Part 1

Questions 1 to 8

For each of the questions, read the question first and then study the information given to find the best answer. Then, circle the answer **A**, **B**, **C**, *or* **D** *on the answer sheet provided.*



1. Which sentence BEST explains this label?

   A Children may be given this by adults only.

   B Children can easily open this.

   C Children should not consume this.

   D Only children can take this.

WATER SUPPLY DISRUPTION

Residents in Petaling Jaya and Hulu Langat will face dry taps between 6 am and 10 pm tomorrow. The disruption is due to maintenance works and the repair of the burst water pipe located at 20 km point along the Damansara-Puchong Highway.

2. The residents in the two areas mentioned above will experience dry taps for ____ hours.

   A 6 **C** 16

   B 10 **D** 20

KUCHING, Monday- Local and foreign visitors are drawn to the stalls selling a great variety of food and drinks during Ramadhan, the Muslim fasting month. For convenience, the stalls are house together under a huge canopy. Visitors can shop for their favourites without any worries about the hot sun or rain.

3. Visitors like to buy food and drinks at the stalls during Ramadan because

A The can visit Kuching and its tourist sites

B They can meet people from all walks of life

C They are worried about uncertain weather

D There are many types of food and drinks to choose from

Miri: Eleven-year-old Teng Wen Yen died in a fire trying to save her six-year-old brother when a fire gutted the whole longhouse in Miri yesterday. Both siblings were overcome by smoke and perished in the blaze. Their mother said that it was love that drove Wen Yen back into the burning house.

4. From the news report, we know that the

A Fire caused several deaths

B Mother of the girls worked in Miri

C Two siblings were playing in the longhouse

D Older sister made a brave attempt to save her brother

Dear Mum,
I will need the bicycle today at 3.00 pm as I have to go for the Scouts' meeting. Could you please tell Chin Seng to bring it back immediately after school? He always stays back and I don't want to be delayed.
Love,Chin Hock

5 In the note above, the main point of the message is that

A Chin Seng needs to go to the meeting.

B Chin Hock has taken the bicycle to school.

C Chin Seng always takes the bicycle from Chin Hock

D Chin Hock needs the bicycle to attend the Scouts' meeting

Cheah Chee Moon, a 49-year-old Thai is on a mission to make people aware of global warming by cycling all the way from Bangkok to Singapore. He cycles about 100km a day and stays at temples or churches at night before continuing the next morning. He started his journey from Chiang Rai, about 800 km from Bangkok.

6 From the text above, we know that Cheah Chee Moon

A Wishes to raise people's awareness of global warming

B Plans to cycle without stopping anywhere

C Is on a mission to talk to people

D Cycles about 800km a day

A house is built with hands but a home is built with thanks.

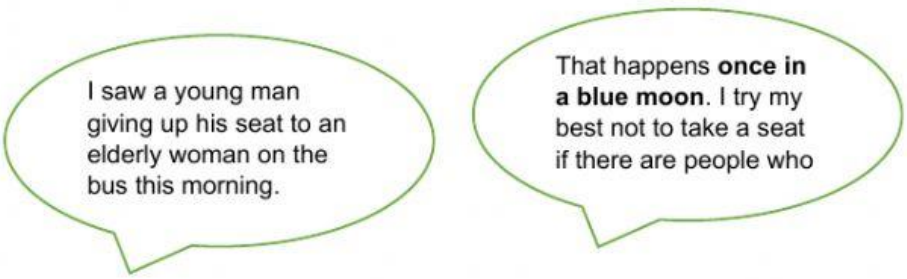
7 Which of the following statements best explains the saying above?

A Making a home is easily done.

B We must thank those who build houses.

C People must work very hard to build a house.

D A feeling of gratitude is essential for a good home.



8 The phrase **once in a blue moon** means

A Often

B Never

C Rarely

D Sometimes

Part 2

Questions 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.*

When I first worked in Muar in the sixties, the town was quiet and the pace of life unhurried. I shared a rented room ___**9**___ a friend. Most people travelled by bicycle ___**10**___ trishaw as buses were few. I had never ___**11**___ a bicycle before in my life ___**12**___ I was determined to learn as the alternative was to travel ___**13**___ trishaw if we wanted to go anywhere. I learned the hard way the first time I rode a bicycle. My friend had explained where the brake ___**14**___ and how to use it. After riding a few meters in great nervousness, I completely forgot about braking when I ___ **15**___ a bus parked ahead. I rammed into it but ___**16**___ caused no injury to myself or ___**17**___ to the bicycle. By the time I left the following year. I was ___**18**____ to ride a bicycle reasonably well.

9	A. by	B. from	C. with	D. beside
10	A. or	B. and	D. as	D. beside
11	A. ride	B. rode	C. riding	D. ridden
12	A. and	B. but	C. so	D. until
13	A. by	B. on	C. with	D. through
14	A. is	B. are	C. was	D. were
15	A. see	B. saw	C. seen	D. seeing
16	A. however	B. unluckily	C. instead	D. fortunately
17	A. hurt	B. injury	C. damage	D. wound
18	A. able	B. unable	C. happy	D. good

Part 3
Questions 19 to 26

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 on your answer sheet.

Did you know that some people don't do their reading assignments? It's shocking, but it's true. Some students don't even read short texts that they are assigned in class. There are many reasons for this. They may be distracted or bored. They may be unwilling to focus. They may be unconfident readers. Whatever the reason, it has to stop today. Here's why.

Reading stimulates your mind. It is like a workout for your brain. When people get old, their muscles begin to deteriorate. They get weaker and their strength leaves them. Exercise can prevent this loss. The same thing happens to people's brains when they get older. Brain power and speed decline with age. Reading strengthens your brain and prevents these declines.

You can benefit from reading in the near-term too. Reading provides knowledge. Knowledge is power. Therefore, reading can make you a more powerful person. You can learn to do new things by reading. Do you want to make video games? Do you want to design clothing? Reading can teach you all this and more. But you have to get good at reading, and the only way to get good at something is to practice.

Read everything that you can at school, regardless of whether you find it interesting. Reading expands your vocabulary. Even a "boring" text can teach you new words. Having a larger vocabulary will help you better express yourself. You will be able to speak, write, and think more intelligently. What's boring about that?

Do not just discount a text because it is unfamiliar to you. Each time you read, you are exposed to new ideas and perspectives. Reading can change the way that you understand the world. It can give you a broader perspective on things. It can make you worldlier. You can learn how people live in far away places. You can learn about cultures different from your own.

Reading is good for your state of mind. It has a calming effect. It can lower your stress levels and help you relax. You can escape from your troubles for a moment when you read, and it's a positive escape. The benefits of reading far outweigh those of acting like a doofus. So do yourself a favor: the next time you get a reading assignment, take as much as you can from it. Squeeze it for every drop of knowledge that it contains. Then move on to the next one.

19. Which best expresses the main idea of the second paragraph?

A. Reading is exciting.

B. Reading strengthens your mind.

C. Age affects the body in many ways.

D. Working out keeps your body in shape.

20. Why does the author think that you should read books that are boring?

A. You will eventually grow to love them if you read them enough.

B. You will get better grades in reading class.

C. You will make your teacher very happy.

D. You will learn new words.

21. Which best expresses the main idea of the third paragraph?

A. Reading can benefit you.

B. You can learn to program video games or design clothing by reading.

C. You can learn amazing things and become a better person by reading.

D. Knowledge is power.

22. Which is not a reason given by the author why students fail to complete reading assignments?

A. Students may be bored.

B. Students may be distracted.

C. Students may be unwilling to focus.

D. Students may be tired.

23. Which best expresses the author's main purpose in writing this text?

A. He is trying to persuade students to do their reading work.

B. He is teaching people how to become better readers.

C. He is explaining why people don't do their reading work.

D. He is entertaining readers with facts about the mind and body.

24. Which best describes the author's tone in the first three sentences?

A. Surprised

B. Sarcastic

C. Informative

D. Irate

25. Which of the following is not one of the author's main points?

A. Reading broadens your perspective and makes you a better person.

B. Reading is a relaxing activity with positive mental side effects.

C. Reading helps you perform on tests and get into selective schools

. **D.** Reading keeps your mind in shape and prevents losses due to age.

26. Why does the author believe that reading is good for your mind state?

A. It has a calming effect.

B. It can lower your stress levels.

C. It can help you relax.

D. All of these

Part 4
Questions 27 to 32
You are going to read an article about shopping.

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**.

BEWARE!....Retailers are tricking you into spending more money!

Have you ever wondered into a shop with a list of a few things, only to come out with twice as much stuff? There is a reason for this. **27** [ ]. And they work!

Smell is the common trick used to get the shoppers spending. Most supermarkets now welcome customers with the smell of fresh bread or roast chicken to make you hungry, in which case you are more likely to buy food. Imagine if you are straving! Many restaurants and fast food outlets use the same trick and send kitchen smells onto the street to attract more customers.

28 [ ] More popular items are usually in the middle aisles so that you have to walk further, past more products to reach them. Products that shops want to promote are placed at eye-level or at the end of aisle to get to maximum attention.

Have you ever noticed that certain shelves in shops look untidy, as if customers have been moving everything around? **29** [ ]. You may think that people would be put off by this but retailers often make areas look untidy, so that customers believe they are looking at 'reduced-priced products or a very popular promotion.

Even the way floors are designed can make you spend more**.** In many supermarkets, the tiles in aisles with expensive items are smaller so that it sounds as if your trolley is moving faster, which make you slow down and spend more time in that area. **30** [ ] Other shops remove windows, so that you have less connection with the outside world and are more likely to spend more time shopping. If you can't see that it is getting dark outside, you are more likely to take your time inside the shop.

Retailers would quickly go out of business if we walked straight in, bought what we needed, then walked straight out again. **31** [ ]. Similarly, in clothes shops, fitting room and cash desks are usually far from the entrance. Shopping malls usually have complicated floor plans so that it's easy to get in but harder to find your way out. Also, separating escalators between floors means you have to walk around the mall to go up to another level. The more time you spend inside, the more money you are likely to spend.

32 [ ] Don't let them get away with it!

A	Many shops use carpets to slow your speed.
B	The way that products are displayed also plays a very important role.
C	Retailers are playing with your mind.
D	Retailers have been using different techniques to increase their sales for years.
E	This is why in food shops major items such as bread and milk are placed at the back.
F	However, customers tend to buy more than what they need.
G	This is not by accident.
H	Customers can go out easily.