

Part 1
[8 marks]

Questions 1 to 8

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

TO: Prema@gmail.com

SUBJECT: Shopping trip to Happy Mall

Hi Prema,

I was wondering if you would like to go to the new Happy Shopping Mall in Klang with me. We can buy some clothes for the New Year. We can have lunch and spend some time talking about our new school. Let me know if you can come.

Liz

- 1 Liz sent this email to
- A inform Prema about the newly opened mall.
 - B invite Prema to go shopping and have lunch at the new mall.
 - C explain to Prema why they need to go to Happy Shopping Mall.

My grandfather worked as an engineer, construction worker and even a truck driver before doing what he loves most – writing. He has written more than 30 children’s books. He loves animals and sometimes trains dogs too.

- 2 The writer’s grandfather spends most of his time
- A writing.
 - B training dogs.
 - C driving trucks.

Azrul,

Please let Ms Aishah know that I will not be coming to school today. My housing estate is flooded and the residents are trying to clear the damage caused by the floods. My father says it will be dangerous as the water level has not receded.

Julian

- 3 Julian texted Azrul to
- A tell him why he will not be in school that day.
 - B ask him to inform Ms Aishah that he will not be in school that day.
 - C warn him about the dangerous flood situation in his housing estate.

June and Lisa are sisters who have very different tastes in clothes. June loves to wear bright coloured dresses while her sister Lisa prefers jeans and T-shirts. Lisa only wears dresses when she has to attend formal family functions while June seldom wears jeans.

- 4 From the text we can conclude that
- A June wears jeans quite often.
 - B Lisa wear dresses only when she has to.
 - C both sisters have very similar fashion styles.

Commonwealth Forest Park Rawang, Selangor

This 650-hectare park is a popular recreational forest park with lakes, beautiful gardens, hiking trails and camping areas. Its many hiking trails are not difficult for beginner adult climbers or even children.

5 The Commonwealth Forest Park in Rawang, Selangor

- A has many easy hiking trails.
- B has hiking trails for adults only.
- C is not a well-known recreational forest.

Hi Sam

Congratulations! I heard you won the first prize at the National Youth Singing Competition. You deserve it! I know you practised every day and went for singing lessons but above all, you have the talent to sing. I am so happy for you.

James

6 Sam won the first prize because he

- A practised daily.
- B had singing lessons.
- C is a very talented singer.

Hello everyone,

My name is Rashida and like the rest of you, I am 13 years old. I am from Sabah and will be staying and studying in Kuala Lumpur for the next five years. My father has been offered a job in Kuala Lumpur. I am very excited to be in this school.

7 In her speech, Rashida

- A introduces herself to her classmates.
- B talks about her stay in Kuala Lumpur.
- C tells the students about her father's job.



Loy Krathong Festival



Calling all youths aged between 13 and 16 years old

Celebrate the best of Thai street food, participate in cooking competitions and traditional performances.

24 to 27 November

Regent Mall, Kuala Lumpur

To participate in the cooking competitions, participants need to sign up before 20 November as places are limited.

Hurry! Come join in the Fun!

8 From the notice, we know that

- A the festival is open to everyone.
- B it is a Thai Festival held for youths from 13 to 16 years.
- C to participate in the festival, youths have to sign up before 20 November.

Part 2
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Questions 9 to 16

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

Janet always (0) spending her holidays with her grandparents in Kampung Setia. Terengganu. This year was special. It was her grandfather's ninetieth birthday. She (9) wants to surprise him. On that special day, she (10) wake up early, changed into her jeans and shirt, put on her sneakers, picked up a big plastic bag and a parang and went out to (11) collecting bananas. Her grandmother wanted to (12) making banana fritters, her grandfather's favourite. (13) More of the banana trees were bare. Just then she noticed a tree with a bunch of ripe bananas outside the fenced area. She was (14) relief. (15) Used the parang, she cut the bunch of ripe bananas and put it in the bag. She was very pleased. Her grandfather would be able to eat homemade banana fritters to (16) he heart's content. What a wonderful birthday surprise, she thought.

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Part 3
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Read the text and answer questions 17 to 24.

Life of Pi

The book, *Life of Pi* was written by Yann Martel, a Canadian author who won the Man Booker Prize for this novel. The novel is an adventure fiction and a must-read for young people.

Life of Pi is about Pi Patel, the sixteen-year-old son of a zookeeper from Pondicherry, India. It starts with Pi and his family on their journey to Canada to settle there. However, during their journey, the ship they are on encounters a terrible storm and sinks. Pi is the only human survivor and manages to escape in a small lifeboat. He soon realises that his only companions are a wounded zebra, a spotted hyena, a seasick orang utan and a Bengal tiger called Richard Parker.

The hungry hyena kills the zebra and then the orang utan. Then, the Bengal tiger kills and eats the hyena. And so, only Pi and the Bengal tiger are left to fend for themselves for 227 days, adrift in the Pacific Ocean. Pi learns to fight for survival and eventually becomes the tiger's master. The lifeboat finally washes up onto a beach in Mexico. Richard Parker escapes into the nearby jungle and disappears while Pi is rescued.

In 2012, *Life of Pi* was adapted into a feature film. The film was directed by Ang Lee, with the screenplay by David Magee. The movie was released in the United States on 21 November, 2012. At the 85th Academy Awards, it won four awards out of eleven nominations including the award for Best Director.

Questions 17 to 24

Complete the following table.

Choose **no more than five words and/or number** from the text for each answer. For each question, write your answer in the space provided.

Life of Pi	
The author of the book	17 _____
Award received	18 _____
Type of novel	19 _____
Name of main character	20 _____
Supporting character	21 _____
How long were the characters adrift in the ocean?	22 _____
Country where they were rescued	23 _____
Made into a movie in	24 _____

Part 4
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Read the notice below and answer questions 25 to 32.

Be a STAR!
STAR MUSIC SCHOOL is organising a two-week intensive course to train young talents!



Acting and Singing Course

Monday 1 December to Sunday 14 December (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

- Suitable for children from 12 to 16 years old, with some music experience.
- Be trained by experienced musicians and singers.
- Participate in a concert after the training.
- Interested participants have to register early and submit a short essay on why he/she wants to take up singing.
- Fee: RM50 only

Please contact Sudiraman (6032148171) for further details at the following address:

Star Music School
Star Mall
Kuala Lumpur

Closing date for applications: 1 November 2023

* All applications must have written permission from parents. Walk-in applications will not be entertained.

Questions 25 to 28

Based on the notice, state whether the following statements are **TRUE** or **FALSE**.

- 25 The course will be held for two weeks. _____
- 26 There are no specific conditions for interested individuals. _____
- 27 The whole course is free. _____
- 28 The last date to submit applications for this course is on 1 November 2023. _____

Questions 29 to 32

Choose no more than **five words and /or number** from the text for each answer.

- 29 The aim of Star Music School is to _____.
- 30 This course is for young talents between the ages of _____.
- 31 Students will be trained by _____.
- 32 Interested students have to submit a short essay and _____ when making an application.

Part 5
[8 marks]

Questions 33 to 36

You are going to read a text. Four sentences have been removed from the text. Choose from the sentences (A – D) to fit each gap (33 – 36).

One of my favourite outdoor activities is fishing. (33) _____. I was introduced to fishing by my father when I was only four years old. I have been hooked on it ever since. (34) _____. He takes me fishing in a nearby river every Sunday morning. We always use a simple stick or pole. The tip is attached with a line and to the other end a hooked bait is suspended. We usually wait patiently for hours before we get a catch.

(35) _____. Fishing is his livelihood. (36) _____. He sells them to supermarkets. Sometimes I accompany my uncle when he goes out to sea to fish. However, most of the time I go fishing with my father just to relax and spend time with him.

A When I was ten, I went on a deep sea fishing trip with my uncle who does commercial fishing.

B He goes out to sea and catches different varieties of fish.

C Both of us love to go fishing.

D Some people regard this as boring but I don't think so.

Questions 37 to 40

You are going to read a text. Four sentences have been removed from the text. Choose from the sentences (E – H) to fit each gap (37 – 40).

The National Science Centre was opened in 1996. It is located on 8 acres at Bukit Kiara in north-west Kuala Lumpur. (37) _____. The building is shaped as an aerodrome and has four storeys.

The centre contains exhibits which are arranged in 11 galleries, each with a different theme. (38) _____. Visitors can participate in different science programmes and activities. Most of the exhibits are located at Level 1 and Level 2. (39) _____.

(40) _____. The gardens are activity areas for kids and adults. Children learn about animals, birds and even dinosaurs.

E The exhibits are interactive and visitors learn by carrying out the activities.

F The outdoor garden is located five to ten minutes from the main building.

G The main highlights include an aquarium, a section on computers, robots and telecoms.

H It is an interesting place to spend your time.