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ARAHAN

1. Kertas ini mengandungi lima bahagian: **Bahagian 1, 2, 3, 4 dan 5.**
2. Jawab **semua** bahagian.
3. Jawapan anda hendaklah ditulis didalam kertas jawapan yang disediakan di belakang kertas ini.

INSTRUCTION

1. This paper consists of five parts: **Part 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.**
2. Answer **all** sections.
3. Your answer must be written in the answer sheet provided at the back of this paper.

Kertas soalan ini mengandungi 17 halaman bercetak

Part 1

Questions 1 to 8 are based on the given stimuli.

Study the information carefully and choose the **best** answer **A, B** or **C**.
For each question, mark your answer on the answer sheet.

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Contact person : **Mr. Adib Akif - 019-98821112**
Straight A Resources (Kota Bharu Branch)

- 1 From the advertisement above, we learned that
- A the seminar will be held at Straight A Resources office in Kota Bharu.
 - B the number of participants must not exceed 100 students for each session.
 - C schools can invite the person from the company to deliver the talk at their own schools.

A DOZEN monkeys had a "durian buffet" at the back of a lorry transporting the fruits from Kuala Lumpur back to Bentong, Pahang. The incident happened on Friday afternoon along the Karak Highway just past the toll plaza when lorry driver Zou Sheng Zhe stopped to have a break. "I was 10 minutes into a nap when I was woken up by a lorry honking next to mine. I looked into the rear-view mirror and saw more than 10 monkeys at the back of my lorry feasting on my durians," Zou said. He admitted that he was fearful of being attacked and therefore did not try to chase them away. He added that he would often take a nap along the Karak Highway whenever he was delivering durians to and from the capital. However, he admitted that this was his first-time encountering monkeys stealing his fruits.

Adapted from The Star

- 2 The extract above tells us about
- A a group of monkeys stealing durians from a lorry parked along the highway.
 - B a lorry driver who prepared a "durian buffet" to a dozen monkeys in Bentong.
 - C a dozen monkeys were being attacked by a lorry driver after feasting on his durians.

KOTA BARU: Para-athlete gold medalist Nurul Ain Natasha Marzuki is not only good on the track. The girl, who was born without a right arm, spent five hours a day studying for her Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM) examination and managed to achieve a 3.42 cumulative grade point average (CGPA). Nurul Ain Natasha, 20, from SMK Pengkalan Chepa here, told she wants to become a teacher, and she intended to pursue her studies at Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris as well as representing Malaysia at the SEA Games. She said her disability was not an obstacle to her in her studies or daily life. "I have to rely only on my left hand almost all the time, for writing, eating and so on, but it does not weaken my spirit," told Nurul Ain.

Adapted from BERNAMA

- 3 According to the newspaper extract, what can be said about Nurul Ain?
- A She was concerned that her disability would prevent her from being excel in studies and sports.
 - B She was so hardworking and motivated to get good result in STPM, despite of her disability.
 - C She wanted to become a teacher at SMK Pengkalan Chepa after finishing her studies at Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris.

KUALA LUMPUR: Selangor Red Giants (SRG) ended Malaysia's seven-year drought in international esports by defeating the Philippines' AP Bren Sport 4-2 in the Mobile Legends: Bang Bang (MLBB) Mid Season Cup (MSC) 2024 last night. In the grand final held in Riyadh, SRG seemed to give no chance to AP Bren, dominating the game and continuing their momentum to defeat the opponents, thus securing the MSC championship for the first time. SRG's member Muhammad Haqqullah Ahmad Shahrul, also known as Sekyss, was named the most valuable player (MVP) of the competition. The victory saw SRG taking home the trophy and a cash prize of US\$1mil (RM4.7mil).

Adapted from The Star

- 4 Which of the following statements is **true**?
- A AP Bren Sport was one of the finalists in the competition.
 - B Sekyss won US\$1mil after becoming the MVP of the competition.
 - C SRG won the MSC championship for the first time seven years ago.

Humanoid Robot - Torobo



In Japan, a DIY-helper robot has now been demonstrated, capable of sawing a plank of wood and hammering in a nail. Called Torobo, this humanoid robot can interact with its environment and nearby humans, and manipulate objects. The configuration of its arm and waist joints enables it to perform tasks with a range of movement similar to that of a human being. Automatic learning also enables it to master more complex movements, as in this case for DIY work. This 1.60m- tall robot can now hammer in a nail on its own. It can hold a hammer correctly, control its power and withstand the hammer's instantaneous rebound force. It has also learned how to saw a plank of wood and clean a table with a cloth.

Adapted from The Star

- 5 Which of the following statement is **true** about Torobo, a humanoid robot?
- A Torobo is built to help people to interact with each other and also the environment.
 - B Torobo can learn automatically so that it will be able to pick up more difficult movements.
 - C Torobo knows how to hammer correctly, but it cannot withstand the hammer's instantaneous rebound force.

GEORGE TOWN: It might be a little depressing for some Penangites taking evening walks by the beach of late. Dozens of small dead fish are regularly washing up, testament to the fact that the sweltering heat caused by the El Nino weather phenomenon is killing weaker fish. Many Penangites have shared the ugly sight of rotten spotted scat, small croakers, and juvenile catfish appearing along the beach. The spotted scat is a macro feeder, dwelling in submerged rocks just off the seashore, while young croakers and catfish hug close to the coastline and dare not venture into deeper waters for fear of predators. "Because they live so close to the seashore, they are more at risk of heatwaves," said Universiti Sains Malaysia's (USM) fish expert, Dr Khaironizam Md Zain.

Adapted from nst.com.my

- 6 Which of the following statements is **true** about the newspaper extract?
- A The extreme hot weather kills the fish.
 - B Scat, croakers and catfish live far from the seashore.
 - C Penangites are feeling depressed over the hot weather.

While festivities bring communities together, we also witness a surge in food wastage due to excessive preparation and purchasing habits. One way to address this is by being mindful of our food consumption. Thus, efforts should be made to promote food rescue initiatives, by redirecting surplus food to those in need rather than allowing it to go to waste. Food and beverage (F&B) businesses also have an important role to play. Numerous studies have found that many companies experience significant cost savings over time by setting up waste reduction initiatives, which include minimising overproduction and optimising inventory. One way that our government can help F&B businesses is by providing grants or subsidies.

Adapted from nst.com.my

- 7 Which of the following statement about food wastage is **not true**?
- A Waste reduction programmes can help F&B businesses to save costs.
 - B Government can help in this initiative by providing subsidies to everyone.
 - C Surplus food can be distributed to those in need to prevent it to go to waste.

The number of people with depression has doubled in the last four years. This raises the question of why mental illness is on the rise. Mental health issues like depression have been around since time immemorial, says counselling psychologist Prem Kumar Shanmugam. The difference now is that we have become more aware of such issues and have better tools to diagnose them. However, these issues may also be over-diagnosed or even misdiagnosed, he says. For example, there is a huge difference between depression and feeling sad. "Depression is a clinical diagnosis with symptoms like inability to sleep, massive weight loss and constant crying for no reason. Sadness, on the other hand, is just an emotion." Due to easy access to information on the Internet, people can over-diagnose or misdiagnose themselves too.

Adapted from nst.com.my

- 8 From the extract above, we can conclude that
- A the rise of mental illness is due to depression and sadness.
 - B information on the internet is effective to diagnose our mental state.
 - C many people are unsure they are either having depression or just feeling sad.

Part 2

Questions 9 to 18 are based on the following passage.

Read the passage carefully and choose the **best** answer **A, B, C** or **D** to fill in each blank. For each question, mark your answer on the answer sheet.

After SPM, what next?

SPM results **0** are out! Almost half a million students who **9** _____ for the SPM have received their results. To those who have done very well – congratulations. The media and social media are all out to **10** _____ the achievement of these students. Schools, principals, and teachers are celebrating. Facebook **11** _____ used to the maximum. You can see dozens of photos of children and their parents. It is indeed very good to see all the happy faces.

Parents should also be proud of their children who have **12** _____ well. They will be applying for all the scholarships which are being advertised in the social media. The race for scholarships will begin now. This is a yearly **13** _____. Then you have another group of students who will be rushing to apply for matriculation programmes, polytechnics, and universities. Some of them know that you can apply for courses which will help them easily to get into universities. They will be rushing to apply to the best universities and the best courses in local universities. If these students have very good results, they will be offered places. However, it is **14** _____.

SPM is a very important exam for all. Whenever you **15** _____ a job, financial help, or any kind of assistance, they will refer to your SPM results. The SPM results will summarise your **16** _____ history. Since it is a very important exam, you must sit for the SPM. If you did not do well, please re-sit. You can do it through your **17** _____ school. You can join a private school. You can self-study. If you have not done very well in your SPM, please re-sit. Don't feel ashamed. Don't worry about other people's views. Give yourself a second chance. You can either sit for the whole SPM exam or just sit for a few subjects. If you feel that the examiners could have made a mistake, request the examination **18** _____ to re-mark the papers. It is your right to request. If you are convinced that you don't want to re-sit, it is your choice. You can either move on to get a job or learn a skill.

<https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/interest/1766/after-spm-what-next/>

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 B are
 C was
 D were
- 9 A sit
 B sat
 C seat
 D seats
- 10 A publicise
 B conceal
 C harbour
 D spread
- 11 A is
 B are
 C was
 D were
- 12 A do
 B did
 C done
 D does
- 13 A affair
 B interest
 C diversion
 D avocation
- 14 A intuitive
 B combative
 C aggressive
 D competitive
- 15 A aim at
 B aim for
 C apply to
 D apply for
- 16 A training
 B discipline
 C schooling
 D background
- 17 A past
 B former
 C latter
 D current
- 18 A cabinet
 B syndicate
 C association
 D organization

Part 3

Questions 19 to 26 are based on the following passage.

Read the passage carefully and choose the **best** answer **A, B, C** or **D**.
For each question, mark your answer on the answer sheet.

Looking back on my childhood, my fondest memory is of sitting in the kitchen to watch my mother cook, we were then living in Ipoh, Malaya. There was a depression going on after the Second World War, Dad was newly demobilised and struggled to make a living with his small grocery shop. I was then almost six years old. My parents, my sister and two brothers and I all lived huddled together in a shabby wooden hut. Mum, who had lived a comfortable, well-to-do life, had now to worry about our daily bread.

Times were so hard so my mother could only make us ordinary dishes, such as vegetables with dried shrimp, fried steamed chicken with salted fish and fried chicken slices with greens. But for me, sitting at that humble wooden table with the whole family, and gobbling up the steamy rice and the simple food, each mouthful tasted like ambrosia. Once in a while Mum cooked her favourite dish of steamed chicken with *taro*, and that would be a big occasion indeed.

When I was eight, our whole family moved south to Singapore. Life didn't improve much as all six of us were forced to huddle in a rented room at Kallang. Living conditions were really difficult. Seven or eight families shared one big flat, and people squabbled and **bickered** constantly. Mum would have none of it. *line 17* She was a quiet person and had no appetite for gossip. She preferred to stick to her family behind closed kitchen doors - and when she had to stir out of the room she would go her own way, minding, her own business.

She was determined not to let the crowded conditions prevent her from feeding her family properly. Cooking in the apartment was done not with firewood, but coal. During the hardest times, when we couldn't afford the big bags of fuel, Mum would take us by the hand and go to the coal shop to buy small quantities of the black cake. Walking home with it loosely wrapped in old

paper, she would move slowly, restrained, as it seemed, by the shackles of our hard life. Later, she would feed the coal into a small stove and fan a small flame into a raging fire. She then cooked for the family amid the steaming heat.

I'm sure she had much to worry about though she did not share her fears with us. Dad was working very hard at his construction business and was out day and night. Quite often, Mum cooked the food, shared a quick meal with us and **kept our father's portion in a big bowl** with a blue floral pattern, packed *line 32* full and solid.

Home late in the evening, Dad was tired and hungry, his eyes bloodshot and cheeks visibly sunken. The night was deep, and it was not possible to start another fire to warm the food; so he would gulp down his cold dinner ravenously under a dim light surrounded by Mum and us kids. Still, despite these hardships, the whole room was warm with happiness. For Dad, the cold food must have tasted delicious as it was made with love. During our first two years in Singapore, life was a struggle, but slowly our fortunes improved. In 1960, when I was ten years old, we moved into a new apartment at Kim Tian Road. We now had a gas stove.

The road that Mum and Dad travelled was an arduous one. Now, sitting on the verandah amidst the gorgeous flowers, they enjoy peace after those difficult years. As for myself, I appreciate the comforts they have earned, but even more still, I remember the days of hardship when my mother lovingly laboured over a small stove with little more than a few sticks of wood, a pot and her imagination to feed us. We had little then, but the happiness my mother radiated from her kitchen stove made us feel we had everything.

Adapted from : Reader's Digest January 2019

- 19 From paragraph 1, what was the writer's dearest memory?
- A Sitting in the kitchen.
 - B Watching his mother cooked.
 - C Looking back on his childhood.
 - D Living together in a shabby hut.
- 20 Why did the writer think having his Mum's favourite dish was a big occasion?
- A He liked tasty food.
 - B His mom was a good cook.
 - C It was rare to have good food on the table.
 - D It was a good moment spent with his mom.
- 21 The word '**bickered**' in Line 17 can be best replaced with
- A argued.
 - B whined.
 - C protested.
 - D complained.
- 22 From paragraph 4, why was Mum moving slowly?
- A She was restrained.
 - B She could not feed her family properly.
 - C She was not able to buy small quantity of coal.
 - D She was worried about the family's life difficulties.
- 23 The phrase '**..kept our father's portion in a big bowl**' in Line 32 describes Mum as being
- A obedient.
 - B concerned.
 - C simple-minded.
 - D compassionate.

- 24 From paragraph 6, all the statements are correct **except**
- A Dad was very fatigued.
 - B Dad got back home late at night.
 - C the food prepared by Mum was scrumptious.
 - D the family moved into a better house in 1960.
- 25 From paragraph 7, the writer is feeling
- A grateful.
 - B content.
 - C indebted.
 - D imaginative.
- 26 Which of the following is the best lesson we can learn from the story?
- A We should be thankful in our life.
 - B We should always be happy in our life.
 - C We should be patient in facing difficulties in life.
 - D We should always make the best out of life challenges.

Part 4

Questions 27 to 32 are based on an article about the green water phenomenon.

Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences **A to H** the one which fits each gap (27 to 32). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The Green Water Phenomenon in Kampung Kuala Hau

Kampung Kuala Hau, a village in Kelantan, has recently attracted attention due to an unusual natural event: the local river has turned a striking green. This phenomenon, which has gained significant interest after images and videos went viral on social media, is not new to the villagers. 27

For about three years, residents of Kampung Kuala Hau have observed the river changing colour to green during periods of heavy rain. According to the villagers, this event is a common occurrence. The river in question is an upstream watercourse that, under specific conditions mainly during intense and sustained rainfall transforms into a greenish hue. 28

Despite the attention, the green water phenomenon is not considered alarming by the local residents. They view it as a routine part of the flood season, having experienced similar occurrences in past years. 29 This has led investigation teams to visit the site.

Wan Aminordin Wan Kamaruddin, Director of the Department of Environment in Kelantan, has initiated an investigation into the green water. 30 This testing is crucial for understanding the composition of the water and determining whether any pollutants or unusual substances are contributing to the green colour.

31 Algae can produce pigments that give water a green appearance, especially when environmental conditions such as water temperature and nutrient levels are favourable. The results of the chemical tests will provide clarity on whether algae or other factors are responsible for the colour change.

This investigation highlights the importance of monitoring natural events and their impacts on local ecosystems. While the green water has been a known event for the villagers, the increased interest from outside the community emphasizes the need for scientific analysis. 32

In summary, the green water phenomenon in Kampung Kuala Hau is a recurrent event during the flood season. While it has recently gained wider attention, it remains a familiar occurrence for the local residents. The ongoing investigation by environmental authorities aims to understand the underlying causes of the water's colour and to assess any potential environmental or health concerns. The results from the chemical analysis will be crucial in providing a comprehensive understanding of this natural event.

Adapted from BERITA HARIAN

- A. Officials have collected samples from the affected river and sent them to the Department of Chemistry for analysis.
- B. The water is believed contains toxic chemical substances that can harm human and animals.
- C. It is a priority to ensure that there are no adverse effects on the environment or public health.
- D. However, the recent media coverage has prompted local authorities to take a closer look at the situation.
- E. This colour change is due to the river swelling with rainwater, which brings about the dramatic shift in colour.
- F. The change in water colour could be attributed to natural causes such as algae blooms.
- G. Most geologists believe that the movement of the earth's plates takes place during monsoon season.
- H. It occurs regularly during the flood season and is a familiar sight to the locals.

Part 5

Questions 33 to 40 are based on the following texts.

Read the texts carefully and answer the questions that follow.

WAYS TO IMPROVE SPORTS IN MALAYSIA**A – HAZIQ, 17 years old**

Focussing in youth sports programs is key. By enhancing grassroots development, we can identify and nurture talent from an early age. Improved training standards and education at the youth level will create a strong foundation for future athletes, ensuring long-term success and increasing Malaysia's competitiveness in international sports.

B – MARK, 15 years old

Improving coaching standards through specialized training programs is vital. Skilled coaches bring better techniques and strategies, directly benefiting athletes' performance. Ongoing professional development for coaches will ensure they stay current with global best practices, leading to higher quality training and better outcomes for Malaysian sports.

C – FEEYA, 16 years old

Upgrading local sports facilities is essential for boosting participation and performance. Modern, well-maintained venues will attract more athletes and can host regional events. Increasing investments in these areas ensures a better training environment, which is crucial for developing both recreational and competitive sports in Malaysia.

D – RADJA, 18 years old

Enhancing sports visibility through media coverage can significantly boost interest and participation. By highlighting local events and athletes, we can inspire more people to engage in sports. Effective media campaigns also attract sponsorships and create role models, helping to grow the sports culture in Malaysia.

E – HARIS, 17 years old

Fostering inclusivity in sports is crucial. Programs that encourage participation from women and individuals with disabilities can broaden the talent pool and promote equality. Making sports accessible to diverse groups enriches the sports community and ensures that everyone has the opportunity to contribute and excel.

F – LEONA, 15 years old

Collaborating with international sports organizations can bring valuable insights and expertise. These partnerships allow us to adopt global best practices and offer local athletes international exposure. By integrating these practices, we can elevate Malaysia's sports standards and better prepare our athletes for global competition.

Question 33 to 36

Using the information given, which text (A to F) describes the following views on ways to improve sports in Malaysia?

For each question, mark your answer on the answer sheet.

	Statement	Paragraph
33	Collaborate worldwide to obtain insightful knowledge.	_____
34	Strengthen mentoring to raise athletic achievement.	_____
35	Promote programs for young people to develop potential athletes.	_____
36	Broadcast sports events will encourage people to play sports.	_____

Questions 37 to 40

Using words from the texts, complete the summary below. Choose **no more than one word** for each blank.

Write your answer on the answer sheet.

SPORTS

Sports are crucial for health and community engagement. To promote growth and success, focusing on key areas is essential. More (37) _____ in training programs and facilities provide the necessary funds to enhance athletes' performances. State-of-the-art and well-maintained facilities are important to attract athletes and (38) _____ sporting events. High-quality coaching improves athletes' (39) _____ and ensures effective guidance. Additionally, expanding (40) _____ coverage helps boost public interest and participation. Addressing these factors will help build a robust sports culture and enhance success across various levels of competitions.

KERTAS TAMAT

ANSWER SHEET FOR PAPER 1

QUESTION 1-36 -

Blacken only one letter for each question. If you wish to change your answer, erase the blacken mark that you have made. Then, blacken the letter for the new answer.

QUESTION 37-40 -

Write your answers on the blank space provided.

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