

Question Bank 1

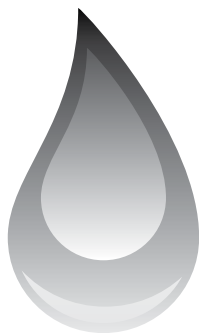
READING

Part 1: Short Texts

Practice 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.



#Each donor will be given food vouchers and a 'goody' bag.

*From Malaysians to Malaysians
Let's give someone a gift of life now
as others may save you later.*

BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

(Every healthy individual is invited)

Place: TL Hypermarket

Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Date: 16th-17th Sept. 2023

(Saturday and Sunday)

Or

Kulim Hospital (Outpatient Department)

18th-22nd Sept. 2023

Time: 8.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.

(Monday to Friday)

Organised by

Kedah Red Crescent Society/Health Ministry

With the cooperation of

TL Hypermarket & Sera Fried Chicken

1. Which statement is true about the poster?

- A** Blood donors get free gifts.
- B** Volunteers must be from Kulim
- C** Blood donation can be fun.



There are many benefits of reading and the four stated below are among them.

- It reduces stress and helps to calm you. Being engrossed in a book will allow your mind and body to relax.
- It builds up vocabulary and strengthens your writing abilities. A good book gives exposure to new words that readers can use to improve their language and their writing skills.
- It increases your knowledge. You can learn new things by reading different types of books.
- It boosts your imagination and creativity. Reading opens a new window into a new world that can stimulate your brain to develop more ideas and opportunities.

2. Which of the following is true about reading?

- A You forget valuable experience.
- B You get many good friends.
- C You gain extra information.

Heavy rains Created Disaster

NILAI, Mon. - Some residents in Taman Sri Nilai were rudely awoken in the early morning by the loud sound of an avalanche of trees, earth and rocks coming down a hill behind their terrace houses. The landslide was believed to be caused by heavy rains during the night. It was fortunate that there is a concrete wall separating the hill and the residential area. However, the landslide has blocked the only access road so none of the residents can leave their homes unless they are willing to walk for more than 3km to the nearest shophouses.

Although no one was reported missing or injured, a few cars that had been parked near the hill were half-buried under the rubbles. As the area where the landslide occurred is still considered unsafe, workers from the Public Works Department have been rushed there to build a temporary road for the residents to commute.

3. The main content of the news is

- A to announce that the area is unsafe to stay.
- B to inform people about the unexpected incident.
- C to tell residents that they cannot go anywhere.

The way a person behaves affects people surrounding him or her. Being polite will make others like you if compared to rude actions. However, good personality traits are rarely observed among the young people nowadays. Politeness enables one to make a lasting, positive impression on those around you. Being gracious, kind, and courteous are some of the good traits that one should adopt.

So, saying 'Please' and 'Thank you' will make a person feels good and appreciated. Greeting people with a smile and a hello can provide the assurance that people can feel comfortable around you. Using harsh and rude words even if you are joking can offend other people. Hence, think and choose your words carefully as not to hurt a lot of people.

4. Which of the following is true?

- A Good manners and attitude make people happy.
- B People feel more comfortable if they can talk.
- C Rude words are meant for jokes.

- Have you seen unusual plate numbers on some vehicles when you travel on the highways?
- Some numbers can be rather interesting!
- There are plate numbers such as "BAMbee" and "SUKOM" instead of the usual alphabets representing states in the country. During the launch of the national car, certain number of cars have "Proton" on the registration plate numbers.
- These vanity plate numbers are usually created in conjunction of events such as the "XIII NAM" for the Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement and the "1M4U" (One Malaysia for Youth). Those special numbers are approved by the Road Transport Department but most of them require bidding in order for a person to own one. A usual registration number may cost RM 200 but trying to get a special number can reach as high as hundreds of thousands and even millions. If one can afford it, why not?

5. Which statement is true?

- A The cost of unique plate numbers is fixed at RM200.
- B People can bid for exclusive plate numbers for their cars.
- C Special plate numbers are not for sale to the public.



Yati	I wonder why these people just cannot do these things. They should've learned this habit at an early age!
Raffi	What are you talking about?
Yati	Ever read about dirty restaurants and small factories instructed to be closed? Don't the people feel guilty preparing food under such circumstances, for others to consume?
Raffi	I know what you mean. It's also the same situation when some landlords find the condition of the house when their tenants just moved out. It seemed that they can live among rubbish and clutter surrounding them!

6. What is the habit that Yati and Raffi have been talking about?

- A** To be correct and guiltless. **C** To be neat and hardworking.
B To be clean and hygienic.

 <p>Drink plain water not soft drinks</p>	 <p>Reduce what you eat, avoid obesity</p>	 <p>Eat healthy snacks</p>
<p align="center">Be healthy and save money!</p>		
 <p>Get enough sleep</p>	 <p>Do physical exercises</p>	 <p>Eat more home-cooked meals and less fast food/ restaurant food</p>

7. Which of the following is true?

- A** Eating at a restaurant is a preferred choice.
B It is important to eat food in large quantity.
C Living healthily can help to reduce your expenses.

When it comes to footwear, good-quality running shoes are essential gear for both amateur and professional athletes. We are well-known as the most popular athletic footwear brand in the world. Raz Y-Float shoes are made with premium materials and engineered to offer maximum comfort, support and performance. The shoes provide extreme protection, expert cushioning and flexibility which make them an excellent choice for any runner who demands performance and quality. These high-performance running shoes are also designed to be stylish and light as well as to offer good balance and alignment with every stride.

8. The advertisement promotes
- A a famous brand of running shoes.
 - B old athletic footwear for amateur and professional.
 - C running as a choice to gain good balance.

Practice ②

Questions 1-8 are based on the given stimuli. Study the information carefully and choose the **best** answer.

In Malaysia, the most threatening natural disaster is floods, which can occur quite frequently. Landslides and strong winds can sometimes happen but the risk of having earthquakes is very low. However, the Meteorological Department has been equipped with a warning system. When necessary, the public will get information that heavy rain, strong winds or a high water level may be expected at a particular location and time. The warning being issued should persuade people to take appropriate actions in preparation for the coming disaster.

1. Which of the following is true about natural disaster in Malaysia?
- A Flood is the only natural disaster that occurs in the country.
 - B Earthquakes, landslides and strong winds will never happen.
 - C Besides floods, other natural disasters seldom happen here.

Check your body temperature every day! If it is more than 37. 5°C, just stay at home. It'll be more embarrassing if you are denied entry into any premises you go to.

2. The purpose of the notice is
- A to remind sick people that they should not go out.
 - B to inform people to stay at home.
 - C to tell people to check their body temperature.



THE T-SHIRT IS YOURS FOR FREE!*

*with purchases of RM150.00 or more in a single receipt

*valid on the day of the purchases

It can also be yours for RM30.00!

Get details from the customer service counter.

3. Which of the following statements is true?
- A All customers will get the free gift if they buy things at the shop.
 - B The free gift is only available under certain terms.
 - C Anyone can buy the T-shirt if they want.

With so many courses available and from a number of different fields, it can be difficult to make up your mind. The decision in selecting the best area to study is vital so that there will be guaranteed job opportunities upon your graduation.

4. The advice given is for students to
- A choose an area that they think is the best.
 - B study in a field that can ensure their good future.
 - C think carefully of their choices based on their interests.

THE SPINNING EARTH

Scientists expect the year 2021 to be a shorter year than normal. The reason? The Earth is now spinning at a faster rate than it has been doing for the last 50 years. As the rotation of Earth speeds up, the shift means that time is slowing on the surface of the planet. As a result, the movement that the Earth makes each day is a “fraction of a second” shorter than 24 hours.

Source: <https://www.ctvnews.ca/sci-tech/2021-will-be-the-shortest-year-in-decades-here-s-why->

5. Which of the following is true?
- A A ‘fraction of a second’ less means the day is not exactly 24 hours.
 - B Scientists say that the year 2021 is normal like other year.
 - C The Earth only rotates faster after 50 years.

Azni: Have you been to Hani's place before?

Zura: No.

Azni: Then, how can we find it?

Zura: Oh, we can just use Google Maps or Waze.

Azni: What if there is no coverage at all?

Zura: Don't worry. We can always stop to ask.

6. What happens if there is no Internet coverage?
- A They will be lost before arriving at the place.
 - B They cannot reach their destination at all.
 - C Zura will try to get help from the people around.

Desa Ilmu is a homestay where you can learn how the intricate Malaysian handicrafts are made. There are experienced villagers who dedicate their time and effort to demonstrate to visitors and teach them how to create their own work that they can take home for souvenirs.

For a little fee, you can try your hands at *songket* weaving, kite making, batik *canting* and pottery.

Contact us at 019 7117447 (Pn Hasnah) or

012 768 6687 (Cik Nora)

FB Desa Ilmu

desailmuganu@mail.com



7. Which of the following statements is true?
- A** The homestay offers visitors to be involved actively in the local culture.
 - B** Staying visitors can only watch the demonstrations of making handicrafts.
 - C** Visitors can take part in doing some handicrafts for free.

Air can be polluted by particles and gases coming from car and truck exhaust pipes, factories, dust, pollen, mold spores, volcanoes and wildfires. These solid and liquid particles can be suspended in the air and are called aerosols. If the Air Pollution Index shows a reading of more than 100, the safety level of the air in the area is unhealthy.

8. Which of the following is true?
- A** Air pollutions in Malaysia are a result of open burnings.
 - B** A reading of 100 or more means the air quality is still at a safe level.
 - C** Aerosols, in liquid and solid molecules can be present in the air.

Question Bank 2

READING

Part 2: Multiple-Choice Cloze

Practice 1

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.

The Koala

The koala is a tree-climbing animal often mistakenly (0) called the koala "bear". It resembles a small bear but it is more related to a kangaroo because they are marsupials, a mammal with a pouch for the development of (1) its offspring. The only member of the family Phascolarctidae, the koala is very much different (2) from any other marsupial as its pouch opens rearward. After giving birth, its underdeveloped young called joey will live in the pouch for up to six weeks. The joey will then (3) appear from the pouch and cling to the mother's back until it is nearly a year old.

As a native of Australia, the koala is (4) associated as one of the national symbols of the unique wildlife of the continent. The animal looks so (5) cute and cute that it has become an appealing attraction at wildlife parks and zoos. It is also (6) featured in advertisements, games, soft toys as well as souvenirs.

Eucalyptus trees are important for both habitat and food of the koalas. The trees can be found growing in (7) forests on bushlands and forests found in the southeast and eastern sides of Australia and along the coastlines of certain parts of Australia. (8) Usually koalas are usually seen wedged in the high branches of the trees where they choose to eat leaves containing more liquid and nutrients.

Koalas have been listed as one of the animals (9) at risk to climate change. In addition, their number is also decreasing due to habitat loss caused by deforestation as well as at risk of disease like chlamydia and being victims of owls, dingoes and dogs. Nevertheless, (10) significant effort has been made to protect the animals from becoming extinct.

Ref: <https://www.wwf.org.au/what-we-do/species/koala>

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/facts/koala>

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| 0. A described | B labelled | C named | D called |
| 1. A it's | B their | C it | D its |
| 2. A by | B for | C from | D to |
| 3. A appear | B appears | C appeared | D appearing |
| 4. A associated | B sought | C marked | D considered |

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| 5. A fat | B cuddly | C good | D nice |
| 6. A shown | B featured | C taken | D brought |
| 7. A millions | B quantities | C abundance | D mass |
| 8. A That | B This | C Those | D These |
| 9. A unsuitable | B vulnerable | C delicate | D weak |
| 10. A conservation | B conversation | C preservation | D defence |

Practice 2

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.

Pescatarian Diet

Have you ever heard of the word pescatarian? The term was (0) coined in the early 1990s and is a (1) _____ of the Italian word for fish, "pesce," and the word "vegetarian." Hence, it is also spelled as a 'pescetarian' (2) _____ has the same meaning. A pescatarian is a person who includes fish and seafood to a vegetarian diet. (3) _____, these people eat plant-based food but they also add fish and seafood to their diet in order to get their (4) _____ of protein. Many pescatarians also eat dairy and eggs.

Many people who choose to eat a pescatarian diet are doing it mainly to gain some health benefits. The benefits include a lower (5) _____ in getting obese, heart diseases and diabetes. A study has found that a woman who has been practising a pescatarian diet may gain weight much (6) _____ than a woman who consumes meat. The high amount of saturated fats in meat can be the most probable reason that people choose to cut it from their diet (7) _____ eat fish instead. Eating fish especially fatty fish, increases the intake of the omega-3 fatty acid which are (8) _____ nutrients in preventing and managing heart diseases. Apart from fish, plant-based food helps to improve blood lipids and lower blood pressure. Moreover, there has been a study that a pescatarian diet may protect people (9) _____ colorectal cancers.

Aside from the health benefits, some people opt for the pescatarian diet because of their concern about animal welfare. They are opposed to the practice of killing animals for food. Nevertheless, they think that fish and other seafood do not fall (10) _____ the animal category. They believe that fish do not feel pain because they lack a neocortex in the brain, which explains why they have no qualms in adding fish and seafood to their diet.

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| 0. A <u>coined</u> | B called | C interpreted | D brought |
| 1. A mixture | B combination | C jumble | D blend |
| 2. A which | B and | C whereas | D with |
| 3. A Knowingly | B Ideally | C Randomly | D Basically |
| 4. A provision | B food | C source | D group |

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| 5. A problem | B risk | C plan | D chance |
| 6. A more | B worse | C less | D better |
| 7. A so | B and | C but | D yet |
| 8. A wanted | B optional | C essential | D basic |
| 9. A against | B opposite | C around | D about |
| 10. A for | B in | C as | D into |

Question Bank 3

READING

Part 3 : Longer Texts

Practice 1

Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer A, B, C or D.

Brianna Wood was running alone on a mountain track when she heard an odd sound that had her thinking of an incoming danger. Then, something rustling in the bushes made her stopped immediately, trying to listen for the sounds again but everything seemed to be at a standstill. She began to regret not to start the run hours earlier as she usually did. However, the unexpected meeting schedule caused her to leave her office later than she always did. Still, she wanted to run the mountains. A routine that she had done for almost a year.

She would run up Cape Mountain, across Red Wolf Pass, then down Lush Mountain, where her sister, Brenda, would be waiting for her. From there, they would drive back home.

Feeling spooked, Brianna tried hard to deny that she was on edge about the rustle in the bushes. The recent news she read about a serial killer crossed her mind. The area was also known for its large brown bears but Brianna had never encountered with any of them. Her hand was ready to take the bear spray she had in her pocket as she moved forward again stealthily. Running would only attract the attention of the bear if it was indeed one. She increased her pace slightly when she heard a faint jingle, the sound she had heard earlier. Only then, she realised she was really in danger. She was at a place and time that no one would hear her screams.

Her heart thudding fast, she sprinted forward as fast as she could. She was in good shape but she had been running for the past hour. Brianna knew someone was pursuing her because she could hear footsteps scattering the rocks in the trail behind her. She knew the person was not far behind. She continued running, desperately struggling to stay ahead of whoever was behind her. Brianna did not know where she was and she could feel her legs were getting weaker but she could not stop. She did not want to be caught and facing death was not an option. She was still too young to die.

She could not think about any of that right now. She began praying as she needed all the help she could get. All she could afford to focus on was running, pushing harder, faster. As her lungs screamed for air, she felt another kind of pain in her chest, as if they were going to blow up. Then, suddenly she reached a clear trail and there was a road ahead. She hoped there would be cars passing by that could take her to town and people. She would be safe. Still, she kept on running. Slowing down might cut the distant between her and the person she was getting away from.

She emerged from the woods and headed towards the road where she almost ran straight into the path of a pickup truck. She waved frantically so the driver would have no choice but to stop. She would rather

think that the driver was someone who could help her than one who would harm her. It was a risk that she had to take. She would not want her unknown pursuer to catch up. When the driver stopped, Brianna hastily opened the door and jumped inside.

Amazingly, the driver did not ask questions but he just sped down the road, taking her away from the scary mountain woods. After a while, she began to relax. She called her sister to tell her she was safe and would be on her way home. Brenda informed her that she was at the police station, reporting her missing sister and asking them to have a search party. She would be there waiting for her. As if he heard the conversation, Brianna heard the driver telling her that he was driving to the police station. He could guess that she was in great trouble if she was risking her safety by getting a lift from anyone who was passing by.

They arrived at the police station where they were met by Brenda. Giving her a hug, Brenda told her about the agony she felt. When Brianna did not arrive at the estimated time, she waited for another hour before she decided to go to the police. She did not want to waste time. She was glad that Brianna was safe and unharmed. The police officer took down notes as she was telling them what had happened up on the mountains. When it was over, the police said that they would investigate although she knew there was nothing much for them to do so.

Although relieved that they could go home, Brianna was still perturbed by her dreadful experience. She was exhausted and hopefully a good night's sleep would help to calm her. Instead, she and Brenda were in for a shock when they opened the front door of their house.

(Adapted from: Mountain Refuge by Sarah Varland)

1. In paragraph 1, why did Brianna stop running?
 - A She was getting tired.
 - B She heard a strange sound.
 - C She heard the leaves rustling.
 - D She did not know where she was.
2. In paragraph 3, what does the phrase "was on edge" mean?
 - A worried
 - B angry
 - C calm
 - D glad
3. In paragraph 4, how did Brianna know she was being chased?
 - A She saw the scattered pebbles.
 - B She simply guessed about it.
 - C She could hear the leaves rustling.
 - D She heard sounds of footsteps.
4. In paragraph 5, what was the proof that Brianna was determined to be safe?
 - A She began praying.
 - B She kept on running.
 - C Her lungs screamed for air.
 - D She reached the roadside.
5. Where was the driver going to take Brianna?
 - A His house.
 - B Home.
 - C To meet her sister.
 - D The Police Station.
6. When did Brenda decided to get help from the police?
 - A An hour after the agreed time.
 - B Immediately after Brianna did not turn up.
 - C After she was tired waiting.
 - D After she had waited for hours.

7. How did Brianna feel after her ordeal?
- A Grateful that she could go home.
 - B Relieved that she had been saved.
 - C Disturbed by what had happened.
 - D Glad that it was finally over.
8. What was Brianna's plan when she reached home?
- A To eat and talk to her parents.
 - B To jump into bed.
 - C To read and calm herself.
 - D To watch TV and relax.

Practice 2

You are going to read an extract from an article. For questions 1 to 8, choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) and mark the correct answer A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

The last trip my family and I took was to Egypt. My father planned a detailed itinerary for our ten-day trip. Everyone was excited to see spectacular pyramids, huge temples, ancient tombs, go on camel rides, explore ancient artifacts and sail down the Nile river in a *felucca*, a traditional Egyptian wooden boat with sails. I knew it was going to be a once-in-a-lifetime holiday and it was going to be unforgettable.

In Egypt, we visited several places. We started in Cairo, then flew to Aswan, took a day-trip to Abu Simbel, drove to Luxor and finally, flew back to Cairo before returning home.

My father hired a driver, a van and an Egyptologist who'd be able to give us detailed information about the historical significance of all the attractions.

Day one was spent travelling to Egypt; a very long journey. The morning of day two was spent at the Giza Plateau. We rode on camels to get up close to the magnificent Pyramid of Khufu or the Great Pyramid of Giza, several other smaller pyramids and the Sphinx. Afternoons are hotter so we headed to the Egyptian Museum, home of the world's largest collection of Egyptian artifacts. The solid gold mask and golden coffin of Tutankhamun were beautiful.

On day three, we visited two of the oldest and best-preserved pyramids in Egypt; Bent Pyramid and Red Pyramid. Everyone explored inside both pyramids except me because of my fear of small spaces.

The following day was spent in Aswan.

We rode in a *felucca* down the Nile river to one of the most beautiful temples in the country; Philae Temple.

We began day five with a day-trip to Abu Simbel. We spent several hours exploring the 3000-year-old twin temples built by Ramses II.

On the sixth day, we took a three-and-a-half-hour scenic drive along the east bank of the Nile river to Luxor. My father had informed us that we were going to visit three important temples and historical sites. First, it was the Temple of Kom Ombo. One-half of the temple complex is dedicated to Sobek, the crocodile-headed god, and the other half to Horus, the falcon-headed god. Next, we went to the Temple of Edfu; the largest temple dedicated to Horus. Finally, we went to the Temple of Esna, located nine metres below street level.

Day seven took us to the west bank of Luxor. I was looking forward to visiting the most famous archaeological site in the world; the Valley of the Kings. This royal burial ground has tombs of pharaohs who ruled Egypt between 1539 and 1075 BC. Though there are more than 60 tombs here, only a few are open to the public. We visited the tombs of Seti, Tutankhamun, Ramses V and VI. After that, we went to the tomb of Queen Nefertari at the Valley of the Queens. Entrance into this tomb is expensive but worth the price as it's the most exquisitely decorated tomb in the valley.

The following day, we headed to the east bank of Luxor to see the Karnak Temple. The ram-headed sphinxes at the entrance and the huge columns in the hall are truly



breathhtaking. I took a moment to enjoy the beautiful entrance. We spend about three hours here before going to the Luxor Temple, which looks similar to the Karnak Temple, and then to the Luxor museum.

On the ninth day, we returned to Cairo. We leisurely explored the Khan el-Khalili bazaar and took a walking tour through Old Cairo. We did some shopping and later got ready for our flight home the next day.

1. In paragraph 4, the writer and his family most probably went to the Giza Plateau first because _____.
A it has more attractions
B it's cooler in the mornings
C it's only open in the mornings
D it only has camel rides in the mornings
2. In paragraph 5, what stopped the writer from exploring the inside of the pyramids?
A The intense heat
B Claustrophobia
C Too little time
D Distance
3. How did the writer and her family spend most of day 4?
A Driving to Aswan
B Exploring a temple
C Sailing on the Nile river
D Walking around the pyramids
4. In paragraph 8, what did the writer most likely learn about ancient Egypt?
A The architecture
B The people
C The rulers
D The gods
5. What was the highlight of day 7?
A Enjoying the scenic sights in Luxor
B Exploring the Valley of the Kings
C Visiting the most famous royal tomb
D Working at an archaeological site
6. Which of the following may deter tourists from visiting the tomb of Queen Nefertari?
A It has a complex entry way
B It's in a secluded location
C The size of the tomb
D The entrance fee
7. In paragraph 10, why didn't the writer immediately enter the Karnak Temple?
A There was a long queue to enter.
B She had to walk around the sphinxes.
C She had to pass through many columns.
D The temple's entrance held her attention.
8. The ninth day of the family holiday was spent _____.
A travelling back to Cairo
B going on a walking tour of landmarks in Cairo
C shopping and sightseeing in Cairo
D visiting bazaars and old neighbourhoods in Cairo

Question Bank 4

READING

Part 4: Gapped Texts

Practice ①

Questions 1 to 6 are based on an article about personal shoppers.

Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences **A to H** the one which fits each gap (**1 to 6**). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

Personal Shoppers

A personal shopper is someone who gives personalised attention and provides in-depth knowledge of products, services and trends to prospective clients.

1. Potential clients seek out personal shoppers for two reasons; either they don't enjoy shopping or they are under stress to prepare for a major event such as a wedding.

Using the services of personal shoppers has many benefits. **2.** This way the clients can focus on other more important matters related to their major event.

Second, personal shoppers can help their clients spend wisely. After they look through their clients' existing wardrobe, they will take them shopping.

3. Next, the clients try on the items and then, determine if they are satisfied with their personal shoppers' recommendations. After that, the clients purchase only what they really like. **4.**

Third, personal shoppers can help their clients discover which look is best for them. **5.** Then, they will use their knowledge of fashion and trends as well as their flair of matching different styles with their clients' tastes to create looks suitable for different occasions.

Personal shoppers may seem like they have the best job in the world because they get to shop all the time. **6.** And keeping clients happy so they keep coming back is just as challenging.

- A They will offer advice and make suggestions on what clothes and accessories their clients need to enhance their wardrobe.
- B Personal shoppers get paid to give recommendations.
- C They will interview their clients to get an idea of their taste and preference.
- D First, they can relieve their clients' stress and save them a lot of time and effort.
- E But trying to accommodate clients' wants with what they really need is tough.
- F Personal shoppers have clients.
- G In this instance, personal shoppers spend some time with their new clients.
- H Clients can avoid buying too much thus, avoid clutter.

Practice 2

You are going to read an article about the day in the life of a firefighter. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentence **A to H** the one which fits each gap (**1 to 6**). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

A Day in the Life of a Firefighter

Firefighters face danger and uncertainty every day. They work hard and spend long hours at the station. They also work in shifts. Let's look at James', a daily shift firefighter, with ten years' experience.

It starts at 8 a.m. but James is at work at 7.30 a.m. **1.** Then, he attends a parade. Here, the officer-in-charge assigns the firefighters their duties and on this particular morning, James has to wear his breathing apparatus (BA) equipment. After the parade, James gets into the fire engine and checks his BA and other equipment.

At 9 a.m., the drill session begins. James and the other firefighters practise either basic drills or complex fire rescue scenarios. After a tea break at 10.30 a.m., he attends training lectures to brush up on his firefighting and safety knowledge and skills. **2.** Lunch is at noon but fifteen minutes into his meal the sound of the bell fills the fire station. James and the others rush to the fire engines and put on their fire outfit. **3.**

James immediately notices an overturned car on a highway. Its front window is shattered and the people are still trapped inside. His fire chief gives everyone specific jobs to do. **4.** When he approaches the vehicle and sees everyone is alive, he breathes a sigh of relief. He makes sure the car will not move before the others start their jobs; making the scene safe, getting the people out of the car and treating their injuries.

Back at the station, James cleans his equipment and checks his personal protective gear to make sure that it isn't contaminated with oil.

Around 1 p.m., he goes out to do some community fire prevention and protection duties. Some days he inspects business premises to make sure they meet fire safety regulations.

5.

At 5 p.m., James concentrates on fitness training. Firefighting is a physically- demanding job and fitness is very important. **6.** An hour later, he hands in all his paperwork. After another parade with the night-shift firefighters, James leaves at about 7 p.m.

- A** On other days, he attends open days to talk about fire prevention.
- B** Then, they rush to the scene of the incident.
- C** He changes into his uniform and gets his fire kit ready.
- D** He spends at least an hour checking all his equipment.
- E** James is tasked with stabilising the car.
- F** The fire engines arrive at the scene within minutes.
- G** Moreover, he has to pass a fitness assessment every six months.
- H** This helps him do his job quickly, safely and efficiently.

Question Bank 5

READING

Part 5: Matching & Information Transfer

Practice 1

Read the texts carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Staying Safe on Social Media

A - RUBY, 16 years old

I love social media but I know it isn't always a safe place. When I first expressed interest to be on social media, my parents were nervous. They sat me down and gave me a list of rules to follow. I think the most important rule is to check your privacy setting so only people you know and trust can see your posts or comments. Simply put, keep it strictly private.

B - SHIN TZE, 16 years old

Some of my friends post messages every day. It's great to read about what they are up to. But sometimes people don't realise their comments or opinions can be hurtful. Therefore, it's important to think before posting something. Even though you can delete a post, comment or picture, you can never erase them permanently from the Internet.

C - SHAMAN, 15 years old

Social media is a great way to stay connected with old friends and make new friends. In your excitement and eagerness navigating social media, you may share too much about your personal lives. It's best to give limited information in your profile and posts. Keep your personal information private; never give away your phone number or home address.

D - RAVEEN, 15 years old

I try to be very careful when I'm on any social media platform. This means I never use any public WiFi networks. Hackers can put themselves between an online user and the connection point. They are able to access important information users are sending out on the Internet. It's really scary.

E - AIMAN, 15 years old

Social media can be entertaining but it can be a dangerous playground. Many people, even strangers, are going to send you friend requests. You have to be cautious because there are many fake profiles created by cyberbullies. I believe you must always play it safe and only accept friend requests from people to whom you are friends with in real life.

F - FAZLI, 16 years old

Some of my friends get requests from strangers. Some accept their requests without thinking anything of it. A few even request to meet my friends. We have to treat these strangers as potential predators. Thankfully, my friends don't entertain these requests and later block these new friends. I hope you never agree to meet an online friend either.

Questions 1 – 4

Using the information given, which text (**A to F**) describes the following views on staying safe on social media? For each question, mark your answer on the answer sheet.

Statement**Paragraph**

- 1 When you connect to a network used by the general public, you are leaving yourself open to hackers. _____
- 2 A 'private' privacy setting lets you control who can see your posts. _____
- 3 Accept friend requests from people you already know. _____
- 4 Your personal thoughts or opinions may affect your friends in a good or bad way. _____

Questions 5 – 8

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

How to stay safe on social media

The first thing to do to safeguard yourself on social media is to change your privacy setting to (5) _____ so only people you know will be able to read it. Another safety measure is to think before posting anything. Next, (6) _____ information that you post on your social media account so avoid giving your phone number or home address. Another rule is never use a public WiFi network because your personal information can be stolen by (7) _____. In addition, don't accept friend requests from (8) _____. Only accept requests from people whom are already your friends in real life. Finally, don't meet any of your online friends because you don't know who they are.

Practice 2

We asked six students to share the new rules and regulations required in order to control the spread of contagious diseases. Read the texts below and answer the questions that follow.

**HEBAT: KWR
(CAR/KWLH)**

THE NEW NORMAL FOR MALAYSIANS

**A
Selina**

Wearing a face mask to cover your nose and mouth is compulsory whenever you are out in an open area. Unless you are jogging, eating or drinking, this rule should be adhered to. Doing this practice can possibly block any transmission through inhaled droplets as to prevent the spread of a disease.

**B
Latif**

Although social gatherings with a limited number of guests are allowed, you should avoid crowded places. Always remember to keep a distance of at least one metre from other individuals around you. Having to queue to go into a bank or buy something at a popular outlet is a fact that you have to live with. You should stand or sit where you can see markings which have been made to ensure that you are not too near to other people.

**C
Rizal**

Our usual social practice of shaking hands and hugging as a way of greeting is to be avoided because close encounters with other people can pose a risk in catching the disease. Instead, you can place your hand on your heart, give a wave or nod or just say hello in order to practise social distancing, one of the necessary steps to break the spread of the virus.

**D
Danny**

You are required to register yourself at any premise that you visit even if it is just for a short while. For this you need to download the "My Sejahtera" application into your telephone. An alternative to scanning with "My Sejahtera" will be to write your name, telephone number and the time you enter the premise. Remember to check your body temperature and use the hand sanitiser. Failing to do so can cause you to lose a lot of money in terms of paying a fine, if you get caught by the authorities.

**E
Citra**

One other important fact to be aware of as a step to prevent COVID-19 is to keep clean. Follow your usual hygienic routine and remember not to touch your face especially your eyes, nose and mouth. Wash your hands with soap and water or sanitise them when washing is not possible. You must also clean and disinfect surfaces that are often touched regularly at home or at school. Doing this as a precaution, may reduce the risk of infection.

**F
Putri**

If there is nothing urgent that requires you to go out, you should just stay at home. It is more important for you to stay home if you have a fever, flu or cough. This will help in breaking the link to stop the spread of a germ or a virus.

Questions 1 – 4

Which paragraph (A-F) describe the following information on the changes that people must adapt to? Mark your answers on **the separate answer sheet**.

Statements**Paragraph**

- 1 There are a few things you have to do before being allowed to get entry into a place.
- 2 You have to adopt to some new ways of greeting in order to acknowledge other people when meeting them face to face.
- 3 Obeying this rule can be helpful especially if there are people around you who sneeze or cough.
- 4 Many people tend to find difficulties in practising this regulation when they are in an enclosed, congested area.

Questions 5 – 8

Complete the notes below using information from the text. Choose **no more than one word** from the passage for each answer.

Mark your answers on **the separate answer sheet**.

Adjusting to the New Way of Life

The effects of the pandemic brought by the COVID-19 have caused a massive change to the daily lives of the community.

- At the beginning, they have to make life adjustments of being forced to stay at home and getting used to all the rules in the hope to break the **(5)** _____ to stop the spreading of the disease.
- After more than a year, most people find themselves settling into their new routines. Certain rules have to be **(6)** _____ to when they go out to the shops or attend small gatherings.
- They should always maintain cleanliness by washing their hands with soap and water or they can choose to **(7)** _____ them.
- When they step out of their houses, they have to remember to put on a face mask, **(8)** _____ their presence at any place they go to and should always be aware not to get very close to others.



Question Bank 6

Part 1

You received an email from your best friend, Swee Hong, who is inviting you to go on an outing.

Friday is the last day of school! My uncle and cousins are coming over on Saturday. My uncle has invited me to go fishing. I'm not sure if I should go. What do you think? Would you like to join us? The more the merrier.

Bye!

The image shows a web browser window with a dark title bar. Inside the window, there is a form for composing an email. At the top, there are two input fields: one labeled 'To:' and another labeled 'Subject:'. Below these fields is a large text area with horizontal lines for writing the email body. The browser window includes standard OS window controls (minimize, maximize, close) in the title bar and a vertical scrollbar on the right side.

Part 2**Practice 1**

Your classmates were talking about witnessing a crime and your teacher asked you to write a true account of the incident you have witnessed.

In your **essay**, you should write about:

- where you were
- describe what you witnessed in sequence
- what happened in the end

Write your **essay** using all the notes and describing what you witnessed.