

Part 1
[8 marks]

Questions 1 to 8

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

KUALALUMPUR: The Malaysian Education Ministry's (MoE) team emerged as the Overall Champion in the 2023 World Robot Olympiad (WRO) International Final. The championship was held in Panama City, Panama, from 7 to 9 November 2023. The competition was attended by 1,200 participants from 80 countries around the world.

The Malaysian national team triumphed in its 11th attempt out of 19 participations in the WRO. The championship was secured when the national team bagged four gold and two silver medals out of a total of seven categories contested.

- 1 From the newspaper report, we know that
- A it was the first participation by the Malaysian team in the WRO International final.
 - B the Malaysian team won six medals altogether to emerge as overall champion.
 - C Malaysia sent 19 participants to Panama City to take part in WRO.

SMJK YOK BIN, MELAKA
PRESENTS

**COLOUR RUN
FESTIVAL**

SATURDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER
FLAG OFF: 7.30 a.m | PAHLAWAN SQUARE

TICKET: RM40

T-SHIRT | DRINK | ENTERTAINMENT | DOOR PRIZE

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- Please register an hour prior to flag off.
- Please collect T-Shirt from the school by Thursday, 10 September.

- 2 To take part in the run, one needs to
- A collect the T-shirt on the day of the run.
 - B register at the starting point at 6.30 a.m.
 - C pay RM40 at SMJK Yok Bin on 12 September.

SPECIAL DEALS!

If you use the gym ten times in one month, you can attend the Water Zumba Class free of charge!

- 3 Which of the following statements is **true**?
- A The gym is free for people who go to the Water Zumba Classes.
 - B The Water Zumba classes are free for those who go to the gym ten times in a month.
 - C This month, you can go to Water Zumba Classes and use the gym ten times without paying.

Suraya: Hey, why are you in your university graduation robe? Didn't you just complete your degree programme last year?

Zabreena: My dear, that was five years ago! I furthered my studies in the same university.

Suraya: Time flies! And you haven't changed a bit! Congratulations!

- 4 From the conversation, we know that Zabreena has
- A just completed her Masters degree.
 - B lost contact with Suraya for many years.
 - C completed her degree last year.

IPOH, Nov 10 – A tiger was found dead, suspected of being knocked down by a trailer at the North-South Expressway (NSE) southbound near the Gua Tempurung rest area yesterday. The male tiger estimated at 8 to 10 years old was discovered lying dead in the middle of the highway barrier, indicating that it was likely struck while crossing the highway.

- 5 The tiger was probably killed
- A on 10th November in Perak.
 - B at the Gua Tempurung rest area.
 - C after being hit by a heavy vehicle.

Amelia: I thought I just saw you reading in the library? How did you get here before me?

Xin Ying: Huh? I've been queuing up here for quite some time now. I'm starving and the queue seems to be taking forever to move.

Amelia: Gosh. Something must be wrong with me. I must have been hallucinating.

Xin Ying: Don't worry, you're not. It was my sister whom you saw. We are like two peas in a pod despite the age difference.

- 6 From the conversation, we know that Amelia
- A met Xin Ying's identical twin sister in the library.
 - B saw Xin Ying when she queued up at the library.
 - C was at the library before she went to the canteen.

RISK FACTOR FOR ACID REFLUX



Smoking



Having large meals or eating late at night



Consuming triggered foods (fatty foods or fried foods)



Going to sleep shortly after having meal



Drinking alcohol or coffee or soda



Taking medications without consulting doctor

- 7 To avoid getting acid reflux, one should
- A control caffeinated and carbonated drink intake.
 - B take medicine without following a doctor's advice.
 - C frequent fast food restaurants and have good supper.

Tips for Treating Acne and Oily Skin



1
Cleanse your face at least twice a day



2
Use an astringent



3
Choose oil-free, water-based skin care products



4
Avoid scrubbing your skin



5
Use acne treatments and/or exfoliating products regularly

- 8 Hasnizah has acne. She should
- A scrub her face with a brush twice a day.
 - B use skin care products which are oil-free or water-based.
 - C cleanse her face at least twice a week with acne treatment product.

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.

THE DANCE PROFESSION

Dancing is definitely not (0) a easy profession. It seems simple and fascinating when the dancers skilfully (9) moves and bend their bodies along with the music. But when it comes to the actual training, dancers (10) had to put in hours of sweat and pain just to get a simple move right.

Similar to running, swimming or playing basketball, dancers must possess good stamina and be able to move parts of (11) they body without losing control. They must also have (12) a grace and rhythm to know which type of movement is suitable (13) to a particular type of music.

However, not many people are able to get a job as a professional dancer (14) but the competition is tough. Besides, a good dancer must (15) constant perform away from home to earn a steady income. This is a profession that requires hard work and dedication. Supporting dancers by (16) buy tickets to attend their performances is the least we can do to help.

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Read the text and answer questions 17 to 24.

My First Marathon

Running a marathon had always been on my bucket list. Over the years, my inspiration grew from watching local runners run for charity. I had only completed in shorter races as I knew I would have to be very fit to take part, which clearly, I wasn't at that time.

Finally, I mustered the courage to sign up for a charity marathon in Taiping. I started training harder half a year before it. Besides keeping my usual daily jogs, I progressively increased the distance. I also went to the gym to work out to strengthen my legs. I also practised learning how to take deep breaths and holding my breath for as long as I could. I went on a special diet to ensure sufficient energy and stamina. I had to avoid consuming really fattening food and opt for healthy food.

The training of my mind came hand in hand with the physical training. Running a marathon would surely be tiring and the body would start to give up at some point. Therefore, my mind had to stay strong and persevere.

It was soon the day of the charity marathon. There were 300 runners, but only 20 signed up for the marathon. Most took part in their 10 and 20 kilometre races. Towards the end of the race, my body was giving way but luckily the physical and mental training paid off. I managed to cross the finishing line, regardless of the extra time I took to complete it.

Questions 17 to 24

Complete the table. 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.

| My First Marathon | |
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| Source of inspiration | Witnessing 17 _____ running for a good cause |
| Prerequisite to take part in marathons | Needs to be 18 _____ |
| Location of the first marathon entered | 19 _____ |
| Duration of time preparing for the marathon | 20 _____ |
| Training for the marathon | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increased running distance during daily jogs • worked out in 21 _____ • learnt to hold breath and 22 _____ • be mentally prepared to persevere and stay strong |
| Diet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • had a special diet to get enough 23 _____ • chose healthy food and avoided eating 24 _____ |
| Result | Completed the marathon despite longer finishing time |

Part 4
[10 marks]

Read the text below and answer questions 25 to 34.

NEIL HARBISSE

A normal person sees with his eyes and hears with his ears. But things are different for Neil Harbisson. Neil is colourblind. Many colourblind people are usually unable to see only a few specific colours, like red or blue. However, Neil is completely colour blind, which means he can only see the world in different shades of grey.

Thanks to technology, Neil is now able to 'see' using his ears. He has implanted an antenna into his skull. One end is attached directly to the back of his skull, bends over the top of his head, and has a light sensor on the other end. This light sensor records the colours and sends this information to a chip embedded in his skull. The chip decodes these colours and makes them into sounds. Neil can experience each colour as its own unique sound. For instance, the red of a stop sign translates into one tone, while the green of the traffic lights translates into a different tone. In this way, he has created a sound vocabulary for all the colours. What is amazing is that Neil can translate the sounds he hears into colours too! For example, when a bird chirps or a doorbell rings, he can see them as colours.

Neil embraces the identity of a cyborg, someone who is part human and part machine. To him, he does not use or wear technology, but he is technology. He thinks his antenna is part of his body, not a device. He hopes that technology can help more humans to evolve for the better and overcome disabilities.

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 The colour that Neil sees is _____.
- 26 Neil can see using his ears as an antenna that is implanted _____.
- 27 There is _____ on the other end of the antenna at the front part of his head.
- 28 Colours are detected by the light sensor and this information is sent to _____.
- 29 Neil has the ability to _____ by listening to its own unique sound.
- 30 When Neil listens to sounds, he can _____ them into colours.
- 31 A cyborg is a person who is _____.
- 32 It is Neil's hope that people can overcome disabilities and change _____ using technology.

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 |
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| 33 a piece of equipment made of wire or long straight pieces of metal for receiving or sending signals | |
| 34 the act of accepting an idea done with enthusiasm | |

Part 5
[6 marks]

Questions 35 to 40

You are going to read a text about Hafizah buying a new apartment. Six sentences have been removed from the text. 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).

Hafizah was looking for an apartment to buy in Kuala Lumpur. After looking at apartments by different developers, she finally found a top floor apartment in Sentul. She knew this was the one she wanted. 35 _____ It was the flat roof just outside the large glass windows that made her fall in love with the place. She had an idea. She was thinking of turning it into a garden.

After buying the apartment, she sought advice from her brother-in-law, Firdaus, a professional garden designer. When Firdaus came to have a look, he managed to identify the problem at once. 36 _____ It certainly could not hold the weight of soil and plants. They can be very heavy, especially when they become wet after the rain.

Firdaus then referred to his engineer. He said that it was possible to make the roof sturdier by laying long pieces of metal across the roof. 37 _____ The cost of the whole project would be rather high. 38 _____ All she cared for was the roof garden. After all, that was the reason she bought the apartment.

Another problem was the view from the roof. Hafizah hoped to enjoy the views of Kuala Lumpur from her new garden. 39 _____ Other residents like their homes to be private. They do not want people looking through their windows! A solution to this was to fix pots plants around the edge of the flat roof and plant tall bushes. By doing so, the interior of other residents' units could not be seen. 40 _____ She was satisfied with her cosy garden.

- A Hafizah doesn't mind the lack of view.
- B It wasn't strong enough even for an adult to walk there.
- C But he was pretty sure he could solve the problem.
- D But she could see into other units from there.
- E The view from the windows of the apartment was incredible.
- F She wasn't really attracted to the apartment.
- G These could then be covered with wood to make the garden more attractive.
- H However, money wasn't an issue for Hafizah.