

Part 1
[8 marks]

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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.



Tina

4 reviews



Product: AMH Leather Jacket

Size: L

Review:

The jacket is lovely but a friend pointed out to me on a night out that the buttons were of different sizes. I hadn't noticed that earlier. I decided it was best to just get a refund but the shop refused because it had been a month since I bought it. I sent a response to insist but I haven't heard back yet.

1 The review highlights that

- A the product had defects that were discovered late.
- B the buyer had tried to discuss getting a replacement.
- C the seller had promptly met the customer's demand.

Altitude City Hotel

Altitude City Hotel recently revealed the first phase of its makeover with eight suite types. The work is expected to be completed next January but the hotel promises that other facilities are running as usual. Whether it's a business trip or a cosy family meet-up, these new suites offer something special to start your year.

2 From the text, we know that

- A customers must make bookings before the year ends.
- B there are changes being made at the hotel.
- C some facilities are currently unavailable.

Years ago, people were unwilling to buy second-hand clothes. Today, it's increasingly popular! Do you realise that it saves not only the environment but also your money? You could get the clothes for a much lower price while spending less than you did when you bought new things. Let's be eco-friendly, money savvy and look awesome at the same time.

3 What is the main aim of the text?

- A to show the importance of following the trend
- B to encourage people to rethink the way they shop
- C to compare the different approaches when shopping

I want to stay in finance because I like how fast the industry is. However, I'm not sure if I like the pressure. I particularly enjoy analysing data but I also realise that finance is not just about numbers; it's about people too. I know I'm capable of creating a long-term relationship with my clients to ensure their financial needs are met with care.



Amad, 23

4 In talking about his work, Amad knows that

- A it offers job security for the future.
- B it requires a certain kind of balance.
- C it allows him to go at his own speed.

Some people give importance to the auto-focus feature of a phone camera. Mobile phone manufacturers are continuously competing to be the best at it, recognising it as a valuable selling point. Previously, people were not able to judge the distance of the object from the lens, but the automatic focus in phone cameras today has solved that issue.

5 What does the text say about the auto-focus feature in phone cameras?

- A It is an aspect that companies always try to improve.
- B It is something that people pay too much attention to.
- C It is a reason why people take more photos than in the past.

Bandar Seri Petra: The city council has just reported the progress of their solar street lighting project. According to the council representative, solar-powered lamps provide the city with an economical way to light up the streets, sidewalks and parking areas to create better protection for pedestrians and drivers. This is part of their effort to move towards being a sustainable city.

6 How has the new project brought benefits to the city?

- A It has encouraged road users to prioritise safety.
- B The move has helped the city increase its income.
- C The city is on schedule to achieve its green mission.

"It used to be challenging to find resources that were cool for teaching Science. SIDE-L is an app that provides an interesting solution to many issues that I've had over the years. It's extremely helpful, especially when dealing with learners who are not yet ready to start with independent study. I'm already recommending it to other teachers. I look forward to exploring the application further."

Miss Nashra, Science teacher

7 What does the teacher say about the application?

- A She has finally found something that works well for her.
- B She likes the way her colleagues have made use of it.
- C She thinks students will enjoy using it on their own.

"I hadn't realised the power of a soundtrack until watching 'The Star'. The music director of this film, Katerina Yong is brilliant! I've heard nothing like it. The right sounds and music can bring depth to a story. It's truly a game changer to have people like her and her team who see these aspects."

Fannie Masing, Writer

8 What does the writer suggest about Katerina Yong?

- A She is the main reason why the movie is good.
- B She understands people who work with her.
- C She uses music in a highly original way.

Part 2

[10 marks]

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.

Becoming an influencer

Becoming an influencer really (0) _____ on being a good digital content creator. It involves creative writing, designing and producing digital media that contain information with specific (9) _____ that can link you to your target followers. To achieve that, an influencer needs to consider content that will (10) _____ to its potential audience.

There are many (11) _____ to becoming an influencer. Many established influencers (12) _____ that you need specific writing expertise, but there is plenty of proof that this is not the case. Almost anyone can succeed if they have the drive and (13) _____ time to think through all the possibilities.

Brainstorming for ideas is the most challenging (14) _____ in creating digital content. There is nothing wrong with finding your (15) _____ in an area and learning from others in the same area. Going with the tried-and-true techniques can be effective in achieving (16) _____, but do not get too comfortable; the best content creators are always striving to be better.

While everyone's journey is different, an influencer who thinks creatively is always looking for innovative ways to (17) _____ information. Whether you are working to promote food or fashion, or something really unique, you can find (18) _____ in unexpected places. Seeing something from a completely different perspective is a great way to stand out and create engaging content.

- 0 (A) relies
 B works
 C centres
 D requires
- 9 A signs
 B figures
 C reasons
 D elements
- 10 A direct
 B appeal
 C transfer
 D connect

- 11 A paths
B forms
C courses
D journeys
- 12 A demand
B imagine
C focus
D insist
- 13 A bring
B force
C make
D get
- 14 A phase
B concept
C strategy
D responsibility
- 15 A presence
B strength
C ability
D talent
- 16 A missions
B wishes
C results
D deals
- 17 A reveal
B deliver
C interpret
D circulate
- 18 A inspiration
B promotion
C enjoyment
D encouragement

Part 3
[8 marks]

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.

My wife, Suriya, ran a flower shop and I helped her at weekends when the shop was busiest. I did not mind that as I often enjoyed meeting people. One Saturday morning, we got an order for a bouquet of lilies to be sent to an address in my old neighbourhood. It should be an easy delivery. "Come right back," Suriya instructed as she needed me to be in and out the whole day. I was sure I would not be long but I was wrong.

I headed out alone without turning on the GPS. I parked my car in front of the house and I saw the big mound that looked like a hill to us kids back then was still there. We would storm 'the hill' and loudly fire upon the 'enemy troops' almost every afternoon there. Yet, whenever we invaded their garden, despite all the shouting and screaming, the homeowner never came out to yell at us, which was what made it our perfect battlefield. line 10

None of us ever saw the homeowner, except me, once, when I was about six. There used to be a white wooden fence with a narrow gap between the panels surrounding the area. One day, while climbing the fence, I slipped and fell backwards and my leg was caught in the gap between the panels. I tried to reach the ground but I failed so I was basically just hanging there, upside down. None of my friends heard my scream but I could hear them playing which somehow made me worry less.

Suddenly, a huge hand reached over and I grabbed it. It pulled me up, lifted me over the fence and put me on my feet. I hardly gave the tall, bespectacled man a glance but something on his face caught my attention. I was so small standing in front of him. Terror gripped me so I sprinted off to find my friends.

A faint sound from inside the house brought me back to the present day. As I rang the doorbell, I could hear a P. Ramlee song playing softly from inside the house. It was as if I had gone back in time. An elderly man opened the door and warmly invited me in. The ancient wooden door contrasted with the living room walls which were painted pearl white giving the room a peaceful feel. The table and chairs were made of rattan, which surprisingly did not make the room look outdated.

As I placed the lilies on the dining table, a black and white wedding photo on the wall caught my attention; a beautiful bride in a sari smiling next to a tall, handsome man. He was wearing a kurta with a scarf that looked like the one my father had. I thought I saw a faded scar on the groom's cheek so I took a closer look. That was the moment I knew that he was the man with the huge hand who had saved me.

"It would have been our fiftieth wedding anniversary today and lilies were my late wife's favourite," the old man opened up. I was at a loss as to whether I should congratulate him or not. Awkwardly, I held out my hand for a handshake. I told him about the rescue and thanked him for letting my friends and I play there.

To my surprise, he remembered us. "It was those sounds of laughter that helped to make our days, especially for my wife, Rekha. It's safe to say that it was a break she looked forward to in her busy day. When you and your friends stopped coming, we knew you must've started secondary school and moved on to some serious learning."

The old man caught me admiring the photo again. "Rekha and I did everything together. We never postponed anything that we wanted to do. So should you; you must celebrate life and your loved ones for as long as you can. Rekha is not with me today to appreciate these lilies, but I'm still here and I'll treasure them for as long as if she was here with me." It was then that I decided to give him a tight hug.

Back at the shop, I told Suriya what took me so long. I told her I was grateful she made me deliver the lilies. Also, for having her in my life.

19 Why was the writer told to get back to the shop quickly?

- A He would usually stop to chat with others.
- B There were other deliveries to be made.
- C It was a regular customer's request.
- D The customer did not live far away.

20 In line 10, why was the area a perfect battlefield for the children to play in?

- A No one bothered them.
- B It had a well-sized mound.
- C There was a lot of space to run.
- D They could go there at any time.

21. What made the writer run away without saying anything?
- A a sense of embarrassment at what he had done
 - B a need to tell his friends about everything
 - C a fear of what might happen to him
 - D a feeling of not knowing what to do
22. In paragraph 5, the writer felt he had returned to the past when
- A he heard some familiar old music.
 - B he recognised the old man's voice.
 - C he was welcomed into the old house.
 - D he noticed how old the front door was.
23. When did the writer realise who the old man was?
- A when he saw the old man's hand
 - B when he saw the mark on the old man's face
 - C when he saw the old man in the wedding photo
 - D when he saw the scarf the old man was wearing
24. In paragraph 7, how did the writer feel?
- A happy to congratulate the old man for the significant event
 - B grateful to finally meet the man who had helped him
 - C guilty about interrupting the man's special day
 - D unsure about what to say to the old man
25. According to the old man, his wife was happy because
- A she knew they could play safely near her home.
 - B she heard their joyful voices as they played.
 - C she saw them learning from their games.
 - D she was seen waiting for their visits.
26. Why did the writer hug the old man?
- A The old man understood how he felt.
 - B The old man needed to feel cared for.
 - C The old man invited him to join the celebration.
 - D The old man made him realise the true value of life.

Part 4
[6 marks]

Questions 27 to 32 are based on an article about jeans.

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 answer on the answer sheet.

Jeans

Jeans, with their special charm, have secured a significant place in the world of fashion. They are popular in many parts of the world and worn by people of different social backgrounds.

It is difficult to find a piece of clothing as widely worn and loved as a pair of jeans. How can this special appeal be explained? 27 For some people, jeans are comfortable and easy to style, while for others they are fashionable and cool.

Many did not know that jeans were first designed as workwear for farmers and labourers because they needed suitable trousers for their tough work. 28 The trousers proved to be durable and were soon in high demand. This has continued until today.

Two types of fabrics; cotton and denim, are commonly used to make jeans since they are long-lasting. However, denim provides more comfort and the indigo dye gives it a unique colour. The colour does not go too deep into the fabric like others. 29 Because of that, many people prefer denim to cotton.

There are numerous styles of jeans available; from bootcuts to skinny jeans, making the choices endless. 30 For example, they can be paired with the most finely tailored shirt or just a plain white T-shirt and still make you look smart and trendy.

Most fashion items are for a specific season. Dresses for summer, scarves for winter, boots for autumn but jeans? 31 They also look good well-worn as well as brand new. Furthermore, jeans do not have to be washed often or ironed at all, making them easy to care for.

32 Jeans have the ability to be people's favourite and a clothing essential in everyone's wardrobe even when they grow older. Undoubtedly, they can stay fashionable for years to come.

Today, jeans remain a part of modern fashion, reflecting both personal style and cultural influences. Whether you are going for a casual look or a more polished appearance, jeans can offer you both.

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| A These options offer a variety of styles that can never go wrong for their wearers. | E In the beginning, that made jeans different from other fashion trends. |
| B It was then that people realised the potential of jeans. | F They want the image of freedom, confidence and a youthful look. |
| C The love for jeans can be seen not only among youths but across all ages, no matter how old. | G Over time, it fades and this gives jeans their classic look. |
| D There is no need to replace them as they can be useful all year round. | H Ask any group of people why they like wearing jeans and you will get a range of answers. |

Part 5
[8 marks]

Questions 33 to 40 are based on the following texts.

Read the texts carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Time management

A – Afiz, 19 years old

I've been using an application on my phone that helps me concentrate while I study. I use my phone all the time and it's a distraction that I know I must cut down on! The application tracks the time I can use my phone and will motivate me with achievement badges for the time spent away from it.

B – Beni, 40 years old

Multitasking may work for others but unfortunately, not for me. When trying to do many things at once, I can never give enough attention to anything. Going back and forth is really exhausting too. I'd rather concentrate on one, then take a break when necessary before moving on to the next. I can tick off more things on my daily to-do list that way.

C – Chee, 27 years old

Growing up, I was often told to aim for the stars. Now that I'm older, I feel that it makes more sense to set achievable goals and take my time to accomplish them. That will allow me to face those challenges independently, make my own decisions and ultimately gain the confidence to accomplish them. At times, guidance from others can be helpful too.

D – Daryl, 33 years old

When I first started working, I was assigned so many projects. Over time, it affected my ability to complete my work and I started making mistakes. I missed many deadlines while trying to meet others. So, what should you do? Decide which task is more important, know when to say 'no' and stick to it.

E – Eshwar, 16 years old

I always make sure that I take some time out during my study sessions. Studying for too long can cause my mind to wander. I make time to check on my social media accounts, grab a cup of tea or take short walks. I believe that this strategy gives my mind a chance to recharge so I can do better in my studies.

F – Fatihah, 22 years old

To me, time management involves conscious planning and thoughtful decision-making. I'll prioritise my tasks each day and set a time limit suitable for them. I also organise things in detail to avoid unnecessary issues. These help me to become more productive. Sometimes, I've got to be flexible too because there are things beyond my control.

Questions 33 to 36

Using the information given, which text (A to F) describes the following statements about managing time?

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

Statement	Paragraph
33 Having regular breaks helps me with my studies.	_____
34 I found a way to control my obsession.	_____
35 More goals can be completed when I focus.	_____
36 I need to be able to handle unexpected situations.	_____

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.

Time management tips

If you never seem to have enough time, better time management may help you regain control of your days. The most common (37) _____ for people, especially students, is their devices. Try setting a limit on the amount of time you use your phone or when doing something so you can be (38) _____ whenever you have a long to-do list. Though working on multiple things at once can be time-saving, often, you can never give them equal (39) _____. The best way is to arrange your tasks according to the (40) _____ and decline work that you do not have the time to complete properly. Managing your time effectively can be tricky but it can help you to perform better.