

The following is a description of the National Day Celebrations. Fill in the blanks with the correct answer from the box.

### THE NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 marked the 63<sup>rd</sup> year of Malaysia's independence. It was celebrated grandly as Malaysia turned 63. The highlight was the National Day Parade which was held in Putrajaya. The theme for the year was 'Malaysiaku Gemilang'

Thousands of \_\_\_\_\_ spectators formed a three-kilometre, \_\_\_\_\_ chain along Jalan Precinct 2, Putrajaya. They cheered loudly, when the Prime Minister, arrived with his \_\_\_\_\_ wife, in a brand new, \_\_\_\_\_ green Proton Perdana. Also present were the Deputy prime Minister and other cabinet ministers. The \_\_\_\_\_ parade started with the arrival of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Raja Permaisuri.

First ,everyone sang the national anthem Negaraku, followed by the flag raising ceremony. The stadium grounds were filled with \_\_\_\_\_ banners and buntings. Next on the agenda was the inspection of the guard of honour mounted by 103 \_\_\_\_\_ officers of the Royal Malay Regiment.

Led by seven \_\_\_\_\_ pupils representing the \_\_\_\_\_ races in the country, 1800 secondary school pupils from 16 school participants in the formation of the National Day logo. This was followed by three \_\_\_\_\_ shouts of 'Merdeka'. A patriotic poem written by the \_\_\_\_\_ local poet, Azuan Haron, was then read out by the national poetry recital champion, Jamilah Hassan.

After that, there was the march past. About 90 contingents participated in the march past and a loud applause came from the spectators. The crowd's favourite was the Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) contingent. Next was the martial arts performances. Taekwondo and silat were performed.

The grand finale was a \_\_\_\_\_ display of the fly past by the Royal Malaysia Armed Forces (RMAF) helicopters bearing the national flag and an air show by the RMAF fighter jets. After that, the \_\_\_\_\_ crowd dispersed with the spirit of 'Malaysia Boleh' burning brightly in their hearts.

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| different | famous | beautiful | grand    | long    | metallic  |
| vibrant   |        |           |          |         |           |