

Part 2

Multiple-Choice Cloze

SPM Paper 1: Part 2 (Q9-Q18)

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.

Email vs letter

Decades ago, (0) exchanging letter was the main communication tool people used. (9) _____ spending a long time in writing, a letter offers its writers to (10) _____ their thoughts and share the information in detail. Writing a letter can help people keep in touch especially with those who stay far.

With technology evolution, writing an email is now a (11) _____ for everyone. Internet access allows email to be sent electronically via a desktop computer, laptop, tablet or even a smartphone. (12) _____, at least one of these devices is now a must-have item for us. Not only for sending email, these devices also have many purposes such as capturing pictures, calling, messaging and video recording.

There are a lot of differences between writing an email and a letter. The most obvious one is the text length. While letters (13) _____ the writers to write longer, a shorter version can be done through an email. People need to only type the main points and the details could be (14) _____ as videos, pictures, files or links.

Writing an email is also a (15) _____ as it is faster, easier and people do not have to spend money to buy stamps. Moreover, sending an email does not (16) _____ us to queue at the post office, waiting for the turn to post it. In other words, it can be done anywhere and anytime!

Email has made our lives easier. (17) _____, some people prefer writing a letter as they believe it has a personal touch- the unique handwriting (18) _____ project the personality of the writer – making it still the number one choice for them.

In short, writing an email or a letter has its own advantages and disadvantages. Which one is your choice?

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| 0 A changing | B exchanging | C shifting | D substituting |
| 9 A Despite | B Even though | C Moreover | D But |
| 10 A state | B tell | C voice | D express |
| 11 A compulsory | B necessity | C wanted | D needed |
| 12 A In contrast to | B Apart from | C In fact | D In general |
| 13 A allow | B accept | C consent | D permit |
| 14 A shown | B created | C connected | D attached |
| 15 A Possibility | B selection | C preference | D decision |
| 16 A want | B involve | C require | D promote |
| 17 A Moreover | B Nevertheless | C Furthermore | D Likewise |
| 18 A could | B would | C should | D ought to |