

SPM PAPER 2 – PART 3: STORY WRITING

Instructions: Complete the story using the words in the word bank. Use each word only once.

WORD BANK

abandoned	elders	warning	flickering	footsteps
suddenly	panicked	realised	traditions	chilling

Curious and excited, my three friends and I decided to explore an old, (1) _____ building on the outskirts of our village one Saturday evening. The building had been empty for decades, and many frightening stories surrounded it. The (2) _____ in our village often warned children to stay away from the place. However, we thought these stories were nothing more than superstitions. Unfortunately, we ignored their (3) _____ and decided to investigate the mysterious building ourselves.

As soon as we stepped inside, a strong smell of damp wood filled our noses. The windows were covered with thick cobwebs, while the floor creaked beneath our feet. Meanwhile, the weak moonlight shone through the broken windows, creating strange shadows on the walls. We switched on our torches and slowly made our way towards the staircase. To our surprise, we noticed a (4) _____ light coming from a room upstairs, even though the building had no electricity.

Determined to discover its source, we climbed the stairs. Just then, we heard heavy (5) _____ behind us. We immediately turned around, but there was nobody there. Before we could react, the door at the end of the corridor slammed shut by itself. (6) _____, a cold wind swept past us, and a child's laughter echoed through the empty hallway. My heart pounded violently as my friends and I (7) _____ in fear. Although we tried to run, the staircase seemed to stretch endlessly before us.

Eventually, we managed to escape through a side door. Once outside, we noticed an old wooden sign bearing a traditional symbol that we had seen during village ceremonies. At that moment, I (8) _____ that the building had once been used for sacred cultural rituals. We had entered a place that the villagers considered special, without understanding its significance.

From that terrifying experience, I learnt that we should respect local (9) _____ and listen to the advice of our elders. We should never be careless or allow curiosity to overcome good judgement. Even if we do not fully understand certain beliefs, we should respect the people and history behind them. As we walked home, the wind suddenly stopped, and the entire village became strangely quiet. It was then, in that (10) _____ silence, I finally understood why the elders warned us not to go there.