question 1

To:	gina@email.com
Subject:	Sports club
Hi Gina, Thank you for your e-mail. It's really great to hear from you. I'm truly happy to hear that you are indulging in sports. In my opinion, I suggest that you join the Badminton Club. It will be great for someone with an excellent physique like you. The sports equipment is inexpensive. Furthermore, it's an indoor sport, which means you can play anytime without worrying about the weather. You will also acquire new skills, sportsmanship qualities and new friends. I hope I have provided you with the much-needed advice. All the best. Warmest regards, <i>Addelyn</i>	

Part 2

Question 2

Kindness is one of the greatest virtues of life. A simple act of kindness can go a long way in changing a person's life. When the world was raged by the Covid-19 pandemic back in year 2020, many families struggled to make ends meet.

My neighbour, Johan, faced the same fate as many others. His father lost his job due to the pandemic and was in dire need of food supplies after three months of lockdown. My family was very concerned about their situation. I informed my parents, and we started helping his family with their daily food supply. My family would go to the supermarket and get sundry supplies for them. We did it for nearly six months. At the end of the sixth month, Johan's parents managed to get temporary employment from my uncle's company. They were so appreciative and felt indebted to us. However, my parents told them it was their responsibility to help those in need.

I believe that kindness is a vital aspect of humankind, to assist others in rendering the much-needed help to ease others' hardships. We should encourage people to be kind through moral education in school, campaigns in all institutions, social media platforms and other avenues. By doing so, we will have a society that practices kindness in their daily lives.

Part 3

Question 3

Sizzlers Café: A Hotspot Eatery in Bertam

If you are looking for a hotspot eatery in Bertam, look no further than Sizzlers Café. Snuggled between Vision Park and Kristal Business Centre, it is the most notable hangout place for people from every walk of life.

This café offers a welcoming environment for all as it is a place where families come together to build memories. As you enter, you will be bedazzled by the setting; a delightful fusion of antique cut stones and luxuries of modernity. The exposed red brick walls add an aesthetic feel of a rustic ambience. The dim façade also elevates the classiness of the interior, where the premise is illuminated mainly from the skylight.

My first time at Sizzlers Café was during my mother's birthday. I had their signature dish, the succulent and flavoursome rib eye steak with mixed garden salad, mashed potatoes topped with parmesan shavings and balsamic glaze drizzle. The steak was grilled to perfection. I could still recall the slight chew, tenderness and juiciness merging into a mouthful. Lastly, I completed my course by savouring the famous s'mores waffles with apple strudel and fluffy macarons with vanilla ice cream. As a passionate foodie, these dishes had the warmth of home-cooked meals based on its wholesome flavour. In addition, their range of drinks from fresh juices, smoothies and brewed coffees are sold at a reasonable price. I recommend Sizzlers Café to other people as it is a great place to enjoy scrumptious meals at a modest price. With an array of choices and an all-you-can-eat-style menu, best believe there is always something for everyone.

Question 4

Teenagers and Social Media

Social media has connected us in many convenient ways. It has brought people together by bridging gaps in communication with families, friends and co-workers. Social media gives everyone an equal voice to share their opinions. Besides that, it allows people to create online identities, communicate and build a network.

Teenagers mainly use social media for entertainment and self-expression purposes. Some popular social media are Facebook, WhatsApp, TikTok and YouTube. Research has shown that the most preferred social media platform for teenagers is Facebook. They spend most of their time scrolling Facebook, chatting with friends, watching videos and joining online discussions. On average, teenagers spend about 4.2 hours a day on social media. Spending too much time online will leave a negative impact on their mental health. They will be more vulnerable, prone to cyber bullying and lack self-esteem. Moreover, they will also be addicted to it. Teenagers need to know how to control themselves. It is not easy, but reducing the usage will enable them to spend more time on other things. It helps them stay focused on real-life matters such as homework and family relationship.

In addition, teenagers need to set a time limit spent online. They can also delete the apps they usually spend most of their time on during school days as it will restrain them from using the apps regularly.

Question 5

If I were given three wishes, I would establish a supermarket that offers the lowest price, run a sports club for children deprived of sports facilities and build a university for the underprivileged. These three wishes are crucial for me to contribute to humanity. I would be the happiest person in the world as I would be able to change lives and make a difference.

Firstly, human needs food. My supermarket will provide the cheapest price list for all essential goods. Everyone needs energy to stay alive to do the necessary chores or work. I would be so elated to see that no one will ever be hungry.

Secondly, my sports club would provide the much-needed facilities for children to practise healthy lifestyle. Engaging in sports will allow children to develop physically, mentally and emotionally. They will also gain positive personality traits and live healthily.

Finally, my third wish is to build a university which would provide quality education to deserving students from low-income families. These students may have achieved the necessary grades but can't pursue their tertiary education due to financial constraints. With the belief that education should be for every student who qualifies, it would be a fitting wish for these children to have a bright future.

It will be the best moment in my life if these three wishes became a reality. The three aspects of life, namely, food, sports and education, are vital for our lives. We would have a community that are well-fed, healthy and cognitively sound. Nothing is impossible, and hopefully, my wishes will come true for the betterment of the world.

Note:

**To obtain higher mark, it is recommended for the students to write in narrative form/genre.*

PAPER 1

Part 1

1 **C**

Remark: The phrase in line 1, “...it is necessary to upgrade the path to the front entrance...” shows the purpose of the written letter as the visitor expresses the need to improve the path. Therefore, C is correct.

2 **B**

Remark: The phrase in lines 1-2, “...uses fresh bananas and cheese from trusted local suppliers...” means the great ingredients and taste. So, B is the correct answer.

3 **B**

Remark: The sentence in lines 1-2, “With time, I have become comfortable with it, which is the key to successful picture taking,” relates to her experience posing in front of the camera.

4 **A**

Remark: A is true based on the point “delivering magazines to schools monthly” is similar to making sure the subscribers get their magazines.

5 **B**

Remark: The sentence in lines 5-6, “With its new look, the area can be promoted as a tourism spot” suggests that the place will gain popularity. The answer is B.

6 **C**

Remark: The correct answer is C based on the phrase “...the only institute in Malaysia recognised for final year credit transfer to leading overseas universities” shows the collaboration made in credit transfer.

7 **A**

Remark: The whole text is listing the benefits of online ordering in the food business. The phrases “...no longer just an optional feature...” and “...an essential part of the operation and a key source of income” in lines 1-3, support the answer A.

8 **B**

Remark: B is correct because people can design their own apartment online based on the steps shown in the advertisement.

Part 2

9 **A**

Remark: The word “described” is aptly used in this context as it labels the current generation of youth as the internet generation. Therefore, the answer is A.

10 **D**

Remark: The word “offers” is more appropriate to use with “preferred” as it provides an alternative to making voice calls. The correct answer is D.

- 11 **C**
Remark: C is the most accurate answer. We use “interacting” as it compensates the idea of texting with friends and loved ones.
- 12 **A**
Remark: A is correct as “constantly” shows how often university students perform the activity.
- 13 **B**
Remark: The word “common” in answer B is suitable to be used in this text. It shows a typical routine among young internet users nowadays.
- 14 **A**
Remark: The word “bring” collocates with the sentence “...*young people from different backgrounds or places*...”. Therefore, A is true.
- 15 **B**
Remark: The word “since” emphasizes the phrase “...*becoming as popular too*...” which refers to the reason for online friendships. B is the most accurate answer.
- 16 **D**
Remark: The idea of back in those days, the internet is not widely used as compared to now. So, D is true.
- 17 **C**
Remark: The word “expose” is the most suitable answer to be used as it correlates with the darker side of the internet. The answer is C.
- 18 **B**
Remark: B is true. It’s more appropriate to use the word “occurs” to show the impact of receiving unkind comments or posts.

Part 3

- 19 **A**
Remark: A is true based on the last sentence of paragraph 1, “*Without doubt, he liked building things because he felt comforted by it,*” clearly shows that the writer’s father liked the comforting feeling of building things.
- 20 **C**
Remark: The answer C is correct. The word “mistakenly” correlates with the word “punished” in line 3, paragraph 2, where the writer’s father chopped off the legs of the dining table in half just so he could sit comfortably.
- 21 **A**
Remark: Line 2 of paragraph 3, “*To me, none of these could match the little things he made just for me with his two hands,*” clearly expresses how the writer admires her father’s talent. The correct answer is A.
- 22 **D**
Remark: There is no evidence to support options A, B or C in paragraph 3. The best answer is D, where the writer’s mother had a different idea from her father as she thought they only needed some lovely decorations.

23 **B**

Remark: The writer's father wanted her to forget about the doll's house, like how he never got the cart when he was a boy. B is the correct option.

24 **B**

Remark: The phrase "...since I played with the doll's house" in line 30, indicates the time when the writer was playing with it. The correct answer is B.

25 **D**

Remark: D is the best option as the phrase from line 37, "...put his arm around me..." indicates how close they were and how much she didn't want to leave her father.

26 **A**

Remark: The story highlights how the writer's father teaches her important living skills to make her prepare for her future life. Hence A is correct.

Part 4

27 C

30 B

28 D

31 H

29 G

32 A

Part 5

33 E

37 company

34 A

38 pressure

35 F

39 strategy

36 D

40 competitive

PAPER 2

Part 1

Question 1

To:	diana@email.com
Subject:	Let's help Julia

Hello Diana,

I am so excited to see Julia's new house this Sunday. Yes, we need to lend her a helping hand. Moving into a new place is an exciting yet challenging experience. Let's meet at the local park near Julia's new residence as it offers ample parking space for us. We should be there at 8.30 a.m. so we can promptly assist them with packing and unpacking, categorising items, labelling and carrying the boxes inside.

In addition, we can bring cleaning supplies and other necessary tools to make the new house spotless. My mother will prepare a hearty meal for us. I will also bring some snacks and beverages to keep everyone energized throughout the day. Let's create a warm and welcoming environment for Julia and her family. See you!

Hana

Part 2

Question 2

Malaysia is a country rich in cultural diversity, and its traditions hold a significant place in the hearts of its people. In this essay, I will discuss some of the cultural traditions that are still practised in Malaysia, the importance of appreciating these traditions, and ways to encourage young people to keep them alive.

Malaysia is known for its vibrant festivals, such as Hari Raya Aidilfitri, Chinese New Year, and Deepavali. These celebrations involve traditional customs, music, dance and attire. Moreover, cultural practices like batik making, traditional music performances, and martial arts such as *silat* are still cherished today.

Appreciating our cultural traditions is vital as they provide a sense of identity, connect us to our roots and foster a strong community bond. These traditions showcase our shared heritage and values, fostering understanding and unity among Malaysians.

To encourage young people to keep these traditions alive, we need to educate them by incorporating cultural studies into the school curriculum and organising interactive workshops that can spark interest and appreciation. Community engagement through events and festivals, allows young people to actively participate and experience the richness of their culture firsthand.

In conclusion, Malaysia's cultural traditions are vital in shaping its identity and should be celebrated and preserved. By appreciating our traditions, we strengthen our national unity and create a sense of pride in our diverse heritage. Through education and community involvement, we can inspire the younger generation to embrace and uphold these traditions, ensuring their continuation for years to come.

Part 3

Question 3

A Student's Delight: The Attraction of Online Games

Students all across the world are playing more and more online games for personal enjoyment. The same goes for me. As a result of technological advancements and the widespread use of the internet, today we have access to a vast selection of online games. These dynamic and immersive experiences draw my attention and offer fun, challenges, and opportunities for social engagement.

Static Legend is one of the online games that have captivated my attention and creativity. It provides an unforgettable online gaming experience, whether you are looking for exhilarating combat, captivating stories, or a sense of community. In this article, I will explain the factors which led to Static Legend becoming my go-to source of pleasure while exhibiting its fascinating gameplay, enjoyable social connections, and positive effects on my life.

My love for Static Legend largely stems from its thrilling gameplay. Players can go on exciting journeys and participate in ferocious battles in this game, which blends action, strategy, and exploration. Every minute is daring and challenging, whether I am navigating enormous landscapes, working out challenging riddles, or indulging in intense player-versus-player (PvP) combat. I can lose myself in the game's interactive world for hours because of the expertly constructed characters, special skills, and surreal settings.

It can be difficult to strike a balance between studying and playing online games, but it is possible with careful planning and self-control. I start by making and following my study timetable, which helps me finish my projects, assignments, and revision activities on time. Then, I set strict time restrictions for playing online games. For instance, I set aside a certain number of hours on the weekends or a certain amount of time each day after finishing my study-related tasks.

In conclusion, self-discipline is essential for balancing studying and gaming. I can play my favourite online games and still succeed academically if I have good time management skills, stay committed to my goals, and set aside time for both studying and gaming. As the saying goes, all work and no play make Jack a dull boy.

Question 4

It was the beginning of a new day for Kumar, and the place looked vastly different from his familiar surroundings in the bustling city he called home. He found himself standing on the sandy shores of a pristine tropical island. Crystal-clear azure water stretched before him, gently lapping against the powdery white sand.

Kumar's eyes widened in awe as he basked in the breathtaking vistas around him. Towering palm trees swayed in the gentle breeze, casting dappled shadows on the ground. Exotic birds soared through the sky, their

vibrant feathers painting the air with splashes of colours. Intrigued by this unexpected paradise, Kumar kicked off his shoes and began to explore the island. He wandered along the shoreline, feeling the warm sand between his toes and the cool ocean spray on his face. The air was filled with the sweet scent of tropical flowers, and the melodious sound of waves crashing against the shore was like a soothing lullaby.

As he ventured deeper into the heart of the island, Kumar discovered a hidden waterfall cascading down a lush green cliff. The water glistened in the sunlight, inviting him to take a refreshing dip. With a smile on his face, he dove into the cool pool at the base of the waterfall, feeling a sense of liberation and joy over him. Time seemed to stand still as Kumar explored the island's natural wonders. He climbed to the top of a hill, where a panoramic view unveiled the island's majestic beauty in its entirety. The vibrant colours, wildlife, and tranquillity of the surroundings filled his soul with a profound sense of peace and serenity.

At that moment, Kumar made a silent promise to himself. He would carry the spirit of the island with him, infusing his busy city life with the tranquillity and appreciation for nature he had discovered. He would make time for moments of stillness, reconnecting with the beauty around him and nurturing his well-being.

With a heart full of gratitude, Kumar bid farewell to the island, knowing that its magic would forever etched in him. He returned to his city life, but he was forever changed. Kumar sought out green spaces, incorporating walks in parks and picnics amidst blooming flowers into his routine. He prioritised moments of reflection and found inspiration in the smallest wonders of nature that surrounded him.

Question 5

A Visit to the Penang State Museum

Visits are always beautiful and fill a person's mind with joy and enthusiasm. Last week, our school arranged a visit to a museum in Central Georgetown Penang. The Penang State Museum greets its visitors with a regal bronze statue of Captain Francis Light, the founder of the Penang Straits Settlement. It is touted to be one of the most reputed and famous state museums in the country.

The bus provided by the Parents and Teachers' Association made for a smooth start to the day as everyone arrived at the location at the same time. I would like to thank the sponsor on behalf of the English Language Club; it was a wise decision that ensured everyone's safety. The students were split up into groups of five at registration, done to simplify supervising the participant.

The trip to the Penang State Museum provided the students with several advantages, for instance, gaining knowledge on a range of subjects pertaining to Penang's history, culture, and heritage. The creation of Penang by Captain Francis Light, the colonial period under British control, the growth of trade and commerce, and the important occasions that impacted the state's history were all topics discussed in class. It was unquestionably a nice tale to share with their classmates. Additionally, they gained knowledge about the traditions, festivals, holidays, and distinctive features of each culture. Knowing the aforementioned things about our culture will help you as a member of this community.

Organising more visits to museums for school clubs can bring numerous benefits and enhance the educational experience for students as museums offer interactive exhibits, hands-on activities, and educational programmes designed to engage students actively. Through tactile experiences, students can explore various subjects, such as science, history, art, and technology, dynamically and experientially. This will benefit other clubs at school too. On top of that, museum visits can complement and reinforce topics covered in the classroom. Students can witness real-life examples that bring textbook concepts to life, making abstract or complex ideas more tangible and relatable. This connection between classroom learning and real-world applications enhances students' understanding and enthusiasm for the subjects.

School clubs can give students special educational opportunities, encourage a love of learning, and support their overall development by planning additional trips to museums. Visits to museums enhance the curriculum, expand students' horizons, and foster a greater appreciation and understanding of their surroundings.

The visit had not just left the students with memorable moments but also with a lot of fruitful experiences and knowledge.

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PAPER 1

Part 1

1 **C**

Remark: In the passage, Vanessa mentions that she was piling up empty jars and wanted to give people a reason to reuse them with her homemade candles. This emphasises her intent to reduce waste, which aligns with promoting recycling. So, the answer is C.

2 **B**

Remark: The notice indicates that the council is initiating a project to benefit its older residents. The mention of free transportation service, the use of vans and a minibus, and the need for more volunteers further supports this answer.

3 **C**

Remark: The excerpt mentions that Salina, a local businesswoman, expresses hope that her business will improve due to the new attraction. The opening will hopefully allow local businesses to grow by increasing foot traffic and visitors.

4 **A**

Remark: The e-mail from Dean, *“From your social media updates, it seems like you enjoyed yourself,”* indicates that he is following Arya on social media. He is also aware of her activities. Therefore, option A is the most accurate answer.

5 **B**

Remark: The advertisement states that the centre’s clinical decisions are made based on the patient’s needs and contemporary evidence-based medicines, which means the treatments are grounded in scientific research and evidence. Therefore, the most accurate answer is B, which focuses on evidence-based medicines for their patients.

6 **A**

Remark: The notice implies that customers should be prepared and make necessary arrangements to give way for the work. Option A is correct because the notice asks the customers to schedule a suitable time for the work to avoid inconvenience.

7 **B**

Remark: The text explicitly states that scammers can deceive everyone, regardless of background, age, or income level. It also emphasises that scammers take advantage of people’s lack of awareness, suggesting that being cautious and alert can prevent individuals fall victim to scams—this supports option B.

8 **C**

Remark: The text states that the volunteers will be taking part in a survey to record the latest numbers of local species within the area. This suggests that their primary task will be to observe and count the animals. Therefore, option C is the correct.

Part 2

9 **B**

Remark: Answer B is correct because “relies” mean to be dependent. In this context, people need to embrace a lifestyle that relies on using natural resources.

10 A

Remark: Recycling, cutting down on waste, and being efficient with energy use are examples of green living strategies, as listed in the text. Therefore, A is the answer.

11 B

Remark: The answer is “require” because the text encourages people to start an eco-friendly lifestyle. The most suitable answer is B.

12 C

Remark: The sentence talks about “small but meaningful” steps towards green living. These steps are specific actions that individuals can take. Hence, C is the correct choice.

13 C

Remark: The context suggests replacing old appliances with energy-efficient ones. This action implies a change or substitution, so “switching” is the appropriate option.

14 A

Remark: The sentence discusses controlling the quantity or volume of energy used. Therefore, “amount” is the correct answer.

15 D

Remark: The sentence suggests people switch to LED bulbs, which last longer than traditional ones. The word “last” implies a longer lifespan or duration, so D is the suitable option.

16 B

Remark: The sentence suggests that eco-friendly habits will lead to economic gains. Therefore, “create” is the appropriate choice to show how these habits will be healthier for us and our families.

17 C

Remark: Growing your own garden allows your family to have direct access to fresh and nutritious food and saves money on groceries. All of these are the benefits one can get from doing the activity. The correct answer is C.

18 B

Remark: The sentence concludes that we need to make the initial efforts to start green living. These efforts may reduce pollution and protect our natural resources for the future. Therefore, answer B is correct.

Part 3

19 C

Remark: The context suggests that Chong is a talented individual who specializes in desserts. The sentence, “*Desserts? I have enough knowledge to make very good ones,*” from lines 4-5, supports option C.

20 C

Remark: The text mentions that the café serves everything edible, which is a unique feature that sets it apart from others, as mentioned in lines 9-10, “*... everything you see on the plate can be consumed.*” Therefore, the answer is C.

21 **D**

Remark: The phrase “... the best decision we made” is likely referring to their decision to open the café on the first floor above a bookshop, as stated in line 18. The answer is D.

22 **A**

Remark: The partners were worried about giving the wrong impression to the customers. The answer can be supported in lines 19-22, “*We don’t have anything on display because everything’s prepared to order and takes a while to be served. If we were on the ground floor and people looked in and saw nothing, they’d definitely get the wrong idea about our café.*” A is correct.

23 **B**

Remark: The text suggests that the partners have limited the amount spent on wages, as stated in lines 23-24, “*They are there all the time and this has helped to reduce the need for extra hands besides minimising the operational expenses.*” B is the right answer.

24 **B**

Remark: They are in no rush to expand the café because they’ve allowed it time to grow. In line 36, Johan also added that they agreed that they would just go with the flow. Hence, option B is the most accurate.

25 **A**

Remark: The partners felt overwhelmed due to the demands of running the café, especially in the early stages, where introducing new items to the menu once a month was too much to keep up. Eventually, they only offer a new item every three to four months to avoid burnout. The answer can be supported from lines 41-42.

26 **B**

Remark: The final paragraph suggests that the partners will be maintaining their speciality and putting going online on hold as they can only focus on their physical customers. Therefore, B is correct.

Part 4

27 F

30 A

28 D

31 B

29 H

32 G

Part 5

33 A

37 bookings

34 F

38 paperless

35 C

39 recommendations

36 E

40 itineraries

Part 1

Question 1

To:	lily@email.com
Subject:	Working part-time

Hi Lily,

I think working as a cashier at a bookshop would be more suitable for you since you love reading and being around books. It would be less tiring compared to standing as a promoter all day, and you'd get to interact with people who share similar interests.

As for me, I intend to take a short trip and enjoy some quality time with my family during the holidays. I might also look for a part-time job to gain working experience.

Take care!

Your sincerely,
Harisa

Part 2

Question 2

Advertisements play a significant role in influencing people's purchasing decisions. Among the many advertisements I have seen, one of the most interesting is the one for the Samsung Galaxy Smartphone. This advertisement stood out the most because of its creativity, colourful visuals and engaging storyline.

It starts by showing the phone in various real-life situations, capturing its sleek design and innovative features. Then, it progresses towards how Samsung demonstrates the camera's quality through vibrant images of nature, travel, and everyday moments. The upbeat background music and energetic tone made it even more captivating.

Advertisements can be a powerful tool in persuading people to buy certain products. They often highlight the best features to convince the audience that they need to have the product. For example, some advertisements use an emotional approach to make people feel that buying the product will improve or upgrade their lives in some way.

In conclusion, advertisements not only entertain but also influence our choices. A creative and attractive advertisement can capture our attention and make us think about buying something we never thought we needed, emphasising the significant impact of advertisements in influencing consumer behaviour.

Part 3

Question 3

James was walking along the beach when he tripped over a strange black object. It was an unremarkable-looking stone at first glance, but upon closer inspection, it emitted a faint, eerie red glow. The object was roughly oval, smooth but unnervingly cold to the touch. Intrigued and somewhat apprehensive, James decided to take it home, unaware that this innocuous artefact would soon upend his life in ways he could never have imagined.

The moment James brought the object into his home, peculiar things began to happen. His normally tranquil house was then plagued with unsettling occurrences: lights flickered erratically, shadows danced on the walls, and an inexplicable chill permeated the air. The object seemed to be the epicentre of these disturbances, plunging James into a maelstrom of supernatural chaos. His once-peaceful life was now a battleground of inexplicable phenomena that defied rational explanation.

Desperate to rid himself of the object, James embarked on a series of increasingly desperate measures. He tried to bury it, hoping that the earth would absorb its malevolent influence, but the next morning, it reappeared in his living room as if mocking his efforts. He even sought the help of a local historian, who suggested that the object might be an ancient relic imbued with dark energies. Each attempt to destroy it—whether by fire, water, or force—was met with abject failure; the object remained impervious, unscathed, and ever-present.

James's attempts only led to further complications. The stress and fear began to erode his relationships and his mental well-being. Friends and family grew concerned about his erratic behaviour, and soon, he found himself increasingly isolated. The object seemed to exert a psychological grip, feeding on his anxiety and paranoia, making every solution he pursued feel like a futile endeavour. His home, once a sanctuary, had transformed into a place of torment and unease.

Ultimately, it was only when James accepted the object as a part of his life that he began to find some semblance of peace. He learned to coexist with its presence, incorporating it into a strange, new routine. While the supernatural disturbances persisted, they became less disruptive over time. The object remained an enigma, but James had come to terms with its influence, learning to navigate the chaos it had wrought and finding a way to rebuild his life amidst the lingering shadows of his unwelcome discovery.

Question 4

A Memorable Photograph By, Aravindan Nambiar

Among the countless photographs I have taken throughout my life, a picture of my family, captured on a summer evening at the beach during our holiday in Langkawi, stands out as truly unforgettable. It perfectly encapsulates the joy and togetherness we felt that day. Every time I look at it, I am transported back to that serene and blissful moment.

The picture was taken in June last year, right as the sun was setting, casting a golden hue over the calm waters. In the background, you can see the gentle waves crashing onto the shore while the sky is painted with shades of orange, pink, and purple. My family and I are all smiling, standing close together, our feet buried in the warm sand. It was a simple, yet extraordinary moment, one that we cherish deeply.

What makes this photograph particularly special is not just the beautiful scenery, but also the emotions it evokes. It was the first time in years that we managed to go on a holiday together. Life had kept us busy, but that day, we ignored our worries and enjoyed each other's company. The laughter, the stories we shared, and the peaceful sound of the waves made it a perfect day.

Looking back at the photograph, I am reminded of the warmth of the sun on my skin, the feeling of complete contentment, the sound of the ocean and the smell of the salty sea breeze. The image holds the power to reignite those emotions, making me feel as though I am standing on that beach once again.

In conclusion, this photograph is more than just an image; it is a portal to a precious memory. It captures a moment of pure happiness and serves as a reminder of the importance of spending time with loved ones. It is a memory I will always hold dear, and I am grateful to have it preserved in such a beautiful way.

Question 5

To Madam Gomez Alfonso, Teacher Advisor of SMK Star Intellect Environmental Club
From Nila Elan, Secretary of SMK Star Intellect Environmental Club
Subject Report on Reducing Plastic Use in School

Introduction

The pervasive utilization of plastics has become an increasingly pressing issue within our school environment. Excessive plastic use jeopardizes the ecological integrity of our surroundings and contributes to broader environmental degradation. This report delineates the adverse effects of plastic on our school grounds, proffers practical measures students can adopt to mitigate plastic use, and elucidates methods for engaging the local community in this crucial endeavour.

Impact of Excessive Plastic Use

The rampant use of plastics within our school has precipitated several detrimental consequences. Plastics, known for their non-biodegradable nature, accumulate in the environment and exacerbate pollution. This accumulation has led to unsightly littering around the campus, with plastic debris frequently found in gardens, playgrounds, and water bodies. The waste not only mars the aesthetic appeal of our surroundings but also poses a risk to local wildlife, which may ingest or become entangled in plastic materials. Furthermore, the persistence of plastic waste can lead to long-term environmental harm, impeding the natural processes of decomposition and nutrient cycling.

Recommendations for Students

Students can implement several proactive strategies to counteract the adverse effects of plastic waste. Firstly, adopting reusable alternatives to single-use plastics is paramount. Students should be encouraged to utilize reusable water bottles, food containers, and shopping bags to reduce their reliance on disposable plastic items. Raising awareness about the importance of recycling through educational campaigns and other school events such as “Plastic-Free Days” or “Waste Reduction Challenges” could galvanize students to actively participate in reducing plastic consumption. These events can foster a culture of environmental responsibility and encourage students to adopt more sustainable practices in their daily lives.

Community Involvement.

Engaging the local community is essential to amplifying the impact of plastic reduction efforts. Schools can collaborate with local businesses and organizations to sponsor educational workshops and seminars on plastic waste management. Schools can access additional resources and expertise to bolster their initiatives by forging partnerships with these entities. Furthermore, community clean-up drives need to be organized to address plastic pollution in the school vicinity and raise awareness about the importance of collective action in environmental conservation. Lastly, schools should advocate for the implementation of local policies aimed at reducing plastic use by working with local government authorities and environmental groups. Schools can contribute to the formulation of regulations that promote sustainable practices and reduce plastic consumption on a broader scale.

Conclusion

The excessive use of plastics poses a significant threat to the environmental quality of our school and its surroundings. Through these measures, reusable alternatives, enhancing recycling efforts, and engaging in community-based initiatives may lead to mitigating plastic waste. It is possible to foster a more sustainable and environmentally conscious school environment through collective action and collaboration with the local community.

PAPER 1

Part 1

1 A

Remark: A is correct because it is mentioned in lines 4-5, *"I like repairing electronic devices and things such as bicycles and mobile phones."*

2 B

Remark: B is the most accurate answer as a wage of RM100 is given based on the working hours, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m.

3 C

Remark: The answer is C because Nick and Sue Ann said, *"We can also wish all our friends and family members."*

4 B

Remark: AAA Company deals with health products as stated in line 4, *"... contributed their hygiene kits to these victims"*. Therefore, B is correct.

5 B

Remark: B is accurate as mentioned in lines 1-2, *"Thousands of flights had to be cancelled and schools were forced to close as a huge snowstorm hit the eastern coast of the United States."*

6 B

Remark: The correct answer is B because it is mentioned in line 2, *"Two teams will be up against each other at the State Auditorium."*

7 A

Remark: A is true as the lunch set includes chicken, which vegetarians don't eat.

8 C

Remark: C is right based on lines 3-4, *"It's my step-sisters who always scold us. I've no idea why they love scolding us. My siblings and I have never done anything wrong."*

Part 2

9 A

Remark: This question tests student's knowledge of prepositions of place, which in this context, the passage is talking about elephants in Africa. Therefore, "in" is the most accurate answer as the preposition refers to a territory.

10 B

Remark: This question tests on a choice of words. B is correct as "causes" means things that create an action or incident.

11 C

Remark: This question tests a choice of question words. C is true because the group of researchers is trying to monitor the population of African elephants. Therefore, "where" is the correct term to use to locate a person, animal or object.

12 B

Remark: This question tests on conjunctive adverbs. B is correct because "However" is used to show contrasts between the two main points.

13 A

Remark: "Hampered" is correct as it means to prevent something from happening. Based on the passage, the aerial surveyors' jobs can be tiring due to the poor visibility.

14 A

Remark: A is an accurate answer because it enhances the use of satellite monitoring.

15 A

Remark: A is correct because satellite monitoring won't be disturbing the animals. Therefore, "fear" is the most suitable word to be used.

16 C

Remark: The correct verb to be used in this sentence is "taken" as it talks about captured images. Therefore, the answer is C.

17 B

Remark: This question tests the use of verb. B is accurate because "identify" means to recognise a being – the calves.

18 D

Remark: "Need" is correct as it refers to situations that are in dire need of a necessary duty. The answer is D.

Part 3

19 C

Remark: C is correct because in paragraph 1, Kino woke up and turned to see his wife, Juana, who was lying next to him and his sleeping baby in the hanging box. Juana also woke up to make breakfast for Kino.

20 A

Remark: Answer A is correct, as stated in lines 9-10, "*That was the only breakfast he had ever known outside of feast days.*"

21 D

Remark: When Kino saw the scorpion approaching Coyotito's hanging box, he realised that danger might strike upon his baby. Therefore, D is correct.

22 B

Remark: In paragraph 5, it was evident that Juana had a change of character because of Coyotito's condition. It is mentioned in line 26, "... *she was like a strong man.*" The answer is B.

23 D

Remark: D is correct because he refused to treat and heal Coyotito because of his race.

24 C

Remark: The answer is C because Juana mentioned that the poison would kill babies, as stated in lines 23-24.

25 A

Remark: Kino is portrayed as a devoted father and a loving husband because he brought Coyotito to the doctor, and admired his wife's character. The correct answer is A.

26 A

Remark: "Good versus evil" aptly describes the main theme of Chapter 1 of "The Pearl" as Kino and his family had to face the evil of the scorpion and the doctor. In this chapter, Kino and his family are good characters.

Part 4

27 G

28 B

29 D

30 F

31 H

32 A

Part 5

- 33 D
- 34 A
- 35 C
- 36 B
- 37 discount
- 38 budget
- 39 regret
- 40 worth

PAPER 2

Part 1

Question 1

To :	adriankuah@email.com
Subject:	Save Our Environment
Hi Adrian,	
Thanks for your e-mail. I'm doing fine. Doing something for our environment is a good thing. I'm thinking of creating awareness among youths on the importance of a clean environment. Since you are a talented artist and we're computer savvy, why don't we set up a blog? In this blog, we talk about the effects of not protecting our environment in a graphic form, such as comic strips. We can also write about ways to protect our environment. I would also suggest we do a question and answer for our audience. At least they can voice out their opinions or ask questions in the comment section. What do you think?	
Bye!	
Ahmad	

Part 2

Question 2

Which is better, traditional family or extended family?

I always believe that an extended family is much better. Having an extended family in the house to look after the children is a blessing. The parents could concentrate on their work without worrying about their children and house safety. In addition, there will be extra income coming from a working mother in the family. In the event of any emergency, the extended family is always at hand to help out. It is more fun to have more people in the house.

On the flip side, there will always be disagreements concerning parenting matters. Most people would say privacy is their main priority. They don't want to have many people meddling in their personal life. They want to live peacefully only with their spouse and children. They prefer to meet their extended family every once in a while rather than having them in their house all the time.

I agree that living with an extended family could cause tension and stress, but this unnecessary tension can be avoided by setting rules. For instance, both parties need to compromise and set a limit. It is to ensure that neither party will cross the boundaries. I do think that living with an extended family is a wonderful resource for a family, but I still believe that it is much better than a traditional family. When certain matters are ironed out at the beginning and limits are set, they can live happily without issues.

Part 3

Question 3

Tioman Island – An Island Paradise

A tropical island nestled in the state of Pahang, Tioman Island not only draws the attention of nature lovers but also those who seek tranquillity. The gorgeous coral reefs, the clear water, the sun-kissed sand, the blue skies, and the lush, magnificent tropical rainforests are all here for you to see. The island promises the perfect escape from the ever-bustling city life.

For adventurous travellers, there is a hike to Asah Waterfall. Hike through the pristine jungle from Kampung Mukut. On the way to the waterfall, take in the stunning landscape of flora and fauna. Look for Paya Beach, a great place to relax after a long walk. Jungle trekking is a popular activity on this island. Trekking routes on the island cater to the needs of everyone who prefers either the easy strolls or the heart-pumping uphill hikes.

The water sports at Tioman Island are not to-be-missed as well. Salang is one of the best snorkelling places here. You can swim out to Coral Island to observe a myriad of underwater life, such as the graceful turtles and back-tip reef sharks.

Albeit the island's remote location, it offers an abundance of duty-free goods to bring home. In Kampung Tekek, shoppers can shop for cheap chocolates and cookware. Besides being a holiday destination, Tioman Island is also a food paradise. Patrons are spoilt for choices at Riverside Café where cheap and tasty burgers and Malay and Thai dishes are available to tantalise your taste buds. Indulge in the fresh and exotic seafood served in the café, too.

Bask in the panoramic vista of the island and enjoy its exquisite beauty. Whether you are looking for an adventurous getaway or a laid-back vacation, the island has it all.

Question 4

The Dying Man's Wish

“The Dying Man's Wish” is a story written by an anonymous local writer. It is a straightforward, heart-wrenching tale.

It is a story about a doctor attending to his patient, a pitiful elderly man in his seventies. The man has a stroke, and his heart is weak. The doctor often notices this melancholic soul gazing out of the window into the distance. He seems lost in his thoughts. He had always wanted to find out more to help him whenever he looks at the patient wiping his tears away.

Day by day, the man's condition deteriorates. One day, the man opens up to the doctor, telling him his wife passed away after delivering his only daughter. When his daughter was about twenty, she stormed out of the house when he did not approve of her marriage.

The man knows he won't live long, so he gives the doctor his daughter's number. His only wish was to meet his daughter.

The doctor is happy to help. He leaves the man to make the call. When he returns, the man passes out. The medical team tries to resuscitate him, but all attempts are in vain. The doctor prays very fervently, telling the man to hold a while longer for his daughter's arrival. That very minute, a lady rushes into the ward. It is the man's daughter. She staggers into the room and sobs with intense pain.

I'd highly recommend this book to my friends and readers of any age, as it teaches you valuable life lessons and a father-daughter relationship.

Question 5

A Person I Admire

Mrs Soon charged into the classroom like a bull into the ring, scattering her students who had loitered in front of the class to the safety of their seats. She threw open the class register and dug into her handbag for her pen. Sensitive to the danger in the air, the Form 5 Accounts II class settled quickly into a motionless silence.

Mrs Soon started her lesson. With a click here and there, the screen in front transformed into a scene about the Japanese attack on our country. The class was soon engaged in an interesting history lesson. We were interested to know what happened during the Japanese Occupation. It was an enlightening lesson, as we were allowed to air

our views.

Our class is well-known for its notorious acts at school—truancy, bullying, laziness, and heaps of other disciplinary problems. Credit should be given to Mrs Soon to bring the class to their senses. Recalling the past, if it had not been for Mrs Soon, I would be among the trash by now. I was most down when my parents got into a divorce. I was a crook among the gangsters in school. When Mrs Soon came to know about it, she sought me out. She saved me from being expelled from school and being sent to a reform school.

I owe so much to Mrs Soon, my teacher, the person I admire most. She's a rare gem and a saviour to rescue the weak and the desolate.

PAPER 3

Phase 1

(Suggested answers)

Main questions

Candidate A: My name is ... / I am ...
I live in ...

Candidate B: My name is ... / I am ...
I come to school by ...

Phase 2

(Suggested answers)

Main questions

Candidate A: I always have *nasi lemak* for breakfast.
I always run on weekends.
I usually have lunch at the school canteen.
I will help with the dishes during weekends.

Candidate B: My favourite breakfast is peanut butter on toast.
I exercise every evening.
Yes, I do. I always have lunch at home.
Yes, I always wash my own plates.

Talk about the qualities of good leaders in school

Candidate A: For me, a leader has to cultivate these three major elements; emotional intelligence, vision and judgment. Emotional intelligence refers to the ability to control and be aware of your emotions and others around you. A good leader must show empathy, make responsible choices, maintain rapport and motivate. The second is visionary. Leaders need to know what their vision is; to shape future generations, create a positive change, or strive for excellence. Finally, a leader must have good judgment. They need to be wise, impartial and empathetic.

Do you think you can be a good leader?

Candidate B: I think to become a good leader requires problem-solving and social skills. These two qualities are important because if you are facing conflicts, be it at school or home, you need to think reasonably and act wisely. You need to find solutions to problems fast. Apart from that, having an excellent social skill set enables you to interact with your followers more effectively and to accept constructive criticism. Therefore, based on these traits, I am confident I can be a good leader.

Talk about your sleeping habit

Candidate B: My sleeping habits are avoiding screen time for at least 30 minutes, avoiding sugary or caffeinated drinks, and sleeping in the dark. I try to follow these sleeping habits every day, and I woke up feeling refreshed. I also sleep for a minimum of eight hours each night so I can concentrate better in class throughout the day. Drinking sugary drinks is unhealthy as it disrupts our ability to sleep. In addition, sleeping in the dark helps me to fall asleep much faster as opposed to having a small dim light.

What do you always do before going to bed?

Candidate A: As for me, before I go to bed, I will turn on the air conditioner to make my room cooler. I find it very comforting as I am able to sleep better and faster. I will also read a book for at least half an hour as it helps me to relax and de-stress. I have recently started doing yoga to make sure I achieve that healthy sleeping habit. I will meditate for 10 minutes and turn off my ringtone to avoid getting disturbed.

How you can have a good relationship with people

Candidate A: Having a good relationship with people is a bonus. You need to have good manners to maintain the relationship between you and others. Say phrases like “Thank you”, “I’m sorry”, or “Please” to show how much you appreciate them. When you meet people, leave the negativity behind and only focus on the good things. Be active listeners, empathetic and respect others’ views.

Candidate B: I agree. I would also like to add how honesty is vital in every relationship. Let them know how much you value their feedback and criticism so they will feel comfortable to share with you. Also, be supportive towards one another by offering motivation and help to those in need.

Best way to have a good relationship with people

Candidate A: From my point of view, the best way to have a good relationship with people is by being respectful. You need to respect people’s opinions, and if you don’t, try to reason with them in ways that are acceptable and not offensive. Treat others like how you want to be treated.

Candidate B: Correct. I couldn’t agree more. I also think being respectful doesn’t necessarily mean in terms of views and opinions; it includes gender, religion, race and individuality. Listen to others and try to be compassionate as often as you can.

How might the presence of electronic devices create challenges for maintaining strong family relationships?

Candidate A: The issue with electronic devices is that it encourages virtual interaction rather than face-to-face. The presence of these devices alters every form of communication, from sharing problems to family time and learning values. When the parents are too absorbed in the virtual world, the children will lack affection and trust as they do not engage physically. Nowadays, family argues by text messaging—they no longer want to speak or confront about it. These will cause family divides.

Candidate B: True. The challenges come from two sides; the children and the parents. Sometimes it is important to switch off the electronics occasionally when spending time with family. That is the only time when we can share stories, ask for views or play games with each other. When technology takes control of our daily situations, the household will lack strong relationships, and parents will lose the opportunity to cultivate their children with good traits and life lessons.

PAPER 4**Part 1**

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

Part 2

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

Part 3

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

Part 4

- 21 love
- 22 emotions
- 23 embarked
- 24 guidance
- 25 orchestras
- 26 captivates
- 27 classical
- 28 dedicated
- 29 important
- 30 audience