

Part 3

Read the text below and answer questions 17 – 24.

Malaysian Women's Traditional Clothes

Malaysia is a country with a lot of diversities in customs and cultures. There are many different ethnic groups especially in Sabah and Sarawak contribute to this fact. Each of them also has beautiful traditional attire that are worn daily or during festivals and occasions. Let us focus on women's clothes for the Malays, Chinese and Indians.

The Malay women wear 'baju kurung' which can be suitable for daily outfit as well as for formal and informal functions. The 'baju kurung' can be more elegant if they are made from traditional material like 'songket' which is cloth woven with silver or gold thread. Another outfit is 'kebaya', a blouse usually worn with batik sarung. It is also a traditional clothing for the Indonesian women.

Sari is known as the traditional attire of Indian women including those in Malaysia. Another familiar traditional clothing for the Indian women is the Salwar Kameez which originated from the Northern parts of India. It is also known as Punjabi suit.

The Chinese women dressed themselves in cheongsam. It is a long dress with slit either on one side of the skirt or both sides. The cheongsam looks more stylish and graceful because it is usually made from silk or satin. Unlike the chic cheongsam, 'samfoo' is a daily traditional attire normally worn by the older women. It is a short blouse almost similar to cheongsam but worn with trousers.

There are also many other beautiful traditional clothes for women around the world. The Japanese are known for their kimono and the Koreans wear hanbok. The list can be very long that one needs to find and read about them.

Questions 17 to 24

Complete the following table.

Choose **no more than three words and/or a number** from the text for each answer.

For each question, write your answer in the space provided on your answer sheet.

The reason for various customs, cultures and clothing	17.
'Baju kurung' are suitable for everyday use or any occasion.	18.
Fabric with silver or gold thread.	19.
The costume originated from Northern India.	20.
The cheongsam is a long dress with a difference because of the trademark by its side.	21.
The young Chinese women are not in favour of the two-piece costume.	22.
The traditional outfits for the Japanese and Korean women.	23. 24.

[8 marks]