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Part 1

Questions 1 to 8 are based on the given stimuli. Study the information carefully and choose the correct answer.

There are various ways how we can practise to be smart consumers. We only need to know some good tips. Firstly, buy products that have long life spans. 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.

1. 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: How to save money by reducing packaging

SMART STAFF

Smart Staff, a great camera that works with Seera's app and web interface. The camera automatically start recording clips to the included micro SD card. You can then back up to your computer or phone. It is also equipped with intelligent alarm monitoring, which will send you an alert if it hears a smoke or security alarms. Easily set up, it can be useful to monitor the movement of people around the house.

2. The advertisement tells us that
- A. people should buy this camera
 - B. Smart Staff works on its own
 - C. it can be used as a safety gadget

LEO Laptop



- Windows 10 Home
 - 7th Gen Intel ® Core™ i3 processor
 - 15.6" display
 - 6GB memory
 - Fixed price
 - Available in black, silver and red
3. Which of the following statement is true about Leo Laptop?
- A. It's price is negotiable
 - B. There is a choice of colours
 - C. Using MAC operating system

Today, the technology exists to detect earthquakes so quickly, that an alert can reach some areas before strong shaking arrives. The purpose of the Shake Alert system is to identify and characterise an earthquake a few seconds after it begins and calculate the likely insanity of ground shaking that will result. Consequently, warnings can be delivered to people around infrastructure which are likely to be harmed or affected by the quake.

4. Which of the following statements is true about the passage above?
- A. It is not really effective
 - B. It detects earthquakes very quickly
 - C. It can be used in some areas only

Students are invited to listen to a talk on

How to Stay Safe Online

By Professor Darren Khoo

Time: 10.00 am

Date: 15 May

Place: School hall

Fee: RM6

The talk will focus on

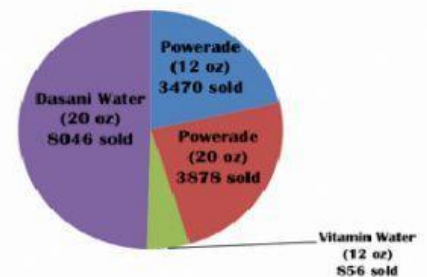
- Understanding the dangers associated with uncontrolled use of internet devices.
- Providing rules/ tools that will help keep you safe from online predators and cyberbullying.

5. Which of the statements is true about the notice?
- A. The talk is free.
 - B. The talk is on online safety.
 - C. The talk will only focus on cyberbullying.

Every morning, you wake up and brush your teeth. However while brushing your teeth, you should turn off the tap. Only turn the tap back on once it is time to rinse. You should also turn off the tap while washing your hand. First wet your hands, then turn off the tap while you scrub your hands. Then, turn it back on when you are ready to rinse. It is also important to fix leaky faucets. This can help to save a lot of water.

6. Which title best summarises the above text?
- A. Ways to save water
 - B. Keeping your hands clean
 - C. How to brush your teeth

Number Beverages Purchased
(August 16 - November 16)



7. From the pie chart above, we know that
- A. People prefer Dasani Water (20 oz) than Vitamin Water (12 oz)
 - B. Powerade (12 oz) is the least popular drinks.
 - C. There is a huge gap of sales between Powerade (12 oz) and Powerade (20 oz)



Hybrid cars can run on either fuel or electricity. The main advantage of this car is being automatically recharged while the car is in braking stage. The disadvantage is that the main source of power that runs the engine is the fuel, not the electricity. So in terms of pollution, it will not be 100% clean.

8. What does the phrase it will not be 100% clean mean?
- A. The hybrid car uses batteries that cause pollution
 - B. The hybrid car uses electricity that cause pollution
 - C. The hybrid car runs on fuels that causes pollution

(8 marks)

PART 2

Question 9 to 18 are based on the following passage. Choose the correct answer to fill in each blank.

Archery is the practice or skill of (9) _____ a bow to shoot arrows. Historically, archery has been used for (10) _____ and weapons during wars. Nowadays, it is mainly a competitive sport and (11) _____ activity which is becoming popular in our country. Many students are (12) _____ to join Archery Clubs in schools and get them to participate in competition held at district, state and national levels.

Archery is a great sport (13) _____ building confidence as it helps you to build self-esteem. You can enjoy a sense of (14) _____ when you execute the target. The sport can also improve your skills in Mathematics. You can do it for fun or take part in one of the many competitions held (15) _____. In addition, it allows you to be sociable (16) _____ competitions or gatherings.

An archery (17) _____ various skill of precision, control, focus, repetition, patience and determination. It is available to be practised by all, young and old, male and female, able and disabled. Regular archery will help to burn calories but it is not a (18) _____ physical work out for the body.

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| 9. A use | B uses | C usage | D using |
| 10. A hunt | B hunters | C hunting | D hunted |
| 11. A recreational | B recreation | C recreating | D re-created |
| 12. A encourage | B encourages | C encouraged | D encouraging |
| 13. A by | B for | C on | D in |
| 14. A accomplishment | B grandness | C pride | D succeed |
| 15. A lately | B early | C regularly | D around |
| 16. A when | B during | C while | D time |
| 17. A require | B requires | C requiring | D required |
| 18. A full | B fully | C fuller | D fullest |

(10 marks)

PART 3

Question 19 to 26 are based on the following passage. Choose the correct answer.

Sometimes seeking thrills and adventures can just land people into deep trouble. Four men learned it the hard way when they took part in their first rowing race across the Pacific. Their boat was sinking and they were in the middle of the ocean!

Colin Parker and Fraser Hunt had been friends since teenagers. They both enjoyed extreme sports and the feel of adrenalin rush. One day, Fraser threw the idea of participating in a boat race to Colin. Neither of them had any experience so Colin was sceptical at first but Fraser successfully coaxed him into agreeing. They still had ample time to practise.

The two, with another 11 teams registered for the 2014 Great Pacific Race. The organisers helped them to have a complete team by introducing Sam Collins, an experienced sailor and James Wight, a mountain climber. Fraser was chosen as the skipper for the team.

Everyone was serious in the preparation for the race. They practised on rowing machines in gymnasiums as well as taking courses on navigation and survival at sea. They also found sponsors to cover all the cost. The men were able to rent a 7.3m boat for the race and named it Britannia 4.

The men arrived one week earlier to prepare for the race because there was still a lot of things to be done. Then, the organisers insisted on inspecting the boats used by each team. It was sad news when the boat experts revealed that Britannia 4 was not fit for the ocean-going race. Fraser and his team members were devastated. They were already in the last stage but if the cost of repairing the boat was so high, they could not afford it. Fortunately for them, a local boat builder agreed to repair the boat at a reasonable cost. The boat went through a second check and the inspection team was satisfied with its condition.

The team was set off a day later because they had missed the official start of the race. When the men were in the small boat being surrounded by water, reality began to sink in. It would be no easy feat for them to keep on surviving. It seemed to be going fine at first but things started to change.

Sam discovered one of the boat compartments was filled with sea water. He emptied it out but it got flooded again. Despite the repairs made, the inspection, the boat still failed to get through the rough waves. The seals had loosened and water rushed into the different sections of the compartment.

The men had no option but to call for help although they would be disqualified from the race. Sam contacted the race organiser. However, the support vessel, Galen Diana would only be able to reach their location in another ten hours. They could only wait but when Galen Diana arrived, strong waves prevented the rescue mission. The vessel was in a turbulence state and the skipper tried his best to approach the small boat. He desperately wanted to ask the men to leave their boat and swim to the rescue vessel but it was quite impossible. They risked being swept by strong currents or being hit by the vessel. Then, the situation got worse when the electricity in the small boat blew out. It was so cold and everyone was worried that hypothermia might set in.

Meanwhile, the organiser contacted the coastguard. The officer on duty, Chris Leon, set off with his helicopter crew. It was a challenge to work with waves as high as 4.5 metres. Sam was first lifted up into the helicopter, followed by James and Colin. The helicopter needed refueling and would have to come back later for Chris and Fraser, their skipper. Both waited in agony before finally being rescued.

Chris Leon became a hero and was congratulated for a great job done. He said, "It was a big risk but it's worth the reward. My motivation is to help people." In spite of the grueling experience, the men are not discouraged to try again. The experience made them stronger in facing more challenges.

(Adapted from Readers' Digest, Nov 2015)

19. In paragraph 1, what trouble was possibly encountered by the racers?
- A. Stormy, unpredictable weather.
 - B. Boat crashed into another.
 - C. Incompetent crew members.
 - D. Inferior boat quality.
20. In paragraph 2, how did Fraser convince Colin to agree to his idea?
- A. They had joined extreme sport activities before.
 - B. They could still make preparations for the race.
 - C. They would get the chance only once in a lifetime.
 - D. They were encouraged by family and friends.
21. In paragraph 6, the phrase 'no easy feat' refers to
- A. ways to keep up in the race.
 - B. the sailing of the boat.
 - C. the performance during the race.
 - D. the strength to row the boat.

22. What sort of damage was troubling Britannia 4?
- A. There was no electric supply.
 - B. It was leaking.
 - C. The seals were wrongly applied.
 - D. The compartments were broken.
23. In paragraph 8, why would it take some time for the rescue vessel to get to the men?
- A. It was a slow boat.
 - B. It had to save another team.
 - C. Its position was far from them.
 - D. The weather was very bad.
24. In paragraph 9, how many men were rescued during the first helicopter trip?
- A. One
 - B. Two
 - C. Three
 - D. Four
25. In paragraph 9, what had caused the agony of the two people waiting to be rescued?
- A. The weather was getting colder.
 - B. The boat was slowly sinking.
 - C. The helicopter had run out of fuel.
 - D. The possibility of not being saved.
26. Which of the following had been a problem encountered by the helicopter crew during the rescue mission?
- A. The necessity to refuel when the rescue job was not completely done.
 - B. The lack of electricity in the small boat.
 - C. The worn out men waiting to be rescued.
 - D. The vessel which failed to rescue the men.

(8 marks)

Part 4

Questions 27 - 32

You are going to read a newspaper article about the new virus. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences (A - H) to fit each gap (27 - 32). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

What is Covid-19?

Covid-19 is a dangerous pandemic that is raging all over the world. It first emerged in Wuhan, China. [27]_____. Covid-19 is an extremely contagious disease that spread across the world in a blink of an eye, sparing no one its wrath in its path of destroying the world. In view of its formidable transmission, the World Health Organisation has officially declared its status as a global pandemic.

Covid-19 is caused by a newly discovered strain of coronavirus. This disease can cause respiratory infections in humans. [28]_____. Until October 2020, a total of 36,000,000 confirmed cases have been recorded worldwide, with 1,100,000 deaths and 28,000,000 recovered cases. This data is shocking as the number of global confirmed cases is more than the whole population in Malaysia in 2018, which was 31.5 million.

Covid-19 can be transmitted through person-to-person contact with Covid-19 patients. [29]_____. Patients of Covid-19 display different symptoms. Most of the patients have fever, dry cough and tiredness. Besides having the less common symptoms that range from body aches, sore throats, diarrhoea and conjunctivitis, some infected people may suffer from headache, loss of taste or smell and skin rashes. [30]_____.

How do we keep this disease at bay? First, we need to wash our hands very often with soap and water or sanitiser. It is important to keep our hands clean at all times so that we avoid being in contact with the virus. [31]_____. Wearing a mask is essential as well so that we will not inhale the virus floating in the air when people infected by Covid-19 sneeze or cough. Lastly, we should avoid crowded places. [32]_____. Therefore, when people infected by Covid-19 cough or sneeze, we might unknowingly inhale the virus floating in the air.

In conclusion, Covid-19 is a dangerous pandemic that has killed millions of people worldwide. Therefore we need to protect ourselves by following the precautions suggested by the Ministry of Health.

A In late February, there were just a few dozen known cases in the United States, most of them linked to travel.

B In addition, patients with serious symptoms usually suffer breathing difficulty, shortness of breath, chest pain and loss of speech or movement.

C However, the origin of the virus is still unknown and highly debatable.

D Besides, practising good hygiene, we must also maintain a safe distance from others so that we can avoid people who are infected by Covid-19.

E Therefore, the patients' lungs will fail to function properly when they are infected by this virus.

F When we visit crowded places, we cannot keep a safe distance from others.

G At least 517 new coronavirus deaths and 64,164 new cases were reported in the United State on October 19.

H Besides, it can also be transmitted if we have direct contact with respiratory droplets of Covid-19 patients such as saliva, phlegm and mucus.

Answer:

27	30
28	31
29	32

(6 marks)

Part 5

We interviewed six teenagers about some ideas as gifts.

Read the following information on each idea and answer the questions that follow.

Teens' Ideas for Gifts

A- Saliza, 15 years old

I loved jewellery so I think bangles, earrings and bracelets are good choices for girls or women. Teenagers can choose costume jewellery made from silver, beads or even gold-plated items. They can be available at affordable prices if compared to gold pieces. However, gold items can be given to someone close to you like your mother. Although expensive, they can also be an investment!

B- Adam, 14 years old

For me, books can be the best gift for young children, teens and adults. They can provide knowledge, learning experience, pleasure and relaxation. Those who love reading will treasure the gift which will always be a reminder of the person giving it.

C- Delaila, 17 years old

Gift vouchers can be useful. I prefer them because people can make use of the gifts to purchase things of their own choices within a particular store or outlet depending on the values of the vouchers. I can also decide the amount that I want to buy as gifts.

D- Maria, 17 years old

I prefer gifts that I can make, just for some personal touch. I would buy chocolates, plants or flowers and arrange them into bouquets or boxes. Sometimes, I bake cakes or biscuits. I also do handicrafts like photo frames, patch work or artificial flowers.

E- Kim Hock, 16 years old

I think gadgets are good ideas for young people who want to keep up with the latest technology. They include telephones, speakers, wireless earbuds, power banks, laptop or GoPro cameras, just to name a few. The more expensive gifts are usually reserved for loved ones and family members.

F- Ranjit, 16 years old

I like to give items which can be personalised. Names can be engraved on pens or bags and pictures can be printed on T-shirts, among other things. The service for engraving or printing can be easily available nowadays at reasonable cost. I can also create designs of my own!

Question 33-36

Which paragraph (A-F) describe some information on the gifts??

No.	Statement	Paragraph
33	"I love to give presents which I can make myself."	
34	"Let's buy Mom something special for this mementos occasion."	
35	"You brother will love to have this gift to replace his old outdated one."	
36	"The newly-weds can redeem them to buy something that they still do not have yet."	

(4 marks)

Question 37 – 40

Complete the notes below using the information from the text. Choose **no more than one word** from the passage for each answer.

Presents and gifts for that special events

Birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas and special events usually come with celebrations. Wealthy people can afford expensive gadgets or gold jewellery which can be good for future (37) _____. However, (38) _____ things can made as souvenirs for occasions like family days, or reunions. Whatever gifts that have been received, many will (39) _____ them for some time unless the gifts are (40) _____ which should be consumed or they become spoilt if they are left on shelves.

(4 marks)

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