

The question paper consists of 30 questions. Answer all questions.

# FORM 4 PDPR TEST

READING

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## READING QUESTIONS

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

### JOB HUNTERS RECRUITMENT AGENCY

Are you really satisfied with your job?

NO?

Are your talents and abilities ignored or unappreciated?

YES?

THEN CALL US!

We will introduce you to people who will really appreciate all your talents and skills

1 What does this advertisement promise?

- A A more suitable job for your abilities
- B Talented customers for your business
- C A promotion in your present job

### ANTIQUA JAPANESE PORCELAIN SALE

A Once in a Lifetime Opportunity!

A collector from Japan is selling six of his most fine, rare and exclusive pieces from his famous private collection.

Coming to Kuala Lumpur soon!

Pan Pacific Hotel  
22<sup>nd</sup> March 2002

2. What items are offered for sale in the following advertisement?

- A some private collections of porcelain
- B some exclusive antiques
- C some modern porcelain works

The island of Bali is covered with towering mountains. In fact, one can find very little flat land here. Yet, for thousands of years, the enterprising Balinese people have cultivated rice *effectively*. They have done so by cutting terraces into the steep mountain sides to enable rice to be planted, as it is planted on the flat plains in Java.

3. How is rice cultivated in Bali?

- A On the flat plains
- B In the few flat areas
- C In plots cut into the mountains

4. Effectively as found in the passage means

- A easily
- B profitably
- C successfully

**PURCHASE – WITH – PURCHASE**

*A lovely pair of bedroom slippers and satin hangers are yours at ONLY RM19.90 (worth RM29.90) with purchases of RM50.00 from the Ladies' Department.*

5. Which of the following statements is correct about the advertisement below?

- A To get these items at RM19.90, you have to buy something else first.
- B To get these free gifts, you have to buy items costing RM 19.90
- C The slippers cost RM19.90 whereas the hangers cost RM29.90

One can understand why Malacca is called a historic city. Some streets in Malacca seemed to have hardly changed in the last few centuries. Strolling along Jalan Hang Jebat and Jalan Tan Cheng Lock, my friends and I could imagine how **they** would have appeared in the ancient times when **they** were known as Jonker and Hereen Street. Then, these streets were almost totally occupied by the Baba families.

6. What does they in the passage refer to?

- A The last few centuries
- B The two streets
- C The Baba families

**WE APOLOGISE BUT THE USE OF HANDPHONES IS NOT PERMITTED IN THIS ESTABLISHMENT. CUSTOMERS ARE WELCOME TO USE THE PHONE AT THE SERVICE COUNTER**

7. Which of the following sentences best explains the signs below?

- A Customers have to switch off their handphones inside this establishment.
- B Customers can request to use the establishment's handphones.
- C Customers have to use their own handphones in this establishment.

**DO NOT HANDLE THE FRUIT. PLEASE WAIT TO BE SERVED.**

8. What does the sign mean?

- A Customers are allowed to choose their own fruit.
- B Customers should not touch the fruit.
- C Customers have to serve themselves.

**SEREMBAN:** Yesterday, fireman from Seremban had to squeeze themselves into a narrow and deep drain hole to rescue a trapped senior citizen.

The man, who is in his 60s, fell into the hole which is about 0.3 metres deep at about 7.00 p.m. on Saturday. The man was on a morning stroll when he fell into the drain hole. He was taken to the Seremban hospital by ambulance

9. From the newspaper report, we know that

- A a young man fell into the drain hole
- B the cover of the drain hole had broken
- C the firemen succeeded in rescuing the trapped man

**Amir**

Hi guys. I'm doing survey for school on hobbies of young people. Could you tell me what you like to do in your free time and why?

**Sarah**

I like travelling because I am able to see the world and experience different cultures.

**Muthusamy**

My hobby takes me up mountains and rough terrains. Sometimes I hike and camp out in the jungle

**Maria**

I like nature and so I try to capture it. I love to take pictures of people, animals and scenic sights.

Robots do not require sleep or breaks. They are able to function without stopping. When employed to carry out dangerous tasks, the risk to human health and safety is reduced. They can be more productive than people. However, people can lose jobs in the factories. Apart from that, robots need maintenance to keep them running. It costs a lot of money to make up or buy the robots as the software and the equipment needed to use with the robot cost a bomb

**10 All three people here have described their various hobbies. Which of the following statement is not true?**

- A Maria likes to capture pictures of nature at its best
- B Travelling allows Sarah to take beautiful pictures
- C Muthusamy's hobby sometimes puts him in challenging situations

**11 Which of the following statements about robots is true?**

- A They do not need any maintenance to keep them running.
- B they need equipment and software that are extremely expensive
- C they are not as productive as people as they are unable to think

Dear Veronica

You have asked me how to prepare fried rice many times before. I hope this will help. Firstly, cook some rice in a rice cooker. Then, get some vegetables, eggs, prawns and onions ready. Heat up your pan and sauté the ingredients in hot oil. Then, add in the cooked rice and mix well. Lastly, add in some salt to taste and serve.

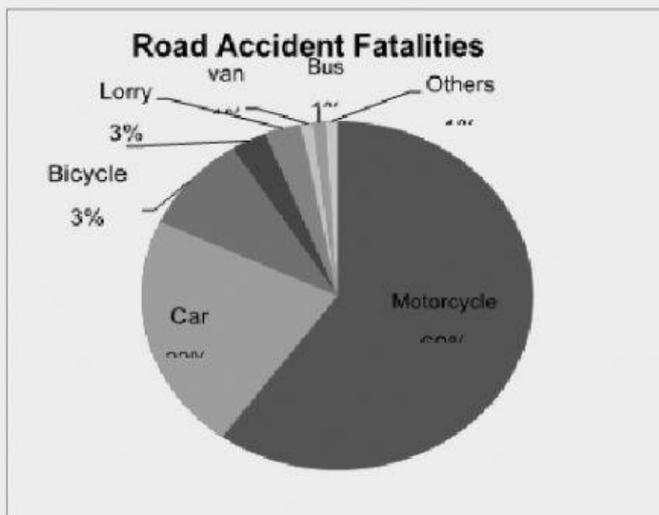
I hope you will have an interesting time trying this out. Let me know if it works out well.

Bye for now.

Linda

12 From this note, we know that

- A Veronica has made the dish before
- B Linda is teaching Veronica how to make fried rice
- C Veronica has taught Linda how to make fried rice many times



13 What can we conclude from the above statistics on 'Road Accident Fatalities'?

- A Car fatalities are 3 times higher than motorcycle fatalities.
- B Motorcycle fatalities are 10 times higher than pedestrian fatalities.
- C Motorcyclists constitute more than 50 per cent of the total number of fatalities.

#### ONLINE ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

We are offering online classes for anyone who is interested to learn English. You can choose your time and frequency of lessons according to your convenience.

Just call 1-800-3838 and talk to our customer service personal.

All notes and material will be provided.

CALL TODAY!!!

14. From this flyer, we know that

- A classes will be conducted at a specific venue
- B students would have to prepare their own notes
- C anyone can learn the language at any time convenient to them

There are various ways we can practise to be smart consumers. We only need to know some good tips. Firstly, buy products that have long life span. Remember to avoid buying disposable items. Next, buy products with minimal packaging. Then, buy products in their concentrated form. Finally, consider buying in bulk for those necessary purchases. You will save money and reduce packaging.

**15 Which title best summarises the above text?**

- A Tips: How to be a smart consumer
- B Tips: The benefits of buying in bulk
- C Tips: The benefits of minimal packaging

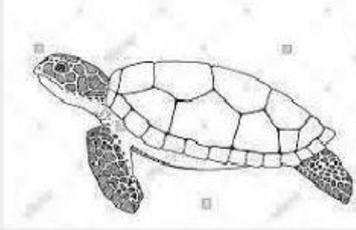
To put in a nutshell, only half of those who graduate are able to secure a job, while a quarter are jobless six months after getting their scrolls. Of the graduates who have a secured job, about half are earning less than RM 2000. There were several reasons cited for the lack of employability among local graduates. Topping the list is a **mismatch** between the training provided at universities and skill sets required by the employers. The employers think that current university curriculum does not reflect the current skill requirement.

**16 Which of the following words is the closest in meaning to the word *mismatch*?**

- A Equality
- B Similarity
- C Disparity

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.

### The Leatherback Sea Turtle



Eight ( 0 ) species of sea turtles live in the world today, four of which ( 17 ) \_\_\_\_\_ in Malaysian waters - the Leatherback, the Green Turtle, the Olive Ridley and the Hawksbill. The Leatherback may be one of the ( 18 ) \_\_\_\_\_ reptiles alive today, weighing up to 910 kilograms. ( 19 ) \_\_\_\_\_ all the marine turtles, the Leatherback is most at home in the sea, where it dives to depths of over 1000 metres.

These creatures are usually found in tropical and subtropical waters around the world but occasionally ( 20 ) \_\_\_\_\_ in very cold seas. They can migrate many thousands of miles between their feeding and nesting grounds. Leatherbacks have inhabited the seas for thousands of years and are considered to be one of nature's most successful creatures, remaining virtually unchanged in that time.

The East Coast is one of the only two places in the world where giant Leatherbacks choose to ( 21 ) \_\_\_\_\_ their eggs. It is most ( 22 ) \_\_\_\_\_ that many people have always enjoyed eating the eggs of sea turtles and the increase in human population has dramatically reduced the number of eggs as most eggs laid ( 23 ) \_\_\_\_\_. At one time, turtle eggs commanded such a high price that almost every egg ( 24 ) \_\_\_\_\_ removed and sold.

The Giant Leatherbacks which roam the seas often return instinctively here between the months of May and September to lay eggs. Rantau Abang, a 19 km stretch of beach near Dungun, is a major nesting area of these turtles. It is also the unofficial ( 25 ) \_\_\_\_\_ of the sea turtles. The Turtle Information Centre set up in 1983 and financed by the Terengganu State Government is open to the public. Visitors can acquire information such as the egg laying and hatching process of these turtles. Much effort has been made to ( 26 ) \_\_\_\_\_ these turtles.

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|--------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| ( 17 ) | A. were nesting | B. nests       | C. nest       | D. nested        |
| ( 18 ) | A. larger       | B. largest     | C. large      | D. largely       |
| ( 19 ) | A. In           | B. To          | C. Of         | D. For           |
| ( 20 ) | A. forage       | B. hunts       | C. swimming   | D. eats          |
| ( 21 ) | A. laying       | B. lays        | C. laid       | D. lay           |
| ( 22 ) | A. fortunately  | B. unfortunate | C. misfortune | D. unfortunately |
| ( 23 ) | A. is eaten     | B. are eaten   | C. have eaten | D. being eaten   |
| ( 24 ) | A. was          | B. were        | C. is         | D. are           |
| ( 25 ) | A. place        | B. sanctuary   | C. abode      | D. heaven        |
| ( 26 ) | A. guard        | B. safeguard   | C. revive     | D. guide         |

We interviewed six teenagers about the occupation that they want to choose when they grow up. Read the texts and answer the questions that follow.

### Sought-after Occupations Among Teenagers

#### **A – Aliyah, 17 years old**

I want to be a doctor when I grow up. To me, health is above everything else in the world. The satisfaction of saving lives and restoring patients' health goes far beyond the feeling of other achievements. Despite the long and gruelling hours of work in the field of medicine, I know my life will be happier when I can put a big smile on the patient's and the family members' faces.

#### **B – Nelson, 15 years old**

I want to be a teacher when I grow up. As a teacher, I can make a difference in the lives of many students. I want to make students work harder than they think they could. I can make a C+ feel like a congressional medal of honour for some students but an A- feel like a slap in the face for other students. Nonetheless, in addition to teaching content, a teacher has to prepare and update students' performance indicators on a regular basis. The excessive paperwork might make it difficult for teachers to have a work-life balance.

#### **C – Henrianus, 16 years old**

I want to be an entrepreneur when I grow up. I want a lifestyle that is not bound to nine to five. For me, the prospect of working an average job is not as rewarding and aspiring as a successful entrepreneur. Although building a successful business takes a lot of time and risks, I am willing to bite the bullet. As the old adage goes, entrepreneurship is living a few years of your life like most people won't so that you can spend the rest of your life like most people can't. I believe entrepreneurship will allow me to achieve financial success and freedom one day in future.

#### **D – Avinash, 14 years old**

I want to be an electrical engineer when I grow up. I have always been fascinated by electrical systems and machinery since small. Good electrical engineers need a variety of skills to excel in their roles. For example, electrical engineers need to have problem-solving skills so that they can solve complex problems while troubleshooting failed products. Besides that, they must be decisive as they need to make firm and informed decisions about their products.

#### **E – Ker Yee, 17 years old**

I want to be a lawyer when I grow up. Being a lawyer, I will have the chance to use my legal skills to help people, animals and the environment. Lawyers can also enjoy flexibility in their job. For example, lawyers can set their own fees, choose their working hours and select clients they want to work with. However, this profession has zero tolerance for mistakes as a mistake might cost a client's millions of dollars or freedom.

#### **F – Nur Fazleen, 15 years old**

I want to be a musician when I grow up. I prefer a job that is relaxing and entertaining at the same time, so being a musician is just the perfect job for me. Studies show that playing a musical instrument on a regular basis helps lower stress. Apparently, music also can lower the heart rate and blood pressure, too.

**Questions 27 - 30**

Which paragraph (A – F) describes the following personalities? Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

<b>Statements</b>	<b>Paragraph</b>
27. I dare to take chances. I am willing to work hard to make my dream of becoming rich a reality.	_____
28. I want to impact people’s lives. Helping people to go beyond what they thought possible is something I am passionate about.	_____
29. I am thorough in what I do. I’m a perfectionist.	_____
30. I enjoy figuring out solutions to challenging problems. Once I work out how to do it, it can be quite difficult to change my mind.	_____