

Part 5

Questions 35 to 40

Read the article below. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences (A – H) to fit each gap (35 – 40).

The Penan

The indigenous Penan have lived in the Bornean rainforest for centuries. These nomadic people made their homes in the rainforest of Borneo's interior. (35) ____ The Malaysian government has given assistance to them by building longhouses for them to settle in. The Penan are mostly located around the Baram and Belaga areas. (36) ____

The Penan living in the longhouses now are more enterprising. (37) ____ Even though they have adopted sedentary agriculture as their main livelihood, the transition from their traditional hunter-gatherer lifestyle has been hard. (38) ____ They also collect rattan for making baskets, hat and bags which are popular in demand. Other trade items such as camphor, damar (a type of resin) and gaharu (incense wood) bring in more income for them.

The Penan are closely knit community. (39) ____ They are also known for their gentleness and soft-spoken characteristic. (40) ____ They believe that in order to survive in the jungle, they must maintain harmonious relations with the spirits.

- A They share whatever food they get from the jungle.
- B The Penan children receive lessons from their elders.
- C Child birth is usually done at home and not at the hospital.
- D They still hunt wild animals and collect other jungle plants in the forests.
- E Some smaller proportions can be found in the Bintulu and Limbang Divisions.
- F They believe that the forests are filled with spirits.
- G They cultivate large plots of terraced rice fields.
- H However today, only a minority of Penan practice such a nomadic lifestyle.

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