

QUESTION BANK

READING

PART 1 Short Texts

PRACTICE 1

Read the text carefully in each questions. Choose the best answer **A**, **B** or **C**.

- Wear comfortable clothes
- Stay indoors and out of the sun.
- Stay hydrated.

1. A suitable title for the poster is
A Ways to beat the heat.
B How to protect yourself at the beach.
C Heatwave: Do's and Don'ts

Peterson's World Tennis Championship Early Exit Shock Fans

2. From the headlines, we know that
A Peterson did not play in the Tennis World Championship at all.
B Peterson's win at the World Tennis Championship shocked everyone.
C Peterson was not expected to lose so early in the World Tennis Championship.

In my free time, I like to carve shapes out of wood. It is a good way for me to destress, and I can express my creativity through my artwork.

3. The hobby described is
A taxidermy
B whittling
C origami

When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on.

Franklin Roosevelt

4. The message the quote is trying to relay is
A be happy with what you have.
B don't give up easily.
C don't take things for granted.

Gadgets Fair

Kinrara Mall
Ground Floor
2nd – 10th August
Discounts up to 70%



5. Which statement is false?
A The Gadgets Fair will attract those who want to buy tablets and smartphones.
B The fair will be held in the convention center of Kinrara Mall.
C Those who want to visit the fair should do so between 2nd and 10th August.

7 November 2024 – The Beach Clean-Up campaign will be held in December. Those interested can sign up at our website. We need all the help we can get.

6. The aim of the notice is to
A urge volunteers to sign up for the Beach Clean-up campaign.
B look for organizers for the campaign.
C ask the public to donate money to help with the Beach Clean-Up campaign.

Waiter : Are you ready to order?
Malcom : Yes. We'll have the pasta carbonara and the roast chicken with steamed vegetables.

7. How many people are at the table?
A 1
B 2
C 3

BIRD HILL

Dear bird lovers, our hill will be closed from 12-14 July 2023 for scheduled maintenance of our cable car ride. The walking trails are still open.

8. Bird Hill

- A cable car ride has permanently shut down.
- B only has one hiking trail.
- C attracts those who enjoy bird-watching

PRACTICE 2

Read the text carefully in each questions. Choose the best answer A, B or C.



1. At Uma's Café, when you order a

- A a glass of lemonade, you get a free main course.
- B plate of fish and chips, you are entitled to a free flow of lemonade
- C soup, you will get a free glass of lemonade.

Tina,

The Youth Centre downtown is offering some courses during the holidays. I'm going to check it out. Want to tag along?

Olivia

2. Olivia

- A wants to take up some courses at the Youth Center.
- B is inviting Tina to go along with her to the Youth Center.
- C is organizing some courses at the Youth Center from Tina.

Blue skies no more as smog makes a return

3. The headline tells us that

- A people should brace for polluted air.
- B the smog situation has taken a turn for the better.
- C blue skies are expected soon.

Who do you think is going to clinch the gold?

4. A suitable response to show uncertainty is

- A Undoubtedly, Roma will win!
- B I'm 100% sure it's going to be Tomas.
- C Right now, it still up in the air.

Holiday Study Camp

Venue: School Hall

15-17 March 2024

Register with Puan Melissa

Sponsored by Melintang Tuition Group

5. The holiday study camp

- A is funded by the Melintang Tuition Group.
- B will be held at the Melintang Tuition Center.
- C is conducted by Puan Melissa.

Aesop's Fables The Musical

Performed at Three Sixty Theatre

1st – 5th September

Get your tickets at easyticketing.com

6. The notice states that

- A the tickets are sold at the theatre.
- B Three Sixty Theatre is the venue for the musical.
- C Aesop is performing in the musical.

HARLOW'S GYM

Due to the rise in Covid-19, we have decided to close the gym until further notice.

7. The notice tells us that Harlow's Gym is closed

- A temporarily.
- B for a fortnight.
- C permanently.



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Oil Spill

Littering

Chemical waste

8. The above are likely causes of
- A acid rain
 - B greenhouse effect
 - C marine pollution

PART 2 Error Correction

PRACTICE 1

Read the text below and correct the underlined errors.
For each question, write the correct word in the space provided.

Pasta is easy to cook and ideal for a quick meal when you are busy. They (0) only takes about 8 -15 minutes to cook. Here is an easier (1) method you can use to cook pasta. Boil a pot of water and adding (2) a pinch or two of salt. Wait for the water to come to a boil. When it does, add a packet of pasta. Cook for about 8-12 minutes depending in (3) the size, or shape of the pasta. The aim is to cook the pasta al dente. These (4) simply means that the pasta is cooked just right, so that it is still firm when chewed.

When it is cooked, drain the water, or (5) leave the pasta to steam for a few minutes. Then, in a pan, add olive oil and garlic. You can add mushrooms or capsicums to give your pasta saucses (6) added flavour and colour. Then, pour in the pasta sauce. Bring the sauce to a simmer. Next, pour your pasta into the pan. Stir and mix, so that the pasta is even (7) coated.

Divide the pasta into four plates. Season with pepper if you want to. Add grated cheese like parmesan or pecorino. Garnish with chopped basil. Eat it on it's (8) own, or with some sliced garlic bread while still hot.

Example:

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| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. |
| 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. |

PRACTICE 2

Read the text below and correct the underlined errors.
For each question, write the correct word in the space provided.

A (0) grown trend in the field of education is the STEAM (1) approaches. It is viewed as a positive mode to meet the needs of a 21st century education. It is an educational approach (2) whom comprises the use of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics to spark (3) students interest from an early age. A STEAM-centered education emphasizes on cross-disciplinary skills, and its purpose is to (4) exposing students to multiple lateral ways of thinking. A core component of this approach is to develop creative problem-solving skills. Lessons (5) is conducted in a (6) least rigid environment to encourage students to (7) thinking outside the box. This approach allows students to hone their ability to understand and (8) access details to solve related tasks.

Example:

0 growing

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| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. |
| 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. |



PART 3 Information Transfer

PRACTICE 1

Read the text below and complete the following mind map with **no more than three words and/or a number** from the text for each answer.

Situated about 30km away from Bandung, Indonesia is Tangkuban Perahu. It is an active volcano. It is called 'perahu' because of its shape which resembles an overturned boat. The last record of eruption was in 2019 which lasted about 11 minutes.

Although still active, it is Bandung's most popular tourist destination. Its location on the highland is ideal for those who want to enjoy the cool air and marvel at the beautiful landscape. It takes about a 90 minute drive to the location from Bandung. One way is to rent a car or taxi there. Some may to join a tour which takes them from the hotel to Tangkuban Perahu and then back again. Those who prefer using public transportation can opt to take the Subang Colt via Lembang from Bandung minibus terminal. The bus journey ends at the park entrance.

For international tourists, the entrance fees cost about IDR 200, 000 for weekdays and IDR 300, 000 on weekends. There are three craters that tourists can trek to. They are the Ratu Crater, Upas Crater and Domas Crater. Ratu Crater is the biggest of the three. Domas Crater is known for its hot sulfuric water pools. Many come here for a mud bath as they believe sulphur is a cure for skin diseases and rheumatism.

Bandung Attraction: Tangkuban Perahu

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|---|--|
| Distance from Bandung: | • 30 km |
| Volcano status: | 1. _____ |
| Appearance of the landscape: | • Overturned boat |
| Last recorded eruption: | 2. _____ |
| How to get there: | • Rent a taxi or car 3. _____ • Take the Subang Colt |
| Entrance fees: | • IDR 200, 000 – IDR 300, 000 |
| Craters tourists can visit | • Ratu • Domas 4. _____ |
| Activities that can be done there: | 5. _____ 6. take _____ |
| The sulphuric pools are believed to be cures for: | 7. _____ 8. _____ |



PART 4 Short Answer

PRACTICE 1

Read the text and answers the questions that follow. Choose **no more than five words and/or a number** from the text for each answer.

It was about noon when we came to a river bed. It looked shallow so we started to wade through. Firman lead the way. He put his right foot into the river and turned around to give us a thumbs up.

One by one, we trailed behind Firman. Half way from the bank, Firman gave a shout of surprise. He was sinking. He gestured wildly for us to move back. However, it was too late as I trudged my way forward to give him a hand. Luckily, Sam and Rehan managed to retrace their steps back to the bank.

"Hang on!" I told Firman. I lunged forward and grabbed his hands. I pulled with all my might. He came out of the quicksand and moved away from the mucky bed. Then, I was caught. I felt my body sinking into the cool mud. I tried to fight and wiggle my way out. Tired out, I stopped. Then, I realised that the minute I stopped struggling, the sand stopped pulling me in.

Our phones had no reception, so a call for help was out of the question. Sam looked around for something he could use to help me. Then, the sky opened up and rain poured down in torrents. I was safe, but still stuck waist deep in mud and pelted by rain. Hiking back for help was no longer an option as the trails would be slippery and dangerous. My friends took shelter under a tree while waiting for the rain to stop.

When it came to a drizzle, Firman, Sam and Rehan held a long branch out to me. Slowly, I reached out, and grabbed it. The boys pulled with all their might. I felt nothing but the sand trying to pull me in. Then, I felt myself moving. It took a good 15 minutes for the boys to pull me out. Then, I laid down on the riverbank and thanked the gods for saving me. I couldn't walk. My legs felt numb after hours soaking in mud. Sam and Rehan hiked back to call for help.

A couple of hours later, help came. I was taken out of the forest on a stretcher. Once out, I was loaded into an ambulance and taken to the nearest hospital.

- 1. When the hikers reached the river bed it was _____.
- 2. Firman found himself sinking when he was _____.
- 3. Who managed to trace their steps back to safety?

- 4. The writer started _____ after helping his friend, Ferhan.
- 5. The boys could not call for help as their _____.
- 6. The boys attempt to help the writer was halted by _____.
- 7. A _____, and a lot of pulling helped the writer out of the danger he was in.
- 8. How did the writer get out of the forest?

Questions 9 – 10

Complete the table below with a **word** from the text.
For each question, write your answer in the space provided on your answer sheet.

| Meaning | Word |
|---|------|
| 9. substance that is wet and sucks in anything that rests or falls into it. | |
| 10. not feeling anything | |

PART 5 Matching (Gapped Text)

PRACTICE 1

Read the text below. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences (A – H) to fit each gap (1 – 6).

Louis Aimé Augustin Le Prince, was born in Metz, France on 28 August 1841. **1.** . He was thought to have filmed the first moving picture by using a single lens camera and a strip of film.

He studied chemistry at Leipzig University, and he later moved to England to work for a John Whitley. Le Prince then married Elizabeth Whitley, John's sister, and together, they founded Leeds Technical School of Art. **2.** . Later, he became interested in cinematic technology which was then flourishing. He created a 16-lens camera. He received both American and British patents for his invention.

His two second film of family members relaxing in a garden in Leeds was considered the world's first motion picture. **3.** .

However, Le Prince was not able to present his film to the world. **4.** . He was on a train to Paris. He was on a trip to America to showcase his invention. **5.** . Le Prince was officially declared dead on 16 September, 1897.

In 2023, a photograph of a drowned man was discovered in 2003 when a research was carried out in the Paris police archives. **6.** .

- A** The single-lens cine camera he had used is on display at the Animation Gallery in the Science and Media Museum in Bradford, England
- B** The 19th century was a time when many prolific inventors were experimenting in moving pictures production.
- C** Neither his body nor his luggage which many have speculated to contain patent papers for his invention were ever found.
- D** He has been hailed as the father of cinematography.
- E** It was believed to be the body of Le Prince.
- F** Sadly, Le Prince's discovery was never recognised as it disappeared shortly after.
- G** This was because he mysteriously vanished on 16 September, 1890.
- H** There, he specialized in tinting and firing photographic images.