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**PEPERIKSAAN PERCUBAAN SPM
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Arahan

1. Kertas ini mengandungi **lima** bahagian.
2. Jawab **semua** bahagian di dalam kertas jawapan yang disediakan.

Instructions

1. This paper consists of **five** parts.
2. Answer **all** parts in the answer sheet provided.

Untuk Kegunaan Pemeriksa

Bahagian	Markah Penuh	Markah Diperoleh
1	8	
2	10	
3	8	
4	6	
5	8	
Jumlah	40	

Kertas ini mengandungi **11** helaian bercetak

Part 1**Questions 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.

Dear Mum,

I will be back late today. Stopping over at Lisa's to finish up our school project after netball training. Want to talk to you about college applications. Maybe after dinner this evening? Will give "How to be a billionaire before grandfather dies" a miss. See you.

Love,

Jenny

1. Which of the following is true about note?
 - A Jenny is going to college.
 - B Jenny is going to sleep over at Lisa's place.
 - C Jenny is going to watch a TV programme with her mother.

Dear Editor,

The advances made by human in science and technology are staggering. It has bettered human lives and improved our quality of living. However, success in science and technology has also made humans arrogant and defiant. News report suggests that human cloning has been conducted successfully and it is just a matter of time before we would witness that huge ethical implication of human cloning. And it won't be a pretty sight!

Ethics First.

2. Ethic First is worried about
 - A the declining moral ethics
 - B the arrogance of human beings
 - C the consequences of human cloning

For those of you who walk to school, always walk in pairs or groups. Never take shortcuts through deserted areas or back alleys. If a stranger or strange vehicle approaches you, keep walking or run. If you see a suspicious person wandering near your school, inform your principal or the security guard.

3. From the extract, which is not a way to ensure our safety?
- A Never walk alone.
 - B Avoid dark and lonely roads.
 - C Walk slowly to avoid behind vehicle.

Recycling is vital for our planet. By recycling, we can decrease the quantity of waste that ends up in landfills, which is damaging to the environment. Recycling also helps save natural resources such as water, trees and soil. Take a few minutes of your time to separate your recyclables from your rubbish and make a big difference. Let us play a part in protecting earth for future generations by recycling!

4. From the article, we know that
- A Recycling can protect Earth
 - B Recycling helps in the declining of natural resources.
 - C Future generation will suffer in a world full of recyclable item.

In space, people grow larger – by up to 5 cm (2 in) – because there is no gravity to pull their body parts downwards. This increase in size can cause problems. On one Shuttle mission, the astronauts found they had grown so much that they could hardly squeeze into a tight- fitting chair that they were supposed to sit in for an important experiment.

5. Which of the following is the most suitable headline for the extract?
- A Tight Squeeze
 - B Gravity Experiment
 - C The Effect of Gravity on Earth

- Tony : A friend I know via Facebook requested me to transfer me some money. It's for his school fees. What should I do?
- Sherry : Have you met him before?
- Tony : No. In fact, I don't really know his background.
- Sherry : He might be a scammer. You shouldn't transfer your money.

6. From the dialogue above, Tony is
- A giving advice
 - B asking for advice
 - C requesting for information

Bridgetown Murders
by Jan Peters

After being in the publishing world for ages, Rose is planning to take a 4-month vacation on a tropical island off the coast of Cilantro. She stays at a small hotel and is living a good life. But, when the Samson sisters come to stay and tell her a mysterious story about a murder and marriage on the same day in an inn nearby the hotel, Rose's curiosity is aroused. As much as she enjoys her new life, she knows she won't stop thinking about the case until she finds out what really happened.

7. Which statement best describes Rose?
- A She enjoys living on an island.
 - B She is curious about events happening around her.
 - C She has determination but never able to finish her investigation.

ALLOCATION FOR MORE SUM FOR EDUCATION

Education takes the centre stage in the 2022 budget report having the largest share. The amount allocated for this sector has increased from RM125 million in 2021 to RM280 million in 2022. The increase was mainly the construction of 3 polytechnic colleges and 5 matriculation colleges. Other support programmes would also benefit including quarters for teachers, special education assistance and support facilities.

8. From the extract above, we can say that
- A the main priority in the budget is education
 - B there will be an increase of students in 2024
 - C a small sum was required for higher education

Part 2**Questions 9 to 18**

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.

Places of Interest in Melaka

Strategically located along (0) the Straits of Malacca, Melaka was once the epicenter of an important trading empire _____ (9) attracted thousands of traders from all over the _____ (10). Historical buildings and sites abound in Melaka, the birthplace of the nation's historical and cultural heritage. Remnants of its long and illustrious past under the successive rule of the Portuguese, Dutch and British are well-preserved and can still be _____ (11) today, earning it the _____ (12) title of a UNESCO World Heritage City in 2008. Here are some must-visit sites if you are vacationing in Melaka:

First, you should visit the Maritime Museum. Also known as Flor de la Mar, the museum is _____ (13) after the Portuguese ship that sank off the coast of Melaka. With paintings and exhibits detailing the maritime history of Melaka, the museum also displays porcelains, textiles, _____ (14) and even sunken treasures taken off Diana, another shipwreck.

Do not forget to explore the Melaka Butterfly Farm and Reptile Sanctuary which sits on an 11- acre verdant forest site in Ayer Keroh. _____ (15) around the Butterfly Aviary and see thousands of these glorious winged beauties fluttering about, before _____ (16) on to the Reptile Sanctuary to see up-close of its many fascinating inhabitants including crocodiles, lizards and snakes.

Finally, you should _____ (17) the Encore Melaka that presents fascinating performances through a series of touching local life stories. The 70-minute show chronicles the historic city, from the stories of the early voyagers to the birth of modern Melaka, through songs and performances. Encore Melaka is touted to be Southeast Asia's largest permanent show theater that boasts innovative and stunning video projection mapping with a multi-stage hydraulic set with advance lighting. It also features a 360-degree rotating _____ (18) platform.

Adapted from *Tourism Malaysia brochure, Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia*

- 0 A. above B. across C. about **D. along**
- 9 A. which B. who C. where D. when
- 10 A. Earth B. nation C. world D. place
- 11 A. saw B. seen C. sees D. sight
- 12 A. great B. important C. honourable D. prestigious
- 13 A. fashions B. fashioned C. fashion D. fashionable
- 14 A. spices B. spice C. spicy D. spiciness
- 15 A. Roam B. Linger C. Stroll D. Cruise
- 16 A. continue B. continuing C. continuation D. continued
- 17 A. stops B. stopped C. stopping D. stop by
- 18 A. audience B. visitor C. tourist D. citizen

Part 3

You are going to read an extract from an article. For questions 19 to 26, choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) and mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

I grew up as an average kid riding bikes and playing football. I was an excellent student at school and always got good grades. I never had a gaming console growing up. I played video games with the family PC but my gaming was kept in check by my strict parents.

Then university came along. I purposely chose a school far away from home to experience independence. Plus, there were no parents to stop me from gaming. I played all sorts of games and would often skip lectures to play. The only thing that kept my gaming in check was the very real fear of dropping out of school.

The results for my mid-term tests, final test and projects were very disappointing. They were terrible. Fortunately, I didn't fail any courses. I felt lucky that I managed to land a summer internship. Even to this day, I have no idea how I landed that job. I honestly think all the other candidates chose another job, leaving the company with no other choice but to hire me.

The internship felt like a second chance. I worked hard. Sometimes, crazy hard. I would work for average of 60-80 hours a week. While the other interns were out enjoying parties or travelling, I was working hard, not to let my second chance escape. My efforts paid off, and I got a full-time offer. I was due to start after my graduation.

Fast forward a few years. I was working full time and was *gaming in moderation*. There were a couple of sleepless nights of gaming here and there, but the job kept my gaming in check. Basically, my schedules were working, sleeping and gaming. I would attempt to get out and socialise but would soon give up and go back to gaming. Now that I was getting comfortable with this new life, I felt my gaming time was slowly increasing.

After two years, I was accepted into Grad School, which I had planned to attend part-time after work. So, I rescheduled my gaming time. The first couple of months were the toughest. I craved gaming so much and was depressed for long hours. However, I got rid of all temptations to get through

it. Without me realising it, I successfully quit gaming for a whole year!

I wished the story ended there, but it did not. After a year of no gaming, I met the girl of my dreams. She was a gamer who played League of Legends - the game I deleted a year ago! Being a considerate man, I wanted to share the hobby with her as much as possible. So, I got another laptop and installed League back on it. I believed that this was to get closer with the girl I liked and that I would only play with her, and never alone or with others.

It worked for the first few months. Sharing a hobby with someone you like is an amazing feeling. Eventually, I asked her out, and we became a couple. Naturally, our game time together increased. However, as we played, I noticed a lot of toxic players brought my mood down. I hated it when a mistake I made led to her death (in the game of course). To compensate for this, I wanted to play more.

However, unlike me, my girlfriend is someone who can game in moderation. She would only play a few hours a week, and there would be days when she did not feel like playing, allowing me to play alone. This time gradually increased, and when I met toxic players, I switched to other games. This went on for about a year.

After a year of gaming again, I noticed a change in my behaviour. I became less patient with people around me, including my girlfriend. At work, I secretly searched for gaming strategies. I thought about gaming all the time. I ignored my girlfriend when she was talking. After 20 hours of gaming in a weekend, I knew that I had become addicted again. Learning from the past, I told my girlfriend that I wanted a video game detox which eventually would stop me playing video games again. I know I will get urges and I may reason myself back to gaming again. But, I believe, I can do this!

Adapted from *How Quitting Gaming Helped Me Get Into Grad School | Game Quitters*

- 19 In paragraph 1, what limits the writer's gaming?
A His parents were very stern.
B The absence of owning a PC.
C His lack of interest in gaming.
D His hobbies in riding bikes and playing football.
- 20 In paragraph 3, how do you think the writer felt in the line, 'My grades were terrible. Fortunately, I didn't fail any courses'?
A Sad
B Satisfied
C Relieved
D Surprised
- 21 In paragraph 4, why did the writer work extremely hard during his internship?
A He had learnt his lesson before.
B He wanted to get full-time offer.
C He worked 60 – 80 hours a week.
D He wanted to enjoy parties and travelling.
- 22 In paragraph 5, the phrase *gaming in moderation* means...
A The writer played games regularly.
B The writer played games modestly.
C The writer played games vigorously.
D The writer played games frequently.
- 23 In paragraph 7, why did the writer buy another laptop?
A He wanted to install a game.
B He wanted to be considerate.
C He wanted to share his hobby with his girlfriend.
D He wanted to separate his work laptop from his gaming laptop.
- 24 In paragraph 8, what attitude did the writer show when he said, "To compensate for this, I wanted to play more"?
A Caring
B Patient
C Passionate
D Determined
- 25 In paragraph 9, why did the writer say his girlfriend wasn't like him?
A She did not buy a new laptop.
B She continued playing with the toxic players.
C She managed to control her gaming schedule.
D She did not install new games after League of Legend.
- 26 What can be said about the writer's personality throughout his experience in gaming?
A He often blames others for his addiction to gaming.
B He is not aware of his addiction and thinks it is normal.
C He is determined and willing to change his habit to be better.
D He is easily influenced and pressured by the people around him.

Part 4**Questions 27 to 32**

You are going to read an article about a science fair project.

*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**.*

As part of a science fair project, a Canadian teenager has come up with a way to get plastic shopping bags to break down in as little as three months. (27) _____ Daniel Burd, a 16-year-old high school student in Waterloo, Canada, reasoned that, because plastics eventually degrades, there is probably some microorganism out there that breaks it down. (28) _____ So Mr. Burd did just that. The Waterloo Region Record explains his experiment.

Burd then went on to identify which of the four bacterial strains in the culture was with the appetite for plastic. He identified two: Sphingomonas and Pseudomonas. (29) _____. He did plentiful of experiment and after some experimentation, the results were phenomenal. He was able to get a plastic bag to degrade by 43 percent in six weeks. (30) _____.

It's hard to understate the environmental catastrophe caused by plastic bags. Many of them end up the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a swatch of trash twice the size of Texas that is estimated to be 80 percent plastic. (31) _____. A report by Greenpeace found that some 267 marine species suffer from either ingesting or getting entangled in the bags. As far as anyone knows, Burd is the first to discover the plastic-devouring properties of this microbe. (32) _____.

- A** The first one breaks down the plastic, and the second one helps the first one reproduce.
- B** His six-page report, concludes that the process he developed could be used on an industrial scale.
- C** Microbes are microorganisms especially a bacterium causing disease or fermentation.
- D** If that microbe could be identified, you could expose higher concentrations of it to plastic and break it down faster.
- E** With 500 billion plastic bags being made every year and the Great Pacific Garbage Patch growing bigger by the day, we clearly need a way to make the plastic break down faster.
- F** They decay and cause something to decay and break something into smaller parts.
- G** For his efforts, Burd won top honours at the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Ottawa, where he took home \$30,000 in prizes and scholarships.
- H** For his efforts, Burd won top honours at the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Ottawa, where he took home \$30,000 in prizes and scholarships.

Part 5

Questions 33 to 40 are based on the following texts. Read the text carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Endangered Species

- A** Small populations of the plant-eating marine species dugong (*Dugong Dugon*) with flipper-like forelimbs, are found exclusively off the coast of Sabah and they are seriously in decline.
- B** Once widespread throughout mainland Southeast Asia, the Sumatran rhinoceros (*Dicerorhinus sumatrensis*) is now a very rare sight. The largest herbivore that lives exclusively in the tropical rainforest, each animal needs at least 10 square kilometres to roam in, thus, a large area of undisturbed forest is required for a healthy population to have any chance of survival.
- C** Exclusively a forest dweller, the clouded leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*) feeds on squirrels, birds and monkeys, including young orang utan which are themselves a protected species. Its survival is seriously threatened. Only very few recent sightings have been made in isolated forests.
- D** In 1992, 113 Asian elephant herds (*Elephas maximus*), totalling 1,000 animals, existed on the Peninsula. The clearing of lowland forest for agricultural use has fragmented habitats and elephant populations. As a result, the amount of food and cover will diminish and the chances of breeding will be reduced.
- E** Found in lowland forest, tree-lined swamps and riverine habitats of Sabah and Sarawak, the Storm's stork (*Ciconia stormi*) is now a rare resident, totalling fewer than 200 individuals.
- F** Malaysia's national animal, a prancing pair of which adorn the country's crest, is now under threat. The Malayan tiger was long considered a livestock-preying pest but, because of the large-scale clearance of lowland forest, which also supports the greatest proportion of the animal's prey – wild boar and sambar deer – and more recently the demand for tiger products in Chinese medicine, the tiger population has been in serious decline since the 1960s.

Questions 33 to 36

Which paragraph (A-F) describes on the following activities.

*Mark your answers on **the separate answer sheet.***

	Statements	Paragraph
33	Only a limited number of them can only be found off the coast of Sabah.
34	Human activities divide habitats into many parts and increasing the risk of wildlife.
35	A symbol of national pride and ecological health, faces extinction due to many reasons such as traditional medicine and deforestation.
36	The biggest plant-eating animal needs a minimum of 10 square kilometres to move around in.

Questions 37 - 40

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

*Mark your answers on **the separate answer sheet.***

Wildlife At Risk

The tropical forest of Malaysia consists of many endangered species due to human activities through deforestation for (37) _____ use which reduced habitats and elephant populations. The largest (38) _____ is now a rare sight when the forest was cleared forcing them to roam like the orang utan into more (39) _____ forests. Some wildlife was hunted due to current (37) _____ for their products in Chinese medicine resulting into worse situation.

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