

Part 1

Questions 1 to 8 are based on the given stimuli.

Study the information carefully and choose the **best** answer **A**, **B** or **C**.

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

MELAKA: Zoo Melaka is calling on the public to name its new male Malayan panther cub, born on February 24th. This initiative aims to boost awareness of local wildlife conservation and the zoo's successful breeding program for animals in its care for this endangered species. The cub is currently under the close supervision of the zoo's veterinary and keeper teams, alongside its mother.

Adapted from NST.com.my

- 1 According to the text, the zoo is
- A supervising all endangered species in Melaka.
 - B raising awareness of their animal breeding programme.
 - C inviting people's participation to name a newborn panther.

Ever wonder how we know how old an ancient bone or a piece of wood is? That's where carbon dating comes in! Everything living has carbon-14, a natural clock. While something is alive, it keeps taking in fresh carbon. By measuring how much is left, we can tell its age – even thousands of years. The less carbon-14 there is, the longer it has been since something died.



- 2 From the excerpt, what do we know about carbon-14?
- A It is absorbed by living things.
 - B It is used in the making of clocks.
 - C It is built up for a long period of time.

MAYA

Hey, what's school like for teens in Japan?

Wow, so different from here! Do they hang out much?

Sounds fun but still tough!

DEAN

My cousin there starts super early and has clubs after. Not much free time.

Less than us, they study a lot. They have some school events as well, like sports festivals and cultural fairs. Weekends are for friends, maybe arcade games.

3 Based on the conversation, we know that

- A Maya's conclusion is in favour of student life in Japan.
- B Dean's cousin begins school with club activities.
- C Japanese teens enjoy company on weekends.

Run for Tapirs 2025 is something I value. I'll never forget that morning gathering with other excited runners. The run aimed to highlight habitat destruction affecting tapirs. What really stuck with me was how it promoted people and nature living together. This means a lot to me that it's more than just a run, it was a strong message for saving wildlife!



Joan, Smiling Runner

4 What does Joan feel most strongly about the run?

- A that it excites her when runners came together
- B that it sends a clear idea about caring for animals
- C that it encourages harmony between people and nature

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5 What does the advertisement say about Spark?

- A It becomes your personal project manager.
- B It guarantees you personalized features.
- C It helps you with friendships.

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6 Which of the following is true about the museum?

- A The building has been upgraded with a new screen.
- B Learning takes place through digital tours.
- C It houses ancient structures.

Sometimes muscles move if you're a bit tired, or if you haven't had enough water, or if you've been playing a lot. It's almost always totally normal and nothing to worry about! Another common thing with this muscle problem is muscle cramps. Muscle twitches can point to bigger things, so seeing a doctor is maybe a good call.

- 7 According to the extract, the movement of muscles
- A can be a sign of more serious issues.
 - B is telling you to stop your physical activities.
 - C has affected body parts with muscle cramping.

Thirteen-year-old Faizan from Allen, Texas, is the 2025 Scripps national spelling bee champion! His winning word was 'éclaircissement,' a French term meaning clarification. Faizan first competed at age seven in 2019 and qualified again in 2023. The following year, he narrowly missed the top spot, coming in second after a tiebreaker. But this year, he proudly took home both the trophy and the cash prize.

Adapted from Reader's Digest

- 8 The following statements are true, **except**
- A Faizan's 2024 performance involved a loss in a tiebreaker.
 - B Faizan has participated in the competition multiple times.
 - C Faizan won the competition in his second attempt.

Part 2

Questions 9 to 18 are based on the following passage.

Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer A, B, C or D to fill each blank. For each question, mark your answer on the answer sheet.

Beyond Borders

If you are (0) _____ what an ambassador does, imagine this:

When your parents send you to your grandma's house, and (9) _____ they are not there, you still speak for the family. You are on your best behaviour, sharing what your family has been up to, and bringing back stories from grandma's. Well, an ambassador is kind of like that, but on a (10) _____ important, international level.

So, an ambassador is your country's (11) _____ in another nation. Their role is to act as the (12) _____ voice for their home country. They attend events, give speeches, and promote positive relations.

A major part of their work (13) _____ managing relationships between countries. Being in charge of discussions and disagreements between countries, they try to find solutions that (14) _____ everyone involved. Think of them as people who help two sides talk and agree on a fair solution, (15) _____ to prevent problems and build understanding.

Ambassadors gather information too. They learn about important developments in the host country, which are (16) _____ back to their own government. At the same time, they share details about their own country's culture, economy, and achievements.

Finally, they offer support to (17) _____ from their home country who are currently abroad. If someone loses their passport or needs help in an emergency, the embassy, (18) _____ by the ambassador, is the place to go. Overall, an ambassador plays a key role in communication, problem-solving, and cultural exchange between nations.

- 0 A asking
 B thinking
 C wondering
 D considering
- 9 A once
 B since
 C while
 D though
- 10 A truly
 B closely
 C directly
 D typically
- 11 A agent
 B manager
 C spokesman
 D representative
- 12 A national
 B political
 C official
 D formal
- 13 A covers
 B handles
 C involves
 D concerns
- 14 A support
 B benefit
 C serve
 D help
- 15 A seeking
 B looking
 C hoping
 D aiming
- 16 A informed
 B reported
 C written
 D sent
- 17 A citizens
 B travellers
 C residents
 D foreigners
- 18 A headed
 B directed
 C operated
 D controlled

Part 3

Questions 19 to 26 are based on the following passage.

Read the passage carefully and choose the **best answer A, B, C or D**.
For each question, mark your answer on the answer sheet.

Bill Sumiel was having a tough Friday. It was October 2020, and the 71-year-old, who was dealing with kidney failure and had been on dialysis for a few years, found himself at a Vascular centre 30 miles from home for the second time in 24 hours. The day before, his brother had driven him to the Vascular Institute in Vineland, New Jersey, where he had undergone a routine procedure to clear a blockage in his dialysis access port, but unexpectedly, it became clogged again later that night.

Bill was no stranger to the struggles of kidney disease. He had been diagnosed with diabetes more than 20 years earlier, which led to his kidney problems. He was on the transplant list, but no matches had yet appeared. So, he continued with his treatments, including the periodic port that had failed this time. Without a ride for Friday's second trip, Bill took an Uber to and from his appointment.

Timothy Letts, 31, was driving north to visit a friend when his phone pinged with a request for Bill's ride home. The trip was out of Tim's way. Still, he accepted the fare, thinking the passenger might need help since he was coming from a medical facility. When Bill got into the car, Tim noticed that the older man was **lethargic** but cheerful. As they set out on the 40-minute drive to Bill's home in Salem, they began chatting.

Tim said that Bill lit up the car with positive energy. He told Bill he was a proud Army veteran. Bill, who worked in sales at a company that made piping, said he had once enjoyed volunteering at church and in his community and had even served as president of the city council. But now, the dialysis treatments left him too exhausted to do much. Then Bill mentioned that he was searching for a kidney donor. Tim joked that he might be a good donor since he didn't drink or smoke. The man agreed but didn't take the comment seriously. However, Tim couldn't stop thinking about it. He believed in helping others, and donating a kidney was something that had always been on his mind and now, he already

liked and respected Bill. About a quarter mile from Bill's house, Tim said he would like to see if he could be a match to give Bill a kidney.

Bill recalled, chuckling, that he was shocked. He was shaking so much he could hardly write his name when they exchanged contact information. When he got home, he excitedly told his wife that the Uber driver had just offered him his kidney. After the excitement wore off, Bill felt less sure. He was touched by Tim's offer, but he wondered if it was just said in the moment. Would he hear from him again? And what were the chances they would be a match?

But Tim kept his promise. He got in touch with Bill just a few hours later. By the next week, he had contacted the kidney transplant program. After a long **screening** process—including an interview, sharing medical records, meeting a donor advocate, and medical testing—doctors confirmed that Tim was an ideal donor and a perfect match for Bill. On December 7, 2021, 14 months after they met randomly in an Uber, both men underwent their surgeries. The transplant was a success. Today, Bill is doing well, working full-time from home, and spending time with his family—no more dialysis. Tim later moved to Germany to work with the Army's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation department as a civilian. He and Bill still keep in touch and look forward to meeting again someday. Bill is especially excited. He often says that living donors are special people.

Adapted from Reader's Digest

- 19 From paragraph 1, why did Bill have to return to the vascular centre the day after his first visit?
- A The procedure had to be postponed later that night.
 - B The follow-up visit was required for a different medical concern.
 - C The first treatment was successful, but the port re-clogged again.
 - D He returned to adjust the dialysis port settings after an incomplete session.

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- 20 What was the underlying cause of Bill's kidney failure?
- A Unattended appointments
 - B Long-term effects of diabetes
 - C Unsuccessful transplant surgery
 - D No continuous treatment for diabetics
- 21 The word "*lethargic*" in line 15 means
- A tired.
 - B sleepy.
 - C drowsy.
 - D confused.
- 22 What does Tim's decision to accept the ride suggest about his personality?
- A He wants a higher fare since it comes from a medical facility.
 - B He usually acts quickly when something unexpected arises.
 - C He chooses to support others even when it is inconvenient.
 - D He changes his plans to accommodate his work schedule.
- 23 Bill's past involvement in his community reveals that he
- A preferred focusing on his career rather than helping others.
 - B rarely took part in local events due to a hectic work schedule.
 - C had once been active but reduced his efforts due to tiredness
 - D avoided volunteering as he was busy managing the city council.
- 24 Why did Tim offer to donate his kidney to Bill?
- A He saw it as an opportunity to help someone admirable in society.
 - B He wanted to support medical advancement while doing a good deed.
 - C He believed helping someone in need aligned with his personal values.
 - D He was influenced by the emotional conversation and made a spontaneous offer

- 25 In line 34, "*screening*" can best be replaced with
- A operation.
 - B assessment.
 - C consultation.
 - D appointment.
- 26 Which title best captures the main idea of the story?
- A From stranger to saviour
 - B Acceptance or patience
 - C The Uber ride home
 - D Foe to friend

Part 4

Questions 27 to 32

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

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Puteri Saadong and the Journey of Sacrifice

In the rich historical landscape of Kelantan, one name stands out as a symbol of grace, wisdom, and sacrifice—Puteri Saadong. She was the daughter of Raja Loyor of Jembal and the adopted heir of the legendary queen, Che Siti Wan Kembang. Raised within the royal court, she was well-educated in state affairs, traditional healing, and the arts. Upon reaching maturity, she married Raja Abdullah and ascended as queen. 27

Under their rule, Kelantan flourished economically and culturally. 28 Viewing Kelantan as a potential threat, the Siamese king demanded regular tribute as a sign of submission. Raja Abdullah, confident in his sovereignty, refused to comply. This defiance provoked the Siamese kingdom, which responded by launching a military campaign against Kelantan, eventually capturing Raja Abdullah in the conflict.

Faced with the potential collapse of her kingdom and the imprisonment of her husband, Puteri Saadong made a profoundly courageous decision. 29 Her decision was not born of fear but of strategic foresight. She recognised that personal sacrifice might prevent greater suffering and preserve the dignity of Kelantan. The Siamese king welcomed her, captivated by her intelligence and composure.

During her time in the Siamese palace, Puteri Saadong remained composed and principled. 30 As fate would have it, the Siamese king fell gravely ill. His physicians failed to restore his health, and the court fell into despair. Puteri Saadong, skilled in traditional Malay medicine, offered her assistance. Applying her knowledge with care and precision, she gradually nursed the king back to health. His recovery not only reaffirmed her status but also softened his stance toward Kelantan.

Grateful for her compassion and intellect, the Siamese king granted her freedom and permitted her to return home. Upon her arrival in Kelantan, she resumed her duties with quiet strength. 31 She continued to rule from Kota Jelasin, focusing on rebuilding and maintaining peace. Her return symbolised not only the resilience of her spirit but also the endurance of her people.

In the later years of her life, Puteri Saadong withdrew from active rule and sought spiritual retreat. She relocated to Bukit Marak, a place where she offered healing and counsel to the local community. Eventually, she journeyed to Gunung Ayam, a sacred mountain associated with mysticism and seclusion. It is said that she disappeared there, leaving no trace. 32.

Today, Puteri Saadong is remembered not only as a historical figure but also as a cultural icon. Her life illustrates the complexity of leadership, the strength of personal conviction and the depth of love for one's homeland. From the halls of Kota Jelasin to the quiet slopes of Gunung Ayam, her journey reflects the enduring values of sacrifice, wisdom and national pride. Her story continues to inspire generations, reminding us that true leadership is often defined not by power, but by selflessness and courage in the face of adversity.

Adapted from New Strait Times

- A She neither surrendered her values nor forgot her responsibilities to her homeland.
- B She willingly handed over Kota Jelasin to the Siamese as a peace offering.
- C Its growing independence and influence, however, attracted the attention of the powerful Siamese empire.
- D Her mysterious departure added to her legacy, blending history with legend and elevating her to an almost mythical status.
- E Together, they governed from Kota Jelasin, a fortified city that became the political heart of Kelantan.
- F Raja Abdullah led a secret rebellion that rescued Puteri Saadong from Ayutthaya.
- G To protect her people and negotiate peace, she agreed to accompany the Siamese forces back to Ayutthaya.
- H Though much had changed during her absence, her leadership remained firm.

Part 5

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

Movie Reviews: Lessons Beyond the Screen

A. James on *Rocky*

Rocky is a classic sports drama about an underdog boxer who gets an unexpected shot at a world title. What moves me most isn't the boxing, but Rocky's heart and hard work. He isn't the best fighter, but his dedication and grit earn him respect. It shows that you don't need to win to be a true champion, sometimes, pushing yourself beyond limits is what truly defines your growth.

B. Rafael on *The Blind Side*

Based on a true story, *The Blind Side* follows a homeless teen, Michael Oher, who's taken in by a caring family and later becomes a professional football player. This movie reminded me how life-changing it can be when someone has faith in your potential. The kindness and support from one person gave Michael a chance to succeed. It's a powerful story about opportunity, empathy and how faith can change lives.

C. Daniel on *Slumdog Millionaire*

Set in the slums of Mumbai, *Slumdog Millionaire* tells the story of a poor boy who competes on a quiz show and surprises everyone with his answers. What inspires me most is how every hardship in his life becomes a tool to survive and eventually winning the show. It makes me realize that even the most painful moments might prepare us for something greater if we choose to learn and keep going.

D. Sarah on *The Pursuit of Happyness*

Based on a true story, this film follows Chris Gardner, a struggling single father who faces homelessness while pursuing his dream of becoming a stockbroker. The story showed how powerful quiet perseverance can be. Chris never gave up even when everything fell apart. He kept going with patience, love for his son, and hope. It's a touching reminder that persistence, even no one knows can lead to success.

E. Alsha on *Hidden Figures*

Hidden Figures touched me deeply. It's about brilliant Black women who overcame discrimination to help launch NASA into space. I felt proud and motivated watching Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson break barriers. It reminded me that no dream is too big and no system too strong if we dare to persist. This film is powerful for anyone striving to be seen and valued.

F. Mei Ling on *Life of Pi*

Life of Pi is a spiritual and emotional journey. The visuals are stunning, but what really gets to me was the message even in the darkest times, faith, courage and storytelling can keep us going. Pi's resilience against all odds, alone at sea with a tiger is a metaphor for life's unpredictable trials. It made me reflect on my own strength and beliefs. It's beautiful and inspiring.

Questions 33 to 36
Using the information given, which text (A to F) describes the following views on Movie Reviews. For each question, mark your answer on the answer sheet.

	Statement	Paragraph
33	Success often begins with silent determination.	_____
34	Believing in someone can transform their future.	_____
35	Hard work often matters more than natural talent.	_____
36	Struggles can shape a person's endurance and wisdom.	_____

Questions 37 to 40
Using the words from the texts, complete the passage below.
Choose **no more than one word** for each blank.
Write your answer on the answer sheet

Movies as a Tool for Language Learning

Watching movies can be an enjoyable and practical way to improve language proficiency. Films present authentic language, emotional expression and cultural situations that enhance learning naturally. Viewers often feel 37 by powerful characters or inspiring messages that connect with real life. By watching characters grow and make choices, learners begin to 38 on their own values and experiences. Stories of personal 39 can uplift and encourage perseverance. When characters gain 40 through effort and determination from others, viewers understand important values while building vocabulary and listening skills. Movies offer a rich and memorable experience that supports meaningful language learning.

ANSWER SHEET FOR PAPER 1

QUESTION 1-36 -

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

QUESTION 37-40 -

Write your answers on the blank space provided.

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2 (A) (B) (C)

3 (A) (B) (C)

4 (A) (B) (C)

5 (A) (B) (C)

6 (A) (B) (C)

7 (A) (B) (C)

8 (A) (B) (C)

9 (A) (B) (C) (D)

10 (A) (B) (C) (D)

11 (A) (B) (C) (D)

12 (A) (B) (C) (D)

13 (A) (B) (C) (D)

14 (A) (B) (C) (D)

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