**Section A**

[15 *marks*]

[*Time suggested:* 25 *minutes*]

The Chinatown in Kuala Lumpur continues to draw local and foreign tourists. Its colourful and unique blend of Chinese, Malay and Indian cultures sets it apart from other Chinatowns in the world. What keeps people flooding in through its winding and crowded streets is definitely the bargains.

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| **1** | From the extract above, the Chinatown in Kuala Lumpur keeps attracting tourists because of its |
|  | **A** | unique people | **C** | cultural blends |
|  | **B** | winding streets | **D** | good bargains |
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BUY WHAT YOU NEED,NOT WHAT YOU WANT.

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| **2** | The main purpose of the notice is to encourage people to be |
|  | **A** | thrifty. | **C** | spendthrift. |
|  | **B** | miserly. | **D** | Extravagant. |
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Back in 2006, the villagers of Cateura, a small village in Paraguay, South America were horrified by their living conditions. Their village sat atop a landfill – a dumping ground for the wastes from nearby cities.

 The villagers decided to work together on a recycling project. Led by Favio Chavez, who had once run an orchestra in his nearby village, Carapeguá, they helped create the Recycled Orchestra, where kids play instruments made from recycled garbage. Cellos are made from oil cans and wood. Violins are made from whatever material is around, including recycled forks.

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| **3** | Which of the following would be the best tittle for the above news story? |
|  | **A** | What a Life! |  |  |
|  | **B** | Rubbish, Rubbish, Everywhere! |  |  |
|  | **C** | The Landfill Which Transformed a South American Village |
|  | **D** | The Villagers Who Helped Children Make Music Out of Trash |



Dear Editor,

 Malaysians are living too much on credit. Thousands of us owe mountains of debt to credit card companies, banks and even money-lenders. This is a sad predicament for us. Thus, we need to advise young school-leavers to avoid this debt-ridden lifestyle. We can do this by practicing good fiscal values such as living within our means and saving for our future. Do not lead an expensive lifestyle and dream about short cuts to great wealth. Do not try to “keep up with others” in everything they do. Learn to be frugal and live accordingly to your means.

 PuanRahimah

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| **4** | The writer’s advice the young school-leavers is intended to ensure |
|  | **A** | facial health | **C** | physical fitness |
|  | **B** | fiscal health | **D** | environmental care |
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I realize the not many concerts have been staged when it comes to classical music. Many people do not appreciate them.

I couldn’t agree more but contemporary and pop music concerts do not face the same situation.

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| **5** | From the dialogue above, we know that the contemporary and pop concerts are |
|  | **A** | costly | **C** | favoured |
|  | **B** | unique | **D** | informative  |
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**Are you interested in taking part in a marathon?**

Here is some advice for you as you train for it.

A personal training schedule is necessary. Don’t start off with heavy exercise. Go the full distance only after having had a day of rest.

**6** Which of the following best shows the sequence in preparing for a marathon?

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| **A** |  | **B** |  | **C** |  | **D** |
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| Light training |  | Personaltime-table |  | Personaltime-table |  | Light training |
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| Full distance |  | Full distance |  | Rest day |  | Rest day |
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| Rest day |  | Rest day |  | Full distance |  | Full distance |

**Question 7 and 8** *are based on the given extract below.*

Good evening and Happy Malaysia Day to all beloved citizens of Malaysia.

With God’s grace, we are able to celebrate the 48th anniversary of the formation of Malaysia as citizens of an independent, democratic, peaceful and harmonious nation.

The tale of Malaysia’s journey is indeed colourful. From a low income agricultural nation, we have now successfully *emerged* as a moderately high income, modern industrial nation. Although the success attained is monumental and very significant, it is not a reason for us to cease our effort to become comfortable.

*Excerpt of Prime Minister’s National Day Speech*

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| **7** | The Prime Minister is asking Malaysians to |
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|  | **A** | remember the nation’s history. |
|  | **B** | preserve the country’s independence. |
|  | **C** | be satisfied with the nation’s success. |
|  | **D** | take responsibility for the country’s future. |
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| **8** | The word *emerged* can best be replaced with  |
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|  | **A** | developed. |
|  | **B** | supported. |
|  | **C** | obtained. |
|  | **D** | formed. |

**Questions 9 – 15***are based on the following passage*.

Seattle photographer, Jennifer Loomis, decided she was ready to adopt a child. As she **\_\_\_(9)\_\_\_**through blurry photos of children in the Northwest Adoption Exchange (NWAE) website one night, she struggled to feel a connection. “I couldn’t get a sense of **\_\_\_(10)\_\_\_**the children were.” Jennifer says.

She emailed he organisation that night, **\_\_\_(11)\_\_\_**to photograph the children. With 18 years of experience as a documentary and portrait photographer, she believed **\_\_\_(12)\_\_\_**she use her skills to bring out each child’s personality. After the NWAE gratefully accepted her offer, she **\_\_\_(13)\_\_\_**a photo shoot with five boys and two girls, aged nine to 17. To entertain the children, she brought her dog and a trampoline, along with a make-up artist. Local businesses donated balloons and food. “I wanted to see the children smile and laugh,” she says. One of the prospective adoptive parents visited to website and were **\_\_\_(14)\_\_\_** drawn to one child, Deon. They said that it was Deon’s sparkling happy eyes that encouraged them to pursue an adoption.

NWAE won’t disclose how many children have been adopted **\_\_\_(15)\_\_\_**date, but a spokesperson says the photos have been an ‘invaluable tool’ in matching the children with families.

As for Jennifer, she did not adopt a child. In July 2014, she gave birth to a son. Meanwhile, she will continue photographing foster children. “Their lives depend on it,” she says. She is still using her photography talents to help foster children find homes.

(Adapted from *Reader’s Digest*, March 2015)

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| **9** | **A** | peered | **13** | **A** | set up |
|  | **B** | flipped |  | **B** | set forth |
|  | **C** | peeped |  | **C** | set aside |
|  | **D** | scrolled |  | **D** | set down |
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| **10** | **A** | who | **14** | **A** | slightly |
|  | **B** | which |  | **B** | gradually |
|  | **C** | whom |  | **C** | reluctantly |
|  | **D** | whose |  | **D** | immediately |
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| **11** | **A** | volunteer | **15** | **A** | of |
|  | **B** | volunteers |  | **B** | to |
|  | **C** | volunteered |  | **C** | with |
|  | **D** | volunteering |  | **D** | behind |
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| **12** | **A** | must |  |  |  |
|  | **B** | could |  |  |  |
|  | **C** | might |  |  |  |
|  | **D** | would |  |  |  |

**Section B**

[10*marks*]

[*Time suggested:* 25 *minutes*]

**Question 16 – 25**

*Read the following descriptions and answer the questions that follow.*

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| Read the following labels and answer the questions. |
| Image result for picture of calcium in a bottle | **SUPER CALCIUM**The 1000 mg Super Calcium supplements give you strong bones and teeth. It is highly recommended for those who do not take enough calcium-rich products daily.**RM43.00 for 100 tablets** |
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| Image result for picture of vitamin e in a bottle | **VITAMIN E SKIN REPAIR**The 400 mg capsules contain vitamin E as well as Evening Primrose Oil which are excellent for treating pimples, dry skin and for cell replacement. A 3-month course will result in skin rejuvenation and perfect complexion.**RM60.00 for 100 capsules** |
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| Image result for picture of liquid vitamin c in a bottle | **JOY VITAMIN ORANGE**100% pure orange juice. One tablespoon of Joy supplies enough vitamin C for the day. It helps you maintain a healthy digestive and nervous system, as well as improve your appetite.**RM22.00 per bottle** |
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| Image result for picture of multi vitamin in a bottle | **MULTI-VITS**Multi-Vits combines all the necessary vitamins in the best proportions. Taking one a day helps maintain healthy skin, and builds up resistance against flu and cold. It also helps to prevent bleeding gums, treats rough scaly skin and wards off infection.**RM28.00 for 60 capsules** |
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| Image result for picture of milk powder in sachet | **KEYSKIM MILK**This milk powder contains nutrients for hair and nails. It is recommended for women over 40 as it is rich in calcium but low in calories. It provides you with enough energy for the day. Contains no artificial flavouring or additives.**RM12.00 per pack of 10 sachets** |
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| Image result for picture of iron vitamin in a bottle | **ALL ROUND IRON**Iron is important for replacing red blood cells. Each capsule contains the necessary amount of iron each day. It is recommended for those who lack intake of iron-rich food such as fish and meat.**RM25.00 for 50 capsules** |
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| Using the information from the labels given, identify which product would be suitable for each person in the table below. |
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| 16. Aunt Molly often feels tired and does not have enough energy to do her daily chores. |  |
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| 17. My niece always turns away food that is given to her. |  |
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| 18. Andy is susceptible to cold and flu and often gets sick easily. |  |
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| 19. Paul eats vegetables for most meals but dislikes eating fish and meat. |  |
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| 20. Lucy has a pain in her knee which prevents her from climbing up the stairs. |  |
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| 21. What are the benefits of Vitamin E Skin Repair capsules? …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………… |
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| 22.Why is Keyskim Milk highly recommended for women over 40?…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………… |
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| 23. What does Multi-Vits contain?…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………… |
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| 24.How do you take Joy Vitamin Orange?…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………… |
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| 25.Why do we need a sufficient intake of iron?…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………… |
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**Section C**

[25 *marks*]

[*Time suggested: 50 minutes*]

Questions 26 to 30 *are based on the following passage*.

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| 1 |  The trees had just started to sprout leaves the day I quit my job to travel. As a contract administrator for a shipping company, I had spent most of 2012 working in a windowless office. While it was a great job for me, potentially even a good career, it was not what I wanted. I wanted to write stories and see the world.  |  |
| 2 |  The decision was finalized two years earlier, in 2010, when I graduated from college and moved to Spain to teach English. I exchanged my university texts for children’s books and spent my spare time travelling around Europe documenting it all in my blog, Young Adventures. I never thought that the blog would eventually grow into a business that sustains me to this day. | 5 |
| 3 |  After two years, my teaching contracts ended. I moved back in with my parents to work a nine-to-five desk job dealing with financial reviews, tight deadlines, terrible co-workers and fax machines that never worked. | 10 |
| 4 |  Writing, however, continued to make me happy. During those two years in Spain, my blog had grown a large following of dedicated readers. I faced a tough decision: quit and pursue writing full-time, or play it safe and keep a good job. | 15 |
| 5 |  While I felt guilty for wanting something different, I knew that returning to the world of writing and travelling was the right choice. I began planning my next move immediately. This time, my goal was to move to New Zealand. This goal kept me sane during a year of work, while I squirreled away as much money as I could and wrote every day. |  |
| 6 |  Every night when I came home from my desk job, I would work on my blog. I spent a year building up the content, growing my social media following and setting up freelance writing contracts, so that I would have guaranteed paid work once I quit. | 20 |
| 7 |  Halfway through the year, I took a week off and flew to Turkey on my first press trip. I wanted to see if I would actually like travelling full-time and touring around a new destination every day. A few months later, I was invited to explore Jordan, where I made friends with Bedouins and ate more hummus and kunefe than I could have ever imagined. Then, I went on a road trip through some of the most remote parts of Iceland under the midnight summer sun. Finally, I hopped on a one-way flight to New Zealand. | 25 |
| 8 |  Since quitting my job, I have sailed off the coast of Italy and Greece; dived shipwrecks in Bali and Thailand; ridden horses across the high mountains of western Mongolia; slept under the stars on Australia’s Great Barrier Reef; and chased elves in Iceland. Not once have I regretted my decision to leave my job. | 30 |
| 9 |  My path has been far from easy. It has definitely been a rollercoaster of emotions, failures, freak-outs and learning experiences. Two years ago, I wanted to see as much of the world as possible. Now, I prefer, to travel slowly, really dig in my heels and get to know a country. I enjoy going back to places I have been before and seeing *them* in a new light.  | 35 |
| 10 |  Through all this, I have achieved my goal of becoming a writer, blogger and Instagrammer; I did it. I gave up a comfortable life to pursue personal happiness – hopefully proving that dreams really do come true, if you work for them.Adapted from *http://www.bbc.com/travel/story* | 39 |

26 From paragraph 1, when was the narrator first inspired to become a writer?

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27 From paragraph 4,

(a) state one reason why the narrator wants to become a full-time writer.

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(b) why did the narrator find it difficult to make a decision to become a full-time writer?

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28 (a) From paragraph 5, which phrase tells you that the narrator saved money?

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 (b) From paragraph 8, state one place the narrator visited after she quit her job.

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29 (a) State **one** word to describe the narrator.

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 (b) Give a reason for your choice.

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30 From paragraph 9, lines 38 to 39,

 (a) “I enjoy going back to places I have been before and seeing them in a new light.”

 What does the word them refer to?

[1 mark]

 (b) What do you think the narrator had decided to do in the end?

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31 Based on the passage given, write summary on:

* what the narrator decided to do
* how the narrator developed herself to become a writer

Credit will be given for use of own words but care must be taken not to change the original meaning.

Your summary must:

* be in continuous writing form(not in note form)
* use material from **lines 10 to 39**
* not be longer than **130 words, including the 10 words given** below

Begin your summary as follows:

*After two years when the author’s teaching contracts ended, she……*

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**Section D**

[ 20*marks* ]

[ *Time suggested* : 35 *minutes* ]

**32***Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow*.

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| **The Charge of the Light Brigade****(an extract)** |
| Half a league, half a league,Half a league onward,All in the valley of DeathRode the six hundred.“Forward, the Light Brigade!Charge for the guns!” he said.Into the valley of DeathRode the six hundred.“Forward, the Light Brigade!”Was there a man dismayed?Not though the soldier knewSomeone had blundered.Theirs not to make reply,Theirs not to reason why,Theirs but to do and die.Into the valley of DeathRode the six hundred. | Cannon to right of them,Cannon to left of them,Cannon in front of themVolleyed and thundered;Stormed at with shot and shell,Boldly they rode and well,Into the jaws of Death,Into the mouth of HellRode the six hundred.**Alfred, Lord Tennyson** |

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| a) | How many soldiers were in the Light Brigade? |
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| b) | In stanza 2, which word means “made a serious mistake”? |
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| c) | *Cannon to right of them,**Cannon to left of them,* *Cannon in front of them* |
|  | What feeling do the lines above convey? |
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| c) | If you were one of the soldiers, would you have followed the given orders? Why? |
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**33***The following are the novels studied in the literature component in English language.*

Captain Nobody - Dean Pitchford

Dear Mr Kilmer - Anne Pitchford

Sing to the Dawn - Minfong Ho

*Choose any* ***one*** *of the novels above and answer the question below.*

 Write a detailed account of an event in the novel you have chosen which teaches you an important

lesson. With close reference to the text, give reasons and examples to support your answer.

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