

Part 1

Questions 1 to 8 are based on the given stimuli.

Study the information carefully and choose the best answer A, B or C. For each question, mark your answer A, B or C on the answer sheet.

Questions 1 and 2 are based on the extract below.

One can understand why Melaka is called a historic city. Some streets in Melaka seem to have hardly changed in the last few centuries. Strolling along Jalan Hang Jebat and Jalan Tan Cheng Lock, my friends and I could imagine how **they** would have appeared in ancient times when **they** were known as Jonker Street and Heeren Street. Then, these streets were almost totally occupied by the Baba families.

- 1 Which of the following statements is **true** of Melaka?
 - A All the streets have hardly changed over the years.
 - B Some of the streets have changed from how they were.
 - C The Babas totally occupied the streets the last few centuries.
- 2 What do the words **they** in the passage refer to?
 - A The two streets
 - B The Baba families
 - C The writers' friends

Periathai died when the curfew was lifted for good and the military had disappeared from the scene in 1958. Her fortunes reached pre-Emergency prosperity but the lump she had always had on her shoulder had grown to the size of a clenched fist. Her sons took her to the Group Hospital and later to the District Hospital in Sg. Petani. The doctor shook his head.

Periathai shrugged the diagnosis off and continued to occupy her place at the pawn shop.

(Excerpt from 'The Return' by K.S. Maniam)

- 3 From the excerpt, which statement **best** describes Periathai?
 - A She refused to accept the doctor's diagnosis.
 - B She was determined to live as she had always done.
 - C She was adamant on becoming rich and famous in Sungai Petani.

**Taman Desa Impian Residents
Get Together To Clean Up Their
Neighbourhood**

Some 30 residents of Taman Desa Impian in Ipoh sacrificed their Sunday to clean up their neighbourhood.

The community project included grass cutting along the road shoulders and vacant plots and cleaning the drains.

- 4 Which of the following statements is true?
- A The residents had to sacrifice their weekend.
 - B The residents spruced up their neighbourhood.
 - C They were all given a token by the other residents.

Seremban: Three teenage girls are working through their school holidays to earn some extra pocket money. The girls are working with songkok supplier Jamima Md. Ali. They are paid RM7.50 daily. The girls, Marina Maha, Suzie Su and Leela Loga have been working since the year-end holidays. "We plan to buy books and some clothes with our earnings," they said.

- 5 Which of the following did Marina and her friends do during the year-end school holidays?
- A They started part-time work.
 - B They went on vacation to Seremban.
 - C They started making 'songkok' for Hari Raya.

MIRI: Eleven-year-old Teng Wen Yen died in a fire trying to save her six-year-old brother when a fire broke out, gutting the whole longhouse here yesterday. Both siblings were overcome by smoke and perished in the blaze. Their mother said that it was love that drove Wen Yen back into the burning house.

- 6 Which of the following statements is true?
- A The fire caused several deaths.
 - B The mother of the children worked in Miri.
 - C The older sister made a brave attempt to save her brother.

Rohit : The paper was long, wasn't it?

Mahesh : Yes, unusually long. For sure, we won't see as many 95+ marks for English this year.

Rohit : How did you do?

Mahesh : So-so. I wish I had timed myself better. In the end, I left questions worth 10 marks unattempted. How about you?

Rohit : I started off well. In fact I was ahead of time on grammar and letter writing, but this year's reading comprehension passages were just too tough for me, and it completely derailed my time management.

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- 7 Which of the following statements is true?
- A Both boys were not confident of how they fared in their English paper.
 - B Rohit was able to manage his time well during the examination.
 - C Mahesh was certain that he and Rohit will be obtaining A+.

An idiom is a phrase or expression that has a meaning that in most cases cannot be deduced directly from the individual words in that phrase or expression. For example, the idiom 'bite off more than you can chew' doesn't mean you bite more than a mouthful of a cake or something else and then struggle to chew. It means you try to do something that is too difficult for you. How are they different from proverbs? Proverbs are well-known sayings, stating a general truth or advice. For example, the proverb 'a picture is worth a thousand words' is a general truth. The idiom 'bite off more than you can chew', however, is neither a general truth nor a piece of advice.

- 8 Which of the following statements is true?
- A Idioms and proverbs are the same.
 - B Proverbs are known sayings that have been accepted by the public.
 - C Idioms and proverbs can both be easily understood by adults and children.