# Part 1 Question 1 to 8

Read the text carefully in each question. Choose the best answer **A**, **B** or **C**. For each question, mark the correct answer **A**, **B** or **C** on your answer sheet.

Ð	Hi Jing Xi,
	Li Ning can't make it to the charity concert tonight. Her aunt just gave birth to a baby boy so she has to drive her mother to the hospital to visit her
	aunt. Her ticket is with me. Let me know as soon as possible if you would like to join me. If not I'll offer the ticket to En Jou.
-	Emily

- 1. Which of the following statements is true?
  - A. En Jou's aunt has just given birth.
  - B. Emily has an extra concert ticket in hand.
  - C. Emily needs company to go to the concert.



- 2. Based on the poster, which of the following is true?
  - A. This food festival is held every year in September.
  - B. Visitors do not have to pay to try the various Malaysian foods.
  - C. The food festival will be from 16 September to 19 September at KLCC.

# NOTICE DISTRICT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Dear parents,

Please be informed that due to the bad weather in Klang, schools will be closed until further notice. Your children's safety is our priority.

- 3. From the notice we know that
  - A. schools in Klang will be closed indefinitely because of the weather.
  - B. only some schools in the Klang area are affected by the weather.
  - C. the department feels that it is their right to close schools due to the weather.

**KUALA LUMPUR:** A 14- year-old student, identified as Ah Ming, was bullied and humiliated by his classmates. He was kicked and beaten with a metal rod for not doing what they told him to do. This incident has invoked public outrage and sympathy.

- 4. From the report we know that the public is
  - A. angry
  - B. irritated
  - C. ashamed

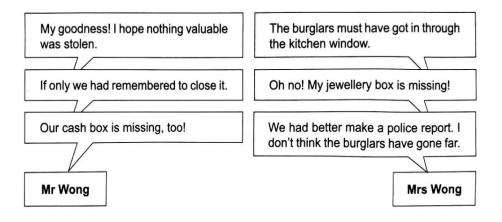
# JOB VACANCY PART TIMER (PICKER/PACKER)

DURATION: 2 weeks WORKING HOURS: 8.00 am – 8.00pm SCHEDULE: Monday to Friday JOB TYPE: Part time REQUIREMENT: Must be 18 years old and above STUDENTS CAN APPLY: No qualification needed JOB SCOPE: Pick and pack stock Track and trace delivery SALARY: RM 110 per day WORK REMOTELY: No CONTRACT: 2 Weeks

- 5. Adelia is interested to get a parttime job to earn some money before she goes to university.Which of the following would be the reason for her to apply for the job?
  - A. She will be allowed to work from home.
  - B. She will be paid RM 110 per working day.
  - C. She will need to email the person in charge for an interview.



- A. two weeks
- B. seven day
- C. the whole of February



- 7. The conversation between Mr and Mrs Wong shows that
  - A. Mrs Wong regrets keeping her valuables at home.
  - B. There was a break-in at Mr and Mrs Wong's house.
  - C. Mr and Mrs Wong are afraid the burglars will come back.

**SEREMBAN:** Three teenage girls are working through their school holidays to earn some extra pocket money. The girls are working with the songkok supplier Jamina Md Ali. They are paid RM 7.50 daily. The girls Marina Marwan Suzy Lee and Leia Guna have been working since the year end holidays. "We planned to buy books and some clothes with our earnings" they said.

- 8. Which of the following did Marina and her friends do during the year-end holidays?
  - A. They started working part-time.
  - B. They went on a vacation to Seremban.
  - C. They started making songkok for Hari Raya.

Part 2 Questions 9 to 18 are based on following passage. Read the text below and choose the **best** answer **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** to fill in each blank.

#### **One Good Turn Deserves Another**

Lisa has been working as a maid for the Wong family (0) \_\_\_\_\_\_ the past 30 years. The faithful domestic worker has been very much (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_ by her long-time employer as a member of the family. A month ago, she had a (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_. Her employer (11) \_\_\_\_\_ their adult children have been taking turns to look after her.

Lisa is a Filipina. She came to work for the Wong family at the age of 30. She has been working to (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_ for her mother's medical bills as well as her sibling's welfare and education. Mrs Wong remarked that Lisa had become (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_ to her family. "My four children who have been (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_ by her are now adults. She is very (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_ and she treats my children as her own."

After the stroke, Lisa is unable to speak properly. She is (16) \_\_\_\_\_ paralysed. "We are very much shaken. We (17) \_\_\_\_\_ to take good care of her, and pray that she will recover soon. It's time for us to return all the kindness and sacrifice she has showered (18) \_\_\_\_\_ our family."

We realised the time Lisa spent on us through her whole life could not be compared to what we are doing now. This is a lesson for everyone. We hope in future our children will do the same to us.

0	A on	<b>B</b> for	C during	<b>D</b> in
9	A treasure	<b>B</b> treasures	C treasured	<b>D</b> treasuring
10	A sick	<b>B</b> stroke	C sickness	<b>D</b> illness
11	<b>A</b> with	<b>B</b> and	C nor	<b>D</b> or
12	A support	<b>B</b> top up	C settle	<b>D</b> pay
13	A indispensable	<b>B</b> non-essential	C unimportant	<b>D</b> unnecessary
14	A look after	<b>B</b> cared after	C taken after	<b>D</b> looked after
15	A devotion	<b>B</b> devoted	C devoting	<b>D</b> devotes
16	A particularly	<b>B</b> partially	C partial	<b>D</b> little
17	A pledge	<b>B</b> disagree	C disobey	<b>D</b> refuse
18	A for	<b>B</b> on	C in	<b>D</b> to

## Part 3

## Questions 19 to 26

You are going to read a story of Princess Merida. For questions 19 - 26, choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) and mark the correct letter (A, B, C or D) on your answer sheet.

King Fergus and Queen Elinor ruled the Kingdom of Dun Broch in Scotland. They had triplet sons and a daughter, the beautiful Princess Merida. All four children were mischievous. Queen Elinor tried to teach Merida how to behave like a real princess but Merida liked to slip away from the palace to practise with her bow and arrow. She was a skilled archer. Merida was a rebellious and headstrong girl who did not fit the stereotypical princess role.

One night, the queen announced that three clans were coming to visit. Each would present a suitor to compete for Merida's hand in marriage. Merida was horrified. "I won't go through with it!" she shouted. To her dismay, the suitors arrived as planned. Merida sat waiting on her throne for the archery contest to begin. She knew she could handle a bow and arrow far better than the suitors could.

Once the suitors had taken their shots, Merida marched onto the field. The queen yelled for her to stop but Merida didn't listen. She fired her arrows and hit each target dead centre. She had won! Now she wouldn't have to marry anyone. Queen Elinor was furious at Merida for ruining the contest. She warned that things needed to be set right. "Marriage is what YOU want!" Merida shouted. Then she slashed the tapestry that depicted her family and ran away.

Merida fled into the woods where mysterious blue Will O' the Wisps, the spiritual, ethereal beings that represent past lives, led her to a cottage. Inside, she found a witch. Merida begged her to change her mother. The witch gave Merida a spell cake. Back at the castle, Merida presented the cake to her mother. She watched closely as Queen Elinor took a bite. At first, nothing happened. But then, she began to feel sick. Merida helped her get into bed.

The next thing Merida knew, a huge, furry shape was rising from the sheets! The witch's cake had turned Elinor into a bear. Worried her mother was in danger, Merida sneaked her out of the castle. Merida and Elinor-Bear first went to the witch's cottage and only found a message. "Fate be change,

look inside; mend the bond torn by pride!" She would need time to figure out its meaning. but for now, she needed to teach her mother to fish!

Merida realised that to mend the bond and break the spell, she must repair the tapestry she had torn. After sneaking into the castle, Merida and her mother were discovered by King Fergus. The King drew his sword. "It's not what you think." Merida cried. The King wouldn't listen. He slashed at the bear, who struck back, knocking him to the ground. The noise drew the visiting lords and their sons. Terrified, Elinor-Bear raced from the castle. Merida grabbed a needle and thread and the tapestry then jumped on her horse. She took her little brothers too. They had eaten the spell cake and turned into bear cubs! Merida frantically sewed the tapestry. They followed a trail of Will O' the Wisps to where Elinor was captured to save their mother. When Merida arrived, she wrapped the mended tapestry over her mother. "I want you back, Mum! I love you!" Merida cried.

Merida fought Fergus to keep him from killing Elinor until he was convinced when the three bear cubs helped stop him, and he realised they were his sons. King Fergus was shocked to realise the bear was his beloved wife. Merida felt a hand brush her hair. The spell had been broken! Elinor was human once again. The triplets were no longer bears. The Queen smiled at Merida. From then on, Merida could be a princess and be herself.

(Adapted from www.bedtimeshortstories.com/princess-merida-disney-story)

19. In paragraph 1, why was Merida not a typical princess?

- A Because she was attractive.
- B Because she had three brothers.
- C Because she was good at archery.
- D Because she was disobedient and stubborn.

20. In paragraph 2, why did the three clans come to visit?

- A To scare Merida
- B To give Merida a bow and arrow
- C To fight to be Merida's husband
- D To take part in an archery competition with Merida
- 21. From paragraph 3, why did the Queen yell at Merida?
- A Merida shot the suitor.

- B Merida won the competition.
- C Merida cut the tapestry and fled.
- D Merida strode onto the field and launched her arrow.
- 22. In paragraph 4, who is Will O' the Wisps?
- A Reincarnated mystical beings.
- B The ones who made the Queen sick.
- C The witches who changed the Queen.
- D The people who gave Merida the spell cake.
- 23. By referring to paragraph 6, what drew the attention of the visiting lords and sons?
- A King Fergus was furious with them.
- B The appearance of the bears shocked them.
- C The sound Merida made while sewing the tapestry.
- D The commotion when the King attacked the Queen-Bear
- 24. The phrase "mend the bond torn by pride" means
- A Merida needed to be a bear to save her mother.
- B Merida had to eat the cake to cure her mother.
- C Merida had to mend the damaged tapestry.
- D Merida had to cast a spell on her mother.
- 25. At the end of the story, why do you think the Queen smiled at Merida?
- A The Queen and the triplets were humans again.
- B Merida became a bear to save her and the triplets.
- C Merida bravely fought the King to save her and the triplets.
- D Merida cast a spell on the King to save the Queen and the triplets.
- 26. How did the incident change Merida at the end of the story?
- A She became a witch.
- B She gave up archery.
- C She married one of the suitors.
- D She reconciled with the Queen.

#### Part 4 (Questions 27-32)

You are going to read an article. Six sentences have been removed from the passage. Choose from the sentences (A-H) to fit each gap (27-32). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use. For each question, mark the correct answer (A-H) on your answer sheet.

#### RECYCLING

Do you know, that recycling done on an everyday basis could actually help our planet Earth to a large extent? This can even begin at home. The benefits of recycling energy are many, from reducing the effects of industrial production to saving energy.

27 . Imagine, most of these documents are completely worthless and discouraging the usage of this would save at least 150,000 trees annually as these would not be cut down for the requirement of paper. We all know the importance of trees in the ecological cycle. Most companies therefore resorted to recycled papers or the internet to propagate their message. Do you know that every ton of paper saves at least 17 trees? 28.

Using the concept of recycling can also help reduce the greenhouse effect. **29** . . If the greenhouse gas emissions reach dangerous concentration levels, it leads to changes in the temperature globally, changes in the levels of the sea, and other bizarre climatic conditions. Therefore, recycling can help reduce the need to manufacture paper, plastics, metals and glass. This would save energy needed to manufacture products.

Using recycled products would also reduce the number of non-biodegradable materials that end up in the landfills. **30** . This is very harmful for the environment.

Plastics are equally hazardous to planet earth. The reduction in the use of plastics would help in the conservation of energy. **31** If plastics are to be buried, these can last for at least 700 years. So, the next time you use plastic cups, or even polystyrene foam cups, give a thought to the amount of waste you are adding to the environment. Resist the use of such elements, always carry your own bags for shopping and reuse and recycle such products whenever possible.

Are you aware that recycling one pound of steel could power a 60-watt light bulb for more than one day? Most aluminium companies would benefit with the concept of recycling as they can save approximately 19 million barrels of oil. This itself can give enough energy to supply electricity to about 18 million households for a period of one year! Astounding, isn't it? An ideal situation would be when every individual realises his/her own responsibility, and practices the concept of recycling. 32

- A Plastics prove to be very difficult to dispose
- B Almost everybody is used to receiving junk mail via snail mail
- E So, avoid the unnecessary use of paper and if needed, stick to recycled paper.
- F Hence, you can use the concept of recycling even let your imagination, creativity run wild
- C Then, one can certainly have hope for the future of this planet
- G Materials that end up in landfills tend to decompose and cause the release of methane gas
- D However, we need not only depend on government regulations to begin recycling in our own homes
- H Gas emissions occur due to the manufacturing, use and also the disposal of products that are non-biodegradable

#### Part 5 Ouestions 33 to 40

We reviewed several smartphone applications that are available for users. Read the text below and answer the questions that follow.

## **Books at AA Bookstore**

A- The Life of Ken Lee Author: Chew, K.M.

Published by *Sucree Publishers* **The Life of Ken Lee** is a story of rags to riches. Read the journey of a poor boy living in the village who becomes a millionaire-the struggles and obstacles he faces in achieving his goals. Today, he owns a string of hotels and shopping malls. Though he becomes the richest man in town, he never forgets his roots.

**B** – **Scoring Distinctions** Author: Prof Chee H.L.

Published by AA Exams Books

This book is a must-have for students preparing for an examination. It gives the readers a step-by-step guide on how to prepare intelligently for an exam. It also gives personal accounts of people who have achieved excellent results in their examinations and the experiences.

**C – We are Poisoned Every Day** Author: David Light

Published by Reality Books

The book gives horrifying details of the poison around us, from the air, land and water. We are inhaling toxic gases emitted by open burning and vehicle fumes. Another alarming issue that is highlighted is the consumption of contaminated water due to toxic industrial waste dumped into rivers and seas

# D – Delectable Mum's Recipes

Author: Siti Nabila, Lim Pei Pei and Saroja.

Published by Megamas Publishers

**Delectable Mum's Recipes** consists of over 100 traditional Malaysian recipes, including *rendang, lemang, claypot chicken rice, dosai* and many more. You will learn how these dishes are prepared with step-by-step illustrations.

## E – Landslides

Author: Joseph Arumugam

Published by *Time Book Publisher* 

Often, we are caught unaware by enemy, that is, landslides. What causes landslides? What to do during and after the landslide? How to stay alert and awake during a landslide? This book will answer these questions and many more. It also provides data on the most recent major landslides around the world.

#### **F – Travel Malaysia** Author: Aini Mat Noor

Published by Travel Now Publisher

The book is about great vacation retreats in Malaysia, ranging from breath-taking mountains, huge undiscovered caves, virgin jungles and tempting beaches. The book details Malaysia's rich history, culture and customs. Travel to these places just by reading the book and looking at the wonderful photographs.

## Questions 33 to 36

Which paragraph (A-F) describes the following books?

Statements	Paragraph
<b>33</b> This book talks about people with academic success.	
<b>34</b> This book describes how pollution is affecting mankind.	
<b>35</b> This book suggests ways to survive natural disaster.	
<b>36</b> This book gives you opportunity to visit holiday destinations.	

### Questions 37 to 40

Complete the notes below using information from the text. Choose **no more than one word** from the passage for each answer.

## More About Books at AA Bookstore

- If you do not know how to cook, buy a book which contains (37) \_\_\_\_\_\_ with pictures
- Teenagers would love to read this book as it talks about a young man's (38) \_\_\_\_\_\_ of becoming a wealthy businessman.
- Readers should not fret if they are unable to go sightseeing. The colourful (39) in this book will help them explore places in Malaysia.
- For students, it is important to study (40) \_\_\_\_\_\_ to achieve good grades.