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## GEMPUR KECEMERLANGAN SPM 2023

**BAHASA INGGERIS  
KERTAS 1 (READING)  
1 JAM 30 MINIT**

**JANGAN BUKA KERTAS SOALAN INI SEHINGGA DIBERITAHU**

1. Tulis nama dan kelas pada kertas jawapan anda.
2. Kertas soalan ini mengandungi **lima** bahagian. Terdapat **lapan** soalan pada **Bahagian 1**, **sepuluh** soalan pada **Bahagian 2**, **lapan** soalan pada **Bahagian 3**, **enam** soalan pada **Bahagian 4** dan **lapan** soalan pada **Bahagian 5**.
3. Baca arahan bagi setiap bahagian dengan teliti.
4. Jawab **semua** soalan.
5. Tandakan / tulis semua jawapan anda dalam kertas jawapan yang disediakan di **halaman 14**. Sila gunakan pensel untuk menanda dan menulis jawapan pada kertas jawapan anda.
6. Serahkan kertas soalan anda kepada pengawas peperiksaan selepas tamat peperiksaan.

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| <b>5</b>                 | <b>8</b>     |                   |
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Kertas ini mengandungi **14** halaman bercetak.

## 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.

#### **Calling all book lovers!**

Our annual Book Fair is back at  
Little Corner Bookstore

1 Nov-31 Dec 2023



10% sales for school libraries in need of books

- Minimum purchase of RM 300
- Fiction and non-fiction
- Only for teachers

20% rebate for members on selected Fiction titles

- Proof of membership card is a must
- Valid with a minimum purchase of RM10

1 The advertisement says that

- A** members can get discounts on all books.
- B** teachers can get discounts when buying reference books.
- C** the book fair will last for two months.

Secondhand shopping or bundle shopping has become part of our lifestyle. Believe it or not, wearing bundle clothing nowadays is considered fashionable. Malaysia has seen an increase in the number of bundle stores nationwide.

Bundle shopping is not only affordable, but also helps to decrease waste and pollution while supporting the local economy by contributing to small businesses.

As we all know, not everyone can afford to buy from designers or luxury brands to make them look fashionable.

2 From the passage, we know that

- A** bundle shopping is a favourite pastime among people.
- B** buying pre-loved clothing is a form of recycling which helps to save the environment.
- C** wearing used clothes is becoming a trend because they look expensive.

**What is mukbang?**

Mukbang simply refers to a live-streamed video where viewers watch the host eat. It is characterised by the amount of food consumed during the streaming – think big-size portions, where viewers sit and watch the host eating and giving comments. It is a trend in South Korea where eating out and socializing with others is a big deal. So, one of the reasons for mukbang's popularity is perhaps to help recreate the social aspect of dining.

Adapted from:

<https://www.qustodio.com/en/blog/what-is-mukbang/>

Perlis East Wind Festival (Pesta Angin Timur Perlis) is the top three most popular traditional cultural events in Malaysia. This year, it was held at Kampung Sungai Padang, Simpang Empat, Perlis for 3 days from 3 to 5 March 2023. This festival celebrates the transition from cool weather to dry and windy weather in each year, which is also the post-harvest season for paddy farmers in Perlis. It aimed to promote local cultural activities of traditional Malay communities to visitors.

Adapted from:

<https://www.malaysia.travel/events/pesta-angin-timur-2023>

- 3 From the passage, we know that
- A mukbang promotes interaction among people.
  - B mukbang is mostly practised in South Korea.
  - C the public has chosen mukbang as part of their lifestyle.
- 4 Which statement is true about Perlis East Wind Festival?
- A The festival is aimed to promote traditional events in Malaysia.
  - B It is the most popular event in March.
  - C The farmers celebrate it in cool and windy weather.

"Hey, what's up guys?" is probably synonymous with Khairul Aming, who recently bagged the 'Creator of The Year' award at Tik Tok Awards Malaysia 2023. He began his career as a cooking influencer by creating video recipes and upload them on his Facebook page, RasaPop.

His fan favorite, "30 Hari, 30 Resepi" is an annual video where he showcases 30 types of recipe ideas for Ramadhan. Today the @KhairulAming brand has gained more than 8.4 million followers across all social media channels, and more than a million views for the videos posted.

Adapted from:

<https://www.youthventures.asia/>

5 Which of the following is true?

- A Khairul Aming gains his fame through cooking videos.
- B Khairul Aming loves to cook for his fans.
- C RasaPop is available on all social media channels.

Every day, GrabFood delivers food and beverages from restaurants to millions of consumers across Malaysia.

Why GrabFood?

1. Food for all cravings - From hawker fare to famous restaurants, our wide selection will satisfy your appetite.
2. Be rewarded with every order - Earn GrabRewards points and redeem them for rewards or rebates.
3. 5-star local selection - Discover the best eats in town, as rated and reviewed by millions of food lovers like you.

Adapted from: <https://www.grab.com/my/food/>

6 From the passage, we know that

- A customers have limited choices of food to eat.
- B customers can get rewards when ordering food online.
- C GrabFood allows customers to enjoy their food at home.

KUALA LUMPUR, July 7 — El Nino weather phenomenon is expected to increase at the end of 2023 until early 2024, said the Malaysian Meteorological Department (MetMalaysia). El Nino is a climate pattern associated with the warming of ocean surface temperatures in areas around the Pacific Ocean, causing temperature to rise and rainfall to decrease. It can also cause haze due to uncontrolled open burning of forests. Therefore, the public is advised not to do open burning and to reduce outdoor activities if the weather gets extremely hot.

Adapted from: <https://www.malaymail.com/>

- 7 The news extract tells us that
- A haze and open burning are caused by the El Nino phenomenon.
  - B El Nino will reach its peak between December and January.
  - C MetMalaysia is responsible for controlling El Nino.

Listen to your heart,  
Follow your dreams,  
And let no one tell you what you're capable of.  
Push the limit,  
Bend the rules,  
And enjoy every minute of it.  
Laugh at everything.  
Live for as long as you can.  
Love all.  
But trust none.  
Believe in yourself  
And never lose faith in others.

Adapted from:  
<https://www.familyfriendpoems.com>

- 8 The extract of the poem tells us to
- A accept fear as part of being successful.
  - B appreciate what we have in life.
  - C always have confidence within yourself.

## 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.

#### Do you want a 'housebot'?

Walking (0) in the door (9) \_\_\_\_\_ a long day at work, you feel happy to be home. As you walk through the house, you appreciate the sparkling clean floors, the beds that are perfectly made and the tasty snack waiting on the kitchen table. How long did it take to clean the house? No time at all for you!



With a (10) \_\_\_\_\_-friendly remote control that you take everywhere with you, you are able to do all the chores from your office at work or when you're out enjoying yourself. And you don't have to press any confusing buttons because the device you're using is voice (11) \_\_\_\_\_; you only need to give it a command and the message is sent to your housebot through a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ network.

Isn't that a great idea? This (13) \_\_\_\_\_ miracle means you'll never have to wash a dirty plate or load a washing machine again! A robot that cleans your home (14) \_\_\_\_\_ does all the chores you don't want to do could be a future development in (15) \_\_\_\_\_ and one we would all be pleased to see. Such cutting-edge technology is (16) \_\_\_\_\_ being used for surgery and space (17) \_\_\_\_\_ too. If the technology can create housebots, doing chores will definitely become (18) \_\_\_\_\_.

Source: English Download Workbook

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|----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 0  | A in             | B of            | C at         | D from           |
| 9  | A for            | B after         | C since      | D despite        |
| 10 | A user           | B buyer         | C shopper    | D customer       |
| 11 | A activate       | B activates     | C activated  | D activating     |
| 12 | A mobile         | B cellular      | C wireless   | D private        |
| 13 | A cost-effective | B labour-saving | C self-help  | D self-assisting |
| 14 | A and            | B but           | C or         | D nor            |
| 15 | A invention      | B manufacturing | C technology | D robotics       |
| 16 | A hardly         | B currently     | C lately     | D previously     |
| 17 | A exploration    | B investigation | C inspection | D examination    |
| 18 | A up-to-date     | B contemporary  | C outdated   | D permanent      |

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

Razia was forced to marry her cousin, Salman. The two never got along from the beginning. They constantly fought and Salman often abused her with a heated metal rod, sometimes even branding her with red-hot pan.

She finally decided to end it all. One evening, she made Salman his daily cup of tea, but this time she added some poison and gave it to him in bed. Soon, Salman felt excruciating pain inside his throat. He lifted accusing eyes towards Razia.

"I had no choice," she said coldly. "I'm not your personal punchbag!" He snarled, "You're my wife! I have every right to do whatever I want to do with you!" Eyes filled with loathing, she calmly said, "No, you don't! After you die, I'll finally have the peaceful life I've always wanted!"

"You'll never be free of me!" Salman whispered painfully. "I'll come back for you and you'll have an even more painful death than me! I promise..." His whole body shook in pain. His eyes burned with hatred before his body went limp. Razia stared at his dead form, his last words echoing in her mind.

Razia told Dr Khurum, their family doctor, that he had taken poison when she was examining the body. The doctor looked skeptical, her eyes drifting to the prominent bruises on Razia's arms. Unspoken words passed between the two women and Dr Khurum said, "Yes, I too, think he did." Razia let out a deep breath, relieved.

Initially, Razia was grief-stricken and felt guilty, but she eventually recovered. Her children grew up. They got married and she became a happy grandmother. It was the perfect peaceful life that she had always dreamed of before her marriage. But she despised her old bedroom with every fibre of her being that she locked it up for good as it would always remind her of every scar on her body and the years of torture. She cut off the electricity and shut its windows. She hid the key to the room, so it was never opened again until that fateful night more than twenty years later.

It was her youngest daughter's wedding. With all her children and grandchildren staying over, there were not enough rooms. The bride-to-be finally suggested using the old bedroom as there was no other solution to settle the problem. Razia immediately refused but her children persisted until she finally relented, promising to open it in the morning.

That night, Razia, who had slept peacefully for more than twenty years, could not sleep a wink. She got up, feeling an undying need to go to the forbidden room herself. She took out the key she had hidden for years, never wanting to see it again. Yet now, after years of not even thinking about it, she herself was taking it out so willingly with the intention of seeing that room. She took a lantern with her to the room as she remembered it did not have a power supply. Turning the key in the lock, she pushed the door open and stepped in.

At once, she was struck by a smell so foul and so evil that she could not breathe. She ran to the window and threw it open, greedily swallowing in the cool night air. The door suddenly slammed shut behind her. To her horror, she saw a figure wrapped in a white sheet on the filthy bed. "No, you're dead!" she whispered. Then, she came to her senses. Walking to the bed, she pulled the sheet off. There was no dead body.

Breathing more easily, she turned to open the door. Suddenly, she felt fingers closing around her throat, squeezing her painfully. Then she heard a voice, whispering into her ear, "I promised that I'd be back to take you with me."

The next morning, the family was greeted with the sight of Razia's dead body when they opened the door to the room. The marks on her neck showed that she was strangled to death by a muscular man. There was no reasonable motive for someone to murder an old woman who had virtually no money. They said it was revenge. They said it was Salman.

Adapted from *Even After Death Do Us Part*, <http://www.buzzle.com/articles/2013>  
found in *Cemerlang Strategi Tuntas A+ English Form 5*

- 19 In paragraph 2, why did Razia decide to poison her husband?
- A She got tired of their bickering.
  - B She was always in constant pain.
  - C She wanted to get out of the marriage.
  - D She wanted to escape her abusive husband.
- 20 In paragraph 3, what was her expectation after her husband's death?
- A She would have a contented life.
  - B She won't feel resentful anymore.
  - C She would have the freedom to be herself.
  - D She won't be her husband's punchbag anymore.
- 21 In paragraph 5, what did the bruises on Razia's arm signify?
- A Her prone to injuries
  - B Her self-inflicted abuse
  - C Her tormented married life
  - D Her carelessness and recklessness
- 22 In paragraph 6, why did Razia lock up her old bedroom for good?
- A She wanted to repent.
  - B She was guilt-ridden and remorseful.
  - C She still mourned her husband's death.
  - D She wanted to bury her memories with her deceased husband.
- 23 In paragraph 7, why was Razia reluctant to use the old bedroom?
- A It would wake the dead.
  - B It would disrupt her peace of mind.
  - C She wanted to hide her past life with her dead husband.
  - D She did not want her family to see the content of the room.
- 24 In paragraph 8, what drove Razia to go to her old bedroom?
- A Her own curiosity
  - B Her sudden desire to do so
  - C Her lack of common sense
  - D Her willingness to forget the past

- 25 In paragraph 9, what caused Razia's inability to breathe?
- A The evil lurking in the room
  - B The sudden slam of the door
  - C The wrapped figure on the bed
  - D The horrible stench of the room
- 26 What can be inferred about Razia's death?
- A It was a homicide.
  - B It was a mysterious death.
  - C It was an inexplicable death.
  - D It was an unfortunate accident.

## Part 4

### Questions 27 to 32

*You are going to read an article about cleaning up the outer space. 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.*

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### Space Junk

There is an increasing number of objects in low Earth orbit. A camera, a glove, a hand tool, even a toothbrush: they are all up there, above the clouds, going around and around the Earth. There are also thousands of pieces of metal and plastic. (27)  Scientists consider all these objects to be "space junk," and they are a problem.

Since people first launched rockets into space in the nineteen-fifties, we have been leaving behind all sorts of things. Some of them, like the camera, were lost by astronauts while they did work outside their spacecraft. (28)  Some things we send into space fall back toward Earth and burn up in the atmosphere. But larger pieces sometimes survive the extreme heat and hit the ground or the ocean at great speeds. So, there is always concern that something may fall from the sky and do some harm.

But space junk falling on housetops is not the biggest worry. Scientists are concerned about the "Kessler" syndrome. It is named for the American scientist who first thought of the idea in 1978. Imagine what happens when an empty rocket strikes another while orbiting the earth. (29)  The pieces get smaller and smaller until they form a cloud of junk that blocks the path of future space vehicles.

So, what can be done to clean up the space around our planet? Marco Castronuovo, an Italian Space Agency researcher, has an idea. In the publication "Acta Astronautica," he writes about launching a satellite into space that would get very close to some of the larger pieces of space junk. The satellite would connect a small rocket to the useless object. When the rocket explodes, it pushes the junk into a lower and slower orbit, nearer the Earth. (30)

Mr. Castronuovo has proposed using a number of small satellites with robotic arms. (31)  He imagines that each satellite would jump from one large piece of junk to another. He thinks this method could destroy about ten large objects each year.

Scientists have been concerned about space junk for many years. (32)  However, Mr. Castronuovo says his system could be put in place for a much more reasonable amount of money.

Source: [www.voanews.com](http://www.voanews.com)

- A** Two big things become many smaller things and they then hit other things.
- B** One would catch the space junk, and another would connect the rocket.
- C** After a time, the junk burns up in the atmosphere.
- D** Though costly, it would in time create a much safer space environment for all space-faring nations.
- E** Right now, the costs of the clean-up have been too great.
- F** But much of the space junk is made up of little pieces of things that were once bigger objects, until they struck each other and broke apart.
- G** Some of them are only about the size of a fingernail and many are much larger.
- H** The collision could cause an explosion that could harm the nearby planets.

## Part 5

### Questions 33 to 40.

Read the texts carefully and answer the questions that follow.

#### Tips to Avoid Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke

##### **A - Stay hydrated**

Staying hydrated is the key to maintaining a healthy body temperature, particularly during exercise. Drink plenty of fluids the day before and the day of physical activity. During exercise, keep a drink handy to replenish those substances you have lost while sweating.

##### **B - Maintain a healthy weight**

People who are obese are at much greater risk for heat-related illnesses. Carrying excess weight can affect your body's ability to regulate its temperature and cause you to retain more heat. Talk to your doctor if you need help managing your weight.

##### **C - Wear Sunscreen**

Sunburn affects your body's ability to cool down and can make you dehydrated. If you must go outdoors, protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses, and by putting on sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher 30 minutes prior to going out. Continue to reapply it according to the package directions.

##### **D - Be extra careful if you're sick**

Infections such as the flu can cause your body temperature to spike. If you've recently overcome an illness, be cautious about the amount of time you spend outside and spend exercising for a couple of weeks.

##### **E - Use the buddy system**

If you're older than 70, you're more susceptible to heat stroke due to underlying medical conditions that can affect your body temperature. If you live alone or can't get around well, the risk is increased, especially if your air conditioner breaks. Use the buddy system—find a friend or relative who can help when the temperature rises.

##### **F - Mind the temperature and time**

Keep in mind the time of day you'll be outside, as early mornings and late evenings are the coolest times of the day. When you see heat indexes in the high 90s or above, be especially careful about the amount of time you spend outside.

Adapted from <https://www.medstarhealth.org/>

**Questions 33 to 36.**

Using the information given, which text (A – F) describes the following statements about tips to avoid heat exhaustion and heat stroke?

For each question, mark your answer on the answer sheet.

| Statement                                                                                       | Paragraph |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 33 People who are overweight can seek doctor's advice.                                          | _____     |
| 34 Having someone to rely on can help in case of any heat-related emergencies.                  | _____     |
| 35 Using sunblock is one way to protect yourself from the sun.                                  | _____     |
| 36 It is essential to exercise extra care when going outdoors after recovering from an illness. | _____     |

**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. Write your answer on the answer sheet.

**How to Avoid Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke**

- It's important to have a beverage (37) \_\_\_\_\_ to keep you well-hydrated throughout your workout.
- Applying (38) \_\_\_\_\_ before heading outside is good as a protection in the sun.
- For individuals that have limited mobility, it is advisable to implement the (39) \_\_\_\_\_ system.
- Additionally, it's crucial to keep track of the heat index, so that you will be extra (40) \_\_\_\_\_ when you are outdoors.

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