

English Part 2

Unit 2: Error Correction

Introduction

This section appears in **Part 2 (Questions 9 to 16)** of Paper 1 in the Bahasa Inggris examination. It tests the candidate's knowledge on grammatical items. In this section, students are given a text with eight underlined errors. Students are required to correct the underlined errors. Having a good grasp in grammar can help students answer this section with ease. This section carries 8 marks.

Strategy to Answer this Question

1. Read through the passage to get a general idea of the text.
2. Identify the tenses used in the passage.
3. Look at the eight underlined errors.
4. Search for clues given in the sentences and words before and after each error.
5. Make sure your answer fits the sentence.

Example Questions 9 to 16

Read the text below and correct the underlined errors. For each question, write the correct word in the space provided on your answer sheet.

The Rising Crime Rate

The (0) risen crime rate in the country was beginning to reach an alarming figure. In Taman Bunga, the residents (9) grown anxious by the increasing number of burglaries in the area. Last week, Mr Chong spoke to (10) their neighbours about the situation. "We need to discuss ways to keep our neighbourhood safe." A (11) meet was conducted at Mr Rama's house. The residents decided to carry (12) in night patrols, starting that very night. Each patrol team would consist of eight people, armed (13) for sticks, whistles and torchlights. That night, the pioneer patrol group (14) go about their duties. Two hours later, they saw a suspicious-looking man (15) wandered around the housing estate. Suddenly, the man disappeared. They hurriedly searched for the (16) men and found him trying to enter a house through an open window. They caught him red-handed and handed him over to the police.

| No | Answer | Analysis |
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| 0 | rising | This is the example given. |
| 9 | grew | The passage is in past tense. |
| 10 | his | The correct pronoun is 'his' as it refers to Mr Chong's neighbours. |
| 11 | meeting | This is the correct noun to indicate a formal gathering. |
| 12 | out | The correct phrasal verb is 'carry out' as it means to do some work. |
| 13 | with | This is the correct preposition to use with 'armed'. |
| 14 | went | The past tense of 'go' is used as the story has already happened. |
| 15 | wandering | The past continuous tense form of the verb is required here. |
| 16 | man | The noun must be in singular form. |

Practice 1

Read the text below and correct the underlined errors. For each question, write the correct word in the space provided on your answer sheet.

Teachers

Teachers (0) is important people in our lives because they shape and mould our character into someone useful. They (9) provides us with knowledge that cannot be found in books. They always (10) shows remarkable determination to keep pushing students forward to excel in their examinations. If (11) the student comes across a problem and requires help, teachers will never hesitate to lend a (12) help hand, no matter how frustrating the (13) confusing student may be. I had a number of teachers who assisted me a lot in my education. One of the most dedicated (14) teacher is my class teacher, Mr Peter Anderson. At times, (15) she would joke around the class to make the class lively. What like the (16) more about him is his vast experience in teaching and he is an all-rounder who knows almost everything. He is indeed a very versatile teacher.

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Practice 2

Read the text below and correct the underlined errors, For each question, write the correct word in the space provided on your answer sheet.

WeChat

WeChat is a mobile text and voice messaging (0) communicates service provider by China and it (9) is first released in January 2011. The app is available on Android, iPhone, BlackBerry, Windows Phone (10) or Symbian phones. As at 2020, WeChat has more than one billion users, with 10 percent of users outside China. WeChat is (11) a easy-to-use tool and many teenagers are crazy (12) on its applications. They can chat for hours over the phone and (13) sent unlimited messages by paying a small amount of money. There was a case where a student (14) cries for ten days when his mother took away his phone due to (15) her addiction. After much persuasion by the student, his mother gave (16) on to his pleas. Before long, the boy was back to his old ways. It will be difficult to put a stop to the habit once it has started. As the saying goes, prevention is better than cure.

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Practice 3

Read the text below and correct the underlined errors. For each question, write the correct word in the space provided on your answer sheet.

Conmen

I was having lunch at a stall when I (0) hear a commotion. turned around to find two (9) man arguing with each other. The taller one was very outspoken and fierce while the shorter one was cool and calm. Both of them were (10) argue about what to have for lunch. Their voices could be heard a distance away. The hawker tried to calm (11) him down. Finally, the shorter man (12) decides to give in to the taller man. He said he would eat whatever food the tall man ordered. They later left the restaurant feeling (13) satisfy and happy. I found (14) a scene amusing because I was puzzled by their argument. They need not argue over such a small matter and I felt it was simply (15) ridiculously. Suddenly, the hawker exclaimed, "Where did the two men go? They have not (16) pay for their meals!" What a world!

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Practice 4

Read the text below and correct the underlined errors. For each question, write the correct word in the space provided on your answer

An Irresponsible Hawker

Last Monday, my parents and I (0) decide to go to a well-known hawker stall to have dinner. We went there (9) in 8.00 p.m. and joined the beeline to place our orders. I looked around the stall and noticed that the hawker's hands (10) was really dirty. He just grabbed the ingredients and threw them (11) over the wok. I told my parents about it and wanted to leave the place. However, since we (12) has already ordered our food, we decided to stay. Upon receiving our food, we were shocked to (13) saw the small portion of fried noodles. We had (14) expectation more since the price of each plate was RMB. I was so annoyed with the price that I lost my appetite and could not (15) finished my meal. After we left, we realised that the hawker did not even give us (16) a correct change. That was our first and last experience there.

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Practice 5

Read the text below and correct the underlined errors. For each question, write the correct word in the space provided on your answer sheet.

My New School

One of the most memorable (0) time in my life was when enrolled in Form One. I will remember that eventful year (9) on the rest of my life. During my first week in my secondary school, I was really sad to (10) left all my friends in the primary school. It was difficult (11) in adapt to the new environment in the beginning but in actual fact, it was a surprise to know that many of my new (12) friend helped me go through it.

I got to know my best friend, Brandon, during that week. The teachers (13) are caring and kind too. They were very (14) patience and assisted us in my studies. There was one incident which I would never forget. A teacher (15) approach me and held my hand when I got lost in my new school. (16) His name was Madam Anne and I can actually remember her sincere smile until today.

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Practice 6

Read the text below and correct the underlined errors. For each question, write the correct word in the space provided on your answer sheet.

Consuming Soda Drinks

Soda drinks, or popularly known as soft drinks in Malaysia, (0) was a common beverage which (9) quench our thirst almost instantly, especially when the weather is hot. However, do you know that it has many negative (10) effect on our health? First and foremost, the phosphoric acid in soda drinks, which acts as a (11) preservation, can deplete our body of vital nutrients such as iron, magnesium (12) or zinc. Besides, soda (13) was high in sugar and caffeine content which will dehydrate our body, and it is bad for our teeth too. Plaque will (14) built up from its sugar content and this will lead to cavities and gum disease. Other chronic diseases which may affect us (15) is diabetes and high blood pressure. (16) These is because a can of soda contains so much sugar that our blood sugar level will spike after 40 minutes of consuming the drink. Hence, avoid soda drinks at all costs!

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