

Module 1: Let's Chat

Part 1:

 **Reading – Short Texts (Reading and Use of English)**

Questions 1 to 8
Read the text carefully in each question. Choose the best answer A, B, or C.

The Tan Family Group

24 September

Michelle Tan
My eight-year-old Lisa told me that her friend, Vanessa, has goosebumps when she was asked to recite a poem in front of the class. To my amusement, she replied that a goose does not have bumps!
12.05 p.m.

Adeline Tan (Sister)
Haha! So silly of her!
12.08 p.m.

Harry Tan (Brother)
Don't be so harsh! We have to explain the meaning to her. She is still young.
12.15 p.m.

Hi Dad,
I have arrived in Bali this evening. We had a special reception organised by the project leader, Ananda. We had a great reception where we got to know the team from Bali. Tomorrow we will travel to our project site at Tanah Lot which is near the beach. I can't wait to work with the team.

Cheers!
Widayu

1 From the chat, it can be concluded that
 A Lisa is a silly girl
 B Harry is defending Lisa
 C Adeline does not like Lisa

It is good that teachers encourage students to use Google classroom to enrich their learning experience. Students are able to communicate with their teachers via this state-of-the-art learning tool. However, will the constant use of computers in the classroom or outside the classroom result in health hazard? Is there a darker side of Google classroom?

2 The phrase 'a darker side of Google classroom' refers to the
 A possible health risk
 B constant use of computers
 C communication with their teachers

3 From the message, we know that
 A Widayu is the project leader
 B Ananda has just arrived in Bali
 C Widayu is happy to be working on the project

Attention to the Taman Nuri and Taman Saga Residents

 The water disruption will be extended to Taman Nuri and Taman Saga due to underground pipes which have been severed. Restoration work has begun. The interruption on alternate days for the two residential areas will be carried out for a week from October 7 to 13 from 8.30 am to 11.30 pm. The interruption for Taman Saga will be implemented on even days from October 7 to 13, and for Taman Nuri on odd days from October 7 to 13.

- 4 Based on the notice, choose the correct schedule for water supply interruptions.

Taman affected	Date
A Taman Nuri	October 8, 10 and 12
B Taman Saga	October 7 to 13 daily
C Taman Nuri	October 7, 9, 11 and 13

Mega Computer Fest is back in town again. Come and check it out! Admission is free!



Date : 10 – 12 July 2021
 Time : 10 am to 10 pm
 Venue : Spring Mall, Ipoh
 Majestic Hall, Sibu
 Mega Digital Mall, KL

- 5 From the poster, we can say that the computer fest
- A is on for 3 days
 B has an entrance fee
 C will be the first one ever



Speaking is an important method for communicating knowledge and expressing ideas. It is a primary medium for presenting and selling products and services too. Being able to verbally communicate effectively with other people is essential in school and workplace, as well as your personal life.

- 6 The speaker is telling us the importance of
- A oral presentation
 B selling products
 C good service

SHARE YOUR STORY!

Two years ago, I was indeed a different person. I was at a loss when I was with my classmates. I did not know how to interact with them. Even when I did not understand what the teacher was teaching, I remained quiet. I knew something was not right but I did not know what to do. Not until Miss Kimberly came.....

- 7 From the extract above, we can conclude that the writer

A is now very popular in school
 B has problems in communication
 C is a very active person in school

INTER-OFFICE MEMO

To: Miss Heidi Hee Date: 15 April 2021
 (Secretary)

From: Mr Malindo Jai
 (Managing Director)

Message:

I have to attend an emergency meeting at Rio Hotel. I will not be back in the office before 4 p.m. Cancel the staff meeting between 2 – 4 p.m. and reschedule it for tomorrow. I have left a few documents on my table. Please fax them immediately.

- 8 From the memo, we know that

A Miss Heidi needs to fax the documents immediately
 B Miss Heidi has to attend a meeting at Rio Hotel
 C Mr Malindo will reschedule the staff meeting the next day

[8 marks]

Module 3: Buy it!

Part 2



Close Text (Reading and Use of English)

Questions 1 to 10

Read the text below and choose the best word for each space.

Money is very important in our lives, especially (0) _____ in today's times. To have a nice home, eat good food, treat illnesses, get a good education, and many other things, (1) _____ require money. Therefore, without money, leading a good life will be almost impossible.

In this modern times, money has (2) _____ such a necessity that people can do just about anything to be in possession of a little bit of cash. Some people will think of various ways to get it even though those ways aren't (3) _____ ethical. These (4) _____ people will scam or cheat those who are unsuspecting of their intention. It drives us to the point (5) _____ we can be forced to go against our morals and beliefs.

We spend our time working hard to earn money (6) _____ we can have a comfortable life. However, there are some people who prefer to take the shortcut and take (7) _____ of others in order to get rich.

Money can be the source of happiness for some people but it can also be the cause of sadness and worries. Some say money can't buy love, but money certainly (8) _____ us to take good care of our loved ones. Imagine not having enough of it even for the most basic necessities!

In conclusion, just like (9) _____, money has both a positive and negative side. It can take us to the path of greatness, (10) _____ become the root of destruction.

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| 0 A of
B in | C for
D during | 6 A so that
B because
C therefore
D even though |
| 1 A all
B any | C most
D none | 7 A action
B account
C advantage
D opportunity |
| 2 A become
B becomes
C became
D becoming | | 8 A enable
B enables
C enabled
D enabling |
| 3 A often
B never
C always
D sometimes | | 9 A nothing
B anything
C something
D everything |
| 4 A evil
B corrupt
C offensive
D unscrupulous | | 10 A or
B and
C also
D otherwise |
| 5 A which
B where
C whom
D when | | |

[10 marks]

Module 5: Globetrotting

Part 3

 **Reading - Longer Text (Reading and Use of English)**

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Suggested reading strategy:
Reading Comprehension Strategies

You are going to read an article. For Questions 1 to 8, choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

1 Last year, I had the opportunity to visit Bangkok – my first ever trip out of the country without my family. I was obviously thrilled but which 17-year-old wouldn't be? I went with three other friends and we booked a six-day tour with a tour agency. Our flight took about two and a half hours from KLIA and landed safely. Then we made our way to Baiyoke Hotel situated right in the city centre. 5

2 The climate in Bangkok is not much different from Kuala Lumpur – hot and humid. But if you think the traffic jam in Kuala Lumpur is really bad, then you have yet to see the worst. In the congested streets of Bangkok, vehicles squeeze and cram into any available space and it can take almost an hour even if the distance may be just 3 km away! 10

3 After we checked in and freshened up, we went off to an authentic Thai restaurant to enjoy delicious Thai cuisine while being entertained by elegant and graceful traditional Thai dancers. There was also a Thai boxing demonstration. The food was superb and everyone seemed to enjoy the *pandan* chicken and seafood *tom yum* soup the most. 15

4 However, little did we realise that our culinary experience had just begun. Every day we were brought to different types of eateries – from street food to upscale restaurants – and we were served with all kinds of irresistible, mouth-watering temptations. On one occasion, we went to a restaurant where the buffet spread was so long that the waiters had to use roller-skates to move around! 20

5 Another highlight of the trip was the tour of Bangkok which I found quite interesting. We visited many temples as well as a crocodile and a snake farm which gave me the creeps. 25

6 One place that I really liked was the floating market which you should not give a miss. You will see vendors selling their products from souvenirs to food to household items from their wooden boats. The Rose Garden was next on our list but do not be deceived by the name. There were hardly any roses there! It was actually a place to showcase the diversity of Thai culture. We got to see more Thai traditional dancing and Thai Boxing. 30

7 Bangkok is indeed a shopping haven. We went to their famous Pratunam Shopping Complex where you could find really cheap imitations of branded products. There were branded leather jackets, wallets, bags, T-shirts and perfumes all going for a song. We also went to Chatuchak Market which is another tourist attraction. However, I did not like this place as it was too crowded with shoppers jostling and pushing. And with hundreds of sellers in the vicinity, it was not possible to visit every stall, although there were so many things to see. 35

8 Before I knew it, the six-day tour had come to an end. It was a memorable trip and I had a lot of fun with my friends. Would I visit Thailand again? Yes, absolutely! There is still so much more to discover and the amazing food is enough reason for me to return.

Word Power

- congested - jammed
- authentic - genuine
- culinary - food

- 1 In paragraph 1, we know that
- A it was the writer's first school trip
 - B the writer went to Bangkok alone
 - C the writer went on a week-long trip
 - D it was the writer's first trip abroad without a guardian
- 2 In paragraph 2, how is Bangkok comparable to Kuala Lumpur?
- A The weather is similar
 - B Driving around the city is tricky
 - C The traffic congestion is equally bad
 - D Most tourist attractions are close to each other
- 3 In paragraph 3, the writer talks about his experience at
- A the hotel
 - B a restaurant
 - C a dance exhibition
 - D a Thai boxing demonstration
- 4 In paragraph 4, why does the writer use the phrase **mouth-watering temptations** when describing Thai food?
- A He finds Thai food unique.
 - B He thinks Thai food is delicious.
 - C He loves the variety of Thai food.
 - D He thinks Thai food is inexpensive.
- 5 In paragraph 5, what does the writer think of the crocodile and snake farm?
- A It is scary.
 - B It is interesting.
 - C It is dangerous.
 - D It is not to be missed.
- 6 In paragraph 6, what does the writer find surprising at The Rose Garden?
- A There were many vendors on wooden boats.
 - B Thai culture was not apparent there.
 - C Thai boxing was different there.
 - D There were no roses there.
- 7 In paragraph 7, in what aspect was Pratunam Shopping Complex different from Chatuchak Market?
- A The prices
 - B The crowd
 - C The sellers
 - D The variety of items
- 8 In paragraph 8, why does the writer want to visit Thailand again?
- A There are more things to see.
 - B He wants to stay there longer next time.
 - C The trip was not very enjoyable this time.
 - D He wants to spend more time with his friends.

[8 marks]

Module 6: Time Out

Part 4



Gapped Text (Reading and Use of English)

You are going to read an article about cycling. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A to H the one which fits each gap (1 - 6). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Cycling is a low impact aerobic exercise that offers a wealth of benefits. It also varies in intensity, making it suitable for all levels. (1) _____. Cycling is a wonderful workout that keeps you active. It can help shape a healthy lifestyle, both physically and mentally.

Firstly, cycling regularly can help lower body fat levels, which promotes healthy weight management. Plus, you'll increase your metabolism and build muscle, which allows you to burn more calories, even while at rest. (2) _____. Cycling also works your core muscles, including your back and abdominals because maintaining your body upright and keeping the bike in position requires a certain amount of core strength. Strong abdominals and back muscles support your spine, increase stability, and improve comfort while cycling.

(3) _____. Focusing on the road while you're cycling helps develop concentration and awareness of the present moment. This may help take your focus away from the worries of your day. (4) _____. Exercise releases endorphins, which in turn helps you feel better while lowering stress levels. Start your day with a healthy activity like cycling, which wakes you up by boosting your circulation and allows you to start your day with a sense of accomplishment. You may feel more inclined to make healthy, positive choices as the day progresses.

While cycling is generally a good activity, there are some precautions that you have to take. (5) _____. Therefore, when possible, ride on lanes reserved for cyclists and always follow traffic laws. Invest in a quality helmet and any other protective gear you may require to reduce the impact if you fall. Air pollution is another concern if you're cycling in the city. Try to cycle on days when the air is cleaner, or ride on less congested roads.

(6) _____. You can explore your local area without having to face traffic jam. It beats the feeling of boredom that can come from repetitive workouts, too. Appreciate the satisfaction that comes from improving your fitness while having fun.

- A Since you are cycling on the road, there are safety issues that you have to consider.
- B Secondly, cycling improves overall function in your lower body and strengthens your leg muscles without overstressing them.
- C Cycling is a great replacement for transport options that involve sitting in traffic for long periods.
- D In terms of mental benefits, cycling can ease feelings of stress, depression, or anxiety.
- E If the weather is in your favor, hop on your bike and go the distance.
- F You can cycle as a mode of transport, for casual activity, or as an intense, competitive endeavor.
- G Other than that, cycling is an enjoyable way to stay healthy and in touch with the world around you.
- H If you find yourself feeling lethargic or stressed, get yourself on your bike for at least 10 minutes.

[6 marks]

(Total 32 marks)