

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

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