Part 1

Questions 1 to 8

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

Dear Susanne,

Thank you for the birthday party invitation. I am honoured to be invited yet I am sorry to inform you that I will not be able to make it as it is a trying time for my family at the moment. My mum is not herself right now and I have to fill in for her to do the housework and take care of her. Anyway, enjoy your party nevertheless and happy birthday in advance!

Regards,
Sofiya

1 Susanne wrote the message to Sofiya to
- **A** inform her that she will try her best to attend the birthday party.
- **B** wish happy birthday in advance to Susanne.
- **C** notify Susanne that she is unable to attend the birthday party.

8 March 2020
It is World Women's Day!

Wear anything pink and enjoy 10% off our specialty coffees and cakes at Truffle Coffee!

- Offer valid for 1 day only
- Only 1 transaction per customer
- If your birthday falls on the same day, show us your identity card and you are entitled to another 10% further discount!

2 Salmah's birthday is on 8 March. She should
- **A** show her identity card to the store assistant to claim the 10% discount on coffees and cakes.
- **B** wear pink shirt and present her identity card to get 20% discount on coffees and cakes.
- **C** order coffee and cake separately to get 40% discount.

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3 Ali wants to register his wife and his 8-year-old daughter. He will need to

A pay RM100 for the whole family.

B register beforehand and collect the race kits on 7 June 2020.

C be at Straits Quay two days before for the race.

To	maryam@bkmail.com
Subject	Debate training

Hi Maryam,

There will be a debate competition scheduled next month. I think we, together with can join the competition again and win it this time. Let's get together and start the training this weekend. Reply me the day and time that is convenient to you as Bashir and i do not have any commitment this upcoming weekend and are available anytime.

Ihsan

4 The debate training is

A between Maryam, Ihsan and Bashir.

B for Maryam, Ihsan and Bashir who are training for a debate competition in 2 months.

C scheduled on Monday.

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SMK SEMERTAR MAKER'S LAB FAIR

Celebrate lifelong learning at a FREE family-friendly festival of invention, creativity and resourcefulness!

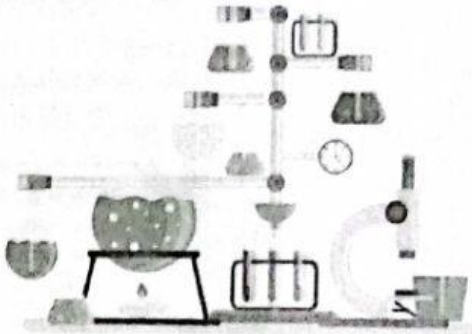
Watch live demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities presented by our students, staff and community of Makers.

Activities:

- Robot Programming
- Cardboard Creating
- Pottery
- Slime Lab
- Fiber Arts
- Airplane Design
- and more!

Join us at:
SMK Semertar Hall
20th March from
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Open to all walks of life
See you there!



5 SMK Semertar is

A organising live demonstrations and hands-on activities for their students only.
B open to be visited by anybody interested in lifelong learning on 20 March.
C inviting young children to join in the hands-on activities arranged.

NEW ATTRACTION!
Let's visit Mount Ambeng this coming school holiday.

Directions:

By Ambeng Express
Exit at Kulai Station, head across to Zillion Plaza and head up the escalator to Kulai Lookout. Then, follow signs to Mount Ambeng.

By Cabel Car
Alight at Kulai Lookout station and follow signs to Mount Ambeng.

By Car
Access via Mount Ambeng Gateway and park at Kulai Lookout car park. Only 2 minutes walk to Mount Ambeng.

On Foot
Enter the Kulai Boardwalk via VibeCity. It is a 30-minute walk to Mount Ambeng from Kulai Lookout.

6 If one wants to visit Mount Ambeng

A one can use the Ambeng Express and walk 30-minutes via VibeCity.
B one can alight at Kulai Lookout station and walk for 2 minutes.
C one can drive through Mount Ambeng Gateway and park at Kulai Lookout.

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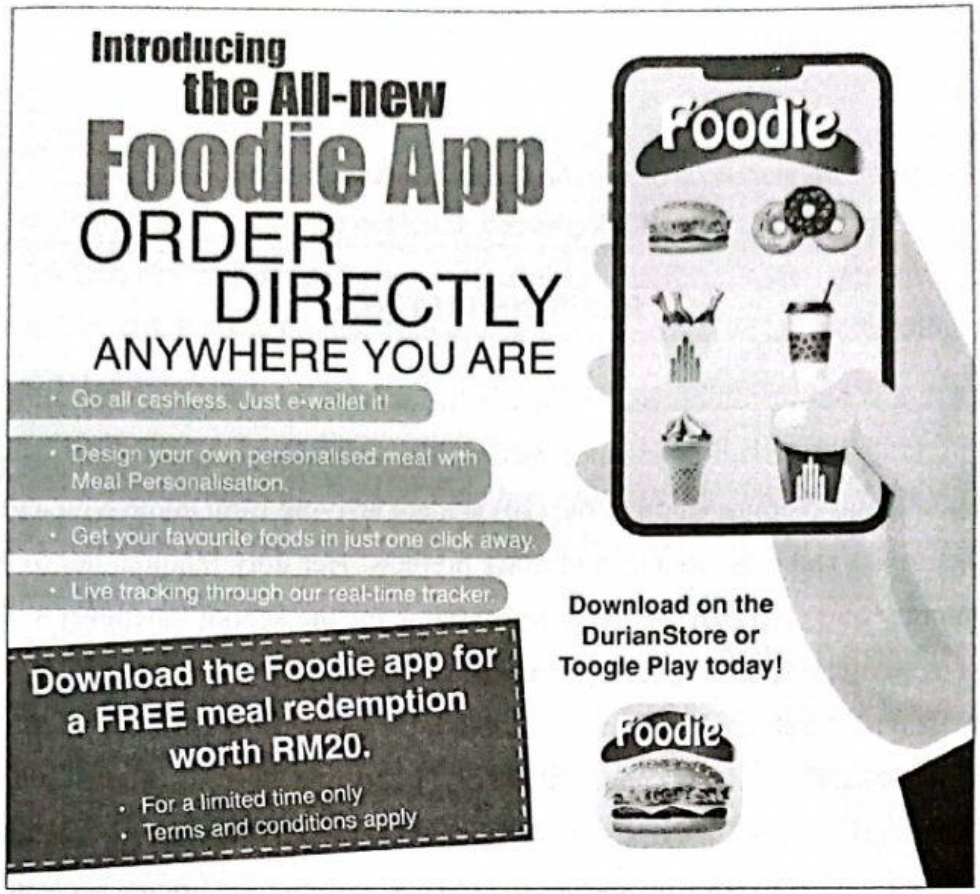
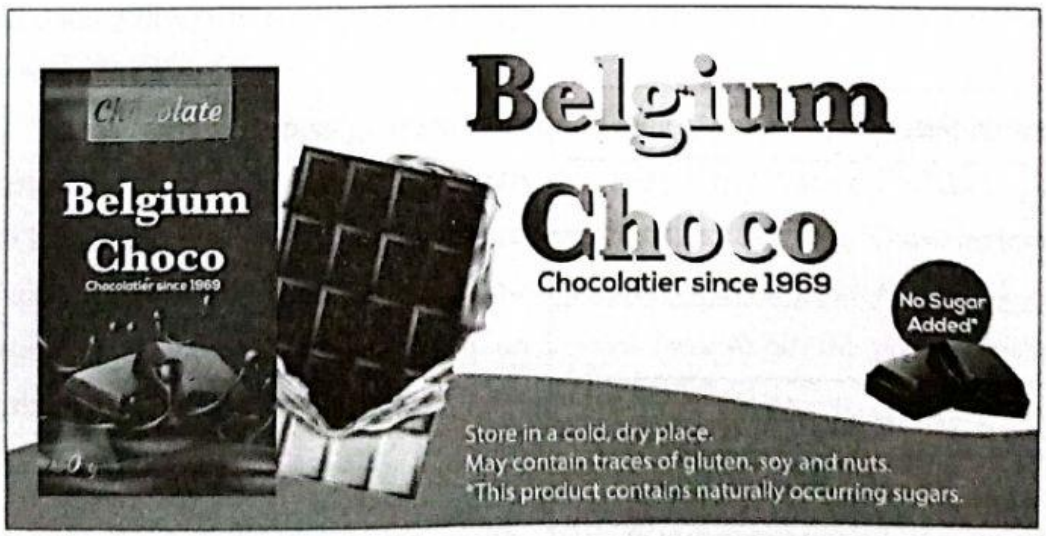


7 By downloading the Foodie app, you get to
- **A** design your own free meal worth RM20.
- **B** order from home only.
- **C** go all cashless for a limited time only.



8 Belgium Choco has been producing chocolate
- **A** since 1969.
- **B** with no sugar at all.
- **C** that is safe for everyone including those with allergies.

[8 *marks*]

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Part 3

Read the text below and answer questions 17 *to* 24.

Experience Penang 2020

TikTok, the world's prominent short video platform, today announced its partnership with Penang Global Tourism. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Penang State EXCO of Tourism Development, Arts, Culture and Heritage and TikTok representative. Penang Global Tourism is the first Malaysia's travel industry to band together with TikTok. TikTok launched the initiative of #TikTokTravel to inspire users to creatively capture and share their favourite travel moments.

#TikTokTravel is created to promote TikTok as the sought-after application for social media fans to record various travel minutes, from stunning scenery to inspirational cultural legacy, from seeing to experiencing and from recording to sharing – all on mobile. In Penang, it will start with a list of online initiatives to advertise the state's places of interest on TikTok. Among these exciting initiatives include online challenges, bespoke photo filters and messenger stickers. The initiatives kick off Experience Penang 2020, a campaign by Penang Global Tourism. The campaign highlights everything that Penang has to offer to local and global visitors. The campaign will display every aspect of Penang's astounding diversity through its culture, heritage, arts, food as well as its natural surroundings.

As part of the campaign, users can also participate in TikTok's latest online contest that has been launched recently. Utilising the messenger stickers on TikTok, users can easily capture their greatest moments in Penang. These include displaying its rich heritage, distinct culture and food, captivating art and exquisite nature. Once the best moment is captured, users have to tag the post with the hashtag #ExperiencePenang.

Adapted from *https://www.malaymail.com/news/life/2019/06/14/penang-global-tourism-partners-with-tiktok-to-promote-state/1762178*

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Questions 17 to 24

Complete the following table.

Choose **no more than three words and/or a number** *from the text for each answer. For each question, write your answer in the space provided.*

Experience Penang 2020	
TikTok is	**17** the world's prominent _____
Memorandum of Understanding was signed between	• **18** _____ • **19** _____
Reasons #TikTokTravel was launched	to inspire users to creatively capture and share their favourite travel moments
Exciting online initiatives	• online challenges • **20** _____ • **21** _____
Organiser of Experience Penang 2020	Penang Global Tourism
To participate in TikTok's #ExperiencePenang, users have to capture their greatest moments in Penang such as	• rich heritage • **22** distinct _____ • **23** _____ • **24** _____

[8 *marks*]

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Part 4

Read the text below and answer questions 25 *to* 34.

Languages

My mother tongue is the Malay language which is the only language used in my family. When I was 5 years old, my father enrolled me in an English medium kindergarten. There, I was given the chance to choose either to learn Mandarin or the Malay language. I attended the trial classes for both languages. The teacher taught us to count from 1 to 10 in Mandarin and made us repeat her pronunciation as she pointed to the digits on the whiteboard. Although I did not choose the Mandarin class, I could still remember the lesson because the teacher continuously instructed the Mandarin class pupils to repeat the same lesson every day. They were loud so I could hear them clearly from the next room. Some researches show that children often imitate the sounds and patterns which they hear around them until a habit is formed. I suppose that is the logical reasoning of why I know how to count from 1 to 10 in Mandarin even though I did not take the class.

English had been a subject I was good at in school because my mother was an English teacher and she taught me grammar when I started primary school. My father would cut out pictures and articles from newspapers and pasted them in exercise books to provide writing exercises for me to do. I picked up a reading habit later on when I was 8 years old. My parents realised my growing interest in it and started making weekend trips to the local library to let me read more. When I entered my secondary school, I began to read English novels and grew an interest in reading thrillers so I started reading more serious novels.

My father is fluent in Thai language due to his family background but he did not teach my siblings and me the language. I have never asked him why to this day.

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Questions 25 to 32
Answer the questions below.
Choose **no more than three words and/or a number** *from the text for each answer.*
For each question, write your answer in the space provided.

25 The writer's mother tongue is _____. [1 *mark*]

26 The writer could choose between learning the Malay language or the Mandarin language when she was _____ years old. [1 *mark*]

27 The writer can still vividly recall the Mandarin lesson because the pupils were loud and she could hear them clearly from _____. [1 *mark*]

28 English language came easy for the writer because her mother was _____. [1 *mark*]

29 The writer's father would cut out _____ from newspapers and glued them in exercise books. [1 *mark*]

30 The writer's parents realised her interest in reading and they started to make weekend trips to _____. [1 *mark*]

31 The writer began to read English novels when she entered secondary school and were more interested in _____. [1 *mark*]

32 The writer wonders why her father has never taught her and her siblings Thai language even though her father can speak the language _____. [1 *mark*]

Questions 33 and 34
Complete the table below with a word from the text.
For each question, write your answer in the space provided.

Meaning	Word(s)	
33 maternal language		[1 *mark*]
34 smooth and unconstrained		[1 *mark*]

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