

**SPM 1119/1**  
**ENGLISH PAPER 1**  
**READING AND THE USE OF ENGLISH**

1)

***An Extract From The Story Peter's Misfortune Holiday***

*'I was fine till I lost my luggage, passport and wallet. I thought of leaving Paris as we had an open ticket. Luckily my friend Ruben had some extra pounds and we checked into a small lodge. After checking in we managed to walk to nearby hawker stalls to eat a basic meal and grab some winter clothes in a nearby bundle clothing shopping.' When we reached into the room before Ruben could say a word I crashed onto my bed. As early as the birds singing I woke up and felt extremely disappointed with my misfortune holiday trip in France Paris.' And to my surprise I found all my things on my bedroom. How?*

**The writer in this story extract aims to share the message that:**

- A Peter lost everything and left Paris with his best friend's remaining money
- B Peter and his friend decided to end up in a lodge for a night
- C Ruben is the culprit behind Peter's misfortune

2)

***A New Highlight***

*Due to the non-stop rain, 29/12/2020 flash flood occurred early morning today and four main states in Peninsular Malaysia is badly affected by the sudden flash flood. Many houses and cars are damaged, people are stranded in their vehicles and rescue team is working really hard to rescue people and bring them to safety.*

**From the news extract above we know that:**

- A flash flood has killed many and caused material damages
- B flash flood has caused a massive damage towards people, vehicles and houses
- C flash flood occurred all over the states and only four states we badly affected

3)

**A Teacher is Giving Instructions to her student**

*Dear students today we are going to learn about The Five Elements of Nature. Now listen carefully, we are going to do a reading and listening drilling activity. First we will complete the reading worksheet then followed by the listening task. In this way, you will comprehend better.*

**From the instruction above, we can learn that :**

- A listening activity comes before the reading activity
- B the purpose of the reading activity is to guide learners to later listen
- C the listening and reading activities are to teach two different topics

4)

*From:jamaludin@mail.com*

*To:amani@mail.com*

*Subject: Lets meet up Sister*

*Hi Sis, this week I am on leave and I am coming over to meet you and mom. I think we should organise a short trip to Penang. Do you want to travel by car, bus, train or flight from Kelantan? I would prefer a flight as it will be faster but if you and mom prefer a long drive then I am fine with a car. I don't want to travel by bus or train as it will be really crowded due to holiday season.*

**From the email above, why is it better for them to avoid public transport?**

- A It will be packed with passengers.
- B It is too expensive to buy last minute tickets
- C the travel time would be longer.

5)

*Jamal : Mathan, stop delaying your meals or else you will get gastric or any other stomach problems.*

*Mathan : I am still full and not that hungry .*

*Jamal: Don't give me reasons!*

*Mathan: Ya I know Jamal just a little more and then I am done. The submission is within a few hours!.*

*Jamal: Make it quick Mathan the food is getting cold. Always last minute in completing assignments.Haiz*

**From the conversation above, why does Mathan delay his meals?**

- A he is busy completing his homework
- B he is busy completing his assignments
- C he is not hungry

6)

*Please hear the announcement and please take the needed actions. Get a check up when you see others or you have these symptoms. The symptoms are diarrhea, abdominal pain, jaundice, vomiting, muscle aches, chills, headache and continues high fever. All these symptoms might be deadly as it indicates sever viral infection. Please seek medical help immediately!*

**From the announcement above we know that**

- A the disease can cause death
- B the symptoms may vary
- C medical help is considerable

7)

*Dear valuable customers, please make sure you have your flight ticket that contains the information of you reference number , seat number , passenger name and departure date and time with you before boarding our flight BEO6789. It will be useful for us to check and prevent a long queue at the boarding gate.In our plain please be seated according to your seat numbers. Changes are prohibited and will only be allowed based on the case. Thank you.*

**Based on the information above which of the following is false?**

- A passengers only need their flight ticket that contains all information about their flight
- B passengers only need their reference number at boarding gate
- C passengers need to adhere to their given seat numbers.

8)

*This idiom 'An Apple A Day Keeps The Doctor Away' is very popular. What does it mean dear students?*

*It means apples have nutritional values that will always keep you healthy.*

**What do you think the idiom above really means?**

A eating apples will prevent you from falling sick

B apples will not allow you to visit a doctor

C doctors will not eat apples

## PART 2 MCQ CLOSE

[10 marks]

Question 9 to 18 are based on the following passage. Read the passage and choose the best answer to fill in each blank. Then circle the answer A,B or C .

Creative thinking is all about we trying to 9 as many ideas as 10 so that we can eventually think out of the box. We call this either brainstorming 11 being imaginative. It encourages us to become open minded. We tend to keep 12 open minded about others' ideas without 13 being judge mental as in the ideas are practical or not. Creative thinking enables us to see that even the most outlandish idea might work to overcome a problem. In such circumstances, we tend not to give 14 easily 15 we will 16 a 17 of several possible 18.

9 (A) created (B) create (C) creating	10 (A) possible (B) likely (C) much	11 (A) or (B) and (C) nor	12 (A) be (B) being (C) is	13 (A) even (B) since (C) despite
14 (A) out (B) up (C) on	15 (A) as (B) because (C) due	16 (A) has (B) have (C) had	17 (A) choice (B) choices (C) choosing	18 (A) solution (B) solutions (C) are solution

### PART 3 MCQ LONGER TEXT

[8 marks]

Questions 19 to 26 are based on the following passage. Read the passage and then circle the answer A,B or C .

Garlic can reduce cholesterol and there are dozens of studies that confirm this. In an article published in 'The Journal of the Royal College of Physicians', garlic supplements are shown to have an important part to play in the treatment of high cholesterol. It reveals that a 12 percent reduction in total cholesterol will be evident only after four weeks of eating garlic supplements. The largest study conducted was in Germany where 261 patients from 30 general practices were given either garlic powder tablets or a placebo. After a 12-week period, mean serum cholesterol levels dropped by 12 percent in the garlic-treated group and triglycerides dropped by 17 percent, compared to the placebo group.

A test conducted at Homboldt University in Berlin shows that garlic can reduce existing levels of atherosclerosis and inhibit new growth of plaque. Atherosclerosis is a process in which deposits of fatty substances, cholesterol, cellular waste products, calcium and other substances build up in the inner lining of an artery. Other studies demonstrate that people who eat more garlic have stronger and more flexible aortas that are less likely to tear. This in turn helps lower blood pressure, prevent blood clots from forming, thereby reducing the possibility of strokes and thrombosis. Garlic's use as an antiseptic has long been recognized, dating way back to the 16th century. Garlic was widely employed to treat wounds during wartime, and was pounded and applied as a poultice for sores and to reduce inflammation. Although these applications were not backed by scientific studies, they were probably not too far from the truth. Garlic as mentioned in several old English vocabularies of plants from the 10th-15th centuries, has been used by herbalists since the 16th century.

Currently, there is a rapidly growing amount of evidence on the beneficial role of garlic in cancer. Researchers in Pennsylvania have shown that injecting a garlic compound called diallyl disulphide (formed when raw garlic is cut or crushed) into tumors can reduce them by half. A further compound, S-allylcysteine, can also stop cancer causing agents from binding to human breast cells.

A study led by professor Michael Wargovich at the University of Texas in the US shows positive results for esophageal cancer. He concludes that although the precise mechanism may not be clear, results show that the administration of well tolerated garlic products may confer important protection from cancer. Several studies also show that garlic and related foods can play an important dietary role during cancer treatment. For instances, scientists have correlated garlic intake with reduced nitrite levels and fewer deaths from stomach cancer. the search for garlic compounds that prevent cancer is ongoing and has intensified with mounting evidence that many types of cancer are caused or triggered by factors relating to lifestyle or environment.

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**19) According to paragraph 1 above , an example of the effect of taking garlic or garlic supplements is?**

- A reduce in high cholesterol level
- B reduce in overall cholesterol level
- C reduce in serum cholesterol level

**20)What other benefits that we can see by eating garlic in paragraph two?**

- A reduce in fatty substances
- B reducing the changes of strokes and thrombosis
- C cleans the inner lining of an artery

**21)What can we learn if we look back on the history of garlic?**

- A we learn that garlic was used as antiseptic
- B we learn that the goodness of garlic as a food was not certified by science
- C we learn that garlic was used to treat open wounds

**22)Why do we see that the author is still trying to justify that garlic was used as an antiseptic?**

- A it was written in old English books of plants from 16th century
- B it was written in old English vocabularies of plants from 10-15 century
- C it was written in old English vocabularies of plants from 10-15 century and use as herbalists since 16 century

**23) How garlic can be used to treat cancer?**

- A elements in garlic can stop cancer agents from binding to human body
- B a compound in garlic can stop cancer agents from binding to human breast cells
- C can completely prevent tumors from growing and spreading to breast cells

**24) What does the study led by Professor Michael Wargovich proofs?**

- A garlic plays an important dietary role in preventing cancer
- B garlic plays an important dietary role during cancer treatment
- C including garlic too much in daily meals plus poor lifestyle causes cancer

**25) From the text we can see that garlic intake correlates with nitrite level as in**

- A the more garlic we eat the high the nitrite level
- B there is no any significant differences identified
- C the more garlic we eat the lower is the nitrite level

**26) What is the overall advice that the author wants to tell the readers?**

- A garlic is important to consume and has plenty of wellbeing benefits
- B garlic is important to consume and has plenty of medical benefits
- C garlic is important to consume and naturally has plenty of healing benefits

**PART 4 GAPPED TEXT**  
**[6 marks]**

**Question 27-32**

Read the given story and try to guess the missing sentences. The sentences options are listed in the box for you to choose. Write the correct alphabets (A-H) in the box in the text.

**AMAZING PREDICTIONS IN 2040**

Many people who are born in the 2040s will live 150! **27\_\_\_\_\_**. Cars will drive themselves! Our cars will take us wherever we want to go, safely and easily and **28\_\_\_\_\_**. **29\_\_\_\_\_**. We will be able to buy tiny computers that fit in our ear and translate what we hear into our own language. There will be genetically modified crops that are very healthy. We will also be able to buy **30\_\_\_\_\_**. People will also go on holiday to space. Thousands of us will work in space stations. **31\_\_\_\_\_**. Finally, we will be able to play video games just by thinking and the games will be advanced enough to understand what move we want to make and make **32\_\_\_\_\_**.

A	Learning a second language won't be necessary
B	the move for us
C	we will be able to relax and enjoy the ride.
D	We will have interpreter for learning second language
E	square fruits and vegetables that fit in the fridge more easily.
F	play the game for us
G	There will be hotels, restaurants and sports stadiums in space.
H	That is because there will be vaccines for most serious diseases including cancer.