

PART 5

You should spend about 20 minutes in this part.

Read the text below. Six sentences have been removed from the text. Choose from the sentences (A – H) to fit each gap (35 – 40).

Library

A library is a building or room that houses a collection of books that are used for reading and studying. The word comes from the Latin liber, which means “book,” while the German,

Russian, and Romance words for library come from a Latinised Greek word called *bibliotheca*. (35) _____ It was the location to store a civilisation's business, legal, historical, and religious records to becoming a vast array of information resources and services that don't even need a physical space.

In Malaysia, there will be at least one public library in every state. In school or any education centres, library is the main attraction for every educator and learners. It is undeniable that library is so important nowadays. (36) _____ This is done to foster the reading habit among their children.

Libraries serve as important points of access to information and culture in society. Their services and resources foster learning opportunities and promote literacy and education. (37) _____ With a computer and a phone connection, one may save and retrieve information in a variety of formats and from any location. The enormous informational holdings that people can access through the Internet, cable television or other distant electronic connections are referred to as virtual libraries or digital libraries.

Books, manuscripts, journals and other recorded information sources are gathered in libraries. (38) _____ For instances, biographies, histories and other factual reports; creative works like poems, novels, short stories, music scores and photographs; and periodical publications like magazines, scholarly journals and books published in series.

Reference works like encyclopaedias which offer factual information that assist users in finding information are also included. The increasing usage of records, CD-ROMs, audio and videotapes at home has led to the addition of these and other kinds of media to library collections.

(39) _____ Information about what each institution has in its collection as well as cataloguing have been shared amongst them. (40) _____ Additionally, librarians are becoming experts at searching online and CD-ROM databases for information.

(Adapted from: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/library>)

- A In fact, some parents have spared a space in their homes to make a mini library.
- B Not only books, but a library also has some learning tools like computer, smart TV and phones.
- C Everyone loves going to the library as it has a lot of resources.
- D They have facilitated the lending and borrowing of materials between libraries by using this common information.
- E Since the middle of the 20th century, libraries have evolved from their historical roots.
- F Students love to go to the library to do their assignments.
- G They typically consist of nonfiction books.
- H Libraries have been involved in joint projects with other libraries for a long time.

[6 marks]