

**Part 1**  
[8 marks]

**Questions 1 to 8**

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

Dear Rinong,  
I heard that your pet dog died after being knocked down by a car. I am very sorry to hear that. I understand what you are going through. Please take care. I will come over to see you soon.

Jack

- 1 Jack wrote this letter to Rinong to extend his
- A apologies.
  - B sympathy.
  - C disappointment.

**JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB, PETALING JAYA**

There will be a committee meeting on 3 December at 9 a.m in the Computer Lab of SMK Simpang Raja.  
Agenda: To discuss and plan programmes for the coming year.  
**Attendance is compulsory.**

- 2 The objective of the notice is to
- A inform members of the meeting on 3 December.
  - B explain to committee members the reason for the meeting.
  - C hold a committee meeting to discuss and plan next year's programme.

**The things people do today**

Some people are afraid of nothing and are willing to put their lives at risk all for fun!  
Julian Francis, a filmmaker and explorer, made a 7-mile dive into the deepest part of the Pacific Ocean. He did the dive on his 76th birthday!

- 3 From the extract we can conclude that Julian Francis
- A is a famous explorer.
  - B is brave and fearless.
  - C loves diving in deep waters.

TO: razzzer@yahoo.com

FROM: superesh@hotmail.com

SUBJECT: Football practice cancelled

Hi Suresh,  
Megat just called to tell me that tomorrow's football practice has been cancelled. The replacement practice session is on Friday at the school field, not at our usual practice field. It's at 3 o'clock as usual.  
See you there!

Razif

- 4 Friday's football practice
- A has been cancelled.
  - B is at a different time.
  - C is at a different place.

Nancy

Hi Brandon. Can you get me some cocoa powder? I can't make the cookies without it. Get it from Bake Supplies on your way home. Thanks.

- 5 Nancy is texting Brandon to
- A thank him.
  - B ask him for a favour.
  - C inform him that she's baking.

**Kak Bedah's Minangkabau Restaurant**

**Full-time kitchen helpers wanted**

**Requirements:**  
18 years and above  
Locals only

**Salary: RM800++**

Call: 016-233 4870 (Shah) or 03-44520014 for more information.

- 6 The advertisement is for people who
- A know how to cook.
  - B are Malaysians only.
  - C can work for 4 hours per day.

**INVENTORS' CONTEST**  
for  
**Lower secondary pupils of SMK P Tengku Baizura**

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Preliminary round: 4 May  
Finals: 17 May



**Contact Encik Hamid (Science Club Teacher Advisor)**

- 7 The contest is
- A open to all pupils aged 13 to 15 from the school.
  - B a scientific invention contest judged by Encik Hamid.
  - C organised for all Science stream pupils in the school.

<b>FROM:</b> Budi Perkerti Security Services
<b>TO:</b> All House Owners Section 2M
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Security Fees & Other Issues
Dear Home Owners, Kindly attend a meeting at Ria Community Hall on Sunday, 5 January at 10 a.m. Please bring along your ID tag.

- 8 The purpose of the memo is to
- A invite home owners for a discussion on security matters.
  - B warn home owners that security fees have to be paid soon.
  - C inform house owners that the ID tags are ready for collection.

**Part 2**  
[8 marks]

**Questions 9 to 16**

Read the text below and correct the underlined errors. For each question, write the correct word in the space provided.

Pulau Ketam is a small island located off **(0)** a coast of Port Klang, Selangor. One can go to the island **(9)** with ferry from the Port Klang jetty. Pulau Ketam is home to mainly Chinese fishing villages with about six **(10)** thousands people living in 'floating houses' built on stilts. There are no roads here, only narrow concrete pavements and **(11)** wood walkways.

As such, there are also no cars on the island. The villagers mostly **(12)** travelled by boat or bicycle to get from one village to another. **(13)** Until the main economic activity here is fishing, many families have turned to tourism to earn a living. **(14)** Here are many seafood restaurants and shops selling seafood produce. There are also two hotels within **(15)** walked distance from the jetty. Visitors will have the opportunity to experience a unique way of life **(16)** on these fishing villages. As it's near the Klang Valley, it's also a good destination for a day trip.

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**Part 3**  
[8 marks]

Read the text and answer questions 17 to 24.

**Nurul Imam Palace**

All over the world we see various kinds of houses. Some are small while some are huge and often called mansions and even palaces. Whatever the size, it is still someone's home because 'a man's house is his castle' and it is without doubt a person's most valued possession.

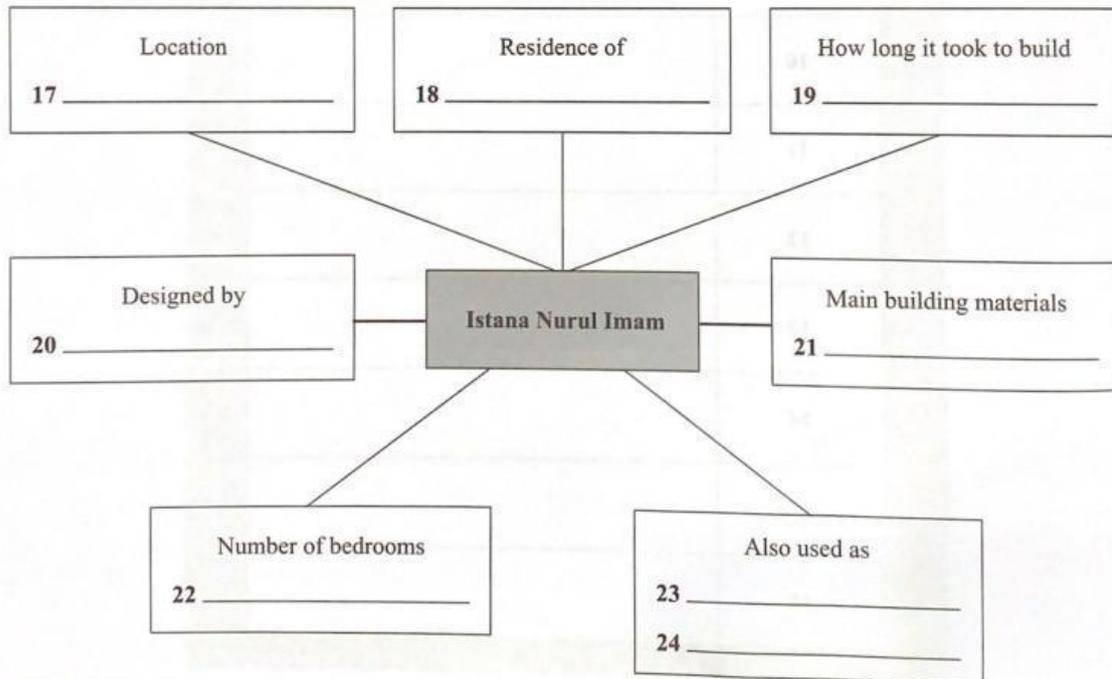
The largest house in the world is the Nurul Imam Palace in Brunei, which is the official residence of the Brunei royal family. Istana Nurul Imam in English means The Light of Faith Palace and the building is one of a kind.

The palace is located southwest of the city centre of Bandar Seri Begawan, the capital of Brunei. It was built in 1984. It took two years to build. This huge mansion was designed by Leandro V Locsin and constructed by a Filipino company, Ayala International. The Palace covers an area of 200,000 square meters and believe it or not has 1,788 rooms with 257 bathrooms, a banquet hall, five swimming pools and numerous record-breaking facilities not found even in big hotels and other palaces in the world. The main materials used to build this palace are marble and gold.

Besides being the residence of the royal family, this palace is also the seat of the government of Brunei and the prime minister's office. Tourists and visitors are not allowed into the Palace every day. The sultan opens the doors to visitors only once a year during Hari Raya Aidilfitri for three days only.

**Questions 17 to 24**

Complete the mind map. Choose **no more than five words and/or number** from the text for each answer. For each question, write your answer in the space provided.



**Part 4**  
[10 marks]

Read the text below and answer questions 25 to 34.

It had been raining for two days straight and Razlan was getting worried. He ran over to the house next door and called out to his classmate, Peter. The two boys were supposed to go on a school trip to Melaka that weekend. They and their thirty other classmates had been told to gather at their school compound at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday. A chartered bus would pick them up half an hour later. Six teachers would be accompanying them on the trip.

Razlan was really looking forward to his school trip as he had never been to Melaka before. His bag was already packed. He had been counting down the days with eagerness. Razlan and Peter were, however, the only pupils who lived across the river from the school. After the heavy rain, Razlan noticed that the water level of the river had risen drastically. A few years ago, floods in the area had washed the bridge away and cut off their only way to school. Razlan was worried it might happen again and they would miss their school trip. Peter was, however, confident the new bridge would not give way. The old wooden bridge had been replaced with a new one made of steel and concrete.

Nevertheless, the two boys decided to have backup plans in case the bridge was not passable. First, Peter's father agreed to drive them to school using a different bridge much farther away. If that was not possible, then Razlan's uncle, who owned a boat, promised he would take them across the river. On the morning of the trip, the river had indeed burst its banks and inundated some parts of the village. Thankfully, the new bridge was sturdy enough to withstand the strong currents and the two friends made it safely across the river to their school.

Answer the questions below. Choose **no more than five words and/or a number** from the text for each answer. For each question, write your answer in the space provided.

- 25 Razlan's neighbour is also his \_\_\_\_\_.
- 26 Razlan's class had organised a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 27 How many teachers were going for this excursion? \_\_\_\_\_
- 28 Razlan was excited because he had \_\_\_\_\_.
- 29 Razlan was worried that they would \_\_\_\_\_ if the bridge got washed away again.
- 30 The new bridge was made of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 31 In the event that they could not use the bridge, Peter and Razlan came up with \_\_\_\_\_.
- 32 On the morning of the trip, the boys made it across the river even though the river had \_\_\_\_\_.

**Questions 33 and 34**

Complete the table below with **a word** from the text. For each question, write your answer in the space provided.

Meaning	Word
33 a lot or extremely	
34 flooded, submerged	

[Lihat halaman sebelah]  
SULIT

**Part 5**  
[6 marks]

**Questions 35 to 40**

You are going to read an article about a hot-air balloon ride in Putrajaya. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences (A – H) to fit each gap (35 – 40). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use. For each question, mark the correct answer (A – H).

Last week, my parents and I went for a hot-air balloon ride. I had always wanted to go on a hot-air balloon ride and my dream came true thanks to the Putrajaya International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta. The night before, I made sure that I had the tickets ready and my phone was charged so that I could take photos. (35) \_\_\_\_\_

The next morning, I was up at the crack of dawn and pestered the rest of my family to hurry. I couldn't wait to get to Putrajaya. When we got there, we went round and round Putrajaya because we had trouble finding the site. (36) \_\_\_\_\_ At last, we arrived at Precinct 2 around 6.45 a.m. When we arrived, there was already a long queue of people waiting for their turn to go on one of the three tethered hot-air balloons.

We were amazed at what we saw. (37) \_\_\_\_\_ At the registration booth, we were told we would be flying on the Darth Vader balloon. (38) \_\_\_\_\_ Being a Star Wars fan, this was the ultimate treat for me.

When it was finally our turn, my parents and I climbed excitedly into the wicker basket of the Darth Vader balloon. The pilot was an Englishman who had an assistant to help him. (39) \_\_\_\_\_ From so high up, the view was breathtaking. Although it was a short, 20-minute ride, the experience was truly awesome. (40) \_\_\_\_\_ I think I might just make this an annual visit.

- A I will never forget the experience.
- B I was so happy I had to stop myself from jumping around.
- C There were so many balloons in all shapes, colours and sizes.
- D I was so excited I could barely sleep that night.
- E The take-off was smooth and we flew up to 700 m high.
- F Halfway up the ride, my phone rang.
- G It was our first time to Putrajaya after all.
- H My cousin and I took a selfie at the entrance.