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(ELSA)
PAPER 1
READING AND WRITING

Section A

[20 marks]

[Time suggested : 15 minutes]

The text below is about a student's first day in a secondary school.

Questions 1 – 10 are based on the text. The first and last lines are correct. For the remaining lines, there is **one** grammatical error in each line.

Underline the error and **write the correct word** in the space provided. An example has been given. The correct word **must not change the meaning** of the sentence. There are no spelling errors in this text.

When I sit back and recall my first-day experience in a secondary school, I often laugh at myself. I reached school early that day <u>but</u> was excited to see new faces. Many parents accompanied their children whom looked smart in their new uniforms. I was looked forward to seeing my former classmates but I did not see any of them. All Form One student were told to go to the hall right away. Later, all the form teachers took the students to his respective classrooms. The teacher started to call at our names. When I did not hear my name, I quick approached her. She went over the list again and informed me that my name was not above it. That puzzled me since I was sure that I had registered my name. I was then told to checked with the office. I finally located the office and meet the school clerk. I was told that I was not registered there. Only than did I realise that in my excitement, I had gone to the wrong school. On arriving at the correct school, I told my friends what had happened and they had a good laugh.	e.g. <u>and</u> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____
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[20 marks]

Section B

[20 marks]

[Time suggested : 25 minutes]

Questions 11 – 19 are based on the travel brochure below.

POPULAR DESTINATIONS IN MALAYSIA



Kuala Lumpur is the capital of Malaysia with many attractions. The famous Petronas Twin Towers provides tourists a bird's eye view of the city. They can also visit the old railway station and the Sultan Abdul Samad building which has a 131-foot clock tower.

Hills, white sandy beaches and crystal clear waters welcome visitors to Pulau Langkawi, the largest of the 99 islands in the Langkawi archipelago*. Tourists can go diving in the underwater marine park and enjoy a cable car ride up Gunung Mat Cincang.



Penang offers visitors views of the famous Cheong Fatt Tze mansion, Kapitan Keling Mosque and Buddhist temples. Museums showcase the country's rich-historical treasures and restaurants offer mouth-watering Malaysian cuisine.

Kota Kinabalu is the bustling gateway to Kinabalu National Park. The park's main attraction is the 13400-foot Mount Kinabalu. Being Malaysia's tallest peak, it is a challenge for climbers. For those who are not interested in mountain climbing, there are other thrilling activities like jungle trekking and camping.



Sandakan is a paradise for nature lovers. Tourists can watch turtles lay eggs at Turtle Island Park or visit a crocodile farm. Furthermore, they can also go to the Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre. Houses on stilts in the fishing village of Buli Sim Sim are also perfect for sightseeing and photographing.

* a group of islands

Source: <http://www.tripadvisor.com.my/Tourism>

Questions 11 – 15: Based on the travel brochure, state whether the following statements are **TRUE** or **FALSE**.

11. The Sultan Abdul Samad clock tower provides a bird's eye view of the city. _____ [1 mark]

12. The Langkawi Archipelago comprises 99 islands. _____ [1 mark]

13. Tourists can visit famous places of worship in Penang. _____ [1 mark]

14. One can access Kinabalu National Park through Mount Kinabalu. _____ [1 mark]

15. Sandakan is a must-visit for people who love nature. _____ [1 mark]

Questions 16 – 20: Read the brochure carefully and answer **all** the questions below.

16. State an activity that tourists can do in Langkawi.
_____ [1 mark]

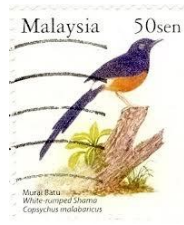
17. Which place would attract food lovers? _____ [1 mark]

18. Fill in the table with an appropriate phrase from the brochure.

Meaning	Phrase	
a) 'an overall sight from a high angle'	_____	[1 mark]
b) 'local food and delicacies'	_____	[1 mark]

19. Why do you think the word 'thrilling' is used to describe jungle trekking and camping at Kinabalu National Park?
_____ [1 mark]

20. This coming school holidays, you would like to invite your friend, James Peters to your house. In about 50 words, write a postcard to your friend encouraging him to visit your hometown. Give reasons why he should visit your town. You may use the information given in the brochure in your writing.

<p>Dear _____,</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">From,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____</p>	 <p>To:</p> <p>James Peters</p> <p>373 Anne Street,</p> <p>Brisbane,</p> <p>Australia.</p>
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Section C

[15 marks]

[Time suggested : 25 minutes]

Questions 21 – 27 are based on a letter from Sheela to Samaira.

Dear Samaira,

Nice hearing from you after such a long time. How are you and everyone at home? Well and in good health, I hope. I am fine too except that I am busy preparing for Deepavali which is just around the corner.

By the way, I know that your end-of-year examination is coming soon and you must be very busy preparing for it. I remember you asking me over the phone a fortnight ago for tips on how to prepare for the examination.

I am really no expert but I believe these tips should be helpful. To begin with, look after your health. Remember to eat a balanced meal and avoid junk food altogether. Also, drink plenty of water and get sufficient sleep. This means that you should not study at the eleventh hour as studying at the last minute would not help you. Learn to pace your revision with regular rest periods.

Next, form a study group with friends you can work with. By doing this, you can learn to help each other overcome your weaknesses. This could be done through the sharing of notes, exchange of ideas and discussions.

In class, make sure you take down short notes. This will help you obtain the necessary information that is essential for revision. Become a member of the state library. Not only can you borrow books without buying them, you can also enjoy the advantage of a conducive study environment.

Last but not least, avoid online chatting and gaming. Give up your habit of spending hours on Facebook. Instead you should concentrate on your studies from now if you want to succeed.

I hope the advice would be useful. Take care and do call me if you need any help.

Your cousin,
Sheela

Questions 21 – 24: Read the letter carefully and answer the questions below.

21. When did Sheela and Samaira last talk to each other? _____ [1 mark]

22. Why did Samaira call Sheila? _____ [1 mark]

23. How can a study group help Samaira? _____ [1 mark]

24. According to the letter, what should Samaira do if she needs further advice? _____ [1 mark]

Question 25: Fill in the table with appropriate words/phrases from the letter.

Meaning	Word/Phrase
a) Soon	
b) Two weeks	
c) Refrain from	

[3 marks]

Question 26: Fill in the table below on what Samaira should and should not do during her preparation for the exam.

<u>Do's</u>	<u>Don'ts</u>
a) Look after her health	a) _____
b) _____	b) Study at the eleventh hour
c) Group study	c) _____
d) _____	d) Eat junk food
e) Eat proper meals	
f) _____	

[5 marks]

27. State 3 **other** suggestions to help your friend prepare for an examination.

i. _____ [1 mark]

ii. _____ [1 mark]

iii. _____ [1 mark]

Section D

[45 marks]

[Time suggested : 55 minutes]

Question 28:

Part I- Shorter writing task.

You should spend **20 minutes** on this question.

Dear students,

22 September 2014

Please be informed that the English Language extra class scheduled for Wednesday, 24 September 2014 has been postponed to Saturday, 27 September.

Thank you.

Pn Asma

You are unable to attend the extra class on Saturday, 27 September 2014. **In about 100 words**, write a message to your teacher. Use the notes below to help you.

- apologise - you can't go
- give reasons
- tell your teacher what you will do about the lesson you missed

Dear _____,

From,

SAMPLE INSTRUMENT

[30 marks]

KERTAS SOALAN TAMAT

SAMPLE INSTRUMENT