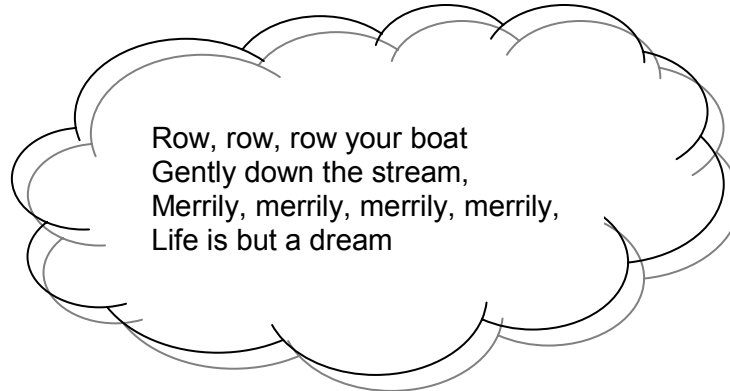


Questions 1-10 are based on the information given.



- 1 What is the feeling highlighted in the above nursery rhyme?
- A Happiness
  - B Tiredness
  - C Dizziness
  - D Sadness

Customer : Waiter, will the ,*roti canai*' be long?  
Waiter : No Sir. They'll be round as usual.

Adapted from: Quest, 2004

- 2 The waiter is being
- A nasty
  - B clever
  - C helpful
  - D cheeky

**Penang Education Fair a hit**

Adapted from: Sunday Star: 2010

- 3 According to the above headline, the education fair
- A visits education departments
  - B educates several people
  - C attracts a lot of visitors
  - D hits many customers

Dear Aunty,

How can I remind a friend he owes me money? I feel uncomfortable bringing it up, especially when I've already done so several times before.

*Impatient Lender*

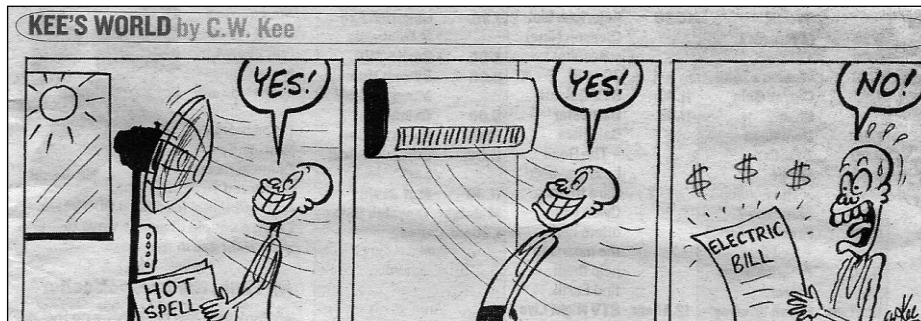
Adapted from: Reader's Digest, October 2008

- 4 Which of the following is true about the message?
- A The writer writes to remind Aunty asking for money.
  - B The writer writes to Aunty asking for advice.
  - C The writer feels happy to lend his money.
  - D The writer feels angry with his friend.



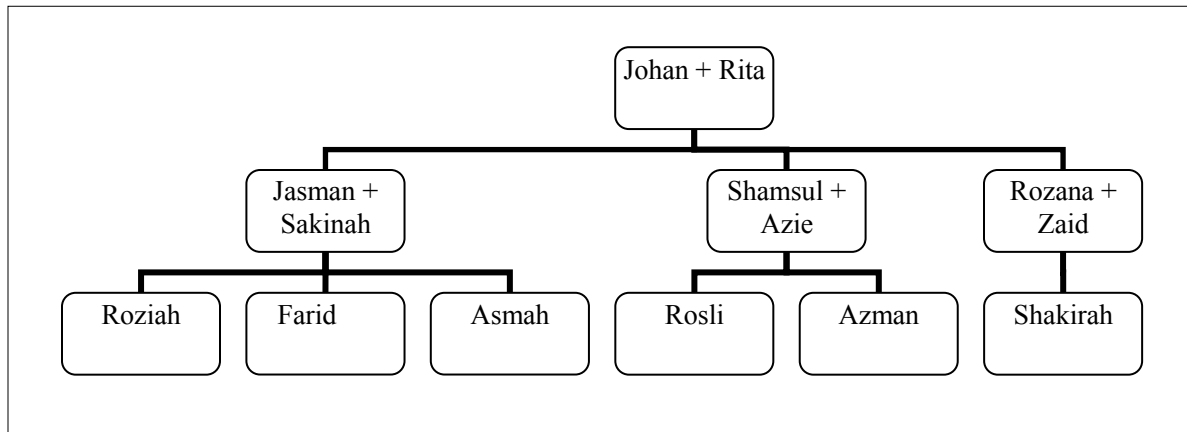
Adapted from: Astro View, January 2010

- 5 The word “premieres” can best be replaced with
- A First showing
  - B Now showing
  - C Next showing
  - D Repeated showing



Adapted from: Weekender, The Star, March 2010

- 6 From the cartoon strip above, why was the man shocked?
- A He was hot
  - B He needed money
  - C He lost his air-conditioner
  - D He had to pay more for electricity

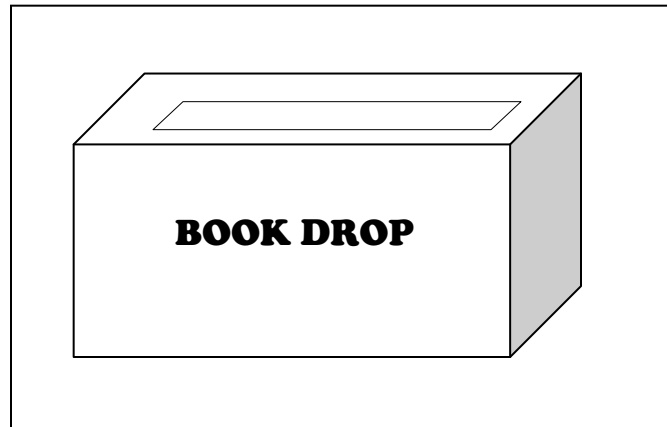


7 From the above family tree, Johan and Rita are Shakirah's

- A grandparents
- B parents
- C cousins
- D siblings

8 We can conclude that Roziyah is Zaid's

- A daughter
- B nephew
- C niece
- D sister



9 This sign is usually seen in a

- A storeroom
- B staffroom
- C bookshop
- D library

KANGAR: Police are suspecting the involvement of **loan sharks** in the kidnapping of a four-year-old child from his home in Seriab today. The child's father, restaurant owner Harun, 45, told the police that he had borrowed money from several people to salvage his sinking business.

10 Based on the above report, **loan sharks** are

- A money-lenders
- B fish-mongers
- C abductors
- D intruders

**Questions 11 – 18** are based on the following text.

Garden spaces \_\_\_\_\_ (11) important to the individual, the community and to your country. They help us relax and studies \_\_\_\_\_ (12) shown that gardens actually help improve mental health, which is why hospitals often have “healing gardens” to aid patient recovery.

In \_\_\_\_\_ (13) any garden, stop and think before picking up the trowel. If you live in a house with open spaces, consider \_\_\_\_\_ (14) much time you have, not just to start a garden but also to \_\_\_\_\_ (15) its growth. Plants need care and attention. \_\_\_\_\_ (16) they will wilt and die in just weeks.

Gardening \_\_\_\_\_ (17) a healthy ecosystem. Roots help stabilise the soil, preventing groundwater retention and soil erosion. Plant biodiversity brings \_\_\_\_\_ (18) animal biodiversity.

*(Adapted: Discovery Channel Magazine, 2010)*

- 11    **A**    is  
       **B**    are  
       **C**    was  
       **D**    were

- 15    **A**    aid  
       **B**    sustain  
       **C**    prolong  
       **D**    promote

- 12    **A**    has  
       **B**    had  
       **C**    have  
       **D**    having

- 16    **A**    Finally  
       **B**    However  
       **C**    Otherwise  
       **D**    Meanwhile

- 13    **A**    plan  
       **B**    plans  
       **C**    planned  
       **D**    planning

- 17    **A**    foster  
       **B**    fosters  
       **C**    fostered  
       **D**    fostering

- 14    **A**    how  
       **B**    what  
       **C**    when  
       **D**    where

- 18    **A**    up  
       **B**    over  
       **C**    down  
       **D**    about

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**[Lihat sebelah  
 SULIT**

**Questions 19- 21**

Read the notice below and choose the **best** meaning for the phrases underlined.

To: All ELS members

Attention please!

The monthly meeting has been put off (19) to a day after tomorrow. Please make yourselves free and show up (20). Bring along all the suggestions that you have made and the panels will think over (21) them.

Thank you.

19 put off

- A delayed
- B cancelled
- C postponed
- D adjourned

20 show up

- A attend
- B register
- C tolerate
- D follow

21 think over

- A select
- B remember
- C decide
- D consider

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[Lihat sebelah  
**SULIT**]

**Questions 22-24**

Read the conversation below and choose the **best** meaning for the phrases underlined.

Two ladies are talking about their friend, Anuar.

Mrs. Param : Anuar must have been overcome by emotions (22) when he heard of his daughter's tragic death.

Pn. Nalia : Yes, he was. Mariam was the apple of his eye (23).

Mrs. Param : I hope his other daughter will turn over a new leaf (24). She has been such a disappointment to the family.

Pn. Nalia : I hope so.

**22** overcome by emotion

- A very upset
- B very excited
- C very anxious
- D very ambitious

**23** the apple of his eye

- A the one he loved most
- B the only child he had
- C the one who loved apples
- D the only child who bought him apples

**24** turn over a new leaf


- A work harder
- B take up gardening
- C change her behaviour
- D become his favourite daughter

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[Lihat sebelah  
**SULIT**]



Questions 25 – 28 are based on the following poster.



this weekend  
do something  
really

<p><b>MINDFEST.</b> A Festival of Playful Invention and Exploration! (25 Mar – 4 Apr)</p> <p>Want to know how to create a masterpiece without using your hands? And how to paint using light? We'll tell you how with Spin Art and Light Painting. Learn how to build your very own Water Rocket. Create your own Creative Sound Effects for film, TV and radio with unusual props like shoes and car parts. Build your own aircraft with Wind Tubes. MINDFEST is here to celebrate the creative and inventive spirit in you and your family.</p>	<p><b>SINGAPORE AMAZING FLYING MACHINES.</b> Let Your Imagination Take Flight! (20 Mar)</p> <p>You are invited to Singapore's largest Water Rocket Launch! Simply form a team with your family and friends and stand a chance of winning an X-Box game console. For those who want to brave it out on their own, take part in our paper plane challenge. Your paper plane might just be the flying wonder Singapore is looking for! Check out <a href="http://www.safmc.com.sg">www.safmc.com.sg</a> or sign up now at Science Centre!</p>	<p><b>AN ICY FUN TIME @ SNOW CITY.</b> Spend your March holidays in the coolest way! (13 – 21 Mar)</p> <p>See how Ice-Cream is made inside the Snow Chamber. Watch the professionals whizz by in the Ski and Snowboard Demonstrations. Be mesmerized by burst of colours at the Balloon Sculpting Sessions. And see if you can catch Snow City's very own Mascot while you're here!</p>
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*Adapted: The Star, March 2010*

- 25** Which of the following activities involve creativity?
- A** Spin Art and Light Painting
  - B** Watching balloon sculpting
  - C** Go on Water Rocket Launch
  - D** Making Aircraft with wind tubes
- 26** How long does MINDFEST last?
- A** 9 days
  - B** 10 days
  - C** 11 days
  - D** 12 days
- 27** Who would be most interested in Amazing Flying Machine?
- A** Skilled mechanics
  - B** Science enthusiasts
  - C** Curious visitors
  - D** Mascot fans
- 28** In Snow City, one can
- A** create masterpieces
  - B** make paper plane
  - C** whizz ice-cream
  - D** watch mascot

Questions 29 - 34 are based on the following passage.

### Intelligent, sociable animals

Chimpanzees are primates that are closely related to humans. They are intelligent and very sociable. They use facial expressions, vocalisations, body language, grooming, kisses and pats to communicate with members of their group.

Chimpanzees are endangered species because many of their habitats are being destroyed. Chimpanzees are omnivores (meaning they eat plants and meat). They look for food in the jungle, eating leaves, fruits, seeds, tree bark, plant bulbs, tender plant shoots and flowers. They also eat termites and ants, using long sticks to extract them from grounds and trees. Chimpanzees drink water by using a chewed leaf as a sponge to sop up the water.

*Dolphins are mammals*, not fish. They are warm-blooded like man. Even though dolphins are warm-blooded, they need to conserve their body heat in colder water. Like most whales, the dolphin's body is surrounded by a thick layer of fat under the skin to help keep them warm.

They eat fish and squid, swallowing their food whole. They are highly sociable animals, living in groups called **pods**.

Dolphins are on a level with chimpanzees and dogs. They can learn to perform certain actions. They learn best when they are rewarded with food.

Their often friendly appearance and seemingly playful attitude have made them popular among young children.

(Adapted from: Quest 2009)

- 29 How many ways do the chimpanzees communicate with each other?
- A 3
  - B 4
  - C 5
  - D 6

- 30 Chimpanzees are endangered species because
- A many people love them
  - B most of them are very sociable
  - C their habitats are being destroyed
  - D they are closely related to humans
- 31 From the text, we know that chimpanzees are
- A cute and sweet
  - B smart and sociable
  - C wild and aggressive
  - D omnivores and dangerous
- 32 The phrase “*Dolphins are mammals,...*” suggests that
- A they give birth
  - B they lay eggs
  - C their skin is thick
  - D their blood is cold
- 33 Below are the characteristics of dolphin **except** they
- A befriend humans
  - B live on their own
  - C learn very fast
  - D eat seafood
- 34 The word **pods** refers to a
- A group of marine mammals
  - B team of dolphins
  - C school of fish

Questions 35 – 37 are based on the following poem.

***Life's Brief Candle***

To-morrow, and to-morrow, and to-morrow,  
**Creeps** in this petty pace from day to day  
 To the last syllable of recorded time,  
 And all our yesterdays have lighted fools  
 The way to dusty death. Out, out, brief candle!  
 Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player,  
 That struts and frets his hour upon the stage,  
 And then is heard no more; it is a tale  
 Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,  
 Signifying nothing.

William Shakespeare

- 35** In the poem, the persona is comparing human beings to
- A** actors
  - B** candles
  - C** players
  - D** shadows
- 36** The word "**Creeps**" in line 2 indicates
- A** insect
  - B** time
  - C** idiot
  - D** tale
- 37** From the poem, we know that the poet is
- A** worried about dying
  - B** waiting for tomorrow
  - C** unhappy about his life
  - D** pleased with his stage performance

**Questions 38 -40** are based on the extract from the short story **The Pencil**.

That afternoon Zahid asked his grandmother for some money. He told her it was for a book, but when he arrived at the store, his eyes caught hold of a long, red pencil. Suddenly, he felt sad again and tears rolled down his cheeks.

No longer did he need a book, or a pencil, or even a ruler. None of those things could help him the most. At last he spotted it - a three inch pocketknife under the glass counter. He bought it right away.

The knife would be just what he needed to keep Dolah away from him. And he might even get more use out of the knife than the pencil. Children are scared of knives, so he would make the blade as sharp as he could.

He continued going to school, but not to study. His primary victims were children smaller than himself. He would laugh when they let out a cry or a scream.

- 38** When Zahid saw the long, red pencil again, he felt
- |                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| <b>A</b> frustrated | <b>C</b> unhappy |
| <b>B</b> worried    | <b>D</b> scared  |
- 39** The main reason Zahid bought a three inch pocket knife is to
- |                              |                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>A</b> protect himself     | <b>C</b> make the children scared |
| <b>B</b> keep his enemy away | <b>D</b> sharpen his pencil       |
- 40** From the extract, we can conclude that Zahid had become a
- |                     |
|---------------------|
| <b>A</b> clever boy |
| <b>B</b> brave boy  |
| <b>C</b> coward     |
| <b>D</b> bully      |

**Section A: Guided Writing**

[ 30 marks ]

[ Time suggested: 40 minutes ]

You received the following message from your friend.

Please help me choose whether to join  
The English Language Society or  
The Recreation Club

English Language Society	Recreation Club
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improve English language</li> <li>• make new friends</li> <li>• improve skills in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• more outings</li> <li>• opportunities to learn new things (compass reading etc)</li> <li>• learn to love nature</li> </ul>

Using the notes above, write a **letter** to your friend, stating your opinion and advice.

When writing your **letter**:

- you may use all the notes given
- **elaborate** on the given notes to make it more interesting
- add any other relevant information
- make sure it is **not less than 120 words**

## Section B: Summary

[10 marks]

[ Time suggested: 30 minutes ]

Lightning is one of the worst natural killers, causing at least 25000 deaths a year worldwide. Lightning claims more victims each year but as it usually strikes one person at a time, it continues to keep a low profile.

Malaysia has the second highest number of lightning strikes in the world, after Central Africa as highlighted by Richard Kithil Jr, US National Lightning Safety Institute.

Malaysians need to be more wary of its dangers. When you first see lightning or hear thunder, stop all activities. Don't wait for the rain to begin before suspending activities.

If you are outdoors, avoid water, high ground, open spaces and all metal objects. Find shelter in a big building or in a full enclosed metal vehicle with windows completely shut. If lightning strikes nearby, you should crouch down, put feet together and place hands over ears to minimise hearing damage from thunder.

If you are indoors, stay away from doors and windows. Turn off, unplug and stay away from all electrical appliances and equipment. Do not use the telephone.

So, these essential lightning safety tips should be followed to keep you safe if lightning strikes.

(Adapted from *Sunday Star*, March 2010)

Write a summary on **what you must do when lightning strikes**.

Your summary must:

- **not be more than 60 words**, including the 10 words given below
- be in **continuous writing** (not note form)
- be written in **one** paragraph

Use your own words as far as possible without changing its original meaning.

Begin your summary as follows:

*When you first see lightning or hear thunder, you must.....*



**Section C : Novel**

[ 10 marks ]

[ Time suggested: 20 minutes ]

**NOVELS**

- |                            |   |                        |
|----------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 1. Potato People           | - | Angela Wright          |
| 2. Robinson Crusoe         | - | Daniel Defoe           |
| 3. Phantom of the Opera    | - | Gaston Leroux          |
| 4. The Prisoner of Zenda   | - | Anthony Hope Hawkins   |
| 5. Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde | - | Robert Louis Stevenson |

Based on **one** of the novels above, write about a lesson learnt from the main character in the story.

Support your answer with evidence from the novel.

Your response should be:

- ◆ **not less than 50 words**
- ◆ in **continuous writing** (*not in note form*)

**KERTAS SOALAN TAMAT**