

Model Question 

You recently went on an expedition to Taman Negara with the prefects. In about **120 words**, write an **essay** describing your activities during the trip. You **may** use the notes below to help you.

- Jungle cruise – Tembeling Jetty to park headquarters at Kuala Tahan – 2½ hours
- Reached campsite – put up tents – realised – challenging trip – survive on limited food and water – endure weather conditions – determined to make the most of the trip – no one complained
- Activities:
 - Jungle trekking expedition – lookout point – Gunung Tahan – spectacular view
 - Canopy walkway – longest in world
 - Scenic boat ride to Lata Berkoh – cascading waterfalls
 - Visited settlement – indigenous people – the Batek – Kampung Yong

THE MASTER PLAN

Introduction

- Principal announced – prefects' camp – Taman Negara – excited and surprised

Body

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Conclusion

- An adventure for all – many expressed desire to return – explore the rest of the park

Model Answer

When the principal announced that the prefects would be sent for a three-day camp, we were all excited. We were all surprised when we were told that we would be going to Taman Negara, instead of the usual campsites.

Our trip started with a jungle **cruise** on a pod-shaped motorboat from Tembeling Jetty to the park headquarters. The boat ride took approximately two and a half hours up the Pahang River. We spotted some monitor lizards swimming alongside the boat in the **murky** river.

When we reached our campsite, we put up our tents. We knew that the trip was going to be a challenge for us and would be unlike any other school trip we had made. We had to survive on limited food and water. We also had to endure the scorching sun and occasional downpour. Yet we were all determined to make the most of the experience and none of us complained.

We went on a jungle trekking expedition, which took us to a lookout point. We were lucky as it was a clear day and we could see the peak of Gunung Tahan. The view of the mountain was truly spectacular. Although none of us was spared from the leeches, we all agreed that it was worth the effort.

One of the highlights of the trip was the **canopy** walkway. It was about 40 feet above the ground and 460 metres long, one of the longest in the world. We also took a scenic boat ride to Lata Berkoh, a magical place with hidden pools of clear water and **cascading** waterfalls.

We also visited a **settlement** of one of Malaysia's indigenous people, the Batek. The settlement we visited was Kampung Yong, where we got to see how forest dwellers live and work.

On the whole it was indeed an adventure for all of us. Not surprisingly, many of us expressed the desire to return to Taman Negara and explore the rest of the beautiful park.

WORD Bank

- cruise** – a journey on a ship for pleasure
- murky** – dirty and difficult to see through
- canopy** – a layer of something that spreads over an area like a roof
- cascading** – falling downwards in large amounts
- settlement** – a place where people come to live and set up their homes