

The question paper
consists of 30
questions. Answer all
questions.

PDPR TEST FORM 5

READING (60
MINUTES)

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Questions 1 to 5

Read the text carefully in each question. Choose the best answer A, B, or C.

JOB HUNTERS RECRUITMENT AGENCY

Are you really satisfied with your job?

NO?

Are your talents and abilities ignored or unappreciated?

YES?

THEN CALL US!

We will introduce you to people who will really appreciate all your talents and skills.

- 1 What does this advertisement promise?
- A A more suitable job for your abilities
 - B Talented customers for your business
 - C A promotion in your present job

ANTIQUE JAPANESE PORCELAIN SALE

A Once in a Lifetime Opportunity!

A collector from Japan is selling six of his most fine, rare and exclusive pieces from his famous private collection.

Coming to Kuala Lumpur soon! Pan
Pacific Hotel
22nd March 2002

- 2 What items are offered for sale in the following advertisement?
- A some private collections of porcelain
 - B some exclusive antiques
 - C some modern porcelain works

The island of Bali is covered with towering mountains. In fact, one can find very little flat land here. Yet, for thousands of years, the enterprising Balinese people have cultivated rice *effectively*. They have done so by cutting terraces into the steep mountain sides to enable rice to be planted, as it is planted on the flat plains in Java.

- 3 How is rice cultivated in Bali?
- A On the flat plains
 - B In the few flat areas
 - C In plots cut into the mountains
- 4 Effectively as found in the passage means
- A easily
 - B profitably
 - C successfully
- 5 Which of the following statements is correct about the advertisement below?

PURCHASE – WITH – PURCHASE

A lovely pair of bedroom slippers and satin hangers are yours at ONLY RM19.90 (worth RM29.90) with purchases of RM50.00 from the Ladies' Department.

- A To get these items at RM19.90, you have to buy something else first.
- B To get these free gifts, you have to buy items costing RM 19.90
- C The slippers cost RM19.90 whereas the hangers cost RM29.90

Questions 6 to 15

Refer to the text below and choose the best word for each space. For each question, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D.

HYGIENE IN THE KITCHEN

It is an important fact to remember that food carry some (0) **form** of bacteria. In the worst-case scenario, this (6) _____ lead to food poisoning or something more serious. This risk can be reduced or eliminated by good food (7) _____ and proper cooking.

Here are some tips to (8) _____ when you are in the kitchen. Always keep your hands, cooking utensils and food preparation surfaces (9) _____. most importantly, never allow pets to climb onto any work surfaces because they may leave germs or bacteria that you may not be aware of.

Dish cloths and dish towels must be washed and changed (10) _____. If possible, use the disposable types which should be replaced on a (11) _____ basis. Do not buy food that have passed their expiration date. Avoid bulk buying fresh produce because fresh foods lose their nutritional value and freshness fast. That means buying (12) _____ small amounts is a better choice.

Before food is prepared, make sure all work surfaces and utensils are clean and dry. Separate chopping boards should be used for raw and cooked meat, fish and vegetables. All poultry must be (13) _____ thawed before cooking. Once defrosted, meat should be (14) _____ as soon as possible. Meat, poultry, fish, seafood and dairy products must be refrigerated. Food in the fridge or freezer should be covered. This is to (15) _____ drips and cross-contamination from happening

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| 6 | A could | B must | C would | D should |
| 7 | A choices | B hygiene | C knowledge | D ingredients |
| 8 | A keep | B adhere | C follow | D reflect |
| 9 | A clean | B tidy | C useful | D organised |
| 10 | A commonly | B tirelessly | C regularly | D repeatedly |
| 11 | A daily | B weekly | C monthly | D yearly |
| 12 | A daily | B weekly | C monthly | D yearly |
| 13 | A partly | B quickly | C slowly | D Thoroughly |
| 14 | A eaten | B cooked | C prepared | D cleaned |
| 15 | A stop | B allow | C avoid | D decrease |

Questions 16 to 20

You are going to read an extract from an article. For questions 16 to 20, choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) and choose the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

A surprising number of people in the UK believe in ghosts. About 42 per cent of Britons think ghosts actually exist. A survey by the National Opinion Poll found almost two-thirds of those in Scotland and northern England admitted to having seen or felt the presence of a ghost. Those in the south and older people had more doubts about the existence of ghosts. So, what is that makes people feel this way? Some scientists think they may have the answer.

One theory is that people are prepared to believe in ghosts because of their knowledge of a place. It is probable that the kind of stories they hear about a certain place encourage people to believe in ghosts. When they hear scary stories about a place, people are more likely to feel scared when they visit it. Some ancient castles and palaces have histories of murders and mysteries which feed the imaginations of people who believe in ghosts. No wonder visitors to these places often expect them to be haunted! Odd noises that would not worry visitors in their own homes suddenly appear quite spooky!

Scientists who carried out experiments with volunteers in Hampton Court Palace, England and the South Bridge Vaults in Edinburgh, Scotland – two of the most famous haunted places in Britain – reported some interesting results. They found that people's strange experiences usually happened in the same parts of the building. The scientists think that some people are affected by the environment of the haunted building. It is the darkness, the cold, sudden drops in temperature and perhaps even some barely noticeable noise that affect their bodies, creating the feeling in their minds that something is not 'quite right'.

Research has also shown a possible connection between magnetic fields and the feelings that a place is haunted. Magnetic fields are areas that occur naturally but vary from place to place. Although we cannot see the forces in these areas, it is possible that they have an effect on the human body. Tests in laboratories have shown that small changes in magnetic fields can cause people to experience **odd feelings**. This could explain why the places which volunteers felt were most haunted were also the areas where there were the greatest changes in magnetic fields.

What about the feeling that some people report of a ghostly presence in the comfort of their own home? Experts say many people's experiences of ghosts are easy to explain. People often have these experiences as they are falling asleep or waking up. In these situations, people are half asleep, half awake and they see a face or a person near their bed. Sometimes these are people they recognize. These are quite common experiences, a little like visions, or a sort of waking dream. Unlike dreams, there has been little research into these experiences, so people often called them as ghosts.

- 16 In paragraph 1, which British people are most likely to believe in ghosts?
- A Old people from all over Britain
 - B English scientists who study ghosts
 - C People who live in the south of England
 - D People in Scotland and the north of England
- 17 The word 'haunted' in paragraph 3 means
- A possessed
 - B anguished
 - C protracted
 - D ghost-ridden
- 18 The phrase *odd feeling* in paragraph 4 refers to
- A emotions that never happened before
 - B emotions that odd people cause
 - C emotions that are not common
 - D emotions that are unusual
- 19 Why are magnetic fields mentioned?
- A They change when a ghost is near
 - B They only occur in haunted places
 - C They are weaker in ancient places
 - D They may explain people's odd experiences
- 20 According to the writer, the 'ghosts' that people see are probably
- A Imaginations of people who believe in ghosts
 - B Faces of people they recognise in their dreams
 - C Visions people see when they are half awake from their dreams
 - D People who haunt the comfort of their homes when they are sleeping

Questions 21 to 26

You are going to read an article on 'Be A Wise Shopper'. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences **A to H** the one which fits each gap **(21 to 26)**. There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Be A Wise Shopper

Do you consider yourself to be a wise shopper? In order to be labelled as a wise shopper, you must not be influenced by advertisements in the mass media such as the television, radio, newspapers, and magazines. Have you noticed that advertisements only show the positive side of a product without revealing the shortcomings? Does this mean that the product being advertised does not have any disadvantages?

Advertisements in fact can be very misleading and consumers often tricked into buying products. For example, to promote a certain brand of shampoo, an attractive girl with long, shiny hair is shown on television. One is led to believe that by using that particular brand, one will have similar beautiful hair. **(21)**____ As a wise shopper, you should compile or make a list of necessary items you wish to buy before going shopping. **(22)**____. Without a list, you will be tempted to buy the items on sale and hence end up buying unnecessary items. You will not only end up with unnecessary things but also spend a lot of money.

Furthermore, it is a good habit to compare prices in shops. By doing this, you will know where to get what you want to buy at the cheapest price. This practice is particularly useful for big families since they buy in large quantities. **(23)**_____

Be careful when you buy things during a sale. Don't be fooled! You know your prices first before you buy anything at a sale. **(24)**_____ Also, many goods during sales are old or rejects. Make sure you check the goods carefully before buying.

(25)_____ Ensure that tins are not dented or damaged. The expiry dates should be well ahead of time. This will enable you to use the products for some time in the future. Goods that can last a long time can be brought in large quantities. **(26)**_____ This is especially true if you have a big family. Buying in bulk will save your money and it will not go to waste.

By following the above steps, I hope you will be wise shoppers and spend your money wisely.

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| A It is cheaper to buy in bulk | E You will not be able to save much |
| B Different people have different ideas | F Another good habit is to check the quality and the expiry dates of goods |
| C This will help you to buy only what is required | G It is also good for those on a tight budget |
| D Only then will you know the sale is genuine or not | H But, that is not always the case |

Questions 27 to 30

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.	

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.

	Statements	Store
27	Miss Anjali is always rushing for work and does not have the time to prepare breakfast	
28	Puan Suria is very health-conscious since being diagnosed with high sugar level	
29	Rafidah is really up-to-date with fashion and loves denim	
30	Mrs. Hong loves vegetables but she is allergic to chemicals	

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