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TEMPAT : UUM, SINTOK
AKADEMI TV3, KUALA LUMPUR
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2. Anda dikehendaki menjawab SEMUA soalan.
3. Semua jawapan hendaklah ditulis pada ruangan yang disediakan.
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SULIT
PART I: READING COMPREHENSION & VOCABULARY

Passage 1

Read the passage below and answer ALL the questions that follow.

Street-Corner Librarian

1. Takahito Koya, a retired newspaper editor, and several friends in the central Japanese city of Ikeda thought it was a waste when they noticed their neighbours discarding books. They decided to collect them to sell in a used-book market.

2. But many volumes remained unsold. When one member suggested that they leave the books in a box on the street for people to take, Koya took the idea a step further. Why not, he suggested, set up a roadside library? Display the books in a bookcase and encourage passers-by to borrow them.

3. Koya’s proposal initially received a cool reception from city officials, who asked who would look after the library. When Koya promised that his group would oversee it, city officials gave their blessing.

4. A local cabinet maker built and donated the bookcase, and the roadside library, holding about 450 books, opened in front of Ikeda city hall in 1989. It was an instant hit. Koya was overwhelmed with requests to open more libraries around the city, and in the past ten years has supervised the opening of 11 additional roadside libraries. Since all the public libraries are in the city center, the roadside libraries make books more accessible to people in the suburbs, he says.

5. Most people do return the books they take, says Koya, and some users even add their own books to the library’s collections. The group continues to collect used books to build up the collections.

6. Four other cities have contacted Koya about setting up similar programmes. Ikeda mayor, Koaru Kurata, is delighted with how much the libraries have improved life in the city. “Mr. Koya is the pride of Ikeda,” he says.

7. Koya says his aim is to conserve resources. “I hope more people will follow my example. When we started, only a few people were interested in what we were doing. Now people are aware of the need to save the earth.”

Adapted from Reader’s Digest, March, 1999.
A. The following statements are about the passage above. Mark the sentences TRUE or FALSE in the space provided.

1. Mr. Koya and his friends used to collect books donated by their neighbours.  
   ✔️

2. The used-book market was not a success because many volumes remained unsold.  
   ✔️

3. At first, Ikeda city officials did not welcome Mr. Koya’s proposal to set up a roadside library.  
   ✔️

4. Most people failed to return the books they had borrowed from the roadside libraries of Ikeda.  
   ✔️

   (2 marks)

B. Answer the following questions about the passage.

1. What made Mr. Koya and his friends decide to collect discarded books and sell them in a used-book market?

   (2 marks)

2. What happened to Mr. Koya when his first roadside library became an instant hit?

   (3 marks)

3. Why were the roadside libraries found in the suburbs rather than in the city center?

   (3 marks)
4. Why did the city mayor, Mr. Koaru Kurata, say that Mr. Koya was the pride of Ikeda?

(3 marks)

C. Choose the most appropriate word or expression from the passage that matches the meaning given below.

1. throwing away (para 1)

2. to be in charge (para 3)

3. immediately popular (para 4)

4. starting (para 6)

5. realize (para 7)

(5 marks)

TOTAL /18 marks
Passage 2

Read the passage below carefully and answer ALL the questions that follow.

The Sinking of Titanic

1 On Sunday, April 14, 1912, Titanic was heading for New York, sailing through the Atlantic Ocean. It was a calm moonless night, the temperature was about 0 degree Celsius. Inside the dining hall, the passengers were enjoying their dinner in the warm lively atmosphere. Meanwhile in the wireless room, Jack Phillips and Harold Bride were busy receiving ice warnings from other ships in the same area. These messages were passed on to Captain Smith and the officers, who regarded them as normal warnings during this time of year, and no threat to the Titanic. When the Titanic arrived at Cape Race, Newfoundland around 9:30 p.m., another steamship, Mesaba sent an urgent reporting that there are icebergs in the direction the Titanic was sailing. Unfortunately it was ignored.

2 Up on the observation deck, Frederick Fleet was staring into the darkness. It was around 11:30 p.m. when he noticed a black object immediately in their path, he knew it was an iceberg.

3 First Officer Murdoch quickly ordered for the ship to turn. Slowly the ship began to turn and it looked as if it was going to clear the ice. When they heard a strange scraping noise, Murdoch knew they had hit an iceberg, a seaman’s worst nightmare. He then ordered the watertight doors shut.

4 Titanic’s watertight doors sealed all of her 16 compartments. After the collision, Thomas Andrews met with Captain Smith. It was during this meeting that Andrews stated the ship was in great danger. Over 200 feet of the ship was sliced open and water was gushing into the ship. Knowing the ship was doomed, Captain Smith ordered evacuation of the Titanic. Their greatest problem was the Titanic only carried enough lifeboats for about half of the 2,200 people on board. Meanwhile in the wireless operators were sending SOS calls indicating the Titanic’s position. Passengers started rushing to get into the lifeboats. There were cries and screams from the people left on the Titanic as she was sinking. She went under at 2:20 a.m., almost 3 hours after striking the ice. Shortly after all the cries stopped, all that was left were the lifeboats, the darkness and the strange silence.

5 The steamer, Carpathia, one of the ships closest to the Titanic, tried to go to her rescue, but knew they would not make it on time. At 4:00 a.m., passengers on the lifeboats spotted the Carpathia’s lights over the horizon.
A. What do the following pronouns refer to? No. 0 has been done for you.

0. it (para 3) __________ the ship, Titanic

1. them (para 1) ____________________________

2. it (para 1) ____________________________

3. he (para 2) ____________________________

4. she (para 4) ____________________________

(4 marks)

B. Match the following words taken from the passage with the meanings. No. 0 has been done for you.

0. ignored (para 1) □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ b. certain to be destroyed

1. noticed (para 2) □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ b. deliberately paid no attention to

2. watertight (para 3) □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ c. action of sending people to a safe place

3. doomed (para 4) □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ d. the line far away where the land or sea seems to meet the sky

4. evacuation (para 4) □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ e. used for keeping water

5. horizon (para 5) □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ f. does not allow water to pass through

g. action of sending people into the water

h. the sky between two mountains

i. saw

(5 marks)
C. Answer the following questions about the passage.

1. Name the final destination of the Titanic.

______________________________________________________________________________________

(1 mark)

2. Why did Captain Smith pay no attention to the iceberg warnings from other ships?

______________________________________________________________________________________

(2 marks)

3. What is a seaman's worst nightmare?

______________________________________________________________________________________

(2 marks)

4. How did First Officer Murdoch know that they had hit an iceberg?

______________________________________________________________________________________

(2 marks)

5. The lifeboats on the Titanic were enough for about how many passengers?

______________________________________________________________________________________

(1 mark)

TOTAL /35 marks
PART II: GRAMMAR
Section A: Mixed Tenses

Fill in the blanks with the correct tense of the indicated verb. No. (0) has been done for you.

Ben Mann, a writer, is 55 years old. He (0) ___________ (spend) his childhood in India in the 1950’s, but he (1) ___________ (leave) India when he was 13 years old, and he (2) ___________ (never, go) back since then.

From 1958 to 1962, he (3) ___________ (study) law, but after graduating he did not become a lawyer. Instead, he (4) ___________ (work) on a passenger ship for some years as a cabin steward. It was during that time that Ben discovered his talent as a writer. He observed the passengers and recorded strange and interesting happenings in his diary. Soon, with some imagination, he (5) ___________ (start) to write stories about them.

All Ben’s novels (6) ___________ (be) very successful. His first novel Troubled Water (7) ___________ (sell) two million copies since it was first published fifteen years ago. His novels (8) ___________ (already, win) three international prizes.

Ten years ago, Ben (9) ___________ (meet) and married Darcy, and since then they (10) ___________ (live) in a farmhouse on the coast. They have two children. For the last three years Ben (11) ___________ (teach) English Literature at a university. Currently, he (12) ___________ (work) on a new novel.

Ben does not enjoy talking about the future. “I think we (13) ___________ (do) better if we allow the future to look after itself” he always (14) ___________ (say). However, it is no secret that he wants to write a play. Next year, he (15) ___________ (spend) six months trying to write his first play, that is once his latest novel is completed.
Section B: Adjectives and Adverbs

Use the correct form of the words given in the bracket to fill in the blanks. No. (0) has been done for you.

Three students are sitting in the cafeteria, discussing about the Distance Learning Programme in UUM.

Samad: I wish I had completed my studies when I was still (0) young (young). Everything is becoming (1) _________ (bad). This semester, I seem to be carrying a (2) _________ (heavy) workload than the last semester.

Sharifah: I feel the same way, too. I have to read my notes (3) _________ (quick) during the free time in my office.

Karim: Of course, it isn’t easy. But it is definitely (4) _________ (good) to be ambitious and face challenges. I have tried taking up management courses in several places but the one in UUM seems to be the (5) _________ (suitable) for me.

Samad: I see your point, but isn’t it (6) _________ (expensive) than the programme offered to on-campus students?

Sharifah: I don’t mind paying more for the registration, tuition fees and accommodation but my (7) _________ (big) problem is time management.

Samad: That’s part of my problem, too. Sometimes, I take too much time completing the assignments because I am not able to think (8) _________ (lateral). Oh, I wish I could graduate tomorrow.

Sharifah: Well, you will just have to wait (9) _________ (patient). As for me, I have promised myself than I will work (10) _________ (hard) than I did during the last semester.

Karim: That’s the spirit.

TOTAL /10 marks
Section C: Articles

Fill in the blanks with 'a', 'an' or 'the' where necessary. No. (0) has been done for you.

Auction Sales

Have you ever witnessed (0) _an_ auction? Auctions are public sales of goods, conducted by (1) __________ officially approved auctioneer. He asks the crowd assembled in the auction room to make offers, or 'bids', for (2) __________ various items on sale. He encourages buyers to bid higher figures, and finally names (3) __________ highest bidder as the buyer of (4) __________ goods. This is called 'knocking down' the goods, for (5) __________ bidding ends when (6) __________ auctioneer bangs (7) __________ small hammer on a table at which he stands. This is often set on a raised platform called a rostrum. Many view the auction sale as (8) __________ interesting event, where "treasures" with great potential of fetching an even higher price in future, can be obtained.

The ancient Romans probably invented sales by auction, and the English word comes from the Latin auctio, meaning 'increase'. The Romans usually sold in this way (9) __________ items taken in war; these sales were called sub hasta, meaning 'under the spear'. Usually (10) __________ spear, which is stuck in the ground, was used as a signal for crowds to gather.
Section D: Linking Words

Fill in the blanks below with ‘and’, ‘or’, ‘so’ or ‘but’.

1. The country’s economy is picking up again, ________ economists caution against excessive spending which might lead to a higher inflation rate.

2. The assignments is due, and we must submit by today ________ tomorrow.

3. The course registration will be on for three days, Sunday, Monday ________ Tuesday.

4. The academic ________ administrative staff members are ready to work together to develop the quality culture envisioned by the university.

5. Malaysia wants to host the next Asian Games, ________ everyone must play their part in helping the country to win the bid to host this prestigious event.

6. The daughter would like to enrol in Universiti Malaya, ________ the father feels that Universiti Utara Malaysia would be a better choice.

7. This campaign hopes to educate people on the dangers of obesity, ________ it has succeeded in promoting healthy eating habits and active lifestyles among the younger generation.

8. You may rewrite your draft for this report, ________ you must promise to edit the changes that I have suggested.

9. The hostage crisis has entered its third week, ________ the government mediators must double their efforts to negotiate with the kidnappers and secure the release of the hostages.

10. Which team will emerge champion in the Thomas Cup Finals, China ________ Indonesia?
PART III: COMPOSITION

Write an essay of not more than 250 words based on the information given below. You may add any necessary details.

An Unforgettable Experience


b) Ah Lek – see – in front not far away – another driver – drive dangerously

c) Suddenly the car – brake – too late – knock down a motorcyclist – the driver – doesn’t stop – drive on

d) Ah Lek stop his car – check the victim – unconscious – head bleeding – tremble – doesn’t know what to do – wait – no one come

e) Take motorcyclist to hospital – arrive almost midnight – nurse telephone doctor and police.

f) Nurse attend to the motorcyclist – past midnight doctor arrive – quick examination – admit ICU – police arrive – ask Ah Lek lots of questions

g) Almost 3 a.m. – finish giving report – dead tired – drive home.

Write your composition in the space provided below.