



PAPER 1 READING

Part 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.

Let's Groove Academy Ultimate Dance Challenge

To celebrate our 10th anniversary, Let's Groove Academy is organising a short video dance challenge with the theme 'Traditional Fusion'.
The video should have a maximum of five dancers and not exceed two minutes in length.

Upload your video on our website, www.groovy.com before 31st December.
Total prizes worth RM10,000 are up for grabs.
The top three winners will get 10 free lessons at the academy.
Wait no more, start recording!

- 1 Which of the following statements is true?
- A The winner will get RM10,000 and 10 free lessons.
 - B The completed video must be sent on December 31.
 - C The video uploaded should not be more than two minutes.

Welcome back to WE FM. With us now is our favourite weatherman, Fahmi, to report next week's weather forecast. Over to you.

Thanks, Jeff. Well, it looks like the maximum average temperature in Kuala Lumpur throughout the week is 31°C with the highest at 33°C expected on Thursday. However, the average minimum temperature is 23°C with the lowest at 22°C on Friday. It will be a wet week as rainfalls are expected in the morning to late evening.

- 2 Which of the following statements is true?
- A Kuala Lumpur is expected to have the coldest day on Friday.
 - B The average temperature in Kuala Lumpur is from 22°C to 31°C.
 - C Rainfalls are expected every day in the morning and late evening.

WeCare Association

Tapir 'Fund' Run

In conjunction with World Tapir Day, we are organising a 5km 'Fund' Run at Laman Hijau, Putrajaya on April 30 to raise funds for the Malayan Tapir Conservation Programme.

Visit our website www.wecare.com to register.

Registration is open now until April 15.

For further information call Terence at 03-788 9988.

Registration Fees

RM50 – Adults (age 18–65)

RM30 – Children and Students (age 10–17)

RM150 – Family Package (2 adults + 2 children)

3 Which of the following is true?

- A Children age 10 years and below are not allowed to participate in the run.
- B The fund-raising run is to aid the Malayan Tapir Conservation Programme.
- C Interested participants have to register online for the 5km Fund Run on April 15.

NYONYA STEAKHOUSE

Review: ☆☆☆☆☆

Treat yourself and your family and visit this cosy restaurant. The atmosphere is welcoming and pleasing. It serves tasty and flavourful western and authentic Nyonya food. The steak is to die for – the meat is so juicy and tender. My mum's favourite, 'asam pedas' fish, or sour and spicy fish, is delightful. The staff are friendly and knowledgeable, and give great recommendations. We received wonderful service and we will be back again, for sure!

4 The reviewer says that

- A her mum loves the steak, and sour and spicy fish
- B she had a good experience dining in Nyonya Steakhouse
- C the staff are not familiar with the menu to give recommendations

NOTICE

Attention all students of SMK Batu Merah. Due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, you are strongly advised to follow the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) outlined by the Ministry of Health.

SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES IN SCHOOL

- a. Wash your hands regularly with soap
- b. Use hand sanitiser as needed
- c. Stay in your own personal space
- d. Wear a mask
- e. Stay at least 1 metre apart from others
- f. Cough and sneeze into your elbow
- g. Do not touch your face

5 Which of the following statements is true?

- A Students should wash and sanitise their hands with soap.
- B Students should not be within 1 metre of their friends' space.
- C Students should only wear masks when entering the classroom.

NOW HIRING! SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR

Job Description:

Teach swimming to a group of 5 children between the ages of 4–7 per class.

Location:

Seroja Swimming School, Dengkil

Salary:

RM20 per hour

Hours:

Evenings and weekends

Additional hours during school holidays

Qualifications:

Applicants MUST be able to swim themselves. Possess RLSS, STA or similar qualifications. Enthusiastic, energetic and confident when handling children as well as parents.

Application Deadline:

Open. We are rapidly growing nationwide and always need additions to our team.

- 6 The purpose of the advertisement is to
- A recruit qualified swimming instructors
 - B offer swimming lessons for instructors
 - C expand the swimming school nationwide

Matt,

Dad and I are going to Encik Kamal's daughter's wedding. We'll be back at 11.00 p.m. Dinner is in the oven. I've already told Darren to come home right after basketball practice. Aunt Nina will come over at 7.00 p.m. to treat both of you to a movie (Hint: the one you've been pestering me about). Have fun and don't forget to lock the door before going out.

Love,
Mum

- 7 Which of the following statements is true?
- A Often times Darren has other plans after basketball practice.
 - B Mum and Dad's wedding dinner will probably end at midnight.
 - C The movie Aunt Nina and the boys are watching starts at 7.00 p.m.

KUALA LUMPUR — Flash floods occurred in several areas around the capital due to a sudden heavy rainfall for an hour from 5pm today.

According to a spokesman from the Kuala Lumpur Fire and Rescue Department operations centre, water rose between 0.3 and one metre at the affected areas.

"There were also reports of fallen trees which struck electric poles at Jalan Damansara and near the Air Panas People's Housing Project (PPR) here. Firefighters are still conducting operations to remove uprooted trees and monitoring the affected areas," he said.

- 8 Which of the following statements is true?
- A Water rose above one metre in areas affected by flash floods.
 - B Some areas will experience electrical failure because of flash floods.
 - C Firefighters have removed trees and electrical poles that fell due to flash floods.

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.

Malaysia has (9) unique multiracial society with its many cultures including the rich culture of the indigenous people of the peninsula (10) north Borneo. It is marvelous to have all races (11) in one country. Some live in cities and urban area while others live in smaller towns and villages. Malaysia's population (12) twenty-three million people; 60 percent are Malays, 25 percent of Chinese descent, 10 percent of Indian descent and 5 percent of others. The Malay language is the national language and most Malaysians are (13). Multilingualism is practised throughout media such as in news, broadcasts and entertainment.

Hence, being a nation of a potpourri of (14), Malaysia can be proud of its diversity. It is truly a blessed country with one of the most exquisite (15) in the world with the elements of all the distinct flavours blended together. Rice of all colours is accompanied with special dishes while noodles are served with spicy or clear soup. Most Malaysians love the small hawker stalls, which are open (16) the day, offering all kinds of delicious food. One can enjoy a bowl of laksa or a plate of nasi lemak at any time of the day.

Celebrations of all religions (17) a norm in Malaysia. There are ethnic and religious holidays all through the year and many Malaysian families host friends and neighbours by having open houses. There will be 'love letters', muruku or 'kuih bangkit' served during Chinese New Year, Hari Raya or Deepavali (18) of ethnicity.

One can never be bored being a Malaysian or being a tourist in this cultural melting pot. Malaysia, truly Asia.

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| 9 A – | C an |
| B a | D the |
| 10 A or | C but |
| B yet | D and |
| 11 A unified | C blended |
| B divided | D collected |
| 12 A comprise | C comprised |
| B comprises | D comprising |
| 13 A speakers | C bilingual |
| B linguists | D translators |
| 14 A people | C cultures |
| B history | D backgrounds |
| 15 A menus | C cooking |
| B recipes | D cuisines |
| 16 A in | C during |
| B on | D throughout |
| 17 A is | C was |
| B are | D were |
| 18 A since | C although |
| B hence | D regardless |

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 A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

- 1 The school holidays were just around the corner but Jason was not looking forward to it. To him, it would be the same old routine, going back to the remote village to visit his grandparents. This time, he thought he would like to do something different! In his mind, he thought to himself, "I'm a city boy, I like my city life and my advanced internet service! There is nothing to do there at the wooden house!"
- 2 Jason knew there was nothing that he could do to change his mother's mind. This time, mum would come along too! The day had come, he had to accept his fate. Though he would miss an array of activities awaiting him in the city during the school holidays, obeying his mother's instruction was his first priority in life.
- 3 Jason and his mother took off from Kuala Lumpur to Kuala Bikam village. This small village is situated along the main road of Bidor and Teluk Intan, Perak. It is famous for its local fruits, especially guava. Throughout the journey, he enjoyed the ride with his mother, being able to spend some precious time together. They even sang their favourite songs together and enjoyed listening to the radio.
- 4 As they were approaching the village, Jason started to get worried again. He practically had nothing much to do in the village. He didn't have any friends as the place was full of elderly. Most of the young people had moved out to work in the city. "And now I am stuck with mum and grandparents!" he thought.
- 5 From afar, Jason saw a bullock cart with a couple seated inside the cart heading towards them. When he looked at the cart more closely, he realised the couple were his grandparents! They had just finished work at their farm a stone's throw away. His grandparents stopped in front of their house and **got down from the cart with ease**. Jason got down from the car and in a split second, was hugged tightly by his grandfather!
- 6 "How you have grown! You are going to be taller than me soon!" uttered Grandfather. Then grandmother came and gave him a bear hug too. "Hello, Grandpa... Grandma," muttered Jason. He was at a loss for words as to what else to say.
- 7 They ushered him into a wooden house. After unpacking his luggage in the guest room, Jason walked into the dining area. He was hungry by then! When he opened the food cover, he saw **assorted local delicacies** before him. Quickly, he shoved the food into his mouth. After a while, Jason felt full and satisfied.
- 8 For the next couple of days, Jason followed his grandparents to their farm. He hated farming actually but he remembered he had to pass up a school project about planting green vegetables. He had no choice but to follow them. When he first stepped into the soil with his bare feet, he felt disgusted having the slimy and soft soil beneath his feet. Eventually, he got used to it. Jason learned a few skills in planting and he also took some photos on the process of planting, watering and pruning! What a relief! His project was almost accomplished!
- 9 "Spending my school holiday in this village is not a bad idea after all! Thank you, Mum!" Jason whispered into his mum's ear.

- 19 In paragraph 1, why was Jason not looking forward to the school holidays?
- A He wanted to go camping.
 - B He wanted to study more in school.
 - C He wanted to go overseas for a holiday.
 - D He didn't want to spend his holidays at the village.
- 20 In paragraph 2, the writer said that obeying his mother's instruction was his first priority. What does he mean?
- A He would follow the instruction from his mother.
 - B He would not follow the instruction from his mother.
 - C He would make his mother the most important person.
 - D He would set his mother as his priority for decision making.

- 21 In paragraph 3, how can you describe the relationship between Jason and his mother?
- A They are close only during school holidays.
 - B They are close as they share the same hobby.
 - C They are close but rarely have time for each other.
 - D They are close because there are only two of them.
- 22 In paragraph 5, what can you conclude from the phrase **grandparents... got down from the cart with ease**?
- A Jason's grandparents are happy.
 - B Jason's grandparents are poorly.
 - C Jason's grandparents are not so healthy.
 - D Jason's grandparents are in good health.
- 23 In paragraph 7, which food is not considered as one of the **assorted local delicacies**?
- A Pizza
 - B *Nasi lemak*
 - C Layered *kuih*
 - D Banana fritters
- 24 In paragraph 8, choose the most suitable word to describe Jason's learning behaviour.
- A Kind
 - B Good
 - C Responsible
 - D Quick-witted
- 25 In the last paragraph, why did Jason thank his mum?
- A He had found a new friend.
 - B He had learned a lot on this trip.
 - C He wanted to go back to his city life.
 - D He wanted his mother to send him home.
- 26 What do you think is the most valuable thing that Jason learned from this trip?
- A He made a lot of friends.
 - B He learned how to ride on a bullock cart.
 - C He obtained more information about the village.
 - D He learned planting skills and was able to complete his project.

Questions 27 to 32

You are going to read a recount about a girl's memorable birthday party. 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.

A Birthday to Remember

I woke up to the aroma of a cake, a chocolate cake to be precise, baking in the oven. I wonder who would bake a cake so early in the morning. Do people eat cake for breakfast? I brushed off the thought, sat upright at the edge of my bed, and stretched my left hand out to the side table and grabbed my phone. 27 ☐ It was my birthday! How could I forget? I dashed down the stairs to the kitchen. All my family members were waiting and started singing "Happy Birthday!" once I stepped into the kitchen.

Teardrops started to fall as I could not control my joy. My father, mother, sister and two little brothers gave me a hug. Then, we had breakfast. My mother cooked my favourite, fried noodles with prawns. 28 ☐ I was so excited to hear that and started planning what to wear for the party.

My friends started to arrive at 5.00 p.m. and everyone was so happy chit-chatting and playing in the backyard. My sister had beautifully decorated the place with balloons. 29 ☐ The chocolate cake that she baked this morning was the centrepiece. I could not wait to cut it and sink my teeth into my favourite cake.

I was standing behind the cake, waiting for my sister to light up the candles. All my friends had gathered and were waiting for the cue to sing the birthday song. 30 ☐ Startled, my cats, Lulu and Dodo, darted towards the pergola. Seeing the cats, my brothers rushed to catch them but missed. The cats jumped onto the table and landed on the cake. 31 ☐ It landed on my face, my hair, my dress, and even on my friends.

Everyone was still. Quiet. No one knew how to react. I started to giggle, then my brothers, and later everyone was laughing. 32 ☐ Certainly it was the most memorable birthday I have ever had.

- A We have to spend the entire evening cleaning the backyard and pergola.
- B Suddenly, one of the decorative balloons burst with a loud bang!
- C While eating, my parents told me that they had invited my friends that evening to celebrate my birthday.
- D Although the day did not turn out as I expected, it was fun and I had an amazing birthday party.
- E My mother had neatly arranged the food on the table under the pergola.
- F I was surprised that there were more than a hundred messages in my inbox.
- G My sister and I started planning and designing invitation cards to the party.
- H The moist fudgy chocolate cake flew all over the place.

Questions 33 to 40

We interviewed six teenagers about owning mobile phones at their age. Read the texts below and answer the questions that follow.

Teens on Owning Mobile Phones

A – Yong Yi, 14 years old

Well, I definitely want to own a mobile phone now. Unfortunately, my dad said wait till I am 15 years old then he will buy me a new mobile phone. All my friends have a mobile phone, so sometimes I feel left out! But it's ok, I'm patient, I can wait.

B – Elise, 16 years old

Of course I need a mobile phone. It is so convenient for me. I need my mobile to call my parents as there is no house phone in my house. My parents are always out for work so owning a mobile phone is important for any emergency at home.

C – Giselle, 15 years old

My mobile phone is my everything! It functions as a calendar, a calculator, a diary, a game device, mini TV and others. The only setback is that I have to subscribe to a higher mobile plan because I am a heavy user of internet data. I use it a lot for games!

D – Maryam, 17 years old

Oh yes, I think it is necessary to own a mobile phone. I can't live without one because I use it often for my studies. As I am preparing for my SPM examination, I rely on my phone to go to the Internet for a quick search on things that I am not sure about. I find it handy to navigate any information I need.

E – Darchana, 13 years old

I do not need a mobile phone. My parents say that I'm still young and I will not know how to take good care of my mobile phone. I agree with my parents because I keep losing my stationery in school.

F – Shahrudin, 15 years old

A mobile phone? No, I don't think it is a necessity. I have a house phone at home so my friends can still call me. I only need an iPad. I use my iPad which I can use to go on the internet so I am happy with it. I don't need a mobile phone as it will be a burden to carry two devices.

Questions 33 to 36

Which paragraph (A – F) describes the following views on owning mobile phones?

Statement	Paragraph
33 I do not need a mobile phone as I have an iPad	_____
34 I need a mobile phone but I can wait for my dad to buy me one.	_____
35 I need my mobile phone to do my studying.	_____
36 I have a higher mobile plan to cater for my needs.	_____

Questions 37 to 40

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

What We Know About Owning Mobile Phones

- It is (37) _____ for a mobile user to store all phone numbers into his or her phone.
- Teenagers like to (38) _____ to interesting apps on their phones.
- Our mobile phones have powerful apps to help (39) _____ directions and locations.
- Don't think too long. If you think it is a (40) _____ then just purchase it.