

FINAL YEAR TEST

PAPER 1
1 HOUR 30 MINUTES

Score

/100

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.

1.

“At Fresh Greens, we want our customers to enjoy the natural flavours and nutrients of our produce. Therefore, same-day delivery is our top priority. Anyone who signs up for our membership programme now till 16 September will receive a RM50 shopping voucher,” said the CEO.

The main reason for the announcement is

- A to inform the public about a new grocer
- B to announce the sale period for new members
- C to urge people to join a membership programme

2.

The Love Lit Society *presents*

“Appreciating Shakespeare” Competition
Show-off your speech and drama skills
- solo or pair entrants accepted.

Only for 15 to 17 years old

Register now!

Each school can send three entries to the competition.

Attractive prizes!

First place: RM1500 and a trip to Stratford-upon-Avon, UK (birthplace of William Shakespeare)

Second place: RM700 and a trip to Stratford-upon-Avon, UK

Third place: RM500



Which statement is **true** about the competition?

- A Contestants must present a Shakespeare-inspired speech or drama for the competition.
- B Students taking part in the competition must learn Shakespeare in school.
- C Each school can send a team of three contestants to the competition.

3.

Grand Opening of **Active Sports Hub**

This September

30% off the registration fee

Only from 29 – 31 August

Activities available:

Escape room, laser tag, archery tag, virtual and virtual reality car racing

Coming soon: Ninja courses, trampolines, climbing towers and zip wires



The Active Sports Hub put up this notice to

- A** announce its latest activities
- B** inform the public about a limited-time discount
- C** update members on the grand opening activities

4.



Verona Museum

www.verona.com

Go on a virtual tour to explore the galleries, see the exhibits and read stories about the sculptures and paintings.

Write about your virtual tour experience in under 100 words.
The best five entries will win a RM150-worth museum gift bag.

Verona Museum wants the public to

- A** take a virtual tour of its galleries
- B** write about their experience on its website
- C** enter a competition which offers attractive prizes

5.



SMK Sri Sinar is starting an Archery Club!

All students are invited to join a two-week training session.

Date: Monday, 20 January – Friday, 31 January

Time: 3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Fifteen students who exhibit the best talent and skill will be chosen to be in the school team. If you're interested to join the session, give your name to Encik Rifat by Friday noon.

What does the notice urge students to do?

- A** Join the archery club
- B** Participate in an archery training session
- C** See Encik Rifat if they have questions about the club

6.

SINAR UNIVERSITY

- ▶ 5-star rating by the QS Stars University Ratings
- ▶ Offers state-of-the-art facilities
- ▶ Offers a wide range of programmes
- ▶ Provides opportunities for student exchange programmes and collaboration with international universities

What does the advertisement highlight about the university?

- A** Its facilities are rated 5 stars for quality.
- B** It has partnerships with universities worldwide.
- C** It guarantees its programmes are accepted globally.

7.

Seeking Camp Counselors!

Adventure Camp needs counselors
(18 to 21 years old)

- ❖ Able to plan and execute activities
- ❖ Able to supervise young campers
- ❖ Have strong problem-solving skills
- ❖ Must be active and familiar with camping activities

If you meet the requirements, apply at www.adventurecamp.com.

According to the advertisement, a suitable candidate

- A** is good at finding solutions for big and small problems
- B** has experience teaching young children
- C** must be good in several sports

8.

Perhentian Islands are the perfect getaway for snorkellers and scuba divers. Tourists visit the islands to see the blue waters, coconut-lined shorelines and explore the rich marine life. Other popular activities include sea kayaking and jungle trekking. Tourists should avoid the rainy season. The dry season, between March and November, is the best time to visit. July is the busiest month so book early to avoid disappointment.

Based on the text, we know that

- A** the islands are crowded in July
- B** the islands' flora and fauna is a major attraction
- C** the islands receive no visitors at the end of the year

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

The Rise of Online Learning

Since online learning began in 2000, it has grown by over 900%. It is estimated that between 2024 and 2026, online learning will grow by 9.1% each year. In 2022, the online learning market in the US was **(0)** worth \$100 billion. This figure will grow to \$686.9 billion by 2030. It is further estimated that 57 million people will be taking online courses by 2027. This upward **(9)** _____ clearly indicates its tremendous benefits.

Online learning has many advantages. First, it is an **(10)** _____ method of learning. Studies suggest that online students could retain 25% to 60% of what they have learnt compared to the retention **(11)** _____ of 8% to 10% in a traditional classroom setting. Convenience is another advantage. For instance, students can study at home and don't have to spend time and money getting to school or college. Other than that, students have **(12)** _____ to a lot of online learning resources. In a UK study, two in five students said studying and **(13)** _____ an online course is easier than in a traditional classroom.

However, online learning has several drawbacks. To start with, students will have **(14)** _____ interaction with their peers. Students may not only find it difficult to have group discussions but also feel isolated and **(15)** _____ without any face-to-face interaction. Some students may even find it difficult to ask questions or seek clarification **(16)** _____ difficult topics from their teachers. In addition, students need a home computer with fast broadband access **(17)** _____ they can learn without disruptions. However, this is costly and can be a financial burden to many families.

In conclusion, online learning offers students another way to gain **(18)** _____. Though there are disadvantages, I believe the advantages far outweigh them. In fact, I think online learning will eventually make education affordable and accessible to learners of all ages.

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| 0. A cost | (B) worth | C priced | D valued |
| 9. A trend | B shift | C course | D direction |
| 10. A excellent | B effective | C affordable | D interesting |
| 11. A rate | B figure | C amount | D charge |
| 12. A entry | B access | C course | D approach |
| 13. A understanding | B accomplishing | C completing | D finalising |
| 14. A restrained | B restricted | C controlled | D limited |
| 15. A alone | B lonely | C remote | D deserted |
| 16. A over | B about | C around | D through |
| 17. A therefore | B then | C thus | D so |
| 18. A mastery | B expertise | C knowledge | D comprehension |

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.

At the beginning of the year, I set a challenge for myself: go solo camping. I've gone camping many times before but never alone.

My first thought was that I'd be able to enjoy my natural surroundings at my own pace. I could hike as fast or as slow as I'd like. Or even spend my time indulging in my favourite activities, photography being **at the top of my list**.

I knew I'd have to do some extra preparation since I'd be going on my own. After all I wouldn't have anyone with me to rely on. First, I decided to rediscover camping essentials. Solo camping, even for an experienced camper, can be challenging. So I revisited the basics such as pitching a tent, building a fire, navigating through the jungle, learning how to get clean supply of water, what to do if I encountered a wild animal and how to administer first aid to deal with minor injuries.

Next, I decided where I wanted to spend my camping trip. I picked a familiar spot, one that I've visited twice before as well as it wasn't very far from my house. Being in familiar surroundings will not only make me feel comfortable and give me the confidence but also help me relax so I can enjoy myself without worry.

I dedicated some time to researching the campsite too. I read up about it. Besides that, I checked out the jungle trails, ranger advisory, flora and fauna in the area and activities available. Fortunately, there were many guided activities so I settled on guided night and day walks, a bird-watching excursion and boating.

In addition, I **talked to several of my friends** who've been on solo camping trips

before. One common tip I got was to stay for more than a night. Their reasoning was simple: staying in the jungle is going to be uncomfortable and I'd probably need several days to get used to the solitude. In the end, I settled on three nights. That'd be just enough time to get comfortable and enjoy my surroundings.

Next, I opted to pack light. One of my friends suggested that I take a hammock and sleeping bag. But I decided against that. Instead, I took a lightweight, one-person tent and a sleeping pad. I didn't mind the extra load because I wanted protection from the heat and rain and I didn't want to be out in the open especially at night. Other than the usual camping gear, I also packed a good book. There will be a lot of alone time and reading also helps me to fall asleep.

Before I left, I informed my family about my plans. It's very important to share your plans with others so they know where you'll be and when you'll leaving and expected back.

There were many times before the trip that I was plagued by self-doubt; could I really do it? But being well-prepared helped by ease my fears. When I was camping, there were moments, at night, when I felt afraid. The unfamiliar sounds of nocturnal animals or rustling of the tree branches did keep me up sometimes. Thankfully, I had the book to divert my attention long enough until I fell asleep.

All in all, my solo camping trip was a success. I must say it was an extremely freeing experience. For four days and three nights, I depended on myself to survive in the jungle. Just as in life's journey, even when surrounded by family and friends, we can only depend on ourselves to navigate through life and its challenges.



19. What does the phrase **at the top of the list** tells us about photography?
- A It's a popular activity among campers.
 - B It's a suitable outdoor activity for campers.
 - C It's the writer's most preferred activity to do.
 - D It's the only activity the writer is planning to carry out.
20. The writer had an action plan to prepare for his solo camping. What was his **first** step?
- A Attend a workshop for campers
 - B Relearn the basics of camping
 - C Talk to seasoned campers
 - D Research about first aid
21. In the fourth paragraph, what drove the writer to choose the campsite?
- A It had basic amenities.
 - B He had visited it before.
 - C It was the closest one to his house.
 - D He liked the lush natural surrounding there.
22. What happened after the writer talked to several of his friends? He ...
- A decided to camp for three nights
 - B learnt about his surroundings
 - C planned to be comfortable
 - D chose to pack light
23. The writer chose a tent because
- A it offered protection from the elements.
 - B it provided comfortable nights' sleep.
 - C it kept animals away at night.
 - D it helped the writer stay safe.
24. The most effective way to overcome fear associated with solo camping is to
- A be well prepared
 - B inform your family about your plans
 - C pack essential gear
 - D seek advice from experienced campers
25. Based on the last paragraph, the most important life lesson the writer learnt from his experience is probably ...
- A self-reliance
 - B independence
 - C survival instinct
 - D overcoming loneliness
26. What does the writer want to highlight in the article?
- A Struggles of solo camping
 - B Precautions for first time campers
 - C A first-person account of solo camping
 - D Suggestions to prepare for solo camping

PART 4

Questions 27 to 32 are based on an article about the life of a personal shopper. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences **A to H** the one which fits each gap (27-32). There are two extra sentences which you do **not** need to use. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

Life of a Personal Shopper

Personal shoppers are people who get paid to shop and run errands for other people.

27. These clients require the services of personal shoppers because they are either too busy or don't want to shop for themselves.

Some personal shoppers work for themselves. They either work full-time or do it on a freelance basis. **28.** In these instances, personal shoppers are required to give advice or make suggestions to their customers on clothes, accessories or ideas for home furnishings.

The first thing personal shoppers do when they have new clients is to interview them. This step is important to get an idea of their clients' taste, preference as well as likes and dislikes.

29. At other times, they may need to buy groceries or home furnishings for their clients.

There are a several ways the shopping is carried out. Some personal shoppers take photos of the products. **30.** Others accompany their clients on shopping trips. This way they can offer advice, make suggestions and give recommendations on the spot. The clients can try on the clothes and accessories and then, determine if they are satisfied with their personal shoppers' recommendations before buying the items.

Personal shoppers who shop for clothes and accessories need a wide range of skill sets. **31.** A flair for different types of styles to cater for clients of varying tastes, needs and requirements is also a must. Personal shoppers must be able to juggle suitable styles and their clients' wants so they can make the best recommendation.

Besides that, personal shoppers who mainly buy groceries or household products, need a different skill set. **32.** In addition, they should be knowledgeable about good quality deals.

Personal shoppers need to buy or recommend the best items to meet their clients' needs and wants. Getting this right will guarantee happy clients. And happy clients translate into repeat business.

A Then, they check with their clients to get their approval.	E They meet their clients a few times before making a purchase.
B Buying groceries is the top service provided by personal shopper.	F Personal shoppers have clients.
C They should be savvy about looking for and spotting bargains.	G A knowledge of fashion and trends is necessary.
D Others may be employed by large department stores or boutiques.	H Most often, personal shoppers are tasked with buying clothes and accessories.

PART 5

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

Teens on Outdoor Activities They Find Interesting

A – RANEETA, 15 years old

When I tell my peers that I love fishing, I get odd looks. I know fishing is not an activity that interests most teenagers but I find it relaxing. I usually go fishing with my grandfather or cousins. I love the peace and quiet of my surroundings. Fishing also allows for a digital detox: no phones, tablets and computers. But most of all, it teaches me patience and perseverance. Sitting quietly for hours, waiting for a fish to bite, strengthens these qualities.

B – AIMAN, 16 years old

Skateboarding is my pick! It wasn't easy at first. But I persevered because I found it to be a great stress reliever. When I'm on the skateboard, I think of nothing else but executing a trick well. Skating fast on uneven slopes, doing jumps and flips requires a lot of concentration and I absolutely love the fact that I have something I'm passionate about that requires my utmost focus.

C – DINESH, 17 years old

I enjoy a challenge! Mountain biking is challenging as I have to think quickly – when to shift, when to brake and where to look down on the trail. Biking along a rugged trail makes me feel fearless. Each time I bike, my skills improve and my trust in my abilities grows. Biking along a jungle path with tall trees on my left and right gives me a sense of adventure.

D – CHLOE, 17 years old

Everybody should try a rope course once in their life. Climbing enhances my physical abilities and keeps me agile. I feel I get mentally and physically stronger with each rope course. I have the most fun doing it with a group because it builds camaraderie. Navigating the balancing beams, vertical rope bridges, ladders, zigzag beams and bridges is exciting and challenging.

E – NIKISHA, 16 years old

White-water rafting is unpredictable. No two rides down a river are similar. I enjoy the rush of adrenaline as the raft swirls through the narrow passages in the river or the rapids. Staying calm when you're being tossed about has built my confidence. It's grown in leaps and bounds. Furthermore, paddling fast, splashing in the waves and avoiding boulders along the way is better than any roller coaster I've been.

F – RANJAN, 15 years old

My family loves adventure. Recently, we went caving. It was a first for us. It was amazing to explore nature's beauty tucked inside a mountain. Caving is physically demanding but I got to explore huge chambers with beautiful, natural formations. Crawling through tight spaces was scary but it was worth the effort. The only downside to this activity is how much you sweat.

Questions 33 to 36

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

Statement	Paragraph
33. It feeds my adventurous spirit.	_____
34. Outdoor activities can give you an intense feeling of excitement.	_____
35. It helps foster trust and friendly bonds.	_____
36. I can't do it well if I don't pay attention to what I'm doing.	_____

Questions 37 to 40

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.

Benefits of Outdoor Activities

Outdoor activities can enrich our lives in many ways. A slow-paced activity can be (37) _____. For example, fishing can also foster values such as patience and perseverance. On the other hand, fast-paced outdoor activities can teach us a different set of values. For instance, skateboarding improves our focus and strengthens our (38) _____ skills. Challenging activities can be dangerous but done safely, we can improve our abilities and foster (39) _____ in ourselves. When participating in a (40) _____ outdoor activity, we can build strong friendships. An extreme outdoor activity can be exhilarating but at the same time it can increase our confidence and nurture our adventurous spirit.

PAPER 2
1 HOUR 30 MINUTES

PART 1

[20 marks]

You must answer this question.

Question 1

You received an email from your cousin, Darren, who wants your advice on what to do during the holidays.

Hi,

I want to do something worthwhile during the long holidays. I'm thinking either to volunteer several times a week at the pet shelter or work part-time as a retail assistant at a mall. What do you think I should do? Why do you think so? Also, what are your plans for the long holidays?

I'd love to hear what you think.

Darren

Write an email to your cousin in about **80 words** in the space provided.

To : darren@mail.com

Subject: Long school holiday plans

[illegible]

PART 2

[20 marks]

*You **must** answer this question.***Question 2**

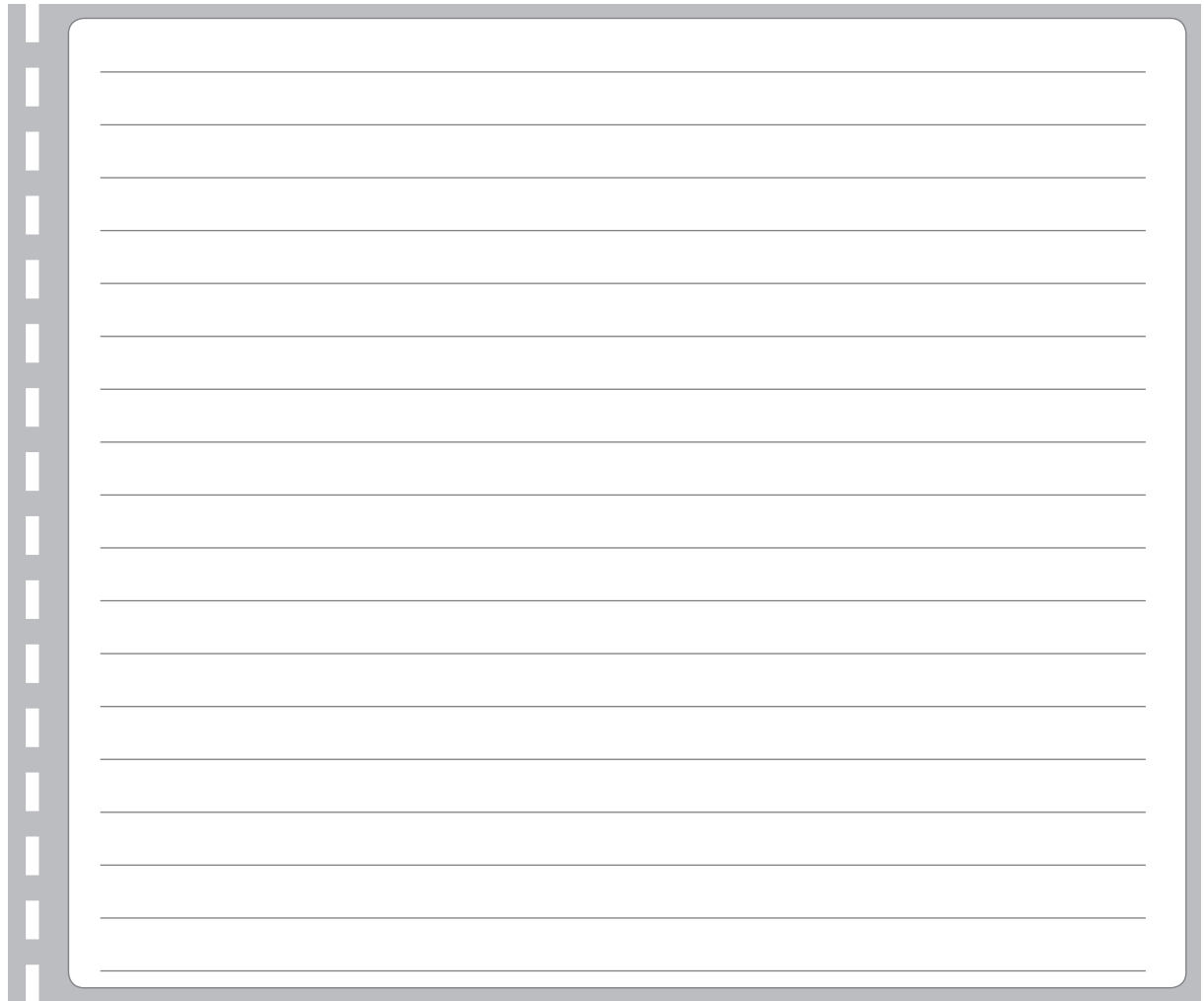
In your class you have been talking about various websites on the Internet and your teacher has asked you to write an essay about it.

In your **essay**, you should:

- talk about an interesting website you enjoy browsing
- describe what makes the website exciting to you
- explain how the Internet has influenced our lives

Use **all** the notes above and give reasons for your point of view.

Write your essay in **125 - 150 words** in an appropriate style.



PART 3

[20 marks]

There are three questions in this part. Answer **one** question.

Write your answer in **200 – 250 words** in an appropriate style in the space provided. Write the question number in the box at the top of the answer space.

Question 3

You are writing a story for an online magazine. The story **must** begin with the following sentence:

A woman, laden with bags, came to the stall and stood near my table.

In your story, you **must**:

- describe an encounter you had with a stranger
- talk about how the stranger's kind gesture made you feel and changed your life

Write your **story**.

Question 4

You see this notice on the school's bulletin board.

Articles wanted

My School Library

Write an article describing school library, explaining what are your favourite features. Tell us why you like spending time at your school library.

The best article will be published in our school newsletter next month.

Write your **article**.

Question 5

Your class recently attended a talk on how to protect the environment. Your teacher has asked you to write a report on how students can reduce the use of plastic bags in your school. In your report, you **must**:

- describe how the use of plastics has affected your school surroundings
- suggest ways to reduce the use of plastics in your school
- explain how you can encourage students to get involved in this cause

Write your **report**.

ANSWERS

FINAL YEAR TEST

PAPER 1

Part 1

1. C 2. A 3. B 4. A 5. B 6. B 7. A 8. A

Part 2

9. A 10. B 11. A 12. B 13. C 14. D 15. B 16. B 17. D 18. C

Part 3

19. C 20. B 21. B 22. A 23. A 24. A 25. A 26. D

Part 4

27. F 28. D 29. H 30. A 31. G 32. C

Part 5

33. C 34. E 35. D 36. A

37. relaxing 38. concentration 39. trust 40. group

PAPER 2

(Suggested Answer)

Part 1

Question 1

To	darren@mail.com
Subject	Long school holiday plans
Hello, If I were you, I'd work part-time as a retail assistant. You can earn some money and learn many important work-related skills. You'll learn customer service skills and how to solve problems. You'll also gain experience in teamwork and improve your communication skills. Why not volunteer once a week for a few hours? This way you get to do two worthwhile activities. I'm going to work at a theme park. I can't wait! Good luck. Bye, <i>John</i>	

[77 words]

Part 2

Question 2

There are over 200 million active websites on the Internet. Some are more popular and interesting than others. One such website is YouTube. It is a free video-sharing website that allows people to watch online videos easily.

I think YouTube is an exciting website for several reasons. To start, it offers videos on a wide range of topics. I can learn new skills for free through step-by-step videos. Moreover, travel videos form a visual encyclopaedia of interesting places around the world which I can watch again and again. Finally, it is a great marketing tool. People not only advertise but also review a wide range of products which offers detailed resources at my fingertips.

The Internet has made life more convenient. We can communicate, learn, manage our finances, get a job, shop and be entertained thanks to it. It is so crucial that we simply cannot live without it.

[149 words]

Part 3**Question 3**

A woman, laden with bags, came to the stall and stood near my table. I watched her put her bags down on an empty chair and order some food. When she was about to leave, her movements shook the table. As a result, my glass fell and tea spattered everywhere. She was shocked and immediately apologised. I smiled and told her it wasn't a problem. After she paid for her food, she apologised again and left.

When I went to pay my bill, the stall owner told me that the woman had paid it. I was puzzled. It was just an accident but she must have felt bad and kindly paid for me. The woman's gesture left a warm feeling in my heart. I was smiling to myself the whole day.

I wondered why a small gesture affected my mood and thoughts so much. If people felt kindness around them surely, they would feel uplifted too. I decided, then, that I wanted to pass on the kindness the woman had shown me.

Since then, I have shown random acts of kindness to strangers. Helping to put a smile on their face is rewarding. The stranger made me see the world differently and I am happier for it.

Question 4**My School Library**

A school library supports teaching and learning. Therefore, it is important to both students and teachers.

My school library is a comfortable space. Its relaxed ambience is very welcoming. It is well-stocked too. The reading materials are arranged systematically so I can find any book easily. In addition, the staff are friendly and helpful so I feel at home there.

My school library has many impressive features so I enjoy spending time there. First, it is very cosy. It is not only well lit but also air-conditioned. In addition, there are comfortable chairs as well as bean bags to sit on. Second, it has a variety of reading materials. Besides books, there are magazines and newspapers. Third, it has a special room where the book club members meet every month. This space allows my fellow book lovers and I to talk about books. Fourth, my school library is an innovative space. It is equipped with electronic gadgets that allow students to access radio stations and watch educational documentaries and movies. Lastly, the school librarian is very knowledgeable. She is eager to share information about books so I enjoy asking her for recommendations.

My school library is one of my favourite places. I always get excited about books and reading when I am there.

Question 5

To : Puan Amirah, Environmental Club Teacher Advisor of SMK Merpati

From : Hymier Hisham

Subject : Reducing the use of plastic bags in school

1. Introduction

The purpose of this report is to outline how students and the school can reduce the use of plastic bags.

2. Plastic in school

Without a doubt, plastics are widely used in school. Stationery, bags, food containers and water bottles are discarded easily when broken or no longer wanted. As a result, there is rubbish everywhere causing the school to look unsightly. A messy school doesn't inspire school spirit. Motivation and interest to study will suffer too.

3. Ways to reduce plastic

To start with, food sold in the canteen should be packed in recyclable or reusable containers. Furthermore, the school should sell plastic-free school supplies that come in plastic-free packaging. These simple steps can reduce plastic waste dramatically.

4. Going plastic-free

Finally, reducing plastics in school will be difficult without awareness. Therefore, the school should organise educational film screenings as well as field trips to other schools that have successfully created a plastic-free environment.

5. Conclusion

To sum up, I believe that if the above steps are implemented, students' awareness will increase and they will also be inspired to adopt a plastic-free lifestyle.

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