

Part 1

Questions 1 to 8

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

Question 1

Dear Ginna,

I wish to say that I am sorry for what happened and I hope you can forgive me. It was unkind of me to make jokes at such a time. It was totally out of time.

Best wishes,
Rin

1 Which of the following is **true**?

- A Ginna was unkind to Rin.
- B Rin is apologising to Ginna.
- C Rin did not regret her action.

Question 2

SUNGAI BULOH: An ambulance crew responding to an anonymous call today found a three-week-old baby girl who had been snatched from her mother at a shopping centre. Paramedics who rushed there found Aisha abandoned in a hut. She was reunited with her parents at city's hospital nearby. Her mother, Pn Ina, had earlier made a public plea for the baby's return. She was shopping when her baby was suddenly snatched by a woman.

2 The purpose of the news report is to

- A warn parents about a baby snatcher.
- B inform people that a baby was snatched and found.
- C discourage parents from taking their babies to shopping centres.

Question 3

Introducing our new brand of coffee,
"Morning SIP"!



Carefully selected from the finest coffee beans and expertly roasted to perfection. With its rich and bold flavour, our coffee is guaranteed to awaken your sense and give you the energy you need to tackle the day. Try it today and experience the difference in every sip!

3 The purpose of the advertisement is to

- A introduce a new coffee product.
- B encourage consumers to drink coffee in the morning.
- C inform consumers that coffee can wake them up if they are very sleepy.

Question 4

READY, SET, RUN!

Lace up your shoes and join us for an exhilarating running competition. With multiple categories to choose from, runners of all levels can participate and challenge themselves. Our scenic course will take you through breathtaking landscapes, and create a truly memorable running experience. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers, and every participant will receive a medal and a T-shirt. Sign up now and get ready to take on the ultimate running challenge!

- 4 The notice says that every participant
- A will be awarded prizes.
 - B must wear shoes with lace.
 - C will be given a medal and a T-shirt.

Question 5

Greasy chips and oily prawn crackers – these junk foods have such a bad reputation that they usually cannot be consumed without an ample serving of guilt. Now, these guilt-laden pleasures are being cast in an even more lethal light due to mounting evidence which could link junk foods to cancer.

- 5 Which of the following statements is **true**?
- A Junk foods are not associated with cancer.
 - B Junk foods are known to be unhealthy.
 - C Eating junk foods is pleasurable.

Question 6

John
Hi Cindy. I heard that your brother, Ray, is going to make himself a YouTuber. Is that so?

Cindy
Oh, he always likes to try new things but he has no patience to sustain what he's doing. So, please take what he told you with a pinch of salt.

John
Ah, I see.

- 6 From the conversation, we can know that
- A Cindy is just joking with John.
 - B John and Ray know each other.
 - C Cindy is asking John not to trust Ray.

Question 7

**SURIA
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL'S
ART
EXHIBITION**

Come and see our students take on the Culture, Heritage and Traditions on Malaysia through their art pieces.

Exhibition Period

3 – 9 July 2023
9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

**Admission is
FREE**

Venue

Dewan Datuk Ribut,
Suria International
School,
Jalan Marup,
Engkilili

7 Which of the following statement is **true**?

- A The art exhibition is held in a community hall.
- B The art pieces are painted by students.
- C People need to pay after the exhibition period is over.

Question 8

**Renovation Sales at
Mac's Department Store!!!**

- ✓ 2nd to 20th September 2023
- ✓ up to 50% discount for all electronic items
- ✓ mystery gift awaits first 100 customers who spend a minimum of RM650 in a single receipt

*Will close temporarily for a fortnight after sales

8 Which of the following statement is **true**?

- A The event will last more than a fortnight.
- B All electronic products will be sold at half price.
- C Any shoppers who spend at least RM650 will receive a gift.

[8 marks]

Part 2**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 your answer sheet.

Shopping

Oftentimes when the word 'shopping' is (0) mentioned, many people's eyes light up or their faces brighten. It is no surprise that many from different walks of life enjoy the activity, from the young to the old and from the (9) _____ to the rich. It is fascinating that shopping works like magic, that it is able to make you feel better (10) _____ a terrible day at school or work. Even when you are worn out, you (11) _____ still choose to go shopping just because you feel the need to reward yourself for a hard day's work.

Somehow, being out of the house and (12) _____ at different products or spending money on necessary or sometimes unnecessary items can improve your mood. (13) _____, it is not always that shopping involves spending money. If you have little to spare, you might choose to do window shopping instead. This might still give you some pleasure as you are able to look at various merchandise (14) _____ having no intention to buy them or being unable to afford them. For others who are more (15) _____, they indulge in retail therapy to enhance their mood. This means that they splurge on things that are not needed (16) _____ relieve their stress or temporarily distract them from certain problems.

Besides shopping at physical stores, shopping is now done online with (17) _____ online shopping platforms available anytime and anywhere with just a click on your smartphone. Due to its convenience, many now rely on shopping from home since their purchases can be (18) _____ right to their doorstep. With different shopping options to cater to different wants and needs, shopping or rather spending money unnecessarily is definitely inevitable.

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| 0 | A. voiced | B. debated | C. mentioned | D. highlighted |
| 9 | A. sad | B. poor | C. broke | D. homeless |
| 10 | A. over | B. after | C. across | D. before |
| 11 | A. can | B. will | C. must | D. might |
| 12 | A. staring | B. viewing | C. looking | D. browsing |
| 13 | A. Happily | B. Suddenly | C. Excitedly | D. Fortunately |
| 14 | A. despite | B. except | C. without | D. concerning |
| 15 | A. lucky | B. special | C. blessed | D. privileged |
| 16 | A. for | B. so that | C. because | D. in order to |
| 17 | A. limited | B. countless | C. countable | D. uncountable |
| 18 | A. shipped | B. delivered | C. dispatched | D. transported |

[10 marks]

Part 3

You are going to read a passage. 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.

In life, there are so many unexpected twists and turns. Things I thought would not be possible have most often turned out to be possible! I thought it was impossible for me to get through my A-levels in a short time but I made it. To my amazement, I did considerably well, too. On the other hand, I have put much effort into a particular project, thinking that it would definitely bear good results, but it has turned out otherwise. And vice versa, when less effort is put in, sometimes things turn out better than my expectations.

Some days in life are so beautiful, I wish they could have somehow stood still and lasted for an eternity. Some memories are so beautiful, I hope they will remain etched and never forgotten. I have met some people in life that I hope never be parted from; even if it is just memories that will always dwell within me when they are absent.

But there are also days when I have wished I would not live to see the next day, torn down by darkness, overcome by worries that destroy my peace of mind. Some memories I want to erase and never recall. I have so many questions that remain unanswered and I wonder if I will ever attain the answers before my soul leaves my body.

Tough times ought to teach us lots of lessons. The pain that comes with challenges helps us to face other hurdles put before us with much ease. What remains is that we stick to our ultimate goal and work diligently to achieve it without being distracted and hurt by the words of those around us. Tough times actually bring out the best in us; they test our tolerance and faith.

I am a timid person, who is always intimidated by the worries of tomorrow and I find it very hard to face my troubles. There are times when I wonder what the purpose is of me being here? Why bring such a timid person to this world? Afraid of attending school, not wanting to leave the comfort of home and the protective arms of my mother, I was never brave enough to handle things myself. In fact, my younger brother has always been bolder and braver than me. Today, I am an adult, but I have not fully overcome my fears.

Thankfully for me, my father has always been a saviour, guiding me through life. I always see myself as his reflection and think of myself as being his replica. Hopefully, I am and will be able to emulate him. His advice, sayings and guidance have been my pillar of strength.

My mother has always been the one holding the candle that brightens my pathway. Her cheer and encouragement can lift even the saddest parts of me. Her ear-to-ear grin has helped to keep me going even in the dullest of situations. I admire the way she takes things in her stride and works her way out in a carefree and optimistic manner.

My brother has taught me a lot as he is the person whom I spent most of my childhood and days with. He has been my best friend – always by my side **through thick and thin**. I also have a good friend, Ashburn, who has been by my side, encouraging me always.

In a nutshell, life has to go on no matter what obstacles stand in our way. We can only be good at walking if we fall a few times, feel the pain and bruises, and keep at it. Family and friends will be there to help you along the way.

Adapted from: *Heart & Soul: A Reflection of My Life* by Karti

- 19 In paragraph 1, what does the writer say about life?
- A Life is temporary.
 - B Life is unpredictable.
 - C Life is full of hardship and suffering.
 - D Life is not always pleasant and comfortable.
- 20 What makes life beautiful for the writer?
- A Memories of beautiful places.
 - B Memories of her loved ones who are still alive.
 - C Memories of her family members who have departed.
 - D Memories of wonderful people whom she has met in her life journey.
- 21 What was the writer's opinion of tough times?
- A Tough times make us lose faith.
 - B Tough times motivate us to work harder.
 - C Tough times make us weak and distracted.
 - D Tough times help to foster best qualities in us.
- 22 In paragraph 5, how does the writer describe herself?
- A A pessimistic person.
 - B An optimistic person.
 - C A shy, reserved person.
 - D A gentle, humble person.
- 23 Why does the writer consider her father as her pillar of strength?
- A She resembles her father in character.
 - B Her father always gives her a piece of his mind.
 - C Her father encourages her to follow his footsteps.
 - D Her father has always been supportive of her and offers good advice.
- 24 In paragraph 7, what do we learn about the writer's mother?
- A She is a happy and optimistic person.
 - B She is a calm and diplomatic person.
 - C She is a kind and generous person.
 - D She is a strong-willed person.
- 25 In paragraph 8, the phrase **through thick and thin** means
- A during sad times.
 - B through tough times.
 - C in good and bad times.
 - D through considerable hardship.
- 26 What is the writer's opinion about life in the last paragraph?
- A Life is full of obstacles.
 - B Life is wonderful and very pleasant.
 - C Life is filled with little things, which we fail to appreciate.
 - D Life must go on even when something bad has happened.

[8 marks]

Part 4

Questions 27 to 32

You are going to read an article about a student who organised a clothes donation event. 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.

Graffiti: Art or Crime?

Have you ever seen colourfully sprayed writing or drawings on walls of buildings or when walking past a street? If you have, those 'works of art' you see are graffiti. To begin with, graffiti is any drawings or writing scribbled or sprayed illegally on a wall or other surface in a public area.

In some countries, spraying graffiti on walls of public places might get one arrested or fined as it is an illicit act and getting the walls cleaned would cost money. 27 Graffiti is also viewed negatively as vulgar language, making any walls with such work an eyesore to the community. Sometimes, words to protest certain issues are also sprayed, likely causing tension in the society, especially if it is a racial issue.

For individuals who draw graffiti illicitly, it is a form of self-expression. 28 Not only that, some draw graffiti as a way to release stress or vent all their pent-up emotions. Doing so does not hurt others and might even add life to a place, but some frown upon it as they find it defaces the space or property of others. 29 It could also be a way to gain attention as passers-by stop to look at the graffiti although the artists might be anonymous.

30 Although it is an offence in certain countries, there are also graffiti artists who are employed to beautify a section of walls or buildings with their works of art. Many would line the graffitied streets just to take pictures of those stunning works of art. The difference here is that being employed to spray graffiti makes it a job done with permission instead of a crime when graffiti is sprayed according to one's whims and fancies. 31

Having said all that, it is evident that the deciding factor of whether spraying graffiti is a crime or not is the consent obtained. 32 So, be sure to do it the right way if you are interested in drawing.



- A** Graffiti is so common these days that streets filled with graffiti are now tourist attractions.
- B** They draw or scribble to voice their thoughts, which will definitely be seen since they are expressed in a public space.
- C** Cleaning up the walls is expensive and nobody wants to be responsible for it.
- D** One can go ahead with drawing graffiti if given the green light, but would have to face the consequences of a fine or jail time if done unlawfully.
- E** So, it is apparent that graffiti is also appreciated by others and can be advantageous.
- F** Members of the public could be angered as the taxpayers' money for cleaning up could be put to better use.
- G** After all, beauty is in the eye of the beholder and so, not everyone would deem graffiti attractive.
- H** This is because graffiti is viewed positively by some, but negatively by others.

[6 marks]

Part 5**Questions 33 to 40.**

Read the descriptions of different pets and answer the questions that follow.

Which Pet Is Right for You?**A – Cats**

Cats are very popular pets. They can get by on their own and keep clean by licking themselves. They are affectionate and playful at the same time but one has to be cautious of their sharp claws. Many people are allergic to cats so one needs to spend time with a cat in a pet shop before bringing one home.

B – Rabbits

Rabbits are generally clean animals, rarely get sick and have their own personality. They are adorable and cuddly but require a lot of attention. They require a diet that is low in energy, calcium and protein but high in fibre. Rabbits can live alone.

C – Dogs

Dogs are the most popular pets in the world. These animals are well-known for being loyal and loving. They are sturdy, faithful and devoted to their owners. But of all pets, dogs require the most work. They need to be housetrained to relieve themselves only outside. They need daily exercise and owners have to take them for regular exercise and bathe them.

D – Fish

Fish are ideal as pets if you live in a small space or suffer from allergies. It is also perfect for busy people as fish do not need to be walked or taken to the veterinarian. The owner has to clean the aquarium or fish bowl frequently so that the water is clean and the fish are healthy. They are easy to feed too.

E – Birds

Birds are colourful, interesting and entertaining pets. The most common kept birds are the canary and parrot. Birds are wonderful companions and can live for up to dozens of years. They are also delicate animals that need to be cared for carefully.

F – Hamsters

Hamsters are small, cute and can fit in your hands. That is why they should be kept in a cage as one can easily step on them. These animals do not require a lot of attention but a hamster ball or wheel is advised for them to get exercise and be able to roam about outside their cages safely. Due to their size, one can have two or three hamsters at any one time.

Questions 33 to 36

Which paragraph (A – F) describes the following people?

	Statements	Paragraph
33	Salim wants a pet that is independent and can clean itself.	_____
34	Colin needs a pet that can live in his apartment.	_____
35	Kelly wants a pet that is loyal and faithful.	_____
36	Aina would like a pet that seldom falls ill and is cuddly.	_____

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.*

Details about Pets

- (37) _____ are very delicate animals and need to be looked after with great care.
- Due to their size, hamsters should be kept in a (38) _____ at home.
- Keeping fish as pets is ideal for people who have (39) _____.
- Rabbits should be given lots of vegetables because they need a diet that is high in (40) _____.

[8 marks]

KERTAS SOALAN TAMAT