

RAMALAN SPM SET 2

Part 1

[8 marks]

Questions 1 to 8

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

Foreign students have been warned by the Australian government to avoid lucrative offers to smuggle drugs following the arrests of several Brazilians for allegedly importing cocaine. It was reported that six students who were allegedly used as mules by an international drugs syndicate had been arrested over the last 12 months, in a global operation.

- 1 From the extract above, we know that
- A foreign students brought in drugs through the Australian government.
 - B foreign students became drug mules because of monetary gain.
 - C foreign students used an international drugs syndicate.
 - D foreign students imported cocaine legally.

PUTRAJAYA: "Construction sites found breeding Aedes mosquitoes will be ordered to close for two months for clean-up work." Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr S Subramaniam said.

He said the ministry was enforcing the maximum closure period because construction sites which allowed Aedes mosquitoes to breed were responsible for the high incidence of dengue cases in the country. Dr Subramaniam said contractors would have to show proof to the health authorities that the sites were being cleaned up during the closure period.

"Only when the officers are satisfied that the sites no longer breed Aedes mosquitoes, can they resume work." he told reporters.

- 2 Which of the following statements is true?
- A Most construction sites did not pay heed to cleanliness
 - B The officers are partly responsible for the increase in dengue cases

- C Construction sites with Aedes larvae must stop work for two months
- D Health authorities will help the contractors during the clean-up period

Parking Form

Complete and place in lower hand corner of windscreen.

Car Registration: _____

Date: _____

- 3 What do you have to do?
- A Register your car here by filling in this form,
 - B Put this form in your car windscreen after filling it in.
 - C Place the completed form in the box provided.

Dear Kate,

I am sharing my idea with you. Play a game to revise colours and clothes. Call out a colour, example red. Those students wearing something red should stand up. If they are wearing something red and they don't stand up they are out of the game.

Sheela

- 4 Sheela mainly wrote the email to
- A ask for ideas about games
 - B share and explain about her game
 - C ask Kate to the game



HEALTHY LIVING

Vegetables: How to Eat More

Eating plenty of vegetables will improve your overall health. They contain vitamins and nutrients your body needs to be healthy.



Vitamins: Fuel Your Body

You need vitamins to grow and develop normally. There are 13 main vitamins; Vitamin A, Vitamin C, Vitamin D, Vitamin E, Vitamin K and B Vitamins.

- 5 Which of the following is true about Healthy Living?
- A There is an abundance of vitamins and nutrients contained in Vegetables.
 - B It is compulsory for us to take 13 types of vitamins for our body.
 - C Eating more vegetables daily can prevent you from getting diseases.

Cool Air Table Fan

Safety Precautions

1. Do not place the unit in a temperature higher than 50 °C.
2. Switch off the unit when not in use.
3. Do not use the unit for a prolonged time of more than 10 hours.
4. Keep the unit far away from children.
5. In the event that the unit has malfunctioned, contact the service centre immediately. Do not attempt to fix the unit yourself or without the presence of an experienced technician.

- 6 The manual tells us that
- A the fan is safe to use indoors.
 - B we must always read the precautions every time we operate the fan.
 - C the fan is equipped with child- safety features.

THUNDERSTORMS WARNING

Issued at: 3.55 PM, 31 July 2022

Thunderstorms, heavy rain and strong winds are expected over several states in Peninsular from 6.00 PM 31 July 2022 until 11.00 AM 1 August 2022. Those living near coastal areas are advised not to go out to sea for recreational activities.

For the latest information on the local weather, follow the Malaysian Meteorological Department on:

Twitter: @metmalaysia

Instagram: metmalaysia

Facebook: Malaysian Meteorological Department

Adapted: <https://www.met.gov.my/>

- 7 From the weather forecast, we know that
- A all states are expecting thunderstorms
 - B the beach is prohibited for leisure activities.
 - C the Malaysian Meteorological Department does regular weather updates online.

Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.

Thomas A. Edison

- 8 The saying tells us that
- A to be successful you have to work hard
 - B to achieve something takes intelligence
 - C intelligence and hard work are important for success

Part 2

[10 marks]

Questions 9 to 18

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

Kajang is a Selangor term for satay, which (0) **beneficial** grilled marinated pork (9) _____ chicken dipped in a hot peanut gravy. (10) _____ the development of the Sungai Buloh-Kajang MRT line, (11) _____ "transforming" small town south (12) _____ Bangi, which proudly houses (13) _____ local universities, will experience a boom. It is a well-known fact that even in the past, groups of young people and families from Kuala Lumpur and Petaling Jaya (14) _____ stop in Kajang town to feast (15) _____ indulge in (16) _____ renowned must-have satay before continuing on to the pristine beaches of Port Dickson in Negeri Sembilan on their regular excursions. There is even (17) _____ Medan Satay or satay plaza right in the middle of town that is open from breakfast to evening and competes with fast food chains like KFC and McDonald's for the attention of the (18) _____ stream of customers.

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|----|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| 0 | A am | B is | C are | D was |
| 9 | A or | B because | C if | D since |
| 10 | A since | B with | C because | D if |
| 11 | A this | B that | C there | D it |
| 12 | A of | B on | C as | D at |
| 13 | A limited | B few | C little | D numerous |
| 14 | A could | B was | C it | D would |
| 15 | A and | B it | C or | D with |
| 16 | A has | B it | C its | D have |
| 17 | A an | B a | C of | D on |
| 18 | A start | B brief | C limited | D endless |

Part 3

[8 marks]

Questions 19 to 26

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

Welcome to the home of the future

[1] The 2009 British Homes Awards challenged the industry to design a house that can adapt to different life stages. The participants were asked to rethink the construction and design of individual homes so that they were easily adaptable to less mobile inhabitants, and also to create communities in which ageing occupants could continue to enjoy shared amenities. The top design also had to be attractive to its potential buyers, because the competition was put to the public vote. The winner, gaining 12,000 votes from Mail on Sunday readers, was the strikingly modern SunnySideUp, designed by Kosi Architects. Here are its three main features:

1. Upside Down House

[2] The architects took as a starting point the accepted norm for a house – rows of houses facing onto streets crammed with cars, with living rooms on the ground floor and bedrooms above. Then they scrapped it. They ended up with the living room, dining room and kitchen on the top floor where they can benefit from the light and views, and maximise energy efficiency. And they put the bedrooms on the ground floor where the garden aspect gives inhabitants increased privacy, and a cool temperature is maintained throughout the day. The two floors are linked by wide, Gentle gradient stairs, which are designed to allow for a stairlift to be fitted if necessary as owners age.

2. Concealed Parking Spaces

[3] But the feature that, according to Warren Rosing, one of the Kosi architects responsible for the design, was particularly popular with the public, is actually the parking. In a SunnySideUp development, no one has to look out onto a street full of cars or worry about their kids being run over because the terrace zone at the first-floor level links all the homes and is a car-free zone. Vehicles are tucked away on the lower floor, leaving safe and pleasant spaces outside the houses for people to meet, and kids to play. A lift takes people directly from the garage to the living area, so that all residents, including the elderly and those with heavy shopping, can move

comfortably between the floors. The natural feel of the front area is enhanced by the planters that are placed outside the kitchens at the front to encourage residents to grow vegetables and flowers where they can be seen. The idea is that not only would they look pretty, but they would be a talking point, encouraging interaction between residents on the terrace area outside.

3. Flexible Spaces

[4] But it's the fact that space is designed to adapt to the changing needs, including the fluctuating income of its owners, that makes it a thought-provoking, as well as winning, design. The lower-floor bedrooms have separate outdoor access so they can be easily let. The idea is that owners can get some extra money to pay for their mortgages during the first years. And later in the future, those bedrooms can be used as a granny flat, or an office, and can easily be converted into a separate one-bed flat if your kids won't leave home. And if more space is required, as well as the usual loft that can be converted, there is potential for a gallery floor to be inserted in the living room.

4. Where can you get one?

[5] At the moment the SunnySideUp house is still just a set of drawings. But Warren Rosing says, "We are hoping to have it built." The organisers are in talks with builders, but due to the economic climate it may take longer than we would like." We're sure it will be worth the wait" they say.

- 19 In paragraph 1, The British Homes Awards challenged architects to design a house
- A for disabled people
 - B for ageing inhabitants
 - C that could adapt to all ages
 - D for young families with children
- 20 In paragraph 1, the word 'inhabitants' can best be replaced with
- A Occupants
 - B Foreigner
 - C Alien
 - D outsider
- 21 In paragraph 2, in the winning property, bedrooms are downstairs to

- A benefit from the view
 - B have easier access to the house
 - C have more privacy in the living room
 - D keep the same pleasant atmosphere the whole day
- 22 In paragraph 3, the parking spaces in this house design are
- A on the first floor
 - B on the ground floor
 - C in a separate building
 - D in the street
- 23 In paragraph 3, we learn that
- A children can play safely outside the house
 - B the houses overlook a street crammed with cars
 - C the back garden is the main talking point for the inhabitants
 - D the house can be transformed into a kindergarten
- 24 In paragraph 4, in the SunnySideUp house the ground floor
- A can be rented
 - B can be sold separately
 - C is only used to store cars
 - D has a room for grandparents
- 25 In paragraph 4, the house has been designed
- A to be rented
 - B to be shared if necessary
 - C for families with a small income
 - D for the elderly
- 26 In paragraph 5, the SunnySideUp development
- A is being built
 - B will never be built
 - C will hopefully be built
 - D has been recently built

Part 4

[6 marks]

Questions 27 to 32

You are going to read an article about celebrities. 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.

For each question, mark the correct answer (**A-H**) on your answer sheet.

A Beloved Grandmother

Sneha had been taken care of by her paternal grandmother since she was a new-born. Her mother had passed away while giving birth to her. Her grandmother was loving and caring but was also firm when Sneha needed to be disciplined. Sneha rarely saw her father as he often had to go overseas for business.

Soon it was time for Sneha to go to college. **27.** She was excited to go to college but at the same time she felt sad to leave her grandmother. She promised she would come and visit her as often as she could.

One day during her semester break, Sneha went back home. **28.** Grandma was very glad to see her. She was so busy chatting with Sneha that she forgot about the cake which was in the oven. The cake was burnt. Grandma was very angry with herself. She then confessed this was not the first time that she forgot she was baking something and the food got burnt. **29.**

During the next visit, Sneha's grandmother looked confused when Sneha greeted her. **30.** Sneha felt worried. Her father was home at that time and so she told him her worries about Grandma. Her father too had noticed that she was no longer her usual self. They decided to take her to a doctor.

The doctor pronounced that Sneha's grandmother had Alzheimer's and at the moment there was no cure. Sneha broke down and cried. She never expected this to happen to Grandma. Her father decided to get a caretaker for her. Sneha told him that they did not need a caretaker, **31.**

Sneha's father agreed to her coming back home but he still wanted her to continue her studies. He said Sneha could go to a college in her hometown. She agreed to his decision. Sneha and her father then got a caretaker for Grandma. **32.** Whenever Sneha went to college or was busy studying, Flora would take care of Grandma. However whenever Sneha was free, she herself would take care of her.

Even though Grandma got progressively worse later and did not even know who she was, Sneha still felt glad that she was taking care of her. Her grandmother had done so much for her. Sneha felt it was time she repaid her beloved grandmother for everything.

- A She found her grandmother baking in the kitchen.
- B Instead, she would come back home and take care of Grandma.
- C Sneha helped her grandmother bake a cake.
- D Her hometown was in Johor Bahru while her college was in Kuala Lumpur.
- E The caretaker was a nice lady called Flora.
- F She only recognised Sneha after a long time.
- G The caretaker liked taking care of Sneha's grandmother.
- H Sneha did not think anything of it and assumed it was just normal forgetfulness due to old age.

- 27 _____
- 28 _____
- 29 _____
- 30 _____
- 31 _____
- 32 _____

Part 5

[8 marks]

Questions 33 to 40

Read the information below on 'An Encyclopedia Entry' and answer the questions that follow.

Reading text: An encyclopedia entry

The Taj Mahal (pronounced /tɑːdʒ m'hɑːl/) is a famous mausoleum next to the river Yamuna in the Indian city of Agra. A mausoleum is a building where people bury the dead. The name Taj Mahal means 'the crown of palaces'.

[A] The most famous part of the Taj Mahal is the large white dome in the centre. It is 35 metres high and is surrounded by four smaller domes. The rooms inside the building are decorated with

beautiful archways and precious stones on the walls. The buildings are surrounded by gardens with pathways, pools, fountains and green gardens.

[B] The construction of the Taj Mahal began in 1632 and finished in 1653. It was built with materials from all over India and Asia, but the main material is white marble. Historians believe that the materials were transported by over 1,000 elephants for the construction.

[C] The emperor Shah Jahan built the Taj Mahal as a burial place for his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. According to legend, he wanted to build another Taj Mahal in black on the other side of the river, but this never happened. During the Indian Rebellion of 1857, many parts of the Taj Mahal were damaged by British soldiers, who took some of the precious stones from its walls. Over the years, the Taj Mahal has suffered from environmental damage, and there have been many government attempts to conserve its beauty.

[D] The Taj Mahal is one of India's most famous landmarks. There are millions of visitors to the mausoleum every year. The Taj Mahal is almost always included in lists of famous buildings to visit and is considered one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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- Encyclopedia Britannica article on the Taj Mahal:

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Taj-Mahal>

- Official site of the Taj Mahal: <https://www.tajmahal.gov.in/>

- UNESCO Profile of the Taj Mahal: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/252>

Questions 33 to 36

Which paragraph (A - D) that matches the paragraphs from 'An Encyclopedia Entry'? Write your answers in the blanks given.

	Statement	Paragraph
33	History	_____
34	Tourism	_____
35	Architecture	_____
36	Construction	_____

Questions 37 to 40

Complete the notes below using information from the text. Choose no more than one word from the passage for each answer. Fill in the blanks with the correct answer.

‘An Encyclopedia Entry’

Taj Mahal is surrounded by gardens with pathways, pools, (37) _____ and green gardens. The materials for the Taj Mahal are not all from India but also from Asia and the main material is (38) _____ marble. According to legend, Shah Jahan wanted to build a (39) _____ Taj Mahal on the other side of the river, but this never happened. The Indian government is trying to protect and (40) _____ the beauty of the Taj Mahal.