

Part 2

[10 marks]

Questions 9 to 18 are based on the following passage.

Read the passage carefully and choose the **best** answer **A, B, C** or **D** to fill in each blank.

For each question, mark your answer on the answer sheet.

The Golden Spoon

It had been a while since my last visit, and I was eager to taste the food again. The Golden Spoon (0) _____ renowned in our city for its exquisite dishes and inviting atmosphere. Every time I go there, the experience renews.

As I walked through the double swing doors, the familiar aroma of spices and freshly baked bread (9) _____ memories of past visits. The waiter smiled and led me to my favourite table by the window. The view of the busy street always (10) _____ me feel connected to the bustling city. I knew what I wanted for dinner; creamy chicken pasta paired with garlic bread and a fresh green salad. While I waited, I took in the little details that (11) _____ the restaurant's charm. The walls were decorated with landscape paintings and the rustic wooden furniture (12) _____ the serene ambience, creating a lovely contrast to the concrete jungle outside.

Then, my food arrived. The pasta was (13) _____, the garlic bread golden and the salad fresh. Each bite was a celebration of flavour and satisfaction. Nearby, a family was joyfully celebrating their (14) _____ son's birthday. The father exclaimed, "Happy 14th birthday to my first-born child!" A smile spread across my face upon (15) _____ the lively celebration.

(16) _____ dessert, I ordered the chocolate lava cake. As I cut into it, the rich, melted chocolate (17) _____ out of the cake, making a perfect ending to a remarkable night. Sipping my cup of coffee, I felt grateful for this little life. Before leaving, I (18) _____ my thanks to the manager and the chef for the heart-warming meal. As I walked out, I felt happy and content, eagerly anticipating my next visit to The Golden Spoon.

- 0 (A) is
 B was
 C were
 D are
- 9 A lifted
 B showed
 C increased
 D evoked
- 10 A causing
 B made
 C got
 D had

- 11 A displayed
B elevated
C lessen
D modified
- 12 A concluded
B accompanied
C complemented
D contradicted
- 13 A creamy
B thick
C flaky
D lumpy
- 14 A eldest
B youngest
C former
D elder
- 15 A manifesting
B seeing
C discovering
D encountering
- 16 A To
B By
C For
D With
- 17 A oozed
B spread
C bled
D trickled
- 18 A sent
B performed
C demonstrated
D expressed