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FORM 5 : EXAMINATION PREPARATION

READING

PAPER 1 READING EXAMINATION (1119/1) : 5 PARTS

Read the notes below and choose your answer for the question.

PART 1 SHORT TEXTS

Part 1 of the SPM Reading Paper consists of short texts multiple choice questions.

TIPS:

- Read and understand the main idea in the passage.
- Read each answer option and eliminate the wrong answers.

Sample Question

It is never too early to teach children manners. At around 18 months, kids begin to grasp that there are certain accepted social graces. As parents we should set the stage by being polite and helping children to think about other people's feelings.

Children pick up good manners and habits from their parents who are their role models. Even two-year-olds can learn to say 'please' and 'thank you'. Children need manners to be accepted in today's world.

Good manners convey a sense of respect and consideration for other people.

Which of these statements is true?

- A Children can acquire manners even when they are babies.
- B Parents are responsible for teaching their children good manners.
- C Well-mannered children are successful in future.

Read the notes below and choose your answer for question 1 and 5.

PART 2 CLOZE TEXT

Part 2 of the SPM Reading Paper consists of a cloze text with multiple-choice options.

TIPS:

- Read the passage before reviewing the answer options.
- Determine the tenses used.
- Understand the different meaning of each word.
- Select the best answer to fit in the sentence.

Practice 1

Read the text below and choose the **best** word for each space.

Mike Fay is a biologist and lived in central Africa for six years while working with the Wildlife Conservation Society.

He 1 actively involved in conservation projects in Africa and America, in particular the conservation of elephants in these 2. Fay has actually counted all the elephants that live in Chad, central Africa and has walked nearly 3,000 kilometres across North America. He spends so much time outdoors that he says he hasn't slept on a 3 bed in the last ten years.

Fay's life has been 4 but smooth-sailing. He survived a plane crash several years ago. He also faced a very angry elephant which eventually attacked him but 5, he survived to tell the tale. Another life-threatening 6 was when he contracted malaria which almost cost him his life.

Since Fay 7 a lot of time outdoors, he prefers to travel light. He usually 8 a T-shirt, a pair of shorts and his favourite sandals for all his trips. He also never fails to bring along his penknife, a lighter and a sleeping mat.

The best thing about Fay is that he wants to show people the beauty of our 9 and how precious it is. He hopes that people will care for the planet more. His conservation work, which eventually got 10 attention, has resulted in the number of elephant deaths in Chad falling significantly. In addition, his work has resulted in the government of Gabon working towards creating thirteen new national parks covering 26,000 square kilometres of forest.

(Text adapted from nglife.com/content/resources)

- 1 A is
B are
C was
D were

- 5 A happily
B favorably
C thankfully
D fortunately

Read the notes below and choose your answer for the question.

PART 3: READING COMPREHENSION

TIPS

- Read and understand the passage.
- Read the questions and identify the keywords.
- For example, look at Question 1. What are the keywords in this question?

Where to look for the answer

The writer's age when she realised she had depression

In paragraph 1, when did the writer **begin to suffer from depression**?

- A When she was 5 years old while visiting an old bedridden man
B When she was 25 years old and struggling to understand her life
C When she was 14 and had the urge to cry on her way home from school
D When she was 16 years old and suffering monthly outbursts

The first incident I can remember happened when I was 14. As I walked home one day, I was overcome with the urge to sit in a corner and weep. I barely managed to reach our flat before bursting into tears. These overwhelming, unexplained feelings frightened me.

Read the notes below and choose your answer for question 1 and 2.

PART 4: GAPPED TEXT

TIPS

- Read and understand the passage.
- Read all the answer options.
- Go back to the passage and read the sentences that come before and after the missing sentences. These sentences will help you guess the missing ideas.
- Pay attention to the nouns or pronouns, and subject-verb agreement used in the sentences before the gap.
- Choose the answer that best fits the gap.
- Read the passage again with the answers, and check whether the passage makes sense and the idea or story flows well.

Practice 1

You are going to read a passage about the Titanic. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A to H the one which fits each gap (1 to 6). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

On 15 April, 1912, the largest passenger steamship ever built, appropriately named Titanic, sank in the North Atlantic Ocean after hitting an iceberg. Titanic had left Southampton, England, five days earlier. (1) _____

In 1985, National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Dr Robert Ballard located the wreck of Titanic using a new deep sea underwater robot craft called Argo. (2) _____. Earlier, he had asked the US Navy to finance Argo and they only agreed if he used it to find two US nuclear submarines that had disappeared in the 1960s.

When Ballard and his team realised they had found Titanic, they jumped for joy. Then they realised they were celebrating something where people had died. (3) _____. Ballard recalls, "I saw champagne bottles, intact, with the corks still in. The box holding the bottles had disappeared long ago. (4) _____. Nearby I saw a pair of smaller shoes that had perhaps belonged to a child. I felt that the people who had died here in 1912 were speaking to me again."

In 2004, Ballard went back to Titanic to see how it had changed. By then he knew that a private salvage company had legally removed thousands of objects from the site. A Russian submarine had taken Hollywood

filmmaker James Cameron to the wreck. A New York couple had even got married on Titanic's bow. (5) _____. He'd asked people to treat Titanic's remains with dignity. (6) _____. "The story of Titanic is not about the ship, it's about the people," he said.

(Text adapted from Intermediate Reading texts online <https://www.ngllife.com/content/reading-texts-word>)

A	So they stopped work and held a memorial service.
B	It was exactly what he didn't want to happen.
C	It was her maiden voyage and her last.
D	James Cameron's film Titanic was a box-office hit.
E	Suddenly, my eye was drawn to a woman's shoe.
F	I realised so many people had died.
G	Instead, they'd turned her into a freak show.
H	He was in fact on a secret mission for the US Navy when he found Titanic.

Read the notes below and choose your answers for questions 1 to 8.

Practice 1

We found out from the Chinese horoscope how the year in which a person was born influenced his or her characteristics. Read the texts below and answer the questions that follow.

Chinese Horoscopes

The Chinese horoscope has evolved over thousands of years and the characteristics you have are determined by the year in which you were born. Here are some Chinese horoscopes.

A – RAT

People born in the Year of the Rat are instinctive, acute and alert in nature which makes them brilliant businessmen. They can always react properly before the worst circumstances take place. They are also sophisticated and popular in social interaction. They are sanguine and very adaptable, being popular with others.

B – RABBIT

People of the Chinese zodiac Rabbit sign usually impress others with an image of tenderness, grace and sensitivity. They are romantic in relationships, having a high demand in life quality. They avoid arguing with others, and have a capability of converting an enemy into a friend. They are homebodies and hospitable, and like house fitting-up. They can work with speed and efficiency, do not insist nor get angry easily. But they also like hesitating, which makes them lose many chances.

C – TIGER

In most cases, people with the Chinese Tiger zodiac are powerful, independent, confident and brave. They have a strong sense of errantry, being frank and easy to win others' trust. In their middle age, their fate may be uneven, but after hardships, they will enjoy a bright prospect. They are also likely to be dogmatic and like showing off when accomplishing something.

D – DRAGON

People with the Chinese Dragon zodiac sign are usually a group of people who are lively, intellectual and excitable. They can clearly tell right from wrong. They are upright and frank. However, they are also a bit arrogant and impatient. Female Dragons tend to be overly confident. They hate hypocrisy, gossip and slander. They are not afraid of difficulties but hate to be used or controlled by others.

E – SNAKE

Usually, people regard snakes as cunning and sly creatures, which like hanging out in darkness. In fact, this animal is also a symbol of wisdom and wit. Therefore, people with this Chinese zodiac sign are sensitive and humorous, and most of them are gifted in literature and art, such as Goethe and Picasso. Suspicion is their weakness, which makes them hesitant and a bit paranoid.

F – SHEEP

People born in the Year of the Sheep are tender, polite, filial, clever and kind-hearted. They have special sensitivity to art and beauty and a special fondness for quiet living. They are wise, gentle and compassionate and can cope with business cautiously and circumspectly. In their daily life, they try to be economical. They are willing to take good care of others, and avoid pessimism and hesitation.

Questions 1 to 4

Which paragraph (A – F) describes the characteristics of a person influenced by the year they were born?

No.	Description	Zodiac Sign
1	They sometimes like to sing their own praises.	
2	They know how to turn a foe into a friend.	
3	They appreciate art and beauty and like quiet living.	
4	They are uncertain and a little distrustful due to being too suspicious.	

Questions 5 to 8

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

What We Know About the Chinese Horoscope

- 5 Dragons are not scared of _____.
- 6 Rats can always _____ properly before the worst situation occurs.
- 7 Tigers will experience bright prospects after _____.
- 8 Rabbits lose many opportunities because of _____.

THAT'S IT FOR READING PAPER, KIDS.

WRITING REVISION WILL BE ON TUESDAY NIGHT...