PRACTICE 1

You are going to read a letter about a stray kitten. Six sentences have been removed from the letter. Choose from the sentences **(A – H)** *to fit each gap* **(1 – 6)**. *There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use. For each question, mark the correct answer* **(1 – 6)**.

Dear Mei Fong,

How are you? I hope you are doing well. I'm fine here and looking forward to the school holidays next week. I have some wonderful news to tell you.

Yesterday, I accompanied my mother to the market. **1** [ ]. While walking through a back alley, we heard a soft mewling near a dumpster. **2** [ ]. The kitten was slightly dirty. There were spots of dirt on its white fur. My heart went out to the little creature. **3** [ ] When I picked the kitten up, it just stared back at me helplessly. The eyes were soft gray. The kitten looked simply adorable. **4** [ ] I didn't want to leave it there at the dumpster all alone. However, my mother cautioned me against taking it home. She advised me to reunite the kitten with its mother. **5** [ ]. But sadly, we couldn't find the mother. So we took it home with us. I have named the kitten 'Sabun' since it has clean white fur. Sabun enjoys sleeping on my lap. I bought Sabun a scratching post. It likes to scratch her claws on it.

6 [ ]. I have enclosed the photos with this letter. You will surely like Sabun!

Well, that's all for now. I will tell you more stories of Sabun in my next letter. Hope to hear from you soon. Bye!

Your friend,
Aishah

[6 *marks*]

A I've taken some cute pictures of Sabun in various poses.
B It was a cute white kitten.
C You know I have a soft spot for animals.
D My mother wanted to buy meat and vegetables.
E We wanted to buy some canned food.
F We searched everywhere, hoping to find its mother.
G At that moment, I realised I wanted to keep it.
H I've caught Sabun's antics on video camera.

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