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JANGAN BUKA KERTAS SOALAN INI
SEHingga DIBERI ARAHAN
SECTION I (20 marks)

READING COMPREHENSION

At home with the 'cicak'

You know me, but I don’t think you know much about me, so I thought I’d introduce myself. I’m your house gecko or cicak, the little fawn-coloured chap who shares your home. My real name is *Hemidactylus frenatus*, but I prefer cicak.

Many people are under the illusion that I can climb walls and run across ceilings because my toes are sticky, or because there are suction pads on them.

Wrong; the truth is far more elegant. On each foot I’ve five broad toes, and on their undersurfaces are little overlapping flaps of skin, arranged in a chevron pattern. These flaps are covered with very small, dense, hook-like bristles which point down and backwards. When they are viewed through a microscope the effect is velvety.

The hairs are so small that they can catch the tiniest irregularity on any surface and enable me to grip it. Even glass has such irregularities, so I can run up vertical sheets of window-panes and mirrors, though I can’t manage to hang from the underside of a horizontal sheet.

In order to unhook myself and move I lift my feet from the tip of the toes first, so as I run I’m constantly curling and uncurling my toes. This happens so fast that you can’t see it. I have little claws too, which help me to grip.

In the wild, our habitats include hollow trees, the spaces under loose pieces of bark, crevices in dry stone walls, under stones... anywhere affording a safe refuge from the predators.
People's homes suit us because here are fewer predators in houses. Insects, which we eat, are attracted to the lights, and older buildings have lots of cracks and crevices for hiding.

We choose a particular spot in your house to call home; it may be a crack, the space behind a picture, or under a piece of furniture. We don't share this home and will defend it against any other gecko that tries to intrude.

Because of our affinity for humans, we've traveled far by stowing away in your luggage and on ships. Geckoes have migrated from Southeast Asia and Indonesia to the South Pacific, Australia, Mexico, and southern and eastern Africa.

We're harmless to most things. Our only means of defense is the speed with which we can run for cover and the ability to shed our tails.

The twitches of the discarded tail may distract our attacker long enough for us to make an escape. The tail is shed from specialized breakpoints along its length, and we pull this off by contracting particular tail muscles. The lost bit of tail grows back. However, the new bit can't be shed again, since it is joined by cartilage and hasn't got the special break points.

Our bodies are covered with small scales that don't overlap, and transparent scales protect our eyes. We keep these transparent scales clean by giving them a quick lick with our long tongues whenever things seem to be getting a bit blurry.
Although you'll occasionally see geckoes during the day, we're mainly nocturnal and are specially adapted for the nightlife.

Our eyes are large in proportion to our heads, and have vertical pupils that open or close according to varying light levels.

Likewise our colouring is dull, ranging from fawnish to pinkish and brownish.

We feed on spiders, flies, small moths and butterflies, beetles, millipedes and other small insects. This is helpful to humans, since we're keeping down the number of insects in your house.

Laboratory experiments found us most active between 6.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. at a constant temperature of 27°C.

The researchers reported that this pattern seemed to be repeated in the field, with the numbers of geckoes around lights decreasing before midnight. If we start feeding around nightfall, any gecko would be full by midnight.

Our nocturnal habits mean that we make and maintain contact vocally. This includes defending our territories and finding a mate. Male geckoes have two distinct bulges under the tail and are slightly larger than females: their bodies (excluding tail) are between 4.5cm and 5.5cm long, compared with 3.5cm to 5cm for females.

However, a male can have a body length of up to 6.5cm and a female can reach 6cm.
Female geckoes lay little round white eggs with brittle shells, usually two at a time, at any time of year, but periods of warm, wet weather are preferred.

The eggs are a bit sticky when newly laid and they take two months to hatch.

The babies break out of the shell with the help of a pair of pointed teeth at the tip of their snouts; these teeth fall off soon after the babies hatch. Our young are trained to be independent from birth.

Now that you understand us a bit better, I hope you'll let us continue to share your home undisturbed.

Adapted from: 'Love Life - Love Nature' by Janet Holiday.

PART A (5 Marks)

What do the following words from the passage refer to? Number 0 has been done for you.

0. who (line 3)  
   _______ gecko/cicak _______

1. they (line 13)  
   ______________________

2. it (line 14)  
   ______________________

3. it (line 19)  
   ______________________

4. us (line 24)  
   ______________________

5. them (line 45)  
   ______________________
PART A (5 Marks)

Match the word listed on the left column with its correct meaning from the column on the right. Write your answer in the spaces provided. Number 0 has been done for you.

0. illusion (line 5) ______ b ______ a. unchanging
1. elegant (line 8) ______ ______ b. belief
2. broad (line 8) ______ ______ c. stylish
3. habitats (line 21) ______ ______ d. come-off
4. particular (line 27) ______ ______ e. homes
5. shed (line 38) ______ ______ f. large
6. constant (line 57) ______ ______ g. special

Total 10

PART B (10 Marks)

Answer all the following questions.

1. When does a female lay its eggs?

(1 mark)

2. How can you tell the difference between a male and a female?

(1 mark)

3. In what way is this helpful to humans?

(2 marks)

4. How does a gecko defend itself against its enemies?

(2 marks)
5. Geckoes are known to migrate from one country to another. How are they able to do this?

(2 marks)

6. Give two reasons why people's homes are suitable as gecko habitats.
   i)
   ii)

(2 marks)

Total 10
SECTION II
PART C (10 marks)

MIXED TENSES

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the word given in each bracket.

Example:

Aminah ________ (brush) her teeth every morning.
Aminah ________ her teeth every morning.

1. The accident ________ (happen) while I was driving to campus.

2. Universiti Utara Malaysia ________ (produce) good students every year.

3. The house caught fire while they ________ (have) a party.

4. Ahmad’s mother, Zainab, was angry with him because he ________ (not tell) her about his examination results.

5. We ________ (leave) for Singapore now.

6. My mother ________ (go) to Mecca several times.

7. Chong Beng ________ (not gamble) again since he left Genting Highlands.

8. I know that you ________ (study) hard all these years.

9. The company terminated Maniam’s service because he ________ (have) absent for three months.

10. Malaysian students who attend American Universities ________ (be) hardworking.

Total 10
PART D (10 Marks)

MODAL VERBS

Fill in the blanks with these Modal Verbs. Use each verb ONLY ONCE. Number [0] has been done for you.

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(0) You must be back by 5.00 o'clock. You mustn't be late again.

(1) It's a long journey from here to Johor Bahru. We _________ have to make several stops.

(2) We _________ ask someone to direct us there because we do know the place.

(3) Azamah _________ have entered the singing competition. She would have won it easily.

(4) If you study hard, there _________ be any problem in your passing the examination.

(5) "_______ you like to go to dinner with me?" asked Jenny.

(6) Jasmin _________ be leaving for London next week.

(7) She _________ eat less if she wants to lose weight.

(8) He can't find his car keys. He _________ have left them in his office.

(9) We all want to be successful in life. In order to succeed we _________ work hard.

(10) You have to help me. The box is heavy. I _________ lift it by myself.

Total 10
PART E (10 marks)

PREPOSITIONS

Complete the following passages with the words from the box. You can use some words more than once. Number (0) has been done for you.

from at before
with after
in under
of on

The type or number of recreational and social activities for the people are determined by the sun and rain. Sport and games are held early (0) ________ in the morning or in the evening. Most people cannot last very long (1) ____________ the sun, so it is not a good idea to play hockey (2) ____________ noon. The possibility of collapsing is very real indeed. Only mad cricket players stand in the sun trying to bowl one another out.

Most people prefer to remain sane and play outdoor games only when the sun is less hot in the morning or evening. In the evening (3) ____________ work, one can see the playing fields crowded (4) ____________ football players, joggers, hockey players and spectators. It is the most pleasant time (5) ____________ of the day.

The beaches are filled to capacity (6) ____________ weekends and holidays but sunbathers are rare sights and almost invariably are foreigners (7) ____________ colder countries. The locals do not sunbathe, unless they are asking for sunburn. Most visitors going to the beach prefer to rest (8) ____________ the cool shades of trees or man-made structures. The sun can be so hot that after a session or two (9) ____________ intense sunbathing the foreign tourists will think twice (10) ____________ venturing out for more.

Total 10
Part F (10 marks)

Below are 10 incomplete sentences. Complete them in the 'ing' form or the 'to + infinitive' form of the words given in brackets.

Example:

Not many people can afford ____________ (buy) a house.
Not many people can afford ____________ to buy ____________ a house.
He enjoys ____________ (go) to the cinema.
He enjoys ____________ going ____________ to the cinema.

1. He is used to ____________ (walk) barefooted.
2. One day I hope ____________ (visit) you.
3. Our neighbour threatened ____________ (call) the police if we didn't stop the noise.
4. I don't recommend ____________ (eat) in that restaurant. The food is awful.
5. You must remember to lock your house before ____________ (leave).
6. Have you tried ____________ (open) the bottle-cap with your teeth?
7. The thief got into the house because I forgot ____________ (lock) the windows.
8. I don't remember ____________ (borrow) anything from you.
9. Please remind me ____________ (phone) Shariff.
10. They are waiting ____________ (welcome) in the New Year.

| Total | 10 |
SECTION III (20 marks)
GUIDED COMPOSITION

Encik Ahmad Mohammad is the Executive Director of Putik Senja Holdings, a very successful printing company. He is always very busy with his work and does not even have time to see his doctor regularly. He is not a very healthy man.

Encik Ahmad has two able managers working under him. One is Sharon Wee, the Marketing manager and the other is Velu who is the Administrative manager.

Encik Ahmad will be going on medical leave for one year as he is undergoing a heart operation. He has to choose a replacement. The choice is between Sharon and Velu.

Encik Ahmad has made his choice. In his letter to the Managing Director he has given detailed reasons for his choice.

Write the letter in about 200 words. Add necessary details for the reasons given to complete the letter.

Reasons:

- Velu is good with people while Sharon is unfriendly
- Velu is loyal while Sharon is too ambitious
- Velu always follows procedures while Sharon is impatient
- Sharon is bright and dynamic while Velu is unimaginative
- Both Sharon and Velu are hard-working
Dear Sir/Madam