

# QUESTION BANK

## READING

### PART 1

#### PRACTICE 1

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



1. Which statement is true about an obese person?  
**A** A person is obese due to not running in the family.  
**B** A person is obese due to family inheritance.  
**C** A person is obese due to a lack of exercise.

#### Useful Tips to Use Electric Oven

1. Set the temperature control knob according to your cooking needs.
2. Select the heater selector knob "Upper", "Lower" or "Upper and Lower" according to the dishes you are going to cook.
3. Set the arrow on the timer knob to the number which indicates the cooking time (minutes) according to the dishes you are going to cook.
4. If the inside of the oven is dirty, cooking may take slightly longer than usual.

2. The tips tell us that when we bake a fish, we should  
**A** set the timer to 10 seconds  
**B** set the temperature at 200°C  
**C** select the knob "Upper" and "Lower"

#### AA Cream

AA cream is a skin-first product to hydrate, illuminate, and protect the skin. It is formulated with antioxidant vitamin E to smooth the skin's texture, correct uneven complexion, hydrate for long-lasting moisture, and perfects by hiding blemishes. There are four different types of creams for you to choose according to your skin types.

3. Which of the following is true about AA Cream?  
**A** AA cream does not brighten the skin.  
**B** AA cream is sold in a set of 4 skin types.  
**C** AA cream is suitable for those who have pimples.

Police : Was he carrying a weapon?  
Witness : Yes, he had a pistol but I doubt it was loaded.  
Police : What makes you say that?  
Witness : He was just a kid. Probably sixteen or younger.  
Police : Can you describe him to me?  
Witness : He was Asian. I think his height was about five foot seven. He was wearing a helmet. I could only remember he had a tattoo of a rose on his wrist.  
Police : All right. Thank you for your information.

4. From the dialogue above, we can conclude that
- A the criminal was a child
  - B the criminal had a scar on his wrist
  - C the criminal ran away on a motorcycle

**ONLINE DRAWING CONTEST**

The New Genesis Drawing Contest is now on and opens to those aged between 13 to 20.

It is organized by the Malaysian Art Association as part of its #stayhome awareness campaign during this pandemic. Each participant can send in only one entry.

Register on: <https://malaysianart.org.my>

5. Which of the following is true about the announcement?
- A Participants below 13 are eligible to enter this contest.
  - B The participant can register through the email given.
  - C Each participant can submit only once.

Kuala Lumpur, Aug 10 – A former teacher of SMK Temerloh was slashed to death by a burglar who broke into her house through the kitchen window early this morning. Pahang Criminal Investigation Department Sergeant Azlan Lin said Madam Loh Sue Sue, 62, was believed to have been slashed with a *parang* suffered injuries to the face and neck and died at the scene. He said the case was being investigated under Section 302 of the Penal Code for murder.

6. What can we conclude from the above newspaper clipping?
- A The victim was a teacher.
  - B The victim died on the spot.
  - C The victim was shot to death.

Reasons for Playing Online Games	Boys	Girls
Reduce stress	30%	30%
Entertainment	40%	30%
Imagination	10%	30%
Teamwork	20%	10%

7. What can we conclude from the above table about the reasons for playing online games?
- A The same number of boys and girls play online games for teamwork.
  - B There are more girls than boys who play online games for imagination.
  - C Entertainment is the least common reason for students to play online games.

Tips to keep your washing machine last longer:

1. Clean the machine once a month.
2. Do not overload the machine.
3. Do not overdose on detergent.
4. Remove rust.

8. Which of the following tips is correct?
- A We should wipe the machine after running a cleaning cycle.
  - B We should put in a lot of clothes to save time in washing them.
  - C We should put in a lot of detergents so that the clothes are cleaner.

**PART 2****PRACTICE 1****Question 9 to 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.

**The Tale of Kellie's Castle**

Located in Batu Gajah, Perak, Kellie's Castle is an **(0)** unusual sightseeing site with its own mystery. The rambling ruins **(1)** \_\_\_\_\_ to a Scottish planter named William Kellie-Smith, built in 1905. The castle is **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_ for being one of the most haunted places in Malaysia.

**(3)** \_\_\_\_\_ five years of working in Malaya, William found success. He bought land, planted rubber trees and ventured into tin mining. He married Agnes in 1903 and had a daughter a year later. In 1915, his son, Anthony, was born. **(4)** \_\_\_\_\_, he planned to build a huge castle to celebrate. Not long after construction began, bad luck struck the estate. William had financial woes, and the Spanish Flu in 1918 killed most of the workers. His family moved back to Scotland and left William. In 1926, Kellie-Smith went to Scotland to see his family and transit in Lisbon, Portugal. Unfortunately, he **(5)** \_\_\_\_\_ pneumonia and died in Portugal.

Agnes never **(6)** \_\_\_\_\_ to Malaya and sold all of her interests to a British company. The castle was neglected and derelict. After the **(7)** \_\_\_\_\_ of the castle, spooky tales and mysteries emerged. It is rumoured that the Japanese used the premises to torture and execute prisoners. There was also a report by a couple who saw a ghostly **(8)** \_\_\_\_\_ in the window. Some people say it is William's spirit that roams the second-floor corridor. Visitors also reported seeing a ghost child **(9)** \_\_\_\_\_ Helen, William's daughter, in one of the bedrooms. It is also said that the spirits of the workers who died during the constructions haunt parts of the castle.

The eeriness and creepiness of Kellie's Castle are not the only reason why it attracts tourists. Beyond that, the stunning building and exquisite architecture are a **(10)** \_\_\_\_\_ to behold. Haunted or not, Kellie's Castle makes for a great visit.

Adapted from: Shadows and chills at Kellie's Castle (nst.com.my)

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|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 0. <b>A</b> eminent     | <b>B</b> unusual     | <b>C</b> abnormal    | <b>D</b> odd         |
| 1. <b>A</b> associated  | <b>B</b> owned       | <b>C</b> belonged    | <b>D</b> occupied    |
| 2. <b>A</b> applauded   | <b>B</b> famous      | <b>C</b> influential | <b>D</b> memorable   |
| 3. <b>A</b> Before      | <b>B</b> Next        | <b>C</b> Afterwards  | <b>D</b> After       |
| 4. <b>A</b> Joyful      | <b>B</b> Happy       | <b>C</b> Euphoric    | <b>D</b> Overjoyed   |
| 5. <b>A</b> contracted  | <b>B</b> acquired    | <b>C</b> obtained    | <b>D</b> sicken      |
| 6. <b>A</b> restored    | <b>B</b> back        | <b>C</b> returned    | <b>D</b> reverted    |
| 7. <b>A</b> rediscovery | <b>B</b> reclamation | <b>C</b> restoration | <b>D</b> repossesses |
| 8. <b>A</b> body        | <b>B</b> figure      | <b>C</b> build       | <b>D</b> pose        |
| 9. <b>A</b> parallel    | <b>B</b> resembling  | <b>C</b> mirroring   | <b>D</b> relating    |
| 10. <b>A</b> spot       | <b>B</b> view        | <b>C</b> sight       | <b>D</b> scene       |

## PART 3

### PRACTICE 1

You are going to read an extract from an article. 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.

#### K-Pop Fever

K-Pop has become a global phenomenon after two decades. This phenomenon is known as Hallyu- 'Korean wave' is a term used to describe how the South Korean culture from their dramas, reality shows, songs, food, singers, actors, actresses and skincare products have left a great influence on the whole world.

Historically, in 1992, 'Seo Taiji and Boys', a South Korean band performed a song entitled 'I know' live on a television talent contest. They made a bold move when they tried to mix different genres of music in their song. They used Korean lyrics with European pop and hip-hop as well as rap. It was a new 'brand' of music arena but luck was not on their side. The judges weren't fond of it and thus they were eliminated from the contest.

However, there was a breaking news on their song. 'I Know' has become a hit and placed number one in the Korean chart, only after 17 weeks of the contest. Not long after that, the Korean entertainment industry grew to be the most influential target to all people in the world, especially teenagers.

K-Pop, or known as Korean popular music is an eye-opener because it mixes different music genres like hip hop, electronic dance, jazz and rock. Most of the songs are presented by groups consisting of two to 21 members. From an interview conducted with the K-Pop members, there are several challenges in their journey to become famous. One of them is their payment issue. According to them, usually, the salary will be given only when they achieve the mega hit which sometimes takes a few years. Long contract with a company is also an issue. A seven-year contract (usually) seems too long and it frequently leads to the disbandment of the group.

Besides that, most K-pop idols complain about not getting enough rest. Once they debut an album, they have to work hard to promote their songs. They are also expected to appear on reality shows or TV shows for the public to know their faces. Not only that, they were also trained to be disciplined in their diet and time. They had to limit their food intake to keep good body shape, other than their health.

BTS, BLACKPINK, TWICE, Wonder Girls, Girls Generation, EXO, SHINee and Super Junior are among the well-known bands in South Korea. These bands did not take long to be famous. For example, Bangtan Boys (BTS) which debuted in 2013 has become famed up until now. Every single album released was a triumph and eye-opener to all South Koreans and all the Aseans. Their popularity does not only spread in the Asean countries, they also have gone to the international level. In February 2020 for instance, they became the guest in a special episode with Jimmy Fallon on Tonight Show. The show was aired with BTS performing 'ON' at the Grand Central Terminal.

BTS was also the first Korean band to perform at the American Music Awards which was later introduced to millions of Western viewers and audiences. The band continued to chart internationally, breaking records, selling out tours and releasing their first English-language single called 'Dynamite'. The song topped the Billboard charts after it was released in 2020.

Other groups that went international was Big Bang which debuted in 2006 and Black Pink who debuted in 2016. 'How You Like That' and 'Du Du Du' are among the top songs by the famous band this decade, Black Pink. From children to teenagers, everyone listened to their songs and could not resist from following their dance choreography which is modern and ecstatic.

In a survey conducted at a university, most of the students responded that the strong dance rhythm brought by the Korean bands has made them fall for it. Meanwhile, Korean bands usually have a large group of members (4-20 members). It is believed that the formation of large group is to vary the idols to be chosen by the K-Pop fans.

In addition, K-pop has also brought a hybrid sound with a unique style. The combination of jazz, soul, hip hop and funk, combined with their colourful, elegant and sophisticated clothing have made the K-Pop bands a great influence on the youngsters nowadays.

Being a K-Pop band is not easy. As mentioned earlier, they had very disciplined training in choreography. Besides, every member of the band needs to practise their vocal with the experts as well as train for live performances. All their training is conducted and monitored by their agency. Some changes like placing the members into certain groups, choosing any members to be a solo singer and etc should be expected by them. They need to practise dancing every day to ensure every single movement complements their song.

Adapted from: All About K-Pop: Inside K-Pop's History and Signature Sound - 2021 - MasterClass

1. In paragraph 1, which of the following is not the Korean influence?
  - A cuisine
  - B entertainment
  - C home decoration
  - D cosmetic products
2. In paragraph 2, why does the writer say 'Seo Taeji and Boys' has taken a bold move?
  - A They were the first Korean band that joined a talent contest.
  - B They introduced a new concept of music.
  - C They used English music in their songs.
  - D They were the first group singers.
3. From paragraph 4 and 5, we know that
  - A Being a Korean idol is hard
  - B Being a Korean idol is no fun
  - C To be a famous Korean idol is difficult
  - D Everyone should appreciate Korean idols
4. In paragraph 6, which word has the same meaning as 'victory'?
  - A famed
  - B triumph
  - C popularity
  - D eye opener
5. In paragraph 6 and 7, which is true about BTS?
  - A Their first album was released in 2000.
  - B They were first introduced to the world through 'Tonight Show'.
  - C They are the only Korean band which is famous internationally.
  - D The performance in America Music Awards makes them popular to the Western people.
6. In paragraph 9, the survey shows that
  - A Teenagers love listening to the music genre brought by the K-Pop bands.
  - B The K-Pop band consists of large number of members.
  - C People can choose different idols from the K-Pop band.
  - D Students love dancing to K-Pop songs.
7. In paragraph 10, what does 'hybrid' refer to?
  - A A mixture of exceptional music and clothes.
  - B The clothing is sophisticated and elegant.
  - C The music is a blend of different genres.
  - D K-Pop band becomes the great influence on teenagers.

8. Which of the following statements is true about the article?
- A All K-Pop bands are famous internationally.
  - B Every group member of a K-Pop band should practise their vocal.
  - C The contract of K-Pop bands with their company must be 10 years.
  - D People are amazed with K-Pop style of clothes compared to their songs.

## PART 4

### PRACTICE 1

#### Questions 27 to 32

You are going to read an article about the UK's deadliest garden.

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**.

Without turning around, I got off the stage and left the room. I was frustrated, angry and embarrassed on the inside. My father was a principal and the head of the parents' teacher association who was well-known to everyone in the area. (1)

I was unable to even say "Thank you" before exiting the stage.

It was such an unforgettable memory in my life. I kept blaming myself for not winning the contest. (2)  Not only that, I also felt disgraced for disappointing my teacher – Ms Anne who had been training me day and night. It was then that I decided to fight back since I was so regretful.

A week later, Ms Anne met me at the school hallway. She showed a poster of 'Public Competition for District Level'. She just smiled and from her gesture, I knew she meant I had to join. (3)  So, I gave it a try. The competition would be held in two weeks' time.

(4)  We spent our time at the library once the class ended, until the evening. After three days, we completed the text. The topic chosen was 'Life'. Ms Anne gave me two days to memorise everything. She recorded my presentation each time we held the practice.

The day came. The hall was cool and the stage was decorated well. I looked around but, there weren't many participants yet. Ms Anne kept reminding me to be calm and just enjoy the day. When the emcee called my name, I went up the stage. I looked at the judges, teachers, participants and everyone in the hall. (5)

After 8 minutes and 25 seconds, it was all done. Ms Anne gave her standing ovation and everyone else was applauding.

The announcement of the winners was made by the chief judge. I was so nervous that I couldn't really hear everything. It was when Ms Anne suddenly hugged me when my name was called for the champion. Yes! It was me! The Champion for Public Speaking Competition for district level 2023. I couldn't believe it! (6)

A	I took a deep breath and started my public speaking.
B	It made me feel as though I had betrayed my genetics.
C	Yes! I made it to the stage!
D	On the first day, both of us worked on the preparation of the text.
E	The library was full of students.
F	I've made my parents disappointed.
G	I shed my tears and I really thanked Ms Anne for helping me a lot.
H	It might be the time to shine and forget the old memory, I thought.

**PART 5****PRACTICE 1** **Question 35 to 40.**

We interviewed six teenagers on how they relieve stress. Read the texts below and answer the questions that follow.

**E-learning****A – Sarah, 13 years old**

E-learning makes me stressed out. I must be technically proficient in handling a computer-based task. Sometimes, the task given is easy, but I could not respond to it as I don't know how. What should I click? How do I submit the task? Last week, I was scolded by my teacher who thought I didn't submit the task. The problem was, I was lost. I didn't know how to attach the document to the email! Luckily, my friend helped me, but I was so embarrassed for not learning that simple skill!

**B – Zack, 16 years old**

Well, e-learning is so great! I think it's more relaxing and comforting than having the lesson in the real classroom. With online learning, I can hold it anywhere like at home or a restaurant. The best part is while doing e-learning, I can do another task as well. Recently, I joined a Google Meet class with my teacher while washing the dishes in the kitchen. It didn't disturb the class at all! I just brought my smartphone to the kitchen, turning on the Google Meet, listening to the teacher while helping my mom!

**C – Leonard, 17 years old**

E-learning has given me a new view of the learning world. Before, I had a bad perception that students won't get anything with e-learning. However, looking at my teacher's struggle in varying the methods to teach has opened my mind that learning is not only done within the walls of the classroom. My teacher uses a lot of applications for e-learning like Google Meet, Padlet, or even social media platforms which are WhatsApp and Telegram. Applications like Google Meet, WhatsApp and Telegram allow the teacher to see my face, ask questions and wait for my response. It just feels like the real lesson in the classroom!

**D – Joshua, 14 years old**

I could not join the class as my friends did. I had to wait for my parents to return home from work, then I could do the task given by the teacher. It's unfair as sometimes the teacher has set the time for submission and I'll always be the last person who submits it. The worst part is, I ought to wait for my turn as I have two more sisters, who'll be using my mom's smartphone as well. My parents could not afford to buy each of us a gadget.

**E – Ronald, 15 years old**

I live in a remote area. I guess everyone knows what my problem is, right? I could not join any single e-learning my teacher organised. The internet connection was very poor in my area. Fortunately, the teacher gave me printed modules to be done at home. It was assigned for 2 weeks. But again, doing the task on my own wasn't so much fun as I wasn't able to interact with my teacher not I could do the discussion with other friends. The idea of e-learning is so much fun if the internet connection is good.

**Question 1 to 4**

Which paragraph (A – E) describes the following statements about e-learning?  
Write your answers in the space provided.

	Statements	Paragraph
1.	It feels like a real classroom as I can see my teacher's face.	
2.	One must be good at managing the gadget or device while e-learning.	
3.	The poor internet connection has made e-learning, not a success.	
4.	Sharing the device with siblings is another restriction for e-learning.	

**Question 5 to 8**

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

**Does e-learning make you learn?**

To make e-learning more interesting, the teachers should vary (5) \_\_\_\_\_ used like Google Meet, Padlet, WhatsApp and Telegram. Some students will find it easy to do e-learning but there are also some difficulties especially if they have a poor (6) \_\_\_\_\_ connection. Furthermore, to handle the device used, both teachers and students should be (7) \_\_\_\_\_ proficient. So, any submission to be done will run smoothly. For those who could not join the e-learning, the teacher will provide them printed (8) \_\_\_\_\_ which they can do as self-learning.