

This question paper has 40 questions. Answer all questions. Questions in all sections have four answer options. Choose one answer for each question.

SECTION A

Questions 1-10

Question 1

Read the sign below and answer the question that follows

COLLECT YOUR BELONGINGS BEFORE LEAVING

1. You will most probably find this sign
 - A. on a train
 - B. at a bus stop
 - C. at a taxi stand
 - D. along the road

Question 2

Read the text below. Then, answer the question that follows.

Tigers are superpredators and the largest and most powerful living cat species in the world. Humans are the tiger’s only true predator, as tigers are often poached for their fur.

2. The word **poached** can best be replaced with
 - A. kept illegally
 - B. chased illegally
 - C. bought illegally
 - D. hunted illegally

Question 3

Read the notice below and answer the question that follows.

Topic : First Aid During Accidents
Speaker : Dr. Suraya Azmi from UKM Hospital
Date : 17 May 2008
Time : 2.00 p.m- 4.30 p.m
* Free hot beverages provided

3. Which of the following statements is true about the notice below?
- A. Suraya Azmi is a doctor who needs first aid
 - B. The talk is related to giving first aid at home
 - C. The duration of the talk is two and a half hours
 - D. Participants must pay for the hot drinks served

Question 4

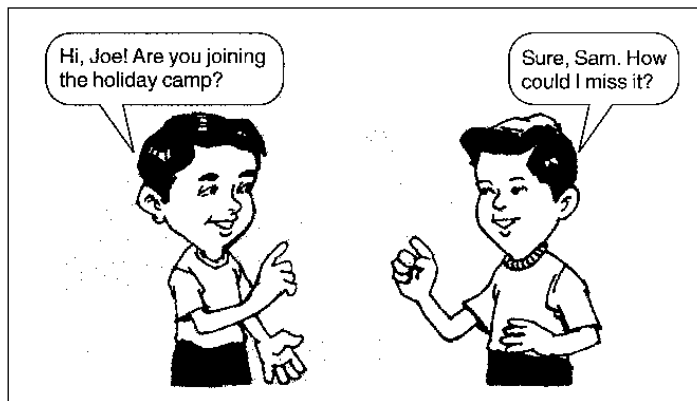
Read the advertisement below. Then, answer the question that follows.

ENROL NOW. EARLY BIRDS GET A 10 % DISCOUNT.

4. The advertisement tells us
- A. you can enrol anytime
 - B. only birds get a discount
 - C. you can enrol in the morning
 - D. those that enrol early pay less

Question 5

Read the dialogue below and answer the question that follows.



5. Based on the dialogue, we know that Joe
- A. not interested in joining the camp
 - B. inviting Sam to join the camp
 - C. definitely joining the camp
 - D. organizing a camp

Question 6

Read the message below. Then, answer the question that follows.

Dear Yee Ling,

Mark and I needed to leave early today due to an emergency. You will have to close the store today. Please count the stock and rearrange the things neatly on the shelves.

Ernest Roy,
Store Manager

6. What did Ernest Roy instruct Yee Ling to do?
- A. Leave the store early that day
 - B. Sweep and clean the store properly
 - C. Count the stock and rearrange the goods
 - D. Count the stock and close the store early

Question 7

Read the headline below and answer the question that follows.

Families fear homes in danger of caving in

7. We can conclude from the headline that the families are
- A. living in caves
 - B. living near the caves
 - C. afraid that the caves will collapse
 - D. afraid their houses will be destroyed

Question 8

Study the table below and answer the question that follows.

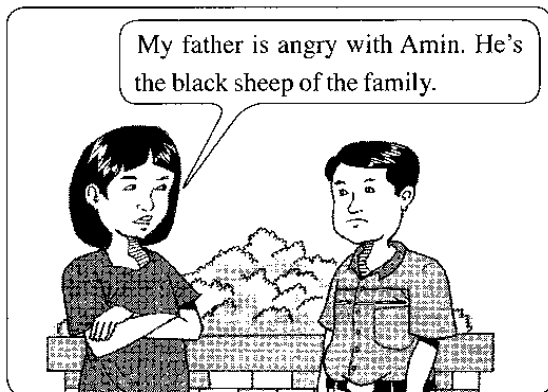
Year	Male (years)	Female (years)
1980	65.4	69.8
1985	66.2	70.7
1990	67.5	71.3
1995	68.2	72.2
2000	69.6	72.5

8. Which of the following statements is **NOT** true?

- A. Females have a longer expected life span than males
- B. Expected life span for both sexes has increased steadily
- C. More and more Malaysians live longer lives since 1980
- D. In 2000, about 69.6 % of males lived till the age of 72.5 years

Question 9

Read the dialogue. Then, answer the question that follows.



9. From her statement, we know that Amin

- A. is successful
- B. is wealthy
- C. is the head of the family
- D. is not doing well

Question 10

Read the notice and answer the question that follows.

FOR SALE

1999 YAMANA 15 cc motorcycle. In excellent condition. First owner. Original paint. RM 1500 (negotiable). Ring Abdullah at 03-80599305 (after 6 p.m)

10. Which of the following statements is **true**?

- A. The motorcycle has been repainted
- B. The motorcycle is a brand new motorcycle
- C. The seller of the motorcycle is the only owner
- D. Prospective buyers can meet Abdullah after 6 p.m.

SECTION B

Questions 11 – 18

Each question in the text below refers to a numbered blank. For each question, choose the best answer from the options **A**, **B**, **C**, and **D** to fit the numbered blanks.

Food poisoning is one of the most common illnesses in Malaysia. _____ (11) occurs when contaminated or dirty food is taken. Mostly cases of food poisoning _____ (12) by bacteria like the salmonella E.coli. Large number of _____ (13) bacteria are found in raw food like meat, poultry, fish and egg. Poor personal hygiene, improper cleaning of food _____ (14) using unclean utensils will contaminate raw and uncooked foods. Do you know that bacteria grow in temperatures between 5° C to about 60°C? To _____ (15) food poisoning, wash your hands properly before handling food. _____ (16) prepare and store food using clean utensils. To kill the bacteria _____ (17) in food, you must cook food at about 60°C. Lastly, make sure you _____ (18) fresh food like fish and poultry in the freezer.

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| 11. A. It
B. Its
C. They
D. Their | 15. A. prevent
B. prevents
C. preventing
D. prevented |
| 12. A. is caused
B. are caused
C. was caused
D. were caused | 16. A. But
B. Moreover
C. In contrast
D. On the other hand |
| 13. A. this
B. these
C. that
D. those | 17. A. hiding
B. growing
C. swelling
D. present |
| 14. A. if
B. but
C. or
D. and | 18. A. keeps
B. keep
C. keeping
D. kept |

SECTION C**Questions 19 - 21**

Read the conversation below and choose the best meaning for the phrases underlined.

Susila is waiting alone at the bus stop when she is approached by a stranger who alights a car.

Man : Hello. Are you waiting for the bus ?

Susila : Yes. I missed the earlier one and now I'm going to be late getting home. I hope the next bus turns up (19) soon.

Man : Can I give you a lift? You can count on (20) me to take you back on time.

Susila : No, thanks. I don't accept lifts from strangers.

Man : Come on. Here, get into the car.

Susila : Hey! Let go of (21) my arm or I will scream. Help!Help!

19. turns up

- A waits
- B opens
- C misses
- D arrives

20. count on

- A rely on
- B add up
- C look on
- D hang onto

21. Let go of

- A Hold
- B Offer
- C Show
- D Release

Questions 22-24

Read the conversation below and choose the best meaning for the expressions underlined.

Sally : I am getting cold feet(22) as the PMR approaches.

Azura: Don't worry, you have been doing well all this while. Just brush up on (23) the subject you are weak in.

Sally : I dare not face the music (24) if I do badly.

Azura: Be positive, Sally. Don't think negatively. You won't be so nervous by doing so. Then exams will be a breeze for you.

22. cold feet

- A. sick
- B. scared
- C. nervous
- D. irritated

23. brush up on

- A. study
- B. recall
- C. update
- D. refresh

24. face the music

- A. see the music
- B. see the results
- C. suffer the music
- D. suffer the consequences

SECTION D**Questions 25-28**

Read the advertisement below and answer the questions that follow.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get yourself a copy of the old Straits Times edition published and printed on 31 August 1957 on 31 August 2007. • Get yourself too a copy each of the old Straits Times edition published and printed on each of these days in 1957: 25 August, 26 August, 27 August, 28 August, 29 August, 30 August on each of the same dates/days in 2007. • Bonus copy of the 1 September 1957 edition comes with the 31 August 2007 edition. 	<p>TAKE A WALK DOWN THE PAGES OF HISTORY WITH THESE COLLECTOR'S ITEMS RELIVE THE DAY OF INDEPENDENCE THE GLORIOUS DAY OF FREEDOM 50 YEARS OF NATIONHOOD 31 AUGUST 2007 LONG LIVE MALAYSIA!</p>
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25. How many copies of the old Straits Times edition could you collect from 25 to 31 August?
- A. 5 copies
B. 6 copies
C. 7 copies
D. 8 copies
26. Why was the 1 September 1957 edition considered a bonus?
- A. It would be made available on request.
B. Only a few lucky readers would get a free copy
C. It came free with the purchase of the 31 August 2007 edition
D. It came free with the purchase of the 1 September 2007 edition
27. What does the expression **Take a walk down the pages of history** mean?
- A. Readers would know what happened in those days
B. Readers would learn the history of the old Straits Times
C. Readers would learn how news was reported a long time ago
D. Readers would have an idea of how the old Straits Times was printed
28. A collector's item
- A. a thing which is valued because it is old or rare
B. a thing which is not for sale
C. a thing which is expensive
D. a thing which is artistic

Questions 29-34

Read the text and answer the questions that follow.

GOOD ROAD HABITS FOR PEDESTRIANS

- ❖ Wear light clothes so that the motorists can see you.
- ❖ Always use sidewalks whenever they are easily **available**.
- ❖ Always walk in single file and keep to one side of the road.
- ❖ Walk facing traffic to avoid being knocked from behind.
- ❖ Obey traffic signals or traffic officers at all times.
- ❖ Cross straight stretches of road where you have a full view of the traffic.
- ❖ Never climb road dividers to cross the road. You can fall and hurt yourself.
- ❖ Do not rush across the road when the green man is blinking. The light could turn red when you are halfway across the road. Wait for the light to turn green again.
- ❖ Never walk along highways. The cars are fast moving and you could be knocked down.
- ❖ Always use the pedestrian crossing. You could be charged or fined if you are discovered breaking this traffic rule.
- ❖ When crossing the road always remember to stop, look right, look left and look right again before crossing the road.

29. What is the purpose of the text?
- A. To inform pedestrians to wear coloured clothes while crossing the road
 - B. To warn the pedestrians not to walk on highways
 - C. To teach pedestrians about road safety
 - D. To warn pedestrians to obey traffic officers
30. Pedestrians are people who
- A. jaywalk
 - B. walk on a street
 - C. refuse to use cars
 - D. use public transport
31. Why are pedestrians encouraged to wear light coloured clothes?
- A. So that they do not feel warm
 - B. So that they feel more at ease
 - C. So that motorists could see them clearly
 - D. So that motorists could look at their clothes
32. Why is it important to walk facing the traffic?
- A. To admire the cars passing by
 - B. To see the 'green man' in full view
 - C. To avoid being knocked from behind
 - D. To avoid knocking into other pedestrians

33. Pedestrians are advised to _____ to avoid being charged or fined.

- A. use the highway
- B. use the pedestrian crossing
- C. watch out for traffic signs
- D. watch out for the traffic officers

34. Another word for **available** is

- A. found
- B. kept
- C. obtained
- D. seen

SECTION E

Questions 35-37

Read the poem and answer the questions that follow.

The Dead Crow

He saw a dead crow
in a drain
near the post office.
He saw an old man
gasping for air
and a baby barely able to breathe
in a crowded morning clinic.
This land is so rich.
Why should we suffer like this?

I want clean air
for my grandchildren.
I want the damned fools
to leave the forest alone.
I want the trees to grow,
the rivers run free,
and the earth covered with grass.
Let the politicians plan how we may live with dignity,
now and always.

A. Samad Said

35. The dead crow represents
- the sick people
 - the polluted environment
 - the trees cut down by people
 - the animals killed by pollution
36. Which phrase in stanza 2 expresses anger and annoyance?
- 'I want the damned fools'
 - 'I want the trees to grow'
 - 'leave the forest alone'
 - 'live in dignity'
37. According to the poem, the persona wants the politician to
- clean the drain
 - concentrate on politics
 - cover the earth with grass
 - solve the problem of pollution

Questions 38-40

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

Soon everybody in the village knew what had happened. People were worried. They knew that Galau should be the new chief because this was their custom. But they also knew that Umat was a good and famous fighter and a very hot-tempered man.

"If enemies come, Umat will certainly be the better leader," some of the men said.

"But if there are quarrels, Galau is fairer than his brother," the others answered. "Galau knows our laws and he is very wise."

The elders of the village talked to each other before the meeting started. "We have to follow the custom," they said. "Galau must be the new chief."

In the evening, all the village men met on the verandah of their old chief's house. The oldest man, tall and thin and white-haired, spoke first.

"Our late chief has gone back to our ancestors," he said "leaving behind him three sons. We have *mourned* for him for one hundred days. Now is the time to appoint a new chief. The eldest son, Galau, shall be chief over us. I pray that he will rule us wisely."

How Dalat Got Its Name
by Heidi Munan

38. Umat can be described as
- fair and wise
 - fearless and fair
 - fearless and strong
 - sensible and famous

39. The word **mourned** in the passage can be best replaced with

- A. regretted
- B. grieved
- C. moaned
- D. sobbed

40. The villagers chose Galau as chief because





- A. he was strong
- B. he was the best
- C. it was the custom
- D. he was the youngest

SECTION A : GUIDED WRITING

[30 marks]

[Time suggested : 40 minutes]

Using the pictures and the notes below, write an **article** on the importance of exercise.

 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk your way to good health. • Exercise improves your cardiovascular system. 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise makes you feel energetic. • Exercise makes you more active.
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise reduces your risk of getting diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. • Exercise helps to burn off fat. 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can gain more confidence. • You can perform better at school, office.

When writing your **article** :

- you may use all the notes given
- **elaborate** on the given notes to make it more interesting
- make sure it is **not less than 120 words**

SECTION B : SUMMARY

[10 marks]

[Time suggested : 30 minutes]

Read the passage and complete the following task.

Saving money requires your commitment and hard work. Here are some tips.

Spend less if you are serious about saving money. Review what you spend and look at ways you can save money. For example, you can borrow books and music CDs instead of buying them.

Prepare a personal budget. You will not be able to save money unless you know how much money you have coming in, and how much money you have going out.

Shop wisely. Compare prices before buying an item. Also, buy stuff during a sale and make sure it is a sale and not a gimmick of the store to encourage you to spend more money without thinking.

Make sure you save some money each week or each month, however small your income is. You will find that by saving money on a regular basis, you will quickly build up a store of reserve money and also feel motivated to save more.

Write a summary on **how to save money**.

Your summary must:

- **not be more than 60 words**, including the 10 words given below
- be in **continuous writing** (not note form)
- be written in **one** paragraph

Use your own words as far as possible without changing its original meaning.

Begin your summary as follows:

Here are some useful tips on how to save money ...

SECTION C : NOVEL

[10 marks]

[Time suggested : 20 minutes]

The following are the novels studied in the literature component in English Language.

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| 1. Potato People | - Angela Wright |
| 2. Robinson Crusoe | - Daniel Defoe |
| 3. The Phantom of The Opera | - Gaston Leroux |
| 4. Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde | - Robert Louis Stevenson |
| 5. The Prisoner of Zenda | - Anthony Hope Hawkins |

Choose **one** of the novels above, then write about the character that you dislike. Give reasons for your choice.

Support your answer with evidence from the novel.

Your response should be:

- **not less than 50 words**
- in **continuous writing** (not in note form)