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*This question paper consists of **FIVE parts** with **40** questions. Read the instructions at every part carefully and then answer all questions.*

Part 1

Questions 1-8

*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.*

**KING'S COURT
CARAVAN PARK**

Just a 5-minute walk from the beach, King's Court Caravan Park is perfect for families. Kids will love its adventure - themed playground with monkey bars, climbing walls as well as a heated pool with slides and a wave machine. Entertainers perform twice a week. For parents, there's a hot tub and a cafe. A babysitting service is also available in the evenings.



1. Which of the following statements is true about the park?
- A. There is a babysitting service throughout the day.
 - B. The adventure playground is ideal for children.
 - C. It is quite a distance from the beach.

RM 25 Haircuts

Hi! I'm a beginner barber currently practicing on my own. I'm pursuing my dream and looking to gain more experience while working towards obtaining my hairdressing license. Cutting at a low price of RM 25, if you're not satisfied with the outcome, your haircuts will be FREE. Appointments only! Feel free to follow me on my Instagram account to see my recent work.



2. The advertisement tells us that
- A. the haircuts are less than RM 25.
 - B. customers must book a session beforehand.
 - C. there will be no charges if haircut is satisfactory.



3. Which of the following tips is correct?
- A. You need to get the dog's permission before entering the property.
 - B. You need to get the owner's permission before entering the property.
 - C. You need to warn the owner about the dog before entering the property.

Crime Prevention Talk

Venue : Taman Mutiara Community Hall
Date : 27 November 2024
Time : 9.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

Let's get together to talk about crime prevention and reduce opportunities for robbers to commit crime in your home. Tips to protect yourself against scammers at your door, online and on your phone will be given. Register early as seats are limited.

4. Which of the following is true ?
- A. The talk will be held for two hours.
 - B. Participants are required to register online.
 - C. Participants need to bring along their phones.

PETALING JAYA, Feb 5 – Malaysian food vlogger Che Nom, who is known for her recipes of Malay dishes, has obtained a YouTube creator award. She was awarded The Gold Play Button as a recognition for reaching one million subscribers. The self-taught home cook, whose real name is Che Norma, announced the achievement on Facebook yesterday.

“Thank you for all your support.” wrote the social media star who started vlogging as a hobby.

Malay dishes are generally complicated to make, but viewers love the fact that her step-by-step videos are easy to follow.

5. The news article shows that Che Nom
- A. is famous for sharing simple recipes.
 - B. has received an award for her cooking videos.
 - C. did not receive professional training in cooking.

Dear Mum,

I hope you're doing well. I wanted to let you know that I'll be staying late at school today to work on a group project with Jake. I also wanted to discuss university applications with you. Can we talk about it after dinner? Let's skip watching "The Lion King" tonight. Looking forward to seeing you.

**Love,
Emilia**

6. What does Emilia suggest they do instead of watching "The Lion King" tonight?
- A. Go out for dinner.
 - B. Discuss university applications.
 - C. Work on a group project.

UNCHARTED

Uncharted is an action-adventure video game published by Sony Interactive Entertainment and developed by Naughty Dog. Created by Amy Hennig, the Uncharted follows a group of treasure hunters who travel across the world to uncover various historical mysteries. The series features historical fiction, elements of fantasy and folklore, and fictional characters alongside real-world historical figures and events.

7. The followings are **true** about the *Uncharted*, except
- A. Naughty Dog is the character in the game.
 - B. Uncharted is a history - based video game.
 - C. some of the events in the series are based on actual incidents.

THIEVES CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Seremban, Mon. – A series of school break-ins and thefts came to an end when two students were caught in the act last night.

Two fifteen-year-old boys were caught by the school security guard trying to climb over the school fence with some stolen goods. The boys had two laptops and some cash with them. The lock of the staffroom was broken and the place ransacked.

8. The boys were caught in the act while
- A. trying to run away.
 - B. ransacking the staff room.
 - C. trying to break into the staff room .

Part 2

Questions 9 – 18

Read the text below and choose the **best** word for each space. For each question, mark the correct letter **A, B, C** or **D** on your answer sheet.

Bodyguards

There have been many movies, novels and web series which have been (0) centred around bodyguards. More often than not, these are high-packed action flicks though some may (9) _____ romance too. But what exactly does a bodyguard do? Well, obviously the first job of a bodyguard is to make sure that no harm comes to his or her client.

Her? Yes, today many bodyguards are women because they are more inconspicuous, and many attackers do not think they are a threat. In fact, because other parts of the (10) _____ are more important than physical strength, women make very good bodyguards.

Most bodyguards have military backgrounds and others come from government agencies which have the job of protecting (11) _____ politicians. These days some private companies offer training for bodyguards.

Bodyguards do not have any special privileges under the law. They are only allowed to carry guns or other weapons in very (12) _____ circumstances. And if they injure or kill anybody (13) _____ the course of their work, they will have the same problems with the police as any other person would have.

People need bodyguards for different reasons. Celebrities are (14) _____ in danger of attacks from haters, and need protection as do some politicians with controversial reputations. Finally, wealthy people (15) _____ bodyguards for their children to avoid the risk of kidnapping.

The job of the bodyguard is to get between the client and an attacker. (16) _____ a good bodyguard will try to prevent that by changing the client's routine and security to make attacks less likely.

It is not a popular career option. Many bodyguards get injured at work, but most injuries are (17) _____. Serious attacks on a person's life are infrequent, and the biggest problem a bodyguard faces is to (18) _____ constantly alert. Having a client harmed because of inattention is a great disgrace for a bodyguard.

0. A. centres
B. centring
C. centred
D. centre
9. A. involve
B. consist
C. contain
D. imply
10. A. role
B. business
C. job
D. task
11. A. loud
B. significant
C. principal
D. important
12. A. special
B. distinct
C. particular
D. exclusive
13. A. on
B. in
C. at
D. of
14. A. rarely
B. seldom
C. often
D. frequently
15. A. rent
B. hire
C. charter
D. keep
16. A. Though
B. Moreover
C. Although
D. However
17. A. minor
B. major
C. serious
D. trivial
18. A. feel
B. maintain
C. remain
D. become

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.

- 1 After a dozen steps, I began to feel myself sinking into the soft sand. I tried to jump free, but I began to sink deeper. "Oh no! What is happening?" I began to feel frightened and panicky. In seconds, it was up to my knees. I couldn't do anything now. I tried to get up and free myself, but it seemed to get worse. I suddenly realised that I was sinking into quicksand!
- 2 I was shocked. There was nothing on the beach to suggest that it was soft or dangerous. Old fishermen knew very well that the swirling of river or tidal current sometimes dig out empty holes or hollows that are filled with soft sediments like sand. They are believed to have a big appetite, for they have swallowed fishermen, horses and carts, motorbikes, and even dump trucks. But I don't believe that. What I know is that you don't sink in quicksand until you are almost covered up. Humans and animals typically float in water, so if you are standing upright, the furthest you will sink in the quicksand is waist deep. If the quicksand is near a river or coastal area, you can still drown the old-fashioned way when the tide comes in, but you won't choke with a mouthful of sand or mud.

I had also read long ago that farmers who got stuck in quicksand while rounding sheep would spreadeagle, that is, lying with arms and legs spread out. This is to spread your weight so you would not sink immediately. But with the sand up to my thighs, I knew it was too late to work out. "My God, I'm being swallowed," I thought. "The sand is eating me alive!"

3 Yelling for help seemed hopeless. Nobody would hear me. There was no one around. If they were, they would be miles away. Almost in a panic state, I started to imagine myself being choked to death as my nose and throat were filled with sand. I had lost hope. "I'll disappear and nobody will ever know what happened to me."

4 Perhaps if I remained very still, I might delay the slow death. Help might even arrive before it was too late. But I continued to sink; now above my knees, then another centimetre and another. I tried to hold my breath. I then tried to wriggle my toes, but my feet seemed stiff like concrete. Only when the sand climbed to my waist did I stop sinking. Although my body was still motionless, my brain was spinning. And suddenly, I had a frightening thought. "Where is the tide? When will it come in again?"

5 I remembered that the tide was going out when I reached the beach, which meant it wouldn't be back for another nine or ten hours. "I've got a chance after all!" I told myself with relief. Surely, help would come within the next few hours. Or would it? I told myself to remain positive and pray for the best.

6 I still must do something and not just wait for help which might never come. I didn't like the idea of drowning or being swallowed alive. I began to scoop away the sand around my waist. But as fast as I dug, the sand came back into place. After an hour, my fingers were numb and sore, my legs were raging with cramps. I stopped digging.

7 Then I heard a roar like a waterfall. Moments later, there was a downpour. Soaked in seconds, I buried my face in my hands and bowed my head. Trapped in the jaws of sand, there was nothing more I could do.

8 At the first break of dawn, I shouted again for help. I was tired and weak as I became more hopeless. I was worried about the incoming tide. For nine hours, I had been struggling in the sand, motionless, cold and hungry. I tried humming to keep my body warm. There was not a soul to be seen. Still, I kept on shouting and shouting until I lost my voice. What else could I do? I learnt later that my shouting could be heard two miles away.

- 19 In paragraph 2, why are the 'hollows' described as having a big appetite?
- A They do not stop eating.
 - B Nothing can float on them.
 - C They are forever hollow inside.
 - D They eat anything that comes along.

- 20 In paragraph 3, why didn't the writer 'spredaeagle' to delay sinking?
- A He was sinking gradually.
 - B His legs got stuck in the sand.
 - C He was already buried up to his knees.
 - D The quicksand was too soft for him to do so.
- 21 In paragraph 3, the writer did not cry out for help because
- A he was deeply buried.
 - B he was choked by the sand.
 - C he was very far out of hearing.
 - D his voice was drowned by the wind.
- 22 In paragraph 4, when did the sinking stop?
- A When he remained still
 - B When the tide subsided
 - C When he was half buried
 - D When the quicksand stopped shifting
- 23 In paragraph 4, why did the writer have a frightening thought ?
- A Night would approach soon.
 - B No help seemed to be coming.
 - C It would be too cold for him to survive.
 - D The tide would be coming in to drown him.
- 24 What evidence is there to show that the 'frightening thought' gave way to a feeling of comfort?
- A The tide was still subsiding.
 - B A very bad storm had struck.
 - C Help would come when dawn struck.
 - D The tide would take nine hours to come in.
- 25 In paragraph 7, what is the effect of scooping away the sand?
- A His fingers became sore.
 - B His legs became cramp.
 - C He was buried deeper into the quicksand.
 - D What he scooped away was quickly filled up.
- 26 Which of the following best summarizes the last paragraph?
- A Facing a sure death
 - B Praying for a miracle
 - C Calling for help repeatedly
 - D A cry that will not be heard

Part 4

Questions 27 to 32

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

Mona Fandey

Maznah Ismail, popularly known as Mona Fandey, was a pop singer, witch doctor and a murderer . 27 .

She began her career as a pop singer but was lured by spiritual witchcraft activities. 28 . One such aspiring politician was Mazlan Idris, who wanted to boost his political career using the services of Mona Fandey. Together with her husband, Mohd Nor Affandi Abdul Rahman, and her assistant, Juraimi Hassan, Mona Fandey agreed to help Mazlan. She offered him a strong talisman consisting of a cane and a special headgear, which supposedly belonged to the former Indonesian President, Sukarno. She claimed that the talisman would make him 'invincible'. 29 . Mazlan made a deposit of RM500 000 cash and 10 land titles as surety for the remaining RM2 million.

In order to acquire the talisman, Mazlan had to undergo a cleansing ritual by Mona Fandey. 30 . She then placed flowers all around him. Mazlan was told to close his eyes. 31 . Then, they dismembered his body into 18 parts and buried them in a storeroom in her house in Pahang. This fateful day was 18 July 1993.

After receiving the money, she went on a luxury shopping spree. She bought a Mercedes Benz and had a facelift. However, the police found Mazlan's remains in her house. The trio were arrested on 22 July 1993. 32 . On 2 November 2001, all three of them were hung in the Kajang Prison after their plea for pardon or clemency was rejected by the Pardons Board of Pahang.

- A** However, the talisman came with a huge price of RM2.5 million.
- B** He was asked to lie on the floor with his face facing the ceiling.
- C** They went on trial and were found guilty, and sentenced to death by hanging.
- D** It was then that her assistant, Juraimi, chopped Mazlan's head off using an axe.
- E** Mazlan was reported missing on 2 July 1993 after withdrawing RM 300 000 from a bank.
- F** She 'helped' her clients, especially politicians, to gain success via charms and talismans.
- G** All three of them appealed to the Federal Court in 1999 and their appeals were dismissed.
- H** She was hung on 2 November 2002 after being convicted of murdering a politician, Mazlan Idris, in 1993.

Part 5

Questions 33 to 40

Below is a list of food and beverage shops that might attract shop-goers. Read the texts below and answer the questions that follow.

SHOPS THAT MIGHT ATTRACT YOU

A – ALWAYS FRESH MARKET

We only sell fresh vegetables and fruits here. There is always something for everyone. Imported vegetables and fruits are sold at reasonable prices. You can get variety of vegetables and fruits that only grow during certain seasons all year round at your friendly market!

B - CHALICE PASTRY AND CAKE SHOP

We sell milk as well as different kinds of bread, cookies, pastries and cakes. Only organic wheat, rye, and barley are used as the ingredients. We also stock fresh goat and cow milk as well as cheese made from these ingredients. Vegetarian cakes are available upon request. They can be completely egg-free and sugar-free. Orders accepted with one-week prior notice.

C - CUPPA SHOP

We are open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily, selling freshly brewed coffee and tea, breakfast meals, newspapers, magazines, bread, soft drinks, and snacks. Prices are reasonable and you can also have your breakfast at our outlet which is equipped with a television and radio for your convenience. Grab your healthy breakfast at 6-11 while catching up with the latest news.

D – VENUS COFFEE

Not a Day Without Coffee is our catchy tagline. We are the number one coffee brand in Malaysia, where our signature coffee is none other than the delicious, iced mocha. Not to leave behind, the worth-to-drink chocolate milk with lively notes of Brazilian cocoa and vanilla. Don't worry, prices are affordable and it's worth to buy more than a cup.

E- ESPRESSO STOP

Whether you're searching for something new to warm your mug, seeking the best brewing method for your favourite blend or exploring our unique offerings, you've come to the right place. From K-Cup pods to Premium Instant, we offer a wide selection of coffee to fill your cup. Taste Guatemala, Antigua and Ethiopia coffee, the most extraordinary coffees we're proud to offer. Our friendly baristas are here to help you with the selections. Just ask.

F- GREEN PLANET

At our drink shop, we specialize in a variety of organic beverages, including soft drinks, sodas, and health-focused options like kombucha, coconut water and fresh vegetable and fruit juices. We offer both imported and local varieties, all free from additives and preservatives. Visit us Tuesday to Sunday for exclusively organic drinks.

Questions 33 to 36

Which paragraph (A - F) is the best fit for the following individuals?
Mark your answers on **the separate answer sheet**.

Statements	Paragraph
33. Jordan loves to try something new. He likes the exotic taste of coffee, rarely found in Malaysia.	_____
34. Guo Shun enjoys eating vegetables that are grown in cold climates.	_____
35. Thila often chooses a breakfast spot where he can catch the morning news while sipping his favourite drink.	_____
36. May's family steers clear of artificial colours and flavourings in their drinks.	_____

Questions 37 to 40

Using words from the text, complete the summary below. Choose no more than one word for each blank. Choose no more than one word from the passage for each answer. Mark your answers on **the separate answer sheet**.

All about Coffee

Coffee may be part of a **37.** _____ meal, but there's no denying it pairs well with desserts too. When buying coffee, it is always good to try a café's **38.** _____ coffee with a doughnut or tiramisu, the coffee-layered Italian cake. Some cafes even offer **39.** _____ ingredients for those who have some concerns with what they consume. Well, if you are not sure what drink to have, you can always ask your **40.** _____ barista!

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