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TIME: 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. (2 ½ HOURS)
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INSTRUCTIONS:
1. This question booklet consists of THREE (3) sections in SEVENTEEN (17) printed pages excluding the cover page.
2. Answer ALL questions.
3. ALL answers must be written in the question booklet.
4. Use PEN to write your answers.
5. The rules on academic dishonesty shall apply in this examination.

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CONFIDENTIAL
SECTION ONE (50 MARKS)
You are advised to spend about 60 minutes on this section.
Read the following passage and answer all the questions in Parts A, B, C, D and E.

Tanjung Rambutan

I In this article, Elizabeth Leong tells about her visit to Tanjung Rambutan. Tanjung Rambutan has always been notoriously associated with a mental health institution, Hospital Bahagia. The hospital named the Federal Lunatic Asylum was founded in 1911. But today, do not snigger if someone wants to visit Tanjung Rambutan, 30km north-east of Ipoh in Perak. A slow drive to this sleepy hollow can soothe frazzled nerves as back-to-nature diversions lie waiting to be experienced by the visitors especially the trekkers. So they can go with their hiking gear, trekking shoes, fishing rods and bait. The journey will bring to mind Forest Gump’s famous line: "Life’s like a box of chocolates, you never know what you’re gonna get." So, it is with this mindset that I start my journey from Ipoh’s Jalan Tambun to the village of the same name - Tambun. Once a vibrant settlement with tin mines and coffee plantations, Tambun today still clings tenaciously to its trademark fruit with stalls displaying pomelos dangling from raffia nettings. They look rather inviting but I give them a pass.

II Tambun’s long-time attraction is its pre-historic wall paintings but sadly, there is no any signboard along the main road to show their whereabouts. What a pity! This is a spot that can enhance tourism in the area. In Tambun, my first stop is Enlightened Heart Buddhist Temple Association on Jalan Ampang that ranks as the only Tibetan Buddhist temple in the country. The slip road leading to the temple is beside the police station just after Nonwoven Plastic Industries Sdn Bhd factory. The rather lonely place of worship sports Tibetan architecture and its focal point is a 13-floor pagoda. A plaque in the interior of the temple explains that the temple was founded by one Reverend Yong and its current structure was
built over 13 years. It is huff-and-puff all the way up the flights of stairs; it is 13-floor of pagoda! On the 11th floor hangs a giant bell. On the 12th floor, there are painted tiles depicting Lord Buddha’s life. I am drenched in sweat when I reach the top level. Here stands a four-metre tall statue of Lord Buddha under a fake Bodhi tree. It seems odd to me that Lord Buddha is depicted as standing in contrast to sitting in the lotus position or reclining. I take in the stunning views of the countryside. A separate building near a limestone cliff is also crowned with another statue of Lord Buddha again standing.

III
I leave Tambun and drive towards Tanjung Rambutan. While whizzing further two kilometres from the town, I catch sight of building walls wedged in limestone cliffs. A signboard says Tong Wah Cave Temple. However, there is nothing spectacular inside the various caverns that can be reached via a cement stairway. I wonder about the number of calories I have burned after trekking up and down 160 steps! A kilometre ahead, there is a disused mining pool converted into a sports fishing pond. *Kolam Memancing Ikan Laut Hock Chong* differs from others as it offers sea fish. A deposit of RM55 is required and each hour costs RM11. The facility opens daily from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. Why so late? Apparently, fish love to be fed during the night.

IV
The Bay of Hairy Fruits (the literal meaning of Tanjung Rambutan) is a one-street town with a few side lanes. Tourist brochures mention with pride a horse stud farm but they fail to point out that visitors are not allowed in. When I stop my car at the entrance to the National Stud Farm, the security guard denies access to me. What a disappointment! In the town centre, the sight of a few historic buildings compensates for my dismay. Made of timber, the railway station dates back to 1900. Tat Chooi School is another heritage landmark and it was built in 1929. Sri Mahakaliaman Temple is a colourful sight.
My next destination is a waterfall, often mentioned in tourist brochures but directions are not given. As there are no signboards either, I ask for help at the police station. Then, I take the road at the town’s Masjid An-Nur at the traffic light. Last but not least, I go past the Ranger Brigade Camp, and after three kilometres, I can see the entrance with an archway. Overnight campers need to register with the Tanjung Rambutan Police Station which keeps track of climbers. Ulu Kinta Recreational Forest is the gateway to trekking up Mount Korbu, 3,183m above sea level. It is covered with dipterocarp, montane and wildlife forests, and it is the second highest peak in Peninsular Malaysia. In the forest reserve, one can visit an Orang Asli village or swim in the pool at the bottom of a waterfall. The Orang Asli there are friendly too. They sell some Tongkat Ali, petai, durians and other local fruits. As I am not prepared for any trekking, my only souvenir is a snapshot of the arched entrance.

Adapted from:

Part A (15 marks)
Answer the questions below based on the passage.

1. Typically, what is Tanjung Rambutan associated with?

2. From which movie was the statement, “Life’s like a box of chocolates, you never know what you’re gonna get,” quoted by the writer?

3. What is the trademark fruit of Tambun?
4. What did the writer say about Tambun's whereabouts?

______________________________________________ (1 mark)

5. Why did the writer mention that she had to huff-and-puff all the way up the pagoda?

______________________________________________ (1 mark)

6. How did the writer reach Tong Wah Cave Temple?

______________________________________________ (1 mark)

7. What is the literal meaning of Tanjung Rambutan?

______________________________________________ (1 mark)

8. List TWO (2) historic buildings that compensated for the writer's dismay.
   a) ____________________________________________
   b) ____________________________________________ (2 marks)

9. List THREE (3) moves she made to reach the waterfall
   a) ____________________________________________
   b) ____________________________________________
   c) ____________________________________________ (3 marks)

10. How do the police keep track of all climbers to Mount Korbu?

______________________________________________ (1 mark)

11. Provide TWO (2) interesting facts about Ulu Kinta Recreational Forest.
    a) ____________________________________________
    b) ____________________________________________ (2 marks)
Part B (5 marks)
Read the statements below and circle (T) if they are TRUE or (F) if they are FALSE.

1. Trekkers can experience the journey of back-to-nature with their hiking gear, trekking shoes and fishing equipments. \[ T \quad F \]

2. The writer’s first stop is the Tong Wah Cave Temple. \[ T \quad F \]

3. Kolam Memancing Ikan Laut Hock Chong opens everyday. \[ T \quad F \]

4. Tat Chooi School was built in 1990. \[ T \quad F \]

5. Mount Korbu is the second highest peak in Malaysia. \[ T \quad F \]

\( (\quad) / 5 \text{ marks} \)

Part C (5 marks)
What do the following pronoun references refer to in the passage? They are **boldfaced** and **underlined** in the passage.

1. **her** (para. I, line 1) ___________ ___________

2. **they** (para. I, line 8) ___________ ___________

3. **their** (para. II, line 17) ___________ ___________

4. **It** (para. V, line 62) ___________ ___________

5. **they** (para. V, line 66) ___________ ___________

\( (\quad) / 5 \text{ marks} \)
Part D (10 marks)
Match the following vocabulary items/expressions which are **boldfaced** in the passage in the column on the left with their meanings in the column on the right. An example has been provided below.

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<th>Vocabulary items</th>
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<td><strong>e.g. notoriously</strong></td>
<td>d. known widely and usually unfavorably</td>
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<td>a. laugh unpleasantly</td>
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<td>2. <strong>whereabouts</strong></td>
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(___________ / 10 marks)
Part E (15 marks)
Read the following passage and answer all the questions in Part E.

Where elephants roam free

Visitors to Kenyir Lake via Pengkalan Gawi, a port to ferry visitors to the biggest man-made lake in Southeast Asia, should not limit their itinerary to the lake only. This is because not far from the jetty is Kenyir Elephant Village, the latest addition to Kenyir Lake's vast attraction.

Located at Telemong River, the village, which covers 256 hectares, is home to nine Malaysia-born tamed elephants roaming free. Although the area is huge, only 20 per cent has been developed. The rest of the recreational area, which comprises flowing streams and valleys, is untouched. It takes a leisurely 10-minute walk through a sprawling forest to get to the closest stream. Not to forget the waterfall with the cold water can be found too.

Several canopy walkways give visitors different angles from which to observe pachyderm habitat and behaviour such as digging, dust-bathing, stream-bathing and playing a scent exploration. Visitors to this new attraction will also get to see the elephants perform a handful of tricks, like playing the harmonica. The adventurous will have the opportunity to get up close with these mammals which feed between 80kg and 100kg per day each.

A recent visit to the elephant village showed that the animals seem to have settled down in this new habitat. Accompanied by their loyal mahouts, they were about to have their bath. One baby elephant got a tad excited seeing the crowd gathering at the mouth of the stream. The playful creature ran about aimlessly and knocked into some of us while doing so. But his mahout ran to the rescue and gave him a little pep talk, and all was well again.
Interestingly, the village also has a buffer zone where wild elephants sometimes roam. These wild elephants are often bewildered when their jungle homes make way for development. There are also those who are orphaned. As a result, they end up walking into some kampong. Several local mahouts have undergone training to help take care of these loving creatures.

Kenyir Elephant Village was conceptualized and built in 2012 to educate the public on nature and wildlife. It was set up by the Elephant Management Unit under the authority of the Department of Wildlife and National Parks, the Central Terengganu Development Authority and the Terengganu State Government. The Elephant Camp is the foremost authority on elephant translocation to ensure a healthy elephant population and reduce human-elephant conflict.

If you are coming from Kuala Lumpur, you can either drive or take a bus to Kenyir Lake. The trip will take six to seven hours. But if you are flying to Kuala Terengganu, you can take a taxi (RM 100 per car) to the main jetty, Pengkalan Gawi, at the lake. There are also buses to Kuala Berang, the nearest town to Kenyir Lake and from there taxis cost RM 80 per car to Pengkalan Gawi. From this point, the last leg of your journey will be across water.

Water transportation is the most important mode of travel in Kenyir Lake. All boats are located at Pengkalan Gawi. Kenyir Lake is 40km west of Kuala Berang and 55km from Kuala Terengganu.

Adapted from:
1. Name a new addition to visitors' itinerary to Kenyir Lake.

(1 mark)

2. What is the village located at Telemong River, home to?

(1 mark)

3. List FOUR (4) things that can be found in the Elephant Village recreational areas.
   a) ________________________________
   b) ________________________________
   c) ________________________________
   d) ________________________________

(2 marks)

4. What are the FOUR (4) pachyderm habitat and behaviours that can be observed from the canopy walkways?
   a) ________________________________
   b) ________________________________
   c) ________________________________
   d) ________________________________

(2 marks)

5. What were the reactions of the baby elephant when it saw the crowd at the mouth of the stream?

(2 marks)
6. How did the mahout calm that baby elephant?

__________________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________

(2 marks)

7. Where can the wild elephants roam?

__________________________________________________________________________

(1 mark)

8. List TWO (2) authorities that manage and monitor the Kenyir Elephant Village.
   a) ____________________________________________________________
   b) ____________________________________________________________

(2 marks)

9. How can you get to Kenyir Lake?

__________________________________________________________________________

(1 mark)

10. Name the most important mode of travel in Kenyir Lake

__________________________________________________________________________

(1 mark)

( ________ / 15 marks)

Total score for SECTION ONE: ________/50 marks
SECTION TWO (30 MARKS)
You are advised to spend about **40 minutes** on this section.

Part A (10 marks)
Complete the text below with the correct Simple Present or Simple Past form of the verbs in brackets. An example has been provided below.

Dear Anita,

How (e.g.) **are (be)** you? I **(1) ________ (be)** sorry to hear that your cousin has dengue now. This problem **(2) ________ (seem)** to have become very serious all of a sudden. We always **(3) ________ (feel)** that the problem is not our concern until someone close to us is affected.

According to the news, 30 per cent of the 1500 suspected cases over the first three weeks of the year were made up of school students. About 53 per cent of 621 confirmed cases **(4) ________ (comprise)** children and youth under the age of 24. These statistics are quite worrying. This has promoted the health ministry to increase checks on Aedes breeding grounds in school and public areas. The construction sites are largely to be blamed. The problem is made worse by the rainy season. The stagnating water **(5) ________ (attract)** the mosquitoes to lay egg and breed in the areas.

Last year, the authorities **(6) ________ (take)** various steps to control the situation. Fogging was carried out in many public areas and most of the housing estates. Contractors at the construction sites have been instructed to take appropriate actions and warned to clean up. They could be fined up to RM 3000 for breeding Aedes mosquitoes. The government and NGOs **(7) ________ (do)** a lot of campaigns through the television, radio, newspapers and the Internet just to make people aware of it.

Before the long school breaks in November 2013, schools all over Malaysia **(8) ________ (carry out)** clean-up campaigns of the school compounds. The residents' association in my housing area also organised a family day to clean-up our residential area.
There (9) ________ (be) huge piles of rubbish especially old tyres and containers littered by the hawkers near the night market site.

The situation in Malaysia has improved since the end of January. There have been no reports of new cases of dengue. So do not worry. You can bring your family for a holiday here in June. I am looking forward to seeing them again. (10) ________ (send) my regards to your mom and dad. Do take care of yourself. Till we meet again.

Yours sincerely,

Bahlia

(_______/10 marks)

Part B (10 marks)

Complete the text below with the correct Simple Present, Simple Past or Past Progressive form of the verbs in brackets. An example has been provided below.

Flower Power

It (e.g.) was (be) Mother’s day morning last year and when I (1) ________ (do) the food shopping at our local supermarket with my five-year-old son, Tenyson. As we (2) ________ (leave), we realised that only minutes earlier an elderly woman had fallen over at the entrance to the store and had hit her head on the concrete. Her husband (3) ________ (be) with her, but there was blood everywhere and the woman was embarrassed and clearly in shock. Fortunately, a lot of people had stopped to help out.
Walking towards the scene, Tennyson (4) _______ (become) very upset about what had happened to the elderly couple. He said to me, "Mom, it (5) _______ (be) not much fun falling over in front of everyone." At the front of the supermarket, a charity group had set up a stall selling cooked sausages to raise funds. They (6) _______ (sell) flowers at the stall too. At that moment, Tennyson (7) _______ (suggest) that we should buy the lady a flower. "It will make her (8) _______ (feel) better," he said. I was amazed that he would come up with this sweet idea.

So we went over to the flower seller and I asked her if I could buy a flower for the elderly lady because my son wanted to give it to her to cheer her up. "Just (9) _______ (take) it," she replied. "I can't take your money for such a wonderful gesture."

By now paramedics had arrived, and were attending to the injured woman. As we walked up to her, my son became intimidated by all the blood and medical equipment. He said he wanted to give the flower to the lady but he was too frightened to go up to her. Instead I gave the flower to the woman's husband and told him, "My son was very upset about your wife and wanted to give her this flower to make her feel better."

At that, the old man started crying and said, "Thank you so much, you (10) _______ (have) a wonderful son. Happy Mother's day to you." The man then bent down and gave his wife the flower, telling her who it was from. Despite being badly hurt and shaken, the old lady looked up at Tennyson with love in her eyes and gave him a little smile after receiving the flower.

(__________/10 marks)
Part C (10 marks)
Each sentence below contains one mistake. Underline the mistake and correct it. An example has been provided below.

like

e.g. He does not likes to go to the hospital.

1. Adela loved to eat chopped custard apple every weekend.

2. At the moment, Fadzil watches the Transformers movie.

3. Arman is saving 20 per cent of his monthly salary in ASB every pay day.

4. Last month, Andy Tan spends his a lot of money on his sister’s medical treatment.

5. Currently, Zila and her husband worked on starting a travel business of their own.

6. The painkillers helps me so much when I was badly injured because of an accident.

7. Nadia lived in Canada at the moment.

8. Transformers movie are a hit phenomena in this season.

9. 'Now I had 3000 followers on my Twitter', said Jenny.

10. ‘I am a surfer back in my young age’, said Stephen to his son.

(_______/10 marks)

Total score for SECTION TWO: _______/30 marks
SECTION THREE (20 MARKS)
You are advised to spend about 40 minutes on this section. Choose ONE (1) of the two topics below. Write a FIVE (5) paragraph essay between 200-250 words.

1. Describe THREE (3) of your favourite hangout spots.

OR

2. Describe THREE (3) persons who gave big influences in your life.

Use page 15 for your draft.