

Comprehension

Read the following two passages carefully and choose the best answer from options A, B, C and D.

Passage 1

Malaysian artist Ibrahim Hussein's dream of a cultural oasis **housed** in a museum complex on an island paradise is slowly crystallizing. Recently, the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad launched the arts museum which will be built on an 18-hectare site on Pulau Langkawi.

5 Ibrahim, or "Ib" to friends, has been moving mountains for the last two and a half years to bring about this development. He formed the Ibrahim Hussein Museum and Cultural Foundation to raise funds for this ambitious venture which is **estimated** to cost RM9 million.

The arts complex which is scheduled for completion in late 1994 will have eight galleries, studios, workshops, a library, a meeting room, a VIP lounge and a restaurant. It will
10 house internationally **acclaimed** works of art, including some of Ibrahim's **pieces**.

In the context of Malaysia, which has yet to have an art museum of international standard, **Ibrahim's dream is indeed ambitious**. However, he has always broken new ground and taken on big challenges.

The son of a poor farmer, Ibrahim studied briefly at Singapore's Nanyang Academy of
15 Arts in 1956. Later, he spent a short time at the Byam Shaw School of Drawing and Painting and at the Royal Academy of Arts in London. He was awarded a Fullbright travelling scholarship in 1967 and a Rocketfeller III Fund fellowship between 1967 and 1968.

Today, Ibrahim's paintings are the closest thing to a national art treasure. "When I paint, it's like a prayer, a gratitude, a joy," he says. When the art museum is built, Ibrahim will be
20 sharing his message of joy with more people.

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- The word **housed** in line 1 means _____.
A. located B. stayed
C. moved D. built
- Ibrahim Hussein's museum complex will be located _____.
A. in a city B. in an oasis
C. on an island D. on a mountain
- The main purpose of the Ibrahim Hussein Museum and Cultural Foundation is to _____.
A. move mountains
B. exhibit Ibrahim's works of art
C. raise money to build an art museum
D. raise the foundation of an art museum
- The word **estimated** in line 7 means _____.
A. added B. valued
C. measured D. calculated

5. The arts complex to be built will have the following **EXCEPT**
- A. conference room
 - B. galleries
 - C. studios
 - D. oasis
6. The word **acclaimed** in line 10 means ____.
- A. highly praised
 - B. exhibited
 - C. painted
 - D. shown
7. The word **pieces** in line 10 refers to ____.
- A. museum
 - B. galleries
 - C. workshops
 - D. works of art
8. **“Ibrahim’s dream is indeed ambitious.”** (line 12) What is Ibrahim’s dream?
- A. To earn a lot of money
 - B. To build an art museum
 - C. To take on big challenges
 - D. To have international standards in all art museums
9. Which of the following statements is **true** of Ibrahim?
- A. He studied in Singapore in 1956.
 - B. He went to the Royal Academy of Arts in Singapore.
 - C. He wants to develop a mountain into an art museum.
 - D. He was awarded the Fullbright travelling scholarship in 1968.
10. Which of the following statements is **incorrect**?
- A. The arts complex is estimated to cost RM9 million.
 - B. The arts complex is scheduled to open in late 1994.
 - C. Ibrahim’s paintings are the closest thing to a national art treasure.
 - D. The money to build the art museum was given by the Prime Minister.