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KEMENTERIAN PELAJARAN MALAYSIA

PENILAIAN MENENGAH RENDAH 2012

BAHASA INGGERIS

Kertas 1
Oktober
1 jam

Satu jam

JANGAN BUKA KERTAS SOALAN INI SEHINGGA DIBERITAHU

1. Kertas soalan ini mengandungi 40 soalan.
2. Jawab semua soalan.

Kertas soalan ini mengandungi 13 halaman bercetak dan 3 halaman tidak bercetak.

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SULIT

www.myschoolchildren.com
Questions 1 – 10 are based on the information given.

Mr and Mrs Jeremy Ong
request the pleasure of the company of

*Mr & Mrs / Mr / Miss Lim Cheng Hiang*

to a Wedding Dinner at
Restaurant Mutia Sedap, 5 Jalan Indah, 12300 Seri Pinang
on Saturday, 6 October 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

on the occasion of the marriage of
their youngest son Mr Anthony Ong with Miss Cynthia Liew

RSVP by 30 August 2012

Bridegroom’s residence:
104 Lorong Siakap
Taman Bestari

1 Which of the following statements is true?
A The event will take place on 30 August 2012.
B The dinner will be held at bridegroom’s house.
C Mr and Mrs Lim Cheng Hiang are getting married.
D Cynthia is going to be Jeremy Ong’s daughter-in-law.

2 All of the following statements are true except
A most girls take the bus to school
B fewer boys than girls go to school by car
C the least popular mode of transport is the motorcycle
D the bicycle is more popular among the boys than girls
Hostage Drama

Kuantan: An unmasked robber holding a cashier as hostage only managed to run a short distance before he was caught by the police.

He had been chased by bank employees and passers-by before the police stopped his attempt to escape.

The drama started at 9.15 in the morning. The robber, pretending to be a customer, jumped over the counter and held the cashier hostage with a knife.

(Source: the Star, 2010)

3. From the extract, we know that the hostage was a
   A. customer
   B. passer-by
   C. policeman
   D. bank employee

4. Which of the following is true about the robbery?
   A. The police caught the masked robber.
   B. A customer was held hostage.
   C. The robber was armed.
   D. A cashier was hurt.

Deposit and Win

Seize this golden opportunity now!

Just open a youth savers account at any branch of CBH Bank from 1 – 31 May 2012 and stand a chance to walk away with attractive prizes.

5. The phrase golden opportunity refers to
   A. a rare chance
   B. a cash deposit
   C. a new account
   D. a valuable prize
Interested in Squash?
Join us at Jaya Sports Complex
every Sunday, 6.30 p.m.
Racquets available.
For further information, call Rudy: 012-4488212

6 From the notice, we know that
A the game is played on weekdays
B racquets are distributed by Rudy
C racquets are provided to all players
D the game is organised by Jaya Sports Complex

Joshua,
You have been absent for two days. Puan Siti said that you are not well. How are you now? Hope to see you back in school soon.

Ming

7 Ming expresses his
A regret
B concern
C sympathy
D encouragement

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Visit our nursery at Kampung Indah (opposite the community hall)

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9 Based on the advertisement above, the centre can
A create a home garden
B beautify Kampung Indah
C set up a nursery
D design a hall

TOWARDS BETTER ENGLISH

SPEAKER : PROFESSOR CHIEW KUM SOON
DATE : 16 NOVEMBER 2012
VENUE : PETALING TOWN HALL
TIME : 8.30 A.M. – 4.30 P.M.
REGISTRATION FEES : RM120 (INCLUSIVE OF LUNCH & TEA)

OPEN TO 100 PARTICIPANTS ONLY
Call 06–6101040 for further information

10 Which of the following statements is not true?
A Professor Chiew will address the participants.
B Lunch and tea are provided free.
C This is a motivational workshop.
D Limited seats are available.
Questions 11 – 20 are based on the following text.

Dear Bonnie,

How are you? I hope you are fine. I have good news for you. You ___11___ me that you were interested in working after the SPM. Well, here’s something that might interest you.

There ___12___ several vacancies for the post of sales promoter at Welcome Supermarket in Serian. You will be paid RM20 per day. There are two shifts to choose ___13___ . You can either ___14___ in the morning or evening. Food is provided ___15___ accommodation can be arranged.

If you are interested, call 082–874000 for ___16___ interview. ___17___, you must hurry as the closing date is 31 December 2012. When you have made your appointment, let ___18___ know the details. ___19___ I just got my driving license, I shall gladly drive you there. Later, we can have lunch and we can catch up ___20___ old times.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Bye.

Your cousin,
Hazel

11 A tell  
B tells  
C told  
D telling  

14 A work  
B works  
C worked  
D working  

12 A is  
B are  
C was  
D were  

15 A or  
B as  
C yet  
D and  

13 A against  
B among  
C from  
D for  

16 A a  
B an  
C the  
D an
17 A Subsequently
    B Eventually
    C Although
    D However

18 A me
    B her
    C you
    D them

19 A Since
    B While
    C When
    D So

20 A to
    B on
    C of
    D in
Questions 21 – 23

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

Wilson : Someone broke into my apartment last night.
Zaini : Oh Gosh! Did they take anything?
Wilson : They took my mobile phone and I think they tried to take my television set but were unsuccessful. I blew up (21) when I saw it was broken.
Zaini : Have you made a police report?
Wilson : Yes I have, Zaini. If I ever come across the robbers, I’ll make sure they’re punished.
Zaini : Wilson, calm down. Let the police deal with (22) them.
Wilson : I can’t seem to get over it. I hope the police track down (23) the robbers.
Zaini : Don’t worry! The police know what to do.

21 blew up
   A lost my mind
   B lost my temper
   C became worried
   D became suspicious

22 deal with
   A handle
   B reveal
   C arrest
   D identify

23 track down
   A shoot
   B chase
   C trace
   D jail
Questions 24 – 26

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

Good morning, fellow classmates. The title of my talk is ‘Gardening as a hobby’.

If you are at a loose end, perhaps you would like to take up a hobby. Gardening would be a good choice. To start this hobby, you have to make up your mind (24) what you want to plant. Planting vegetables will be a good start as you can enjoy the fruits of your labour in no time.

So, keep at hand (25) the required gardening tools such as a trowel, a hoe and a garden shovel. Choose an appropriate place. Prepare the soil and then plant the seedlings. Don’t forget to water them on a regular basis. It will be a feather in your cap (26) once your plants grow well.

Thank you for listening to me.

24 make up your mind
   A confirm
   B decide
   C think
   D plan

25 at hand
   A safe
   B sharp
   C clean
   D close

26 a feather in your cap
   A something to be proud of
   B something to think about
   C something to share
   D something to view
Questions 27 – 32 are based on the following advertisement.

CLEAN HANDS SAVE LIVES

A reminder from World Health Organisation (WHO):
Washing hands frequently is the best way to prevent infectious diseases such as SARS, HFMD (Hand, Foot and Mouth Diseases) and Influenza A (H1N1).

ANTIGERM with Health Alert Malaysia and Pahlawan Hospital has launched a Community Service Programme entitled ‘Clean Hands Save Lives’. The objective of this programme is to educate the public on the correct way of washing hands. The programme also aims to nurture the practice of hand hygiene at home and at school. It is hoped that this healthy habit will eventually be practised by the entire society.

YOUR HEALTH IS IN YOUR HANDS
- USE ANTIGERM

- ANTIGERM is a reliable brand for personal cleanliness and protection
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PROTECT YOUR FAMILY,
BUY ANTIGERM NOW!

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(Source: the Star, 2010)
27 The word *diseases* can best be replaced with
   A habits
   B illnesses
   C practices
   D complaints

28 ‘Clean Hands Save Lives’ is jointly organised by the following *except*
   A Antigerm
   B Pahlawan Hospital
   C Health Alert Malaysia
   D World Health Organisation

29 *Keeping* our hands clean can
   A prevent the spread of diseases
   B kill all types of germs
   C nurture healthy family
   D moisturise our skin

30 Which of the following statements is true?
   A Antigerm is sold by Health Alert Malaysia.
   B Antigerm can be trusted to clean your hands.
   C Antigerm can be used to cure infectious diseases.
   D Antigerm is promoted by the World Health Organisation.

31 The phrase *your health is in your hands* can best mean
   A you must always wash your hands
   B you must choose the best health product
   C you are in control of your personal safety
   D you are responsible for your own well-being

32 World Health Organisation reminds us that
   A there are many infectious diseases around us
   B diseases can be controlled by using Antigerm
   C washing hands reduces the spread of diseases
   D we must find the best way to prevent diseases
Questions 33 – 40 are based on the following passage.

It is a tedious, painstaking job sifting through rice to separate the good grains from the bad. Sorting 20kg of rice takes about four days and for each kilogramme, you can earn only RM1. This is what 71-year-old Kang Eng Kiok has been doing for the last 31 years to earn a living.

Life for this disabled single woman, who moves around in a wheelchair, has always been tough. Kang broke her left wrist when she was 13 and also has a disabled left leg. She also had two unfortunate accidents which affected the growth of her arm. However, this has not stopped her from being independent.

Kang lives with her younger brother and nephew in an old, run-down house in Kampung Cina, Kota Bharu. She said that due to her handicap, no one wanted to employ her for many years. “Fortunately, my grandmother was an expert in sifting the rice to be used in making dumplings. I learnt the skill from her,” she said.

Kang said that this work is available for only two months in a year where she earns RM150. Besides, she receives RM300 monthly allowance from the Welfare Department. “I take at least three hours to sift through 5kg of rice and thank God I have excellent eyesight to tell between the good and the bad grains,” she added.

“I’m happy that I’m not dependent on anyone,” said Kang. She is hired by a Chinese rice dumpling seller during the Dragon Boat Festival which falls around June each year.

“I’ll always remember my mother’s advice not to think about my condition but to strive to be independent,” she said.

(Source: the Star Metro, 2011)

33 What does Kang Eng Kiok do for a living?
   A She sifts rice grains.
   B She makes rice dumpling.
   C She moves around in a wheelchair.
   D She works in a welfare department.

34 One of the accidents had caused Kang to suffer from a
   A poor eyesight
   B broken left leg
   C weakened body
   D deformed arm
35 Kang was unemployed for many years because she
A owns a run-down house
B lives with her grandmother
C receives a welfare allowance
D suffers from physical disabilities

36 How much does Kang make from sifting rice?
A RM1 an hour
B RM300 a month
C RM150 a year
D RM20 a day

37 Which of the following statements is true?
A Kang has very good eyesight.
B Kang sifts rice throughout the year.
C Kang is dependent on her brother and nephew.
D Kang learnt to make dumplings from her grandmother.

38 Kang has a difficult life because
A she has to help sell dumplings
B her disabilities limit her movement
C she has to sort 20kg of rice daily
D her brother and nephew live with her

39 What happened to Kang when she was young?
A She started sifting rice.
B She learnt to make dumplings.
C She met with several accidents.
D She took part in the Dragon Boat Race.

40 Which is the most suitable title for the story?
A A Painstaking Job
B A Mother’s Advice
C A Dumpling Maker
D A Determined Woman

KERTAS SOALAN TAMAT
JANGAN BUKA KERTAS SOALAN INI SEHINGGA DIBERITAHU

1. Kertas soalan ini mengandungi tiga bahagian: Bahagian A, Bahagian B dan Bahagian C.

2. Jawab semua bahagian.

3. Jawapan anda hendaklah ditulis dalam buku jawapan yang disediakan. Sekiranya buku jawapan tidak mencukupi, sila dapatkan helaian tambahan daripada pengawas peperiksaan.
You are invited to present a speech for Prize Giving Day. With the help of the notes below, write your speech entitled 'Qualities of A Good Student'.

**QUALITIES OF A GOOD STUDENT**

- Practise positive values – hard-working and responsible
- Mix with the right peers – study groups
- Maintain good discipline – obey rules
- Spend time wisely – personal timetable
When writing your **speech**, 
- you may use all the notes given 
- **elaborate** on the given notes to make it more interesting 
- you may add other relevant information 
- make sure it is **not less than 120 words**
SECTION B
[15 marks]
[Time suggested: 30 minutes]

Part I
*Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow.*

**A FIGHTER’S LINES**

I am old and worn
and have lost all my strength
sufferings
and the history of the fight for independence
have forced sacrifices
that know no name
or life

from the wheelchair of the rest of my days
I, body and energy crushed
see and cannot do much
these times are too big a challenge
for the remnants of my crippled years
the net of deceit spread everywhere
disturbs me.

In the name of justice
Wake up and form ranks sons of our ancestor
Be brave
And erect a wall of people
Stand up heirs of our freedom

I have no more voice
It is you now who should speak!
(a) Why did the persona make sacrifices? 

[1 mark]

(b) State two phrases in the poem that indicate that the persona is disabled.

(i) [1 mark]

(ii) [1 mark]

Part II

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

1. Around the World in 80 Days – Jules Verne
2. The Railway Children – John Escott
3. How I Met Myself – David A. Hill

Based on one of the novels above, write on the main theme.

Provide textual evidence to support your answer.

Your response should be:

- not less than 50 words
- in continuous writing (not note form)
Read the text below and complete the following task.

Are you aware of the fact that there is a potential killer lurking in your home? It is none other than the feared Aedes.

Killing the Aedes larvae is not a difficult task. All you have to do is to search for and clear every possible breeding ground of the Aedes larvae, whether in your home or its surroundings. Clogged drains are another possible breeding ground. They should be cleaned as often as possible.

As the Aedes breeds in places which contain clear and stagnant water, you should dispose your rubbish properly, especially that which collects water. This would help make your home a safer place to be in.

Also, you have to check all the flower pot plates. Make sure that they are scrubbed and washed regularly. This helps in dislodging the Aedes eggs. It is also important that you change the water in your flower vases at least once every two days.

Last but not least, go and buy larvicide from any hardware shop. Put it into all water containers which are uncovered. This prevents the Aedes larvae from breeding. If you do not want to use any larvicide, then make sure the water containers are always covered.

Remember, Aedes spreads dengue and dengue can kill! So, kill Aedes before it kills you!

(Adapted from: New Straits Times, 2009)
Write a summary on how to prevent Aedes from breeding.

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:

Aedes larvae are dangerous and to destroy them we should ...