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You are going to read an extract from an article. For questions 1 to 8, choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) and write the answers in the boxes provided.

PART 3 : READING COMPREHENSION

Question 1 - 8

Having good results in the standardised examination Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) is important because it will help us secure a spot in universities or colleges to further our studies. Not only that, we can also use our SPM results to get a scholarship. How to pass SPM examination with flying colours? This article will answer this question.

The best thing we can do to raise our test scores is to pay attention in class. Letting our mind wander or not showing up at all are both likely to make us miss out on key information that will later appear on tests. Participating in class can help us focus. Participation keeps our mind engaged and focused on the lesson because we can't just drift off or think about something else.

Taking good notes is important for us to have an easier time studying later. Be an active listener in note-taking. Many people make the mistake of mindlessly taking down every word, without really comprehending what is being said. Instead, make an effort to understand the topic while we're in class. Focus on what's really being said, then ask questions if we don't understand. Writing the information down help us in absorbing the information and paying attention, as well as giving us a reference for when we study later.

Don't forget to do our homework. Homework, such as assignments and at-home reading are where we will find the rest of the information that will be on tests, so doing this homework is important. Schedule time and set aside a quiet place just for homework to help beat the procrastination blues.

Remember to use mnemonics and other tricks in studying. Mnemonics are phrases which can help us remember the order of certain things. Various memory tricks really can be useful for remembering certain things like numbers, categories, and lists. For example, "Katy Perry Came Over For Great Songs" is a great way to remember the biological classifications (Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, Species). Just make sure that we learn them correctly and don't mix them up!

Study frequently is another key to get good results. Studying hard for only a few hours the night before the test isn't going to help ensure perfect scores. When we study, make sure we take a 5-10 minute break after every 30 minutes of study. This will help keep our brain from getting overloaded and give it more time to absorb the information. If we really want to ace those exams, study old and new material every day, or at least several times a week. This will make test-taking a breeze.

Do practice tests related to SPM examination. Ask the teacher or go online and print a few practice tests. Taking a practice test will help us figure out how much information we actually know versus how much information we think we know. Knowing our weak spots before an examination is crucial!

Indeed, there are many ways of SPM smart studying. If we can be disciplined in our studies throughout the academic year, there's no reason why we should not succeed and pass the SPM examination with flying colours.

(Extract taken from https://www.wikihow.com/Get-Higher-Marks-in-Exams/)

1. What is likely the most suitable title of this article?

A Tips of passing SPM examination.
B Tips of studying for SPM examination
C Tips of note- taking for SPM examination.
D Tips of scoring high for SPM examination

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2. In paragraph 1, the benefits of having good results in the SPM examination are as stated below EXCEPT?

A To get a well-paid job.
B To apply for scholarship.
C To secure a place in college.
D To further one' studies in university.

3. In paragraph 2, how must we pay attention in class?

A By studying hard every day.
B By asking questions in class.
C By raising our hands in class.
D By doing past year questions.

4. In paragraph 3, The reason why is it not advisable to take down notes word by word is because ….

A We don't prepare the notes.
B We don't review the notes later.
C We don't understand the information
D We don't understand our handwriting.

5. In paragraph 4, the word 'procrastination' can be best replaced with?

A slow
B delaying
C hardwork
D postpone

6. In paragraph 5, which of the following is an example of mnemonics technique?

A (a-b) (a+b) = a2-b2
B WHO (World Health Organisation)
C COVID 19 (Coronavirus Disease of 2019)
D My Very Educated Just Served Us Noodles
(Mercury Venus Earth Mars Jupiter Saturn Uranus Neptune)

7. In paragraph 6, the method of studying suggested ……..

A Studying for 30 minutes
B Studying at the last minute.
C Studying on a regular basis.
D Studying on the night before the examination

8. In your opinion the writer's tone throughout the text is….

A Sarcastic
B Confident
C Motivating
D Pessimistic

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PART 4 : GAPPED TEXT

Questions 9 to 14

You are going to read a recount about a girl's memorable birthday party.
Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A to H the one which fits each gap (9 to 14). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.
Match the sentences to the number indicating the gap below.

A Birthday to Remember

I woke up to the aroma of a cake, a chocolate cake to be precise, baking in the oven. I wonder who would bake a cake so early in the morning. Do people eat cake for breakfast? I brushed off the thought, sat upright at the edge of my bed, and stretched my left hand out to the side table and grabbed my phone. [9] It was my birthday! How could I forget? I dashed down the stairs to the kitchen. All my family members were waiting and started singing "Happy Birthday!" once I stepped into the kitchen.

Teardrops started to fall as I could not control my joy. My father, mother, sister and two little brothers gave me a hug. Then, we had breakfast. My mother cooked my favourite, fried noodles with prawns. [10] I was so excited to hear that and started planning what to wear for the party.

My friends started to arrive at 5.00 p.m. and everyone was so happy chit-chatting and playing in the backyard. My sister had beautifully decorated the place with balloons. [11] The chocolate cake that she baked this morning was the centrepiece. I could not wait to cut it and sink my teeth into my favourite cake.

I was standing behind the cake, waiting for my sister to light up the candles. All my friends had gathered and were waiting for the cue to sing the birthday song. [12] Startled, my cats, Lulu and Dodo, darted towards the pergola. Seeing the cats, my brothers rushed to catch them but missed. The cats jumped onto the table and landed on the cake. [13] It landed on my face, my hair, my dress, and even on my friends.

Everyone was still. Quiet. No one knew how to react. I started to giggle, then my brothers, and later everyone was laughing. [14] Certainly it was the most memorable birthday I have ever had.

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A We have to spend the entire evening cleaning the backyard and pergola.
B Suddenly, one of the decorative balloons burst with a loud bang!
C While eating, my parents told me that they had invited my friends that evening to celebrate my birthday.
D Although the day did not turn out as I expected, it was fun and I had an amazing birthday party.
E My mother had neatly arranged the food on the table under the pergola.
F I was surprised that there were more than a hundred messages in my inbox.
G My sister and I started planning and designing invitation cards to the party.
H The moist fudgy chocolate cake flew all over the place.

9. [ ] 10. [ ] 11. [ ] 12. [ ] 13. [ ] 14. [ ]

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PART 5 : INFORMATION TRANSFER

Questions 15 - 22

The following texts are taken from a brochure about some stores. Read the text and answer the questions that follow.

LEAFY FRESH

We only sell fresh organic and hydroponic vegetables and fruit here. They are absolutely chemical-free. Imported vegetables and fruits are sold at reasonable prices. You can get as many types of vegetables and fruits that only grow during certain seasons all year round at your friendly market!

BERRY CAKE AND PASTRY SHOP

We sell milk as well as different kinds of bread, cookies, pastries and cakes. Only organic wheat, rye and barley are used as the ingredients. We also stock fresh goat and cow milk as well as cheese made from these ingredients. Vegetarian cake is available upon request- completely egg-free and sugar-free. Orders accepted with one week prior notice.

6-11 CONVENIENCE STORE

We are open from 6 am to 11 pm daily, selling freshly brewed coffee and tea, breakfast snacks, newspapers, magazines, bread, soft drinks and snacks. Prices are reasonable and you can also have your breakfast at our outlet which is equipped with a television and radio for your convenience. Grab your healthy breakfast at 6-11 while catching up with the latest news.

DIVA BOUTIQUE

We sell only branded clothes including jeans, evening gowns, wedding outfits and suits. Our materials are all natural and the prices are reasonable. You can also custom-make desired outfits and provide your own designs and specifications. We are open only on weekdays from 9-5 pm.

DRINKS GALORE

We serve all kinds of drinks such as soft drinks, sodas and non-alcoholic drinks. There is also a range of health drinks such as liquid chlorophyll, barley, vegetable and fruit juices. We have both imported and local varieties. No additives or preservatives are used as ingredients. Only natural organic drinks are sold. We are open from Tuesday to Sunday.

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Question 15 – 18

Using the information in the brochure, answer each of the questions below. Which store would be suitable for each of them? Write the name of the store in the space provided.

STATEMENT	STORE
15. Miss Anjali is always rushing for work and does not have the time to prepare breakfast	
16. Puan Suria is very health-conscious since being diagnosed with high sugar level.	
17. Rafidah is really up-to-date with fashion and loves denim	
18. Mrs. Hong loves vegetables but she is allergic to chemicals.	

Question 19 – 22

Complete the note below using information from the text. Choose **no more than one word** from the text for each answer.

19. Breads made from _____ ingredient are healthy to be consumed.
20. If you want to buy _____ vegetables, go to the store that sells organic and hydroponic vegetables and fruits.
21. A good store always sells their goods at _____ price.
22. We must avoid eating too much processed food as they contain too much _____ and additives.

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Part 2: Guided Writing
(20 marks)

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **125 – 150** words in an appropriate style.

Question 23

Schools everywhere have turned to online learning during this pandemic. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay about your experience with online learning.

In your **essay**, you should write about :

- whether you enjoy it or otherwise and the reasons
- the advantages and disadvantages of online learning
- what benefits you gain from online learning

Write your **essay** using all the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.

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