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PEPERIKSAAN PERCUBAAN
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2008

BAHASA INGGERIS

Kertas 2

Dua jam lima belas minit

JANGAN BUKA KERTAS SOALAN INI SEHINGGA DIBERITAHU

Arahan:

1. *Kertas soalan ini mengandungi empat bahagian .*
2. *Jawab semua bahagian.*
3. *Anda dinasihati supaya mengambil masa 25 minit untuk menjawab Bahagian A, 25 minit untuk menjawab Bahagian B, 50 minit untuk Bahagian C dan 35 minit untuk Bahagian D.*
4. *Soalan-soalan yang dikemukakan dalam Bahagian A mempunyai empat pilihan jawapan.*
5. *Bulatkan jawapan anda untuk Bahagian A di dalam kertas jawapan yang disediakan.*

Instructions:

1. *This question paper consists of four sections.*
2. *Answer all sections.*
3. *You are advised to spend about 25 minutes on Section A, 25 minutes on Section B, 50 minutes on Section C and 35 minutes on Section D.*
4. *Questions in Section A have four options.*
5. *Circle your answers for Section A on the answer sheet provided.*

Examiner's Code		
Section	Marks	
A	15	
B	10	
C	25	
D	25	
Total	75	

Kertas soalan ini mengandungi 16 halaman bercetak.

Section A

[15 marks]

Questions 1 – 8

For each of the questions, read the question first and then study the information to find the best answer. Then circle the answer A, B, C or D on the answer sheet provided.

AnNaqlui Car Financing-i
Drive Home Your Dream Car

***Government employees only**
***Financing up to 85% of car value**
***Repayment period up to 10 years**

- 1 Based on the advertisement above who is eligible for the car loan?
- A Teachers
 - B Car dealers
 - C Businessmen
 - D Bank Officers

**EATING RIGHT IS AS
 IMPORTANT AS EXERCISING**

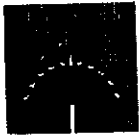
Compared to ordinary wholemeal bread,
 Breakthru Formula MultiWholegrain Fibremeal has...

15% **20%** **22%**

Less Carbohydrates More Dietary Fibre More Protein

✓ Prebiotic Properties ✓ Low Fat
 ✓ No Trans Fat ✓ No Added Sugar

- 2 From the advertisement above, the MultiWholegrain Fibremeal is extraordinary because it
- A has no sugar and protein
 - B has no fat and added sugar
 - C is high in dietary fibre and carbohydrates
 - D contains less carbohydrates and more protein



Safety tips for driving in the rain

- Slow down and give your full concentration while driving
- Switch on your headlights to enable other drivers to see your vehicle
- Ensure that your vehicle is a safe distance away from the vehicle in front
- Do not switch on your hazard lights while driving as it may confuse other drivers. Hazard lights are to be used if your vehicle is stationary

- 3 According to the tips above, when driving in the rain we have to
- slow down our vehicles when the rain stops
 - drive at a safe distance away from the vehicle in front
 - switch off the headlights until we reach our destination
 - switch on the hazard lights so that other drivers can see our vehicles



TALIAN nUUR

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A 24-hour helpline for social and welfare related issues

- 4 Which of the following situation will need us to call "Talian nUUR"?
- Uncollected trash
 - Clogged drains
 - Open burning
 - Child abuse

Men lose weight faster than women

A 16-month study looking at exercising for weight loss, with men and women completing an equal amount of exercise, showed that men, on average, lost 5.2kg while women lost 3.5kg. According to researchers, it may be due to an evolutionary effect. "Nature seems protective of women's role as child bearer and wants women to maintain additional body fat for nourishing healthy babies. Hence, women are much more energy-efficient."

[Adopted from NST, April 6 2008]

- 5 Based on the information above, men lose weight faster than women because
- Women maintain enough fat to nourish healthy babies
 - Women are more efficient because they are child bearers
 - Men are more efficient than women who are energy-efficient
 - Men have more energy and strength to complete their exercise

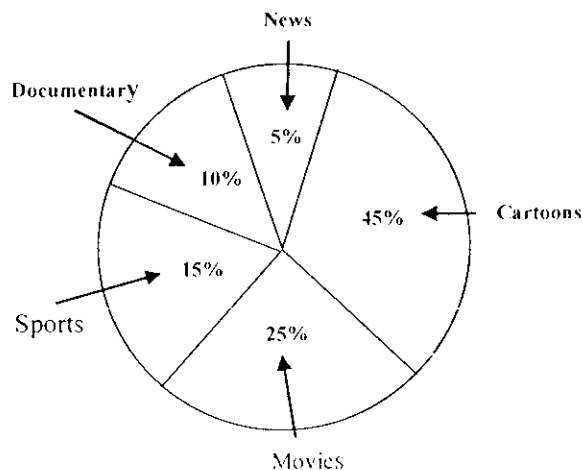


- 6 The cartoon strip above suggests that John
- A does not like animals.
 - B finds the house too noisy.
 - C wants to watch the night sky.
 - D is not allowed to enter the house.

Priya: "Rules are effective on some children. I think we should have detention classes because some boys in my primary school had their names written down so many times but they didn't care and they repeated mistakes."

[Adapted from NIE, Wed. 26 March 08]

- 7 The extract above shows that some primary school boys
- A follow school rules.
 - B continue to be naughty.
 - C are afraid of their teachers.
 - D like to write down their names.



Teenagers' Favourite Television Programme

- 8 We can conclude from the pie chart above that teenagers
- A love cartoons.
 - B like watching the news.
 - C prefer sports to movies.
 - D enjoy documentary programmes.

Questions 9 – 15

Read the following passage and choose the **best** answer. Then circle the answer **A, B, C or D** on the answer sheet provided.

One of the most complex and rich ecosystems in the world is in Malaysia. Malaysia's ecosystem, especially the forests, 9 unique. This is because there are different types of forests 10 on different levels of our land. One of them is the Mangrove Forest.

Mangrove Forests exist 11 the land meets the sea. Malaysia has many areas of Mangrove Forests. Among them are the Matang Forest Reserve in Perak, the Kuala Selangor Nature Park in Selangor, and the Merbok Forest Reserve in Kedah. Mangrove Forests usually occur 12 the coast. They are dependent on both saltwater and river water. Unlike other types of trees, mangrove trees do not mind the 13 seawater. There are about 60 different species of mangrove trees and they 14 differently in different coastal environment.

Mangrove ecosystems are highly productive. 15 are the life support systems for fisheries, forestry, medicine, food and other products. Without mangrove trees, we would have no crabs, oysters, charcoal, and other mangrove products.

[Adapted from Quest, July 2007]

- 9 A is
 B are
 C was
 D were

- 12 A along
 B beside
 C around
 D behind

- 15 A They
 B That
 C Their
 D There

- 10 A find
 B finds
 C found
 D finding

- 13 A salted
 B salty
 C salts
 D salt

- 11 A when
 B what
 C where
 D which

- 14 A live
 B adapt
 C breed
 D produce

Section B

[10 marks]

Question 16 – 25

Read the information given in the brochure below and then answer the questions that follow.

SUMPIT VALLEY

Rail Coffee Shop

This coffee shop has been operating at the Sumpit Railway Station since 1938. Coffee, half-boiled eggs and toasted bread have been the staple food of passengers who alighted and others who waited to board the trains. Home-made *kaya* is the speciality here. Toasted bun has also now been introduced into the menu. The shop is currently run by the third generation of the Lim family that started the business.

Dragon Fruit Orchard

Red or white, succulent dragon fruits are a wonder. Farmers do not have to water them all the time. A walk around a dragon fruit orchard will show how well the plant thrives. They are simply delicious to eat as a dessert; rich in vitamins and minerals. Nowadays, the fruits are relatively cheap too. And there is, of course, the delicious dragon fruit cake to savour.

Thunder Mountains

Two mountains are worthy of mention at this place. One is Gunung Lembing, the highest point in Sumpit Valley at 510 metres. It is one of the southernmost mountains in the Sempadan Range in Malaysia. The peak is an easy climb for those who like outdoor adventure. The other mountain is Gunung Selimut, where one can enjoy a swim at the waterfalls. Of course, there is a resort and a playground at the foot of the mountain as well.

Kexin Organic Park

This organic agriculture park is located along the road to Ayer Puteh. The park has a vegetable plantation, farm market, flower nursery and even a function hall. It also provides recreational activities for the whole family such as walking and bicycle tours, jogging and simple jungle trekking. There is even a park café where snacks such as sandwiches, fried mee and *popiah* are sold. Admission into the park is free.

Twilight Bridge

This is indeed a beautiful antique bridge. The bridge, made entirely of wood, still stands as strong as when it was built 50 years ago. It connects the old town to the new town on the other side. There, one can find restaurants which serve the finest local cuisines. Tourists can walk along the Kumbang River for an educational tour and take photographs of the mesmerizing view.

Questions 16 – 20

For each of the descriptions given below, name one place where these people would go in Sumpit Valley.

	Description	Place
16	Encik Kamal enjoys cycling along jungle paths.	
17	Puan Chong loves to eat this special fruit as well as cakes made from it.	
18	Mr Whiteman enjoys mountain climbing during his free time.	
19	Encik Muthu likes to eat toasted bun and coffee for breakfast.	
20	Miss Devi wants to take her students for a study trip.	

[5 marks]

Questions 21 – 25

Complete the sentences below using the information given.

21. Customers enjoy eating at the Rail Coffee Shop which is famous for its
 [1 mark]
22. The dragon fruit is recommended to be eaten because it is
 [1 mark]
23. The English Language Society went to Gunung Selimut for
 [1 mark]
24. Karim and his family can enter Kexin Organic Park without paying because
 [1 mark]
25. The Twilight Bridge joins
 [1 mark]

[5 marks]

Section C

[25 marks]

Questions 26 – 31 are based on the following passage.

- 1 One day, towards the end of my form four, a mistake happened. It made one
dream come true for a student who did not deserve it. That student was me.
- 2 My class teacher, Miss Jing, asked me to come to her office. She had a very
kind face and her voice sounded like music. She touched my arm and adjusted
the collar of my shirt. 5
- 3 “You have been chosen,” said Miss Jing, “to receive the principal’s
scholarship.”
- 4 To me this sounded like a trip to dreamland. I could not say a word. The
scholarship was a great honour for every school student. This was because only
one student from each class was selected and you had to score in both 10
examinations of the year.
- 5 “What mark did I get?” I asked.
- 6 “94 over 100,” replied Miss Jing. “The same result as Rahman.”
- 7 My face went red. Everybody knew that Rahman was the top student in
form four of our Secondary school. In fact, he was the top student in the 15
Penilaian Menengah Rendah examination. Unlike me, he was so smart,
diligent and well-behaved, that he always got the scholarship. How could I
ever rank with him? Something must have gone wrong during the marking
process. My teachers had never realised how I struggled with my homework
while Rahman always did it with ease. It was I who sometimes came late for 20
class while Rahman was forever on time. I teased my classmates during break
time while Rahman was often reading quietly in a corner. I got easily distracted
during lessons while Rahman was constantly focused. Perhaps Miss Jing had
mistaken me for Rahman.
- 8 “You can go now,” Miss Jing patted my arm again. “I will send a letter to 25
inform your parents of your achievement.”
- 9 From that moment on, I was afraid that Miss Jing would discover the truth about
me and take back the scholarship. I began to try very hard to change my
ways. I tried to come to class on time. I took care not to miss my homework. I
worked harder on my assignments. I refrained from bullying my friends. As 30
the next school year came, I realised that I had slowly transformed into a
different person and had become what Miss Jing had believed I was. Before I
knew it, I completed my form five and left school. A year later, I was accepted
into a college to pursue a diploma course.
- 10 Three years after that, I received another scholarship that enabled me to take 35
up a Bachelor Degree in Business Studies. One day, my mother came and
visited me. She told me that Miss Jing had died of cancer several months
before. Shortly before she passed away, my mother visited her at the hospital.
My mother asked Miss Jing if she still remembered me.
- 11 “Of course, I do,” Miss Jing said. “Back in those days, Rahman was the best 40
student. Your son had always wanted to compete with him but he never
succeeded. Then, for the first time I gave him the same mark as Rahman. I
wanted to give him the chance to succeed. It was a risk I took. I had to believe
that he could improve if I gave him the opportunity.”
- 12 I was moved. I could not find the words to express my true feelings. I sat 45
alone for hours wondering how well my teacher still remembered this incident
long after I had left school. Maybe Miss Jing never realised how much she had
changed me. Without her, I would not be where I am today.

Adapted from :It was a mistake by Bao Dat, Asian Short Stories Vol 4

Questions 26 -31

From paragraph 1:

26. (a) What made a dream come true for a student?

..... [1 mark]

From paragraph 3:

(b) Why was the student called to the teacher’s room?

..... [1 mark]

From paragraph 7:

27. (a) Who was Rahman?

..... [1 mark]

(b) Give two reasons why the student thought that the teacher might have wrongly chosen him?

(i) [1 mark]

(ii) [1 mark]

From paragraph 9:

28. (a) What made the student change his behaviour?

..... [1 mark]

(b) Which **word** has the same meaning as ‘withheld’?

..... [1 mark]

From paragraph 11:

29. In your opinion, why did the teacher give the writer the same mark as Rahman?

..... [1 mark]

From paragraph 12:

30. In your own words, explain what the student meant by the sentence “Without her, I would not be where I am today”.

..... [2 marks]

31. Based on the passage given, write a summary on:

- the narrator's reaction to his teacher's news.
- the changes he submitted himself to.
- his teacher's action.

Credit will be given for use of your own words but care must be taken not to change the original meaning.

Your summary must

- be in continuous writing (not in note form)
- use material from **lines 8 to 44**
- not be longer than **130 words, including the 10 words** given below

Begin your summary as follows:

When his teacher informed him that he had been chosen...

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Section D

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Question 32

Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow.

Monsoon History

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Drinking milo.
Nyonya and baba sit at home.
This was forty years ago.
Sarong-wrapped they counted
Silver paper for the dead.
Portraits of grandfathers
Hung always in the parlour.
Reading Tennyson, at six
p.m. in pajamas,
Listening to down-pouring
Rain: the air ticks
With gnats, black spiders fly,

Moths sweep out of our rooms
Where termites built
Their hills of eggs and queens zoom
In heat. We wash our feet
For bed, watch mother uncoil
Her snake hair, unbuckle
The silver mesh around her waist,
Waiting for father pacing
The sand as fishers pull
From the Straits after monsoon.

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The air is still, silent
Like sleepers rocked in the pantun.
Sheltered by Malacca
This was forty years ago,
When nyonya married baba.

SHIRLEY GEOK-LIN LIM

32 (a) Who do the Nyonyas and Babas count silver paper for?

..... [1 mark]

(b) From stanza iii, who wash their feet before going to sleep?

..... [1 mark]

(c) What does the phrase 'uncoil her snake hair' from stanza iii mean?

..... [1 mark]

(d) In your opinion, how are the Nyonyas and Babas influenced by the Malay culture?

..... [2 marks]

33 Read the extract from the short story **The Necklace** below and answer the questions that follow.

The night of the ball arrived. Madame Loisel was a great success. She was prettier than any other woman present, elegant, graceful, smiling and filled with joy. All the men looked at her, asked her name, sought to be introduced. All the attachés of the cabinet wished to waltz with her. She was remarked by the minister himself.

She danced with rapture, with passion, intoxicated by pleasure, forgetting all in the triumph of her beauty, in the glory of her success, in a sort of cloud of happiness composed of all this homage and admiration and of that sense of triumph which is so sweet to a woman's heart.

(a) Where was Madame Loisel?

..... [1 mark]

(b) Why was Madame Loisel a great success?

..... [1 mark]

(c) What does the phrase 'forgetting all' in the story refer to?

..... [1 mark]

(d) Would you be happy if you were Madame Loisel that night? Give a reason for your answer.

..... [2 marks]

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

Jungle of Hope	-	Keris Mas
The Pearl	-	John Steinbeck
The Return	-	K.S. Maniam

Choose any one of the novels above and answer the question below.

‘Sacrificing oneself for the ones that we love is indeed a noble act’.

Describe the act of **sacrifice** as shown by one of the characters in the novel that you have read.
Discuss your answer with close reference to the text.

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