

READING AND USE OF ENGLISH

PART 1

Questions 1 to 8

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Read the text carefully in each question. Choose the best answer A, B, or C. For each question, mark the correct answer A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

Dear Rosa,

I'm so sorry I can't join you today for our team's cheerleading practice. I fell down in the toilet yesterday and I can barely move my ankle. Don't worry, I'm doing okay and the doctor said that I need to take few weeks off from doing strenuous activities. I feel so bummed. Please send my apology to others as I cannot join the practices for this week.

Thanks a lot.

Phoebe

1. In the message, Phoebe
 - A. tells Rosa that she hurt her feet
 - B. wants Rosa to apologise on her behalf
 - C. needs Rosa to continue their cheerleading practice today

The football match yesterday at Stanford Bridge was indeed intense. Both teams, the Blues and the Reds were working hard to get their hands on the legendary Premiere League Trophy. This must be the best reason we will ever witness in history. The Blues have a better chance to win in the tournament, because none of the player is injured.

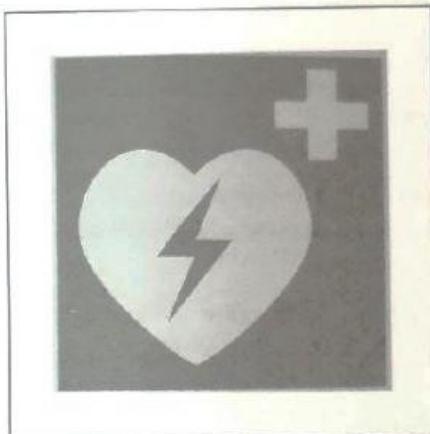
2. Which idiom can be used to replace a better chance to win?
 - A. Hit the snag
 - B. Have the upper hand
 - C. Get into the full swing

It all started when Malaysia didn't have a national anthem at the time of Independence. As such, Tunku Abdul Rahman, who was then the Minister for Home Affairs, organized a nationwide competition to find a suitable national anthem for the country. After receiving a total of 512 entries and not seeing anything suitable, he opted to use the Perak State Anthem instead, titled 'Allah Lanjutkan Usia Sultan', as the national anthem. Along with a panel of judges, Tunku wrote the new lyrics for 'Negaraku'.

Adapted from <https://www.expatgo.com/my/2017/08/25/15-fun-facts-malaysia-will-get-excited/>

3. Based on the excerpt, which of the following statements below is true?

- A. The idea of the National Anthem was set in motion by Tunku Abdul Rahman
- B. 'Negaraku' was selected out of 512 entries in the national anthem competition
- C. A panel of judges rewrote the Perak Anthem 'Allah Lanjutkan Usia Sultan'



4. The sign indicates

- A. A special operation theatre for heart therapy
- B. A pacemaker to regulate heartbeat for the heart patients
- C. A portable electronic device to revive someone from sudden cardiac arrest

Niklas Goke's Blog
The 7 Cardinal Rules of Life

Dear beloved follower,

I want to share with you an important message about life. In order to live a happy and meaningful life, you need to know these 'The 7 Cardinal Rules of Life':

- 1 Make peace with your past so it won't mess with your present.
- 2 Time heals everything, so give it time.
- 3 What others think of you is none of your business.
- 4 Don't compare your life to others, and don't judge them.
- 5 Stop thinking so much, it's alright not to know the answer.
- 6 No one is in charge of your happiness, except you.
- 7 Smile, for you don't own all the problems in the world.

Adapted from <https://medium.com/personal-growth/the-7-cardinal-rules-of-life-ba9f5458d3c9>

5 Based on the blog entry, which of the following statements is true?

- A Thanisha should stop overthinking and care about pretty things.
- B Awang should spend some time going out with friends to heal his broken heart.
- C Wei Ling gives everyone nice and expensive presents so that people will think highly of her.

BATHING & BEDDING SALE!

ONE DAY ONLY at Bathing & Bedding! Buy RM 25 tote bag and enjoy 40% OFF everything you fit in it! Valid on 15 Aug only. T&Cs apply.

6 This promotion informs that

- A It is valid for a day only and eligible for all types of purchase in-store
- B Customers can enjoy 40% discount if they purchase item more than RM25
- C If customers buy the RM25 tote bag, they can get discounts on all items that fit inside the bag.

To : Rani.Naidu@gmail.com
From : Admin@myway.com.my
Subject : Update Your Profile To Receive Bonus

Dear Ms. Naidu,

We are updating our membership database to optimize our records in order to serve you and your network better. Help us do this:

- 1) Log in to online office
- 2) Update profile

Do ensure all details including your personal identification number and bank account number provided are correct and up to date. This is to prevent any disruption in your bonus payout. Thank you.

Myway Management

7. The email reminds Ms. Naidu to

- A. Reply and provide her personal particular to receive bonus
- B. Update her personal particulars through online office to receive bonus
- C. Log into online office and update membership database to receive bonus

Isabella: Daisy! Look at that jaw-dropping Pucci evening wear at the shop window! It is absolutely gorgeous!

Daisy: Oh no! you're going to buy it, aren't you? Remember, you have reached your spending limit for today.

Isabella: Oh. You're right. Anyway, I've already got a custom-made red Channel dress for tomorrow's Gala event.

8. Where do you think this conversation took place?

- A. Outside of a fashion boutique
- B. Outside of a customer retail shop
- C. Inside a beauty department store

Part 2

Questions 9 -18

Refer to the text below and choose the best word for each space. For each question, mark the correct letter **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** on your answer sheet.

With recent advances in technology, more people (0) _____ are _____ now able to work from home. Their homes (9) _____ their offices. This is especially helpful to (10) _____ who have young children. Working from home cuts down time spent traveling to and (11) _____ the office. Working from home does not mean you become less efficient or productive. You should (12) _____ your office from your private area. This means your children (13) _____ not use your office phone or play games on your computer. Working (14) _____ should be strictly defined. (15) _____ shopping or doing housework when you should be working. (16) _____ appropriately when working in your office area. Getting into smarter clothes will (17) _____ you psychologically for work even if you are not (18) _____ clients.

0	A	are	B.	is	C.	was	D.	were
9	A	become	B.	becomes	C.	became	D.	becoming
10	A	them	B.	they	C.	those	D.	theirs
11	A	in	B.	from	C.	out	D.	near
12	A	divide	B.	remove	C.	detach	D.	separate
13	A	ought	B.	should	C.	could	D.	might
14	A	hour	B.	hours	C.	day	D.	period
15	A	Avoid	B.	Don't	C.	Refrain	D.	Prevent
16	A	Wear	B.	Clothe	C.	Dress	D.	Attire
17	A	help	B.	prepare	C.	treat	D.	get
18	A	expect	B.	expects	C.	expected	D.	expecting

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Part 3

You are going to read an extract from an article. For questions 19 to 26, choose the correct answer A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

When I was young, I lived in a small village in Penang. Mine was a terrace house in a row of shophouses. The spirit of neighbourliness was very strong then. There was no such thing as locking the doors of our houses by day or night. The village had a variety of trades to serve the needs of the villagers. Some of them were a barber, tailor, coffee shop owner, grocer, baker, electrician, plumber and many more. All of us were quite poor by today's standards but we got by. However, one family which could be considered as living a marginal existence was the Ong family, living in the bicycle shop opposite our dwelling.

Mr Ong, the bicycle mechanic, had a large brood of children - ten to be exact. The joke amongst the neighbours was that he was aiming to form a football team among his children. However, seriously speaking, it was no joke for him trying to feed his growing children daily.

My mother was a kind-hearted soul. Often, she would remark that his children were dressed in ragged clothes and looked malnourished. My family was relatively better off in the village and my father was the headman. My mother would bring over whatever food we could spare to our neighbours. On occasions when there was leftover food from village weddings or festivals, my father would instruct me to bring these to Mr Ong.

I remember one particular year when times were very hard. Even my family had to make do with two meals a day. We stopped the practice of giving food to Mr Ong. One day, I noticed my mother was looking troubled. She had learnt that the Ong family had not been eating for the past few days. There and then, she decided to sacrifice a portion of our meals to the family. Despite our protests of hunger, she kept on with this deed. Fortunately, the lean spell did not last long, and the children in our family resumed our three meals a day again.

I shared a room with my brothers overlooking the bicycle shop. I was interested in the repair of bicycles and would often stare out of the window to see Mr Ong hard at work. As time went on, I noticed Mr Ong looking more cheerful. The number of customers at his shop had increased steadily. Soon, he was selling many shiny new bicycles. Mr Ong's eldest son, Kim

Seng, was the head prefect of our primary school. He often helped his father in his work. He was very good with his hands and proved to be very popular with the customers. It was he who expanded his father's business after he dropped out of school when his father needed his help in their growing bicycle business. Later, Kim Seng added a motorcycle repairing service to his father's trade. Business at his shop took off like a rocket as Japanese bikes were the rage then as they were very useful and popular for transport. It was at this time that my father's business took a turn for the worse. My father was a provision shop owner and he trusted people readily. One day, his senior assistant ran off with a substantial amount of the shop's earnings. During that time, my father's health was also deteriorating. We were at our wits end, perplexed by the mysterious illness he was suffering from. My father then sold our family car to pay off the mounting bills.

They say that one good deed deserves another. Mr Ong, our neighbour, came to know of our plight. Despite my father's protests, he stepped in to help, stating simply that it was his turn to repay the kindness that my father had shown to him in the past.

Through one of his motorcycle customers, Mr Ong arranged for my father to consult a famous Chinese physician in town who was able to cure my father. My father's health steadily improved. However, because of my father's lack of attention to his provision shop, his business floundered.

Again, Mr Ong became our good Samaritan. He arranged for a loan for my father's business. When he also learnt that my brother and I had stopped schooling because we could not afford the fees, he would have none of this. He told us that we should not give up our education as we were among the top pupils in the school. He then arranged to finance our education as long as we needed it.

Suffice it to say that my father's business recovered the following year. My father is now the proud owner of the village mini market. Mr Ong has expanded his business too. He now has a car showroom in town. Whenever my parents meet up with Mr Ong, they would thank him for his past help. He would just shrug off their thanks and say simply that he was merely repaying a kindness.

19 In paragraph 1, what was the reason for the people living in the writer's village never locking their doors?

- A The village only had rows of shophouses.
- B The village was far from other villages.
- C The villagers knew each other very well.
- D The villagers made the village very safe.

20 In paragraph 3, the phrase "looked malnourished" means?

- A Mr Ong's children were deprived of healthy food.
- B Mr Ong's children were not eating good food.
- C Mr Ong's children consumed less food.
- D Mr Ong's children had fewer meals.

21 In paragraph 3, how did the writer's parents help Mr Ong?

- A They collected food from neighbours.
- B They gave their own meals.
- C They gathered uneaten food from celebrations.
- D They asked villagers to spare some food.

22 In paragraph 4, what was the lean spell?

- A A period when the villagers were thin.
- B A period when food was scarce.
- C A period when economy was bad.
- D A period when shops were closed.

23 Why did Kim Seng stop schooling?

- A He wished to expand his father's business.
- B He could repair more bicycles.
- C He was good at repairing bicycles.
- D He wanted to help his family.

24 How did the writer's family deal with his father's illness?

- A They sought help for his health problem.
- B They were confused with his health problem.
- C They asked Mr Ong to help them.
- D They did not tell anyone about it.

25 Mr Ong helped the writer's family by....

- A paying the writer's education fees until he graduated.
- B getting a loan for the writer's father.
- C finding someone to look after their business.
- D giving medical treatment to his father.

26 What is the lesson from this story?

- A We should always help our neighbours.
- B We should appreciate others' help.
- C We should offer help to those in need.
- D We should encourage act of kindness.

PART 4**Questions 27 to 32**

You are going to read a story about a Malaysian folklore entitled "Breaking A Promise". Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A to H the one which fits each gap [27 to 32]. There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Breaking A Promise

Salman and his parents lived in a village called Ulu Petai. He was not a good-looking fellow. The complexion on his face and hands was flawed. At the end of the village, there was a thick jungle. And at the edge of the jungle, there was a big flat rock. When some of the villagers went into the jungle looking for the *petai* fruit, they often came across a beautiful princess there. They said she was one of the spirit people.

One day, while looking for firewood, Salman lost his way. 27 When he woke up, he found himself at a palace and a princess was beside him. "Now, you have become my husband," said the princess.

Salman was stunned. He felt fresh and smelled good. As he was feeling his face, he saw that both his hands were perfectly even toned. Salman and his wife lived happily, but after a while, he began to miss his village. 28 Whenever you are in trouble, beloved, rub this stone. I will send you help, but do remember you mustn't be disloyal," said the princess.

When Salman reached his village, he saw his father and mother were grieving. As soon as they saw Salman, they were overjoyed. 29 His face and hands were not flawed anymore.

His parents wanted to hold a big feast and they wanted to invite everyone in the village. Unfortunately, they did not have enough food and utensils. 30 However, no matter how he searched for it, he couldn't find it. Finally, he asked his mother.

"I've thrown it away. It's not a precious stone, just an old black stone. I thought it had no value," said his mother. "You what? You've thrown it away? That was a gift from my wife! Why on earth didn't you ask me first?" Salman questioned his mother. 31 The old lady was frightened and started crying.

All of a sudden, Salman began to shiver. He fell to the floor, the old ugly complexion of his face and hands reappeared. 32 Both his parents were shocked and broke down in tears. It appeared that Salman had broken the promise he made to his wife. He had been rude and disloyal to his mother.

Adapted from 366 A Collection of Malaysian Folk Tales, compiled by Othman Puteh and Aripin Said

A. He told his wife that he wanted to return home.	E. He was no longer good-looking
B. He saw a big rock nearby, so he stopped to rest but he fell asleep.	F. He was angry and raised his voice at her.
C. He wanted to bring his wife to meet his parents in the village.	G. Salman thought of the precious stone given to him by his wife.
D. Salman ran off crying.	H. They were also astonished to see that Salman was very good-looking.

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