

Practice 1

Questions 1 to 6 are based on a story about Salman's dream. Six sentences have been removed from the story. 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. **HOTS**

Salman's Dream

Recently, Salman had been late for work rather frequently. The supervisor decided that it was time to talk to Salman to find out what was wrong. 1 Salman arrived just as the supervisor was about to go for lunch.

'Isn't this a rather inconvenient time for you to come see me?' the supervisor asked.

2 'I was late to work today because I found a lump of gold on the way here.'

'A lump of gold?' said the supervisor, surprised. 3

'I think I want to build a house and buy several acres of land,' said Salman. 'I also want to give you a small sum for the trouble you have taken in supervising me.'

The supervisor was extremely pleased when he heard it. 4 During lunch, the young man ate heartily but the supervisor hardly touched his food. He was wondering how much Salman would give him and if it would be enough to buy the big bungalow he had always wanted.

'I hope you've kept the gold in a safe place,' the supervisor said.

'Well, I didn't get the chance to do that,' said Salman. 5

6 'You mean it was all a dream?'

The young man nodded and kept on eating.

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| A 'Oh my, what are you going to do with it?' | E His wife threw the gold into a river. |
| B Salman gave the supervisor the lump of gold. | F 'I'm sorry,' said Salman. |
| C So, he asked Salman to see him. | G 'What?' the supervisor screamed. |
| D 'It disappeared the moment my wife shook me awake.' | H He then invited Salman to have lunch with him. |

Practice 2

Questions 1 to 6 are based on an article about Datuk Nicole Ann David. 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. **HOTS**

Datuk Nicole Ann David

1 She was creating history for herself and the country, while others her age were going to school and dealing with adolescence. At that time, she defeated her opponent within half an hour at Antwerp, Belgium and won the Women's World Junior Squash Championships. 2 She has never looked back since. She continued her reign as the world champion, not once, but eight times, winning 81 Professional Squash Association titles. 3

After 20 years of being a superstar in the global squash arena, Datuk Nicol Ann David decided it was time to call it a day. 4 At the same time, she prepared for what was to come. Her intention was always about returning the favour and giving back to society. 5

She is now happily occupied with setting up her own foundation, doing opinion write-ups, giving motivational talks, and engaging with the younger generation to encourage them to participate in any form of sports. 6

- A Therefore, she planned to use the lessons learnt from squash to transition to the next phase of her life.
- B Datuk Nicol Ann David was merely a 15-year-old girl back in 1999.
- C There was a slim chance of her winning that day.
- D Immediately after her retirement, she took the opportunity to travel around, but this time without her racquet.

- E She then dominated the world's number one spot for 112 consecutive months from 2006 to 2015.
- F However, she gave up in the 1999 Women's World Junior Squash Championships
- G She is indeed an inspiration to all of us!
- H That was when she became the youngest female to win the championship.