

**PRACTICE 1**

Read the text below and choose the best word for each space. For each question, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

**Rice**

Today Malaysia produces about seventy percent of the amount of rice it needs to support (0) \_\_\_\_\_. The rest of Malaysia's rice is (1) \_\_\_\_\_. This is a matter of policy as the government believes that national resources can be used more profitably instead of attempting to achieve (2) \_\_\_\_\_ with rice production. The revenue that is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ from Malaysia's other industries enables the country to import up to half the rice it needs. The state of Kedah is considered the 'rice bowl' of the country, accounting (4) \_\_\_\_\_ about half of Malaysia's total production of rice.

Plain steamed white rice, served with side dishes of meat or vegetables, is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ prepared with an electric rice cooker. Some households and food establishments prefer to cook rice on a stove top with the absorption method or the rapid-boil method. Compressed rice, called nasi 'himpit', is another method of preparing and cooking rice: the rice is wrapped with leaves and compressed into the form of a cylinder, which is then cooked by boiling. The rice would compress and merge (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the cooking process forming a block. Compressed rice is usually eaten at room temperature, (7) \_\_\_\_\_ it may be served warm in a broth or soup.

There are also different types of locally grown and imported rice available in the market, and each type has a specific cooking method to bring out (8) \_\_\_\_\_ results. One example is glutinous rice which has a sticky (9) \_\_\_\_\_ after cooking. Glutinous rice is typically (10) \_\_\_\_\_ making snacks and desserts, but it is also prepared as a savoury dish like 'lemang'.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malaysian\\_cuisine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malaysian_cuisine)

0	(A) itself (B) themselves (C) myself (D) yourself	4	(A) for (B) to (C) from (D) against	8	(A) unfavourable (B) critical (C) optimal (D) contrary
1	(A) transmitted (B) imported (C) imparted (D) transported	5	(A) never (B) typically (C) seldom (D) rarely	9	(A) texture (B) quality (C) element (D) aroma
2	(A) self-image (B) self-deprecation (C) self-sufficiency (D) self-confidence	6	(A) before (B) for (C) during (D) while	10	(A) used by (B) used in (C) used up (D) used for
3	(A) contemplated (B) violated (C) segregated (D) generated	7	(A) since (B) although (C) whereas (D) despite		