

Part 1**Questions 1 to 8**

Read the text carefully in each question. Choose the best answer **A, B** or **C**. For each question, mark the correct answer **A, B** or **C** on your answer sheet.

Hey Mom,

I hope you're doing well! Lately, I've been feeling a bit disconnected, like we're both orbiting in our own digital worlds. I know you're always on your laptop, deep in your work, but I miss our offline moments together. It feels like we're plugged into everything except each other. I'd love to catch up, maybe step away from the screens and reconnect when you have a moment. Let's catch up soon.

Kramer

1. From the message, we know that Kramer
 - A. wants to be more involved with his mother
 - B. has problem connecting his mother's laptop
 - C. has a mother who is unemployed

Notice: Walking Campaign

Dear Students,

We are excited to announce our upcoming Walking Campaign aimed at promoting health, wellness, and community engagement!

Event Details:

- **Start Date:** 1st October 2024
- **Duration:** 1 Month

How to Participate:

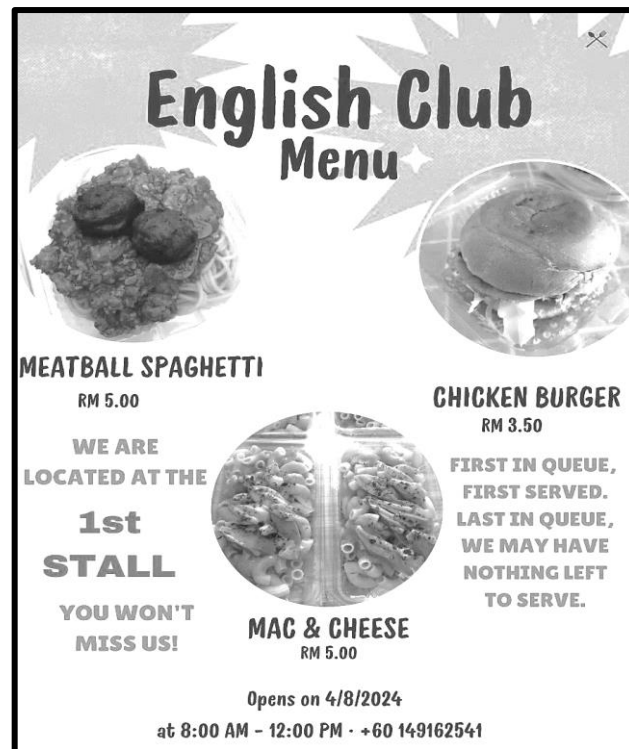
1. Track your daily steps using a pedometer or smartphone application
2. Share your progress with friends and family.

Incentives: Participants will have the chance to win exciting prizes for reaching milestones!

For more information, please contact Mr Azam.

Happy Walking!

2. What is the purpose of the notice?
 - A. To encourage the students to be healthy
 - B. To educate the students on the importance of walking
 - C. To inform the students about the Walking Campaign that will start soon



3. The poster tells us that
- A. the English Club members have their own restaurant
 - B. customers are encouraged to come as early as possible
 - C. the stall is opened for the whole day

Be A Wise Shopper

By Amir Safwan

Do you consider yourself to be a wise shopper? In order to be labelled as a wise shopper, you must not be influenced by advertisements in the mass media such as the television, radio, newspapers and magazines.

Advertisements, in fact, can be very misleading and consumers are often tricked into buying products they don't even need.

Therefore, as a wise shopper, you should make a list of necessary items you wish to buy before going shopping. By doing so, you can discipline yourself to focus on buying the items that you need only.

4. From this text, we know that we should
- A. watch advertisements before we go shopping
 - B. be mindful when deciding what to buy
 - C. depend on mass media to help us be a wise shopper

Subject: Need Help with My Laptop

Hey Jerry,

I hope you're doing well! I'm having some issues with my laptop and could really use your help. It's been acting up lately, and I'm not sure what to do.

If you have some time, could we meet up or chat? I'd appreciate any advice you can give!

Thanks a lot!

Best,

Elaine.

5. Based on the email, we know that
- A. Jerry loves to act
 - B. Elaine wants to hang out with Jerry
 - C. Jerry is a tech-savvy person



6. Based on the above social media post, which of the following statement is true?
- A. Larry sells canned food to the flood victim
 - B. Leela is asking Dina for blanket to help people
 - C. Dina wants to help the people affected by the natural disaster

Local Community Garden Flourishes Amidst Urban Development

Ipoh, July 15, 2024 – In the heart of downtown Ipoh, a community garden is thriving, providing fresh produce and a sense of community amidst the rapid urban development. Established two years ago by local residents, the garden has become a gathering place for families, schools, and gardening enthusiasts.

With the support of local businesses and volunteers, the garden has expanded to include a variety of fruits, vegetables, and flowers, all grown sustainably. “It’s not just about growing food; it’s about growing relationships,” said garden coordinator, Winnie Tan.

7. Why is the Ipoh community garden important to the locals?
- A. To provide another option for fresh produce and strengthen relationships
 - B. To serve as a commercial space for local businesses
 - C. To host urban development meetings

Join Us for the Annual Community Dance Competition!

- ☐ **Date:** Saturday, June 15, 2024
- ☐ **Time:** 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- ☐ **Location:** Labis Community Centre

Showcase your talent and passion for dance!

All styles welcome: Hip-Hop, Ballet, Contemporary, and more!

Prizes for the top performers!

- 1st Place: RM500
- 2nd Place: RM300
- 3rd Place: RM200

Registration Fee: RM20 per dancer

Deadline to Register: June 1, 2024

For More Information & Registration:

Call us at (+60) 123-4567 or visit our website at www.labisdance.com

Don’t miss out on a night of fun, talent, and community spirit! Bring your friends and family to cheer you on!

8. Based on the advertisement, it can be implied that
- A. There is no limitation on the type of dance that the participants want to choose
 - B. The latest date for the participants to register is on Saturday, June 15, 2024
 - C. The participants must register through the website link given.

Part 2

Questions 9 to 18 are based on the following passage.

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

Smartphone Addiction

There is an increasing concern about the growing cases of nomophobia, which is the fear (0) _____ being without a mobile phone.

Nomophobia which (9) _____ short for ‘no mobile phone’ phobia has become a psychological issue among Malaysians. Furthermore, the constant use of mobile phone could (10) _____ to addiction, stress, anxiety and depression. World Health Organisation has (11) _____ it as a mental disorder alongside bipolar disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder and schizophrenia.

The primary (12) _____ of nomophobia is the unlimited and unsupervised use of mobile phones and social media, especially among youth and children because they spend substantial hours each day on the internet and social media.

According to experts, to (13) _____ nomophobia, parents must take necessary step such as to always check the browsing history and ensure children understand the consequences of unhealthy internet use. Nomophobia affects all aspects of relationships as nomophobic individuals spend too much time on their phones and have limited (14) _____ with others.

Parents must be the person that they want their children to be. Parents can also (15) _____ regular offline activities with children. For example, take their children outdoors but also engage with them through indoor activities to (16) _____ them from becoming nomophobia.

A ‘Digital Detox’ is encouraged for parents which is by (17) _____ themselves from using smartphones, tablets and computers for a time. It is to maintain mental (18) _____ physical health. Digital Detoxing from digital devices presents a healthy way to focus on real life social interactions.

Adapted from The Sun August 2024

0	A at	B on	☒ C of	D in
9	A is	B are	C was	D were
10	A cause	B contribute	C lead	D result
11	A called	B classified	C considered	D branded
12	A reason	B factor	C excuse	D cause
13	A cope with	B help with	C deal with	D side with
14	A connections	B relations	C interactions	D communications
15	A make	B create	C produce	D generate
16	A prevent	B avoid	C prohibit	D forbid
17	A avoiding	B refraining	C rejecting	D abandoning
18	A and	B but	C because	D or

Part 3

You are going to read an extract from a story. For questions **19 to 26**, choose the correct answer (**A, B, C or D**) and mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

	Life as a Youtuber	
	By Nicola Prentis	
1	Do weird, funny or interesting things happen to you a lot? Are you good at telling stories? Can you imagine hundreds of thousands of people wanting to hear about your life?	
2	That's what life is like for YouTube star, Jessii Vee. Her videos of funny stories about herself, and 'Creepy Neighbourhood', have been watched over 150 million times, and subscribers to her channel grow every day. In just a month after I first found Jessii's YouTube channel, she had gained over 8,000 new subscribers. And a video that's only been on her channel for five days had already been watched	
3	169,000 times.	
	With these kinds of numbers, you might think Jessii is an international star. But she's just a regular 23-year-old living in Ontario, Canada, with a talent for turning her life into her work, six days a week. 'My days change depending on if it's the beginning of the week or the end,' says Jessii. 'Typically, I'll spend the whole day Sunday thinking of ideas and researching for videos that I want to film that week. Then, come Monday, I'll wake up bright and early to start filming. Usually, a video will take just over an hour to film, and I try to film around five, so it takes up most of my day. Then, from Tuesday to Friday, I'm usually editing them.'	
4	Being a YouTuber isn't just about making videos. Jessii also spends a few hours a week replying to messages from her subscribers. Sometimes she meets fans in person because, since passing 700,000 subscribers, she gets recognized when she goes out. 'It's so funny because I can meet subscribers anywhere and everywhere,' she says. 'The other day I went to buy coffee and a girl was serving me who almost dropped my coffee when she realized it was me. She left the coffee shop to meet me in the parking lot to take pictures. It always makes me happy to see them greet me with a huge smile.'	
5	Online life isn't all wonderful and Jessii used to feel bad when people said negative things about her. 'Some people online are so quick to write hate comments,' she explains. Some people said that she has huge cheeks and really thin lips. It made her feel bad until she found strength inside herself. 'I realized that the things people were hating on were things about myself that I couldn't change. So, I decided to love those things and became more confident in myself. Now, she just laughs when she	



	sees a hate comment. ‘I know that they are from people who don’t feel good about themselves and I know that I have way more supporters than haters.’	
6	So, for anyone who wants to start a YouTube channel, Jessii has some advice. ‘Be yourself. If you hate wearing make-up, don’t wear any when you film! Don’t change to impress people. They will fall in love with YOU! If you look back at my old videos, I seem uncomfortable because I’m not being myself. But when you look at the videos I make now, you can see that I’m completely myself. I’m crazy and weird, and I don’t care what people think.’	
7	There are some other things to think about before starting a YouTube channel. It’s a good idea to think about privacy and safety. You don’t need to show your face or real name and you shouldn’t tell people where you live, for example. One of the most famous YouTubers, DanTDM, a 26-year-old English man, began his YouTube career playing ‘Minecraft’ and telling stories about the characters in the game, but he didn’t show his face at first.	
8	By starting their careers with a YouTube channel, some of the most famous YouTube stars have written books, been on TV, and toured the world doing live shows. DanTDM went on a tour of America, Australia, and the UK in 2017. Tickets sold out in minutes, with no advertising except Dan talking about the tour on YouTube. It’s not surprising if you think that Dan’s YouTube videos have been watched almost 11 billion times. Films and TV can’t even begin to compare with numbers as high as this. (Adapted from https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/study-break/reading-zone/b2-graded-reading/life-youtuber-b2)	

19. In paragraph 2, what type of content is Jessii Vee known for on her YouTube channel?
 - a) Music videos
 - b) Gaming videos
 - c) Make-up tutorials
 - d) Her personal life
20. In paragraph 3, what takes up most of Jessii Vee’s time according to her schedule?
 - a) Filming all videos in one day
 - b) Meeting fans in person regularly
 - c) Replying to every single comment
 - d) Editing videos for the rest of the week
21. What role does audience interaction play in Jessii Vee’s success according to the text?
 - a) It is a minor part of her success.
 - b) It distracts her from creating videos.
 - c) It is more important than content creation.
 - d) It is a significant factor in building her community.

22. Considering Jessii Vee's experience, how might a YouTuber's interaction with fans affect their channel's growth?
- a) It has little to no effect on growth.
 - b) Interaction with fans may distract from content creation.
 - c) Negative interactions are necessary to maintain authenticity.
 - d) Positive interaction with fans can significantly boost growth.
23. In paragraph 5, Jessii Vee talked about her past and present approach to dealing with hate comments. What does this reveal about her personal growth?
- a) She became indifferent to all feedback.
 - b) She used the criticism to improve her content.
 - c) She shifted from insecurity to self-confidence.
 - d) She decided to stop reading comments altogether.
24. In paragraph 6, which word conveys the meaning of *'to make someone admire or respect you'*?
- a) impress
 - b) care
 - c) hate
 - d) love
25. What advice does Jessii give to people who want to start a YouTube channel?
- a) Focus on trending topics to gain popularity quickly
 - b) Don't change who you are to impress others
 - c) Always wear make-up to look good on camera
 - d) Avoid making videos about personal stories
26. Which of the following is **true** about the effectiveness of using YouTube as a career platform compared to traditional media.
- a) YouTube is more effective for content creators in reaching global audiences.
 - b) YouTube is less effective due to the limited audience reach.
 - c) Traditional media is better for long-term career stability.
 - d) Both are equally effective depending on the content.

PART 4**Questions 27 – 32**

You are going to read an article about *self-driving cars*. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from sentences **A to H** the one which fits each gap (27 to 32). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Mark your answers on *the separate answer sheet*

Self-Driving Cars Hit the Road

Are we any closer to a future where autonomous vehicles will drive us to our destinations? While the often-imagined scenario of a city full of self-driving cars transporting people around seamlessly is not quite here yet, it may not be too far off in the future.

Autonomous vehicles are set to shape the future of driving. 27. ☐ Prepare yourself for this future, learn more about the technology and the implications of self-driving automobiles as something strange is happening to our relationship with cars.

What are autonomous vehicles? It is actually just another name for self-driving or driverless vehicles. 28. ☐ It works by using a suite of sensors, cameras, radars and artificial intelligence or AI to ‘see’ and ‘sense’ what is around it, while computer software helps the car navigate and avoid collisions.

Self-driving cars are already in our midst. In fact, some mass-produced cars on the road right now already boast some level of autonomy, such as parking assist and traffic jam pilot. For instance, Singapore has been working on self-driving vehicles since 2010 when the Singapore-MIT Alliance for Research and Technology, or SMART, tested self-driving golf buggies on the National University of Singapore campus. In 2016, Asia’s first fully operational self-driving vehicle was put to service at Gardens by the Bay. 29. ☐

Elsewhere in Asia, South Korea plans to have self-driving cars on sale by 2020.

30. ☐ In China, the internet giant, Baidu, has been given the green light to test its autonomous cars in Beijing.

The implications of self-driving cars are clear: A 2011 study by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) shared that a driverless system could cut passenger vehicles by two-thirds in Singapore. 31. ☐ The space used for parking can then be converted to green lungs, such as parks or play areas for children.

However, safety continues to be a big concern when it comes to autonomous vehicles. 32. ☐ Even though the sensors had detected the pedestrian, the car’s software did not launch evasive action. As the technology is being refined, policies and regulations will also need to be debated and updated, tackling such questions as who is culpable when an autonomous vehicle is involved in an accident.

Adapted from: *Reader’s Digest*

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| A A year on, the city state launched its first autonomous vehicle test centre. | E Simply put, the vehicle can guide or navigate by itself without a human driver. |
| B Experts and analysts are making predictions that up to 15 percent of new vehicles sold by 20230 could be fully autonomous. | F Earlier this year, one of the Uber's self-driving test cars hit and killed a pedestrian. |
| C A reduction in cars will lead to less congestion and air pollution. | G As technology matures, virtual reality experiences will let vehicle occupants leverage their real-world location and surroundings to achieve enhanced productivity and leisure. |
| D Beyond safety, there are the factors of comfort and convenience to consider. | H Japan too, has the ambitious plan running a self-driving vehicle force when it hosts the Olympics that same year. |

Part 5**Questions 33 to 40**

We interviewed six teenagers about their views on the use of E-wallet. Read the text and answer the questions that follow.

E-wallet Usage in Malaysia	
A – Shafiq, 26 years old	I like e-wallet because I can make payments from different accounts in one e-wallet rather than carrying multiple cards in my purse. It is a hassle to carry all the bank cards in the purse.
B – Citra, 23 years old	I prefer the rewards offered by e-wallet providers such as instant cashback, reward points or even daily or weekly challenges for bigger rewards. I can earn two percent of what I spend with gift cards and a free membership.
C – Omar, 34 years old	I can boost customer loyalty to products I sell as e-wallet offers personalised marketing and discount coupons. Customers want to use e-wallet for non-payment passes like loyalty cards, event ticket mobile payment and most importantly discount coupons.
D – Linda, 25 years old	I like e-wallet as it has cheaper transaction fees compared to credit cards. Normally, merchant discount rate is approximately 0.5 to 3 percent of every transaction made by customers. This helps to increase my profits and cut down on the cost of operations.
E – Sabiano, 20 years old	I appreciate using an e-wallet since it provides several apps and tools that can help me analyse my spending habits and hence improve my budgeting. When you use cash, it is more challenging to monitor your expenditure.
F – Yee Hao Ran, 19 years old	I favour e-wallet because transactions are often more secure and can be tracked more accurately as they are digitally encrypted. Thus, fraud is less likely to happen even if your phone is stolen.

Questions 33 to 36

Which paragraph (A-F) describes the views on e-wallet usage in Malaysia?

Statements	Paragraph
33. It offers safe financial transactions.	_____
34. It gives rewards for spending.	_____
35. It reveals your spending habit.	_____
36. It reduces operational cost.	_____

Questions 37 to 40

Using words from the text, complete the summary below. Choose **no more than one word** from the passage for each answer.

Benefits of E-Wallets

It was reported that more than half of Malaysians now regularly use cashless payments or known as e-wallets. It is safe to use e-wallets for online (37) _____ as they are usually encrypted, and some providers even offer (38) _____ from the points that we earn when using their service. Another perk of e-wallets is that it can cultivate good financial (39) _____ as it helps to keep track of daily spending. As for the providers, they can tailor their marketing strategies to ensure customers' (40) _____ while lowering operational cost.