

MAKTAB RENDAH SAINS MARA



**PEPERIKSAAN PERCUBAAN
SIJIL PELAJARAN MALAYSIA 2002**

BAHASA INGGERIS

Kertas 1

Satu jam empat puluh lima minit
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1. Kertas soalan ini mengandungi 50 soalan
 2. Jawab semua soalan
 3. Semua jawapan hendaklah ditulis pada kertas jawapan yang disediakan.
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Section A**Questions 1-24**

For each of the questions in this section, read the question and study the information given to find the answer. Then circle and darken the answer **A**, **B**, **C**, or **D** on the answer sheet on page 24.

Question 1

Study the advertisement below and answer the question that follows.

Ace Supersaver Light Bulbs



- ◆ Comes in many shapes
- ◆ Gives as much light as an ordinary bulb
- ◆ Saves 50% on energy
- ◆ Value for your money
- ◆ Comes in several colours

1. What is the most important feature of this product?
- A. its shapes
 - B. its colours
 - C. its efficiency
 - D. its energy saving aspect

Question 2

Study the sign below and answer the following question.



2. Which of the following statements best explains the sign above?
- A. Use only wheelchairs here
 - B. Wheelchairs can be used here
 - C. Wheelchairs can be repaired here
 - D. Wheelchairs are available upon request

Question 3

Read the advertisement and answer the following question

VACANCIES FOR PILOTS

REQUIREMENTS :

- be at least a permanent resident of Malaysia
- 5 SPM credits including English and Mathematics
- not more than 23 years of age
- a high standard of medical fitness and good eyesight (a minimum requirement 6/24 without optical aids, but correctable to 6/6)

3. In the advertisement above, what is required to be a pilot?
- A. 23 years and below
 - B. a Malaysian citizenship
 - C. some degree of medical fitness
 - D. must have at least a 6/6 eyesight

Question 4

Read the text below and answer the following question

In Thailand, people are surrounded by the beauty of flowers. Flower arrangement is a passion at all levels of Thai society. Yet its beauty and **infinite** variety of the country's orchids that seem to reflect the charming, gentle ways of the Thai people.

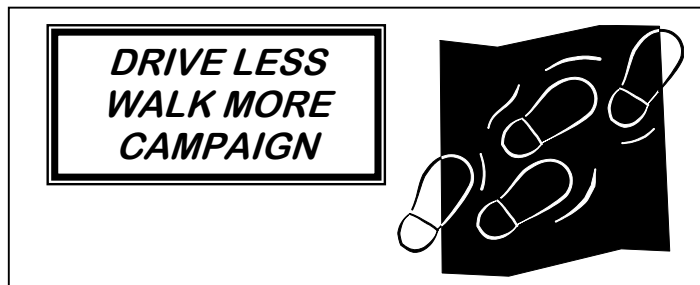
Reader's Digest (June 1986)

4. The word **infinite** can best be replaced with

- A. eternal
- B. endless
- C. unlimited
- D. immeasurable

Question 5

Read the following notice and answer the following question



5. According to the notice, people are encouraged to

- A. walk
- B. cycle
- C. drive
- D. skate

Questions 6 and 7

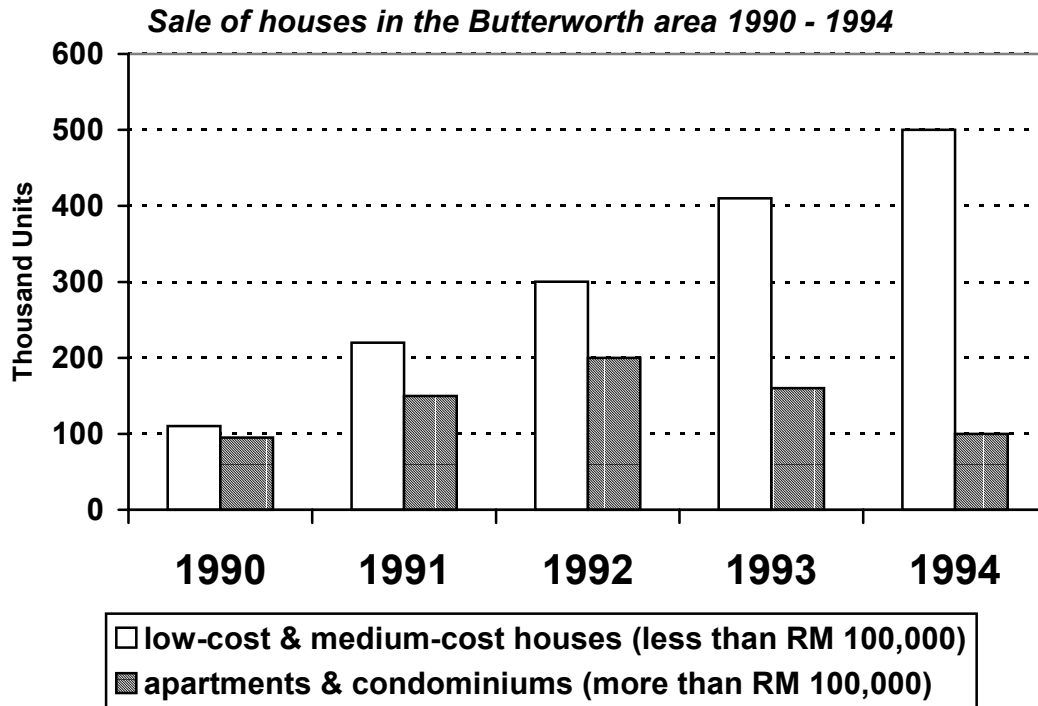
Read the advertisement below and answer the following questions

<p>IT Programme International Diploma In Computer Studies</p> <p>SPM students / working adults be a part of the IT Revolution! To succeed tomorrow you'll need to educate yourself in IT today!</p> <p>Call us today! Open daily : 9.00 am – 9.30 pm including Sunday</p> <p>INSTITUT MENTARI SURIA B12, 5th Floor, Bangunan Haji Husain, Jln. Kemas, 45660 PJ</p> <p>Tel : 03 78062558</p>	<p>RM 300 for part time students RM 350 for full time students</p>
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6. Which of the following statements is true for the advertisement above?
- A. The office is open even on Sunday
 - B. Students must register before 4.30 pm
 - C. Part-time and full-time students have to pay the same fee
 - D. Those who work are not qualified to enrol for the programme
7. According to the advertisement, what do you need to do for the course?
- A. Be a student
 - B. Pay the fee today
 - C. Call the institute today
 - D. Go to the institute at 10.00pm

Question 8

Study the following graph and answer the question



8. According to the table above
- A. The sale of apartments and condominiums is the highest in 1992
 - B. The sale of apartments and condominiums dropped drastically from 1992 to 1993
 - C. More people were interested in purchasing apartments than medium-cost houses
 - D. There was a fluctuation in the sale of low –cost and medium-cost houses from 1990 to 1994
9. T. Lingam’s family wishes to remember the anniversary of his death through the Classifieds page in the newspaper. Which column would his family advertise in?
- A. Deaths
 - B. Notices
 - C. Rooms To Let
 - D. In Memoriam

Question 10

Read the newspaper article below and answer the following question

Teenagers find man's body in abandoned estate pond

ALOR LINTANG, Monday – The body of a man believed to be in his 50s was found in an oil palm plantation in Ladin today.

The body was found by three teenagers, who had gone there fishing. The teenagers alerted police of the discovery at about 9.00 am.

It is believed that the victim could probably have been dead only hours earlier. There were strangulation marks on the neck and both legs were tied with a rope.

No documents were found on the body, which was taken to the Malacca Hospital for a post mortem.

State CID chief Ali Jaafar said police have classified the case as murder.

10. From the post-mortem, the police suspected that the man
- A. drowned
 - B. was murdered
 - C. fell while fishing
 - D. committed suicide

Question 11

Read the text and answer the following question



Arrowroot

North American Indians were known to use the root of this herb to cleanse wounds incurred in savage inter-tribal wars. A poultice made from its root had great drawing powers and could lift the poison left in the flesh from the arrow heads

11. How does the arrowroot help the warriors?
- A. Cure the wounds
 - B. To make the arrows
 - C. Neutralize the poison
 - D. Give power to the warriors

Question 12

Study the sign below and answer the following question

If you can't see the side mirror, the driver can't see you



12. Which of the following statements best explains the sign above?
- A. Do not follow too closely
 - B. Overtake the truck if it is too slow
 - C. Make sure your side mirror is in its place
 - D. You won't be able to see the other driver without your side mirror

Questions 13 – 20

Read the following passage and then fill in the numbered blanks with the best answer

Forgetfulness is one of the characteristics of geniuses. It is said that Newton once absentmindedly placed his pipe so near his niece that it burnt her finger, and when he left his room to seek for something he usually returned without bringing it.

One day, Buffon lost in thought, ___(13)___ a tower and slid down by the ropes unconscious of what he ___(14)___ doing. Mozart, accustomed only to the piano, so often cut his fingers ___(15)___ carving meat that he had to give up his duty to others. Of Bishop Munster, it is said that when he saw this sign at the door of his own antechamber: ‘The master of the house is out’, he remained there ___(16)___ for his own return. Beethoven, on returning from excursions in the forest, ___(17)___ left his coat on the grass, and often went out hatless.

Hagen notes that originality ___(18)___ the quality that differentiates the genius from the talented. Talented people aim at a point which appears difficult to ___(19)___ whereas geniuses aim at a point which no one perceives. Therefore, geniuses are difficult to understand for they behave in strange manners. To make it worse, they are ___(20)___. So, what really makes them geniuses, one really wonders?

13. A. ascend
B. descend
C. ascended
D. descended
14. A. is
B. are
C. was
D. were
15. A. after
B. while
C. before
D. meanwhile

16. A. waits
B. waiting
C. awaited
D. awaiting
17. A. never
B. seldom
C. regularly
D. occasionally
18. A. is
B. are
C. was
D. were
19. A. reach
B. reaches
C. reached
D. reaching
20. A. forgetful
B. reminded
C. forgetting
D. remembered

Question 21

Read the following extract from the poem and answer the following question

Monsoon History (Shirley Geok-lin Lim)

Drinking Milo,
Nyonya and baba sit at home,
This was forty years ago.
Sarong-wrapped they counted
Silver paper for the dead.
Portraits of grandfathers
Hung always in the parlour.

Reading Tennyson, at six
p.m. in **pajamas**,
Listening to down-pouring
Rain: the air ticks
With gnats, black spiders fly,
Moths sweep out of our rooms
Where termites built
Their gills of eggs and queens zoom
In heat. We wash our feet
For bed, watch mother uncoil
Her snake hair, unbuckle
The silver mesh around her waist,
Waiting for father pacing
The sand as fishers pull
From the Straits after monsoon

21. The words **sarong-wrapped** and **pajamas** are used to create a sense of
- A. custom
 - B. tradition
 - C. belonging
 - D. homeliness

Question 22

Read the excerpt below and answer the following question

si tenggang's homecoming (Muhammad Haji Salleh)

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but look,
i have brought myself home,
seasoned by confidence,
broadened by land and languages,
i am no longer afraid of the oceans
or the differences between people,
not easily fooled
by words or ideas.

22. Which of these is a characteristic of the 'new' tenggang?

- A. naïve
- B. gullible
- C. ignorant
- D. confident

Questions 23 and 24

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow

The Sound Machine (Roald Dahl)

The doctor began to feel the **tension in the room**. He looked at the black box on the bench; then he looked at the man. **“You’ve got your hat on.”** he said.
“Oh, have I?” Klausner reached up, removed the hat and put it on the bench.
The doctor came up closer and bent down to look into the box. “What’s this?” he said. “Making a radio?”
“No, just fooling around.”
“It’s got rather complicated-looking innards.”
“Yes.” Klausner seemed tense and distracted.
“What is it?” the doctor asked. “It’s rather a frightening-looking thing, isn’t it?”
“It’s just an idea.”

23. What does the phrase **tension in the room** tell us ?
- A. The doctor seems nervous
 - B. Klausner is working secretly in the shed
 - C. Klausner does not like the doctor’s presence
 - D. The doctor asks quite a number of questions
24. What does the phrase **“You’ve got your hat on”** tell us about Klausner’s character?
- A. He is crazy
 - B. He is a meticulous man
 - C. He is a complicated man
 - D. He is lost in his own world

SECTION B**Questions 25 - 34**

Read the advertisement below and then complete the tasks that follow

WELCOME TO
MELATI OSTRICH SHOW FARM
WHOLLY - OWNED BY : TANTIRA ANIMALS SDN BHD

LEARNING A LITTLE ABOUT OSTRICHES

Scientific name	: Struthio Camelus
Family / Order	: Ratite (Flightless Bird)
Origin	: African Continent
Height	: 1.8 to 3.0 metres
Weight	: 110 to 180 kg
Life Span	: 70 to 80 years
Female maturity	: 20 to 24 months
Male maturity	: 25 to 30 months
Egg production	: 40 to 80 eggs per year (Max. 120)
Production period	: 35 to 40 years
Egg weight	: 800 gm to 1.8 kg
Ostrich leather	: Approx. 14 sq. feet per bird

WHERE TO FIND US

TANTIRA ANIMALS SDN BHD
FARM & OFFICE
LOT 530B, BATU JAIL, 10101 BANTONG,
PERLIS INDERA KAYANGAN
TEL: 04 5555 6666
Business hours : 9.00 am to 6.30 pm
Tuesday - Sunday

Questions 25 - 29

- 25. What is the scientific name for the ostrich?

- 26. Where does the ostrich come from?

- 27. Why are ostriches different from other birds?

- 28. How long does an ostrich live?

- 29. When can you visit Melati Ostrich Show Farm?

Questions 30 – 34

Complete each blank with the most suitable word from the advertisement

Does the ostrich really hide its head in the sand when it is frightened? You do not have to go as far as Africa, its country of (30) _____ to find out.

At the Melati Ostrich Show Farm in (31) _____ you can observe this amazing (32) _____ bird in an almost natural environment.

Growing to an average (33) _____ of 1.8 to 3.0 metres and weighing 110 to 180 kg., it is the tallest and heaviest living bird.

Ostriches are bred for their meat and (34) _____. The latter is made into bags, shoes and clothing.

Section C

Read this passage carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

- 1 I interviewed 12-year-old Kate first. After nearly two weeks of being questioned and challenged by authorities about what she had seen, she was as close to a hostile witness as she could be.
- 2 When I first met her, sitting at her parents' dining-room table, she was holding a sign she had made from two index cards with a wooden stick stapled in between as a handle. One side said "*I'M FINE, PLEASE DON'T ASK*". The other side had a single word "*HUGS*" in a circle with a slash through it. 5
- 3 Luckily, engaging her in a conversation was easy – as long as I did not attempt to get any details for my sketch. The way I work is to talk with a witness about pleasant or neutral topics. The only reference to the task at hand is the insertion every 15 or 20 minutes of a single quick question – always phrased in the present tense: "Should I draw a face that's longer than it is wide, or should it be more round?" 10
- 4 Keeping the conversation based in the present helps to anchor the witness in the safety of the current moment. I never refer to the suspect or the crime. Instead, I only refer to shapes and colours and texture. 15
- 5 But with Kate, whenever casually interjected a question about the suspect's appearance, she would revert right back to her early rigid posture. She would turn sober, answering, "I don't know. I didn't see."
- 6 After an hour and a half, I still had nothing on paper. "Kate, you know what?" I hunched forward and looked her in the eye. "If I had been through half of what you'd been through ...and if I had that image in my mind ..." She fidgeted with her miniature picket sign, eyes now averted from me. I went on, leaning closer and lowering my voice to a whisper. "I wouldn't tell *anyone*." 20
- 7 Her dark eyes widened. She slammed her sign down and yelled, "*Yeah!* Because every time I tell them something, they tell me I'm lying!" 25
- 8 As if we had released the pressure from a valve about to blow, she began to relax, and the details emerged, piece by piece until the face inside her memory was finally on paper.
- 9 Gillian, the second girl, posed a different kind of challenge. She acted giddy. Anxiety releases itself in many forms, I knew, but boy, was it hard with her. After two 30

hours, I was still staring at a nearly blank sheet, when her mother asked for a break.

- 10 After half an hour, Gillian returned, and there had been a transformation. She sat still, focused clearly and answered questions with fine detail. My pencil raced across the page.
- 11 Exhausted, I finally gave the FBI a drawing to release. It was quite unlike the one already in circulation. 35
- 12 Two months after Polly Klaas was abducted, I got a call from Debbie Alpert, a TV producer whom I had met previously. “Jeanne, they got him!” she cried. “He’s a ringer. You nailed him. Your drawing is amazing.”
- 13 A parolee named Richard Allen Davis had been identified as a suspect in late November. The police then obtained his criminal records and compared his parole photo with my sketch. The striking resemblance gave them additional confirmation that they had the right man. Soon afterwards, they arrested Davis. The Petaluma police and the FBI were convinced that they now had Polly’s abductor in their custody. But where was Polly? 40 45
- 14 The tragic answer came four days after Davis arrest. Richard Allen Davis confessed to kidnapping the young girl and killing her that night. He led authorities to her body. He was later convicted and sentenced to death. The case is currently under appeal.

(Adapted from *Reader’s Digest*, January 2001)

Questions 35-49

Answer all the questions. You are recommended to answer them in the order set.

35. Where did the writer interview Kate?

_____ [1mark]

36. What made Kate an unfriendly witness?

_____ [1mark]

37. Explain Kate's message when she wrote HUGS in a circle with a slash through it.
_____ [1 mark]
38. How did the writer extract information from Kate?
(i) _____ [1 mark]
(ii) _____ [1 mark]
39. What was the writer's purpose in interviewing Kate?
_____ [1 mark]
40. Find **a word each** in the given paragraphs which have the same meaning as the words given below.
Small (paragraph 6) _____ [1 mark]
Similarity (paragraph 13) _____ [1 mark]
41. In paragraph 6, why did the writer say "I wouldn't tell anyone"?
_____ [1 mark]
42. Given evidence which shows that Gillian was harder to deal with than Kate.
_____ [1 mark]
43. In paragraph 12, which sentence indicates that Jeanne's sketch has helped the police to arrest the suspect?
_____ [1 mark]
44. State the actions taken by the police which led to the capture of Richard Allen Davis?
(i) _____ [1 mark]
(ii) _____ [1 mark]

45. What actually happened to Polly Klass ?
_____ [2 marks]
46. Who is Jeanne?
_____ [1mark]
47. When did the two girls finally describe the suspect to the writer?
Kate : _____ [1mark]
Gillian : _____ [1mark]
48. What did you think Kate and Gillian saw on that tragic night?
_____ [1mark]
49. What happened to Richard Allen Davis after his trial?
_____ [1mark]

SECTION D

Question 50

Read the stanza below from the poem “The Road Not Taken” and answer the questions that follow, basing your answer on your knowledge of the poem.

And both **that morning** equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood and I-
I took the one less traveled by.

And that has made the difference

50. Do you think “**that morning**” suggests something about the persona’s age? Why do you think so?

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[2 marks]

Question 51

Read the stanza from the poem “If” by Rudyard Kipling and answer the following question.

If you can talk with **crowds** and keep your virtue,
Or walk with **Kings** – nor lose the common touch;
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds’ worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything tht’s in it,
And – which is more – you’ll be a Man, my son!

51. Briefly write the difference between ‘**crowds**’ and ‘**Kings**’.

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[2 marks]

Question 52

Read the extract of the short story below and answer the questions based on your knowledge of the whole story.

“That night, he tried to kill himself. He shut all the windows and lit a charcoal fire in his bedroom. The next morning, Assunta came to make his breakfast. She found him lying on the bed. He was very ill, but he was alive.”

“They took him to hospital and he slowly got better. But he was not the same. I went to visit him in hospital. He didn’t know who I was. Perhaps his mind was damaged by the smoke.”

52. Based on the extract above briefly describe what happened to Thomas Wilson after he tried to kill himself.

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[3 marks]

ANSWER SHEET
FOR SECTION A

1 A B C D

2 A B C D

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4 A B C D

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7 A B C D

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