

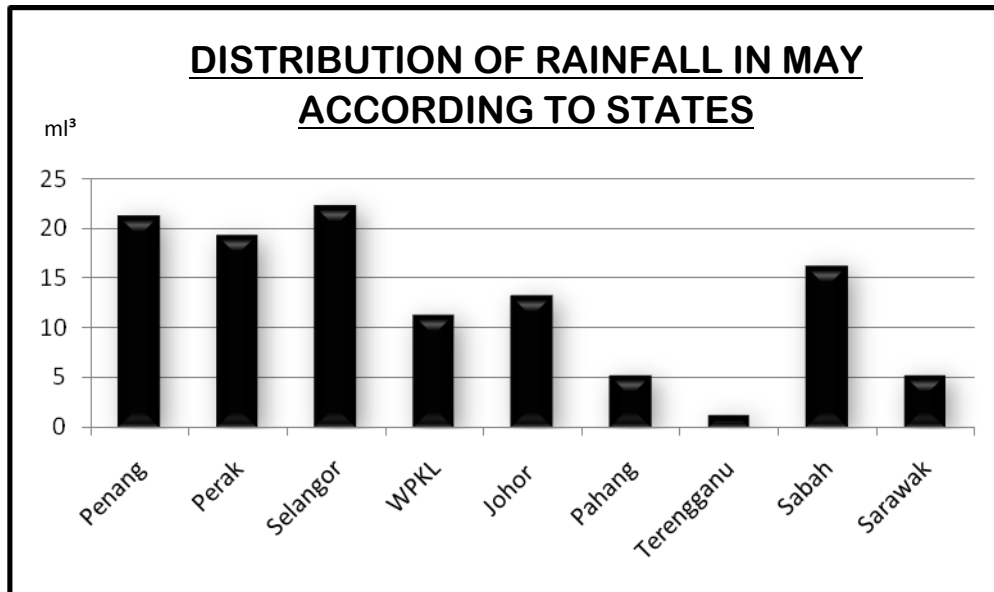
**Section A**  
[ 15 marks ]



- 1 The notice above can most probably be found at
- A a science laboratory
  - B a construction site
  - C a hardware store
  - D a hospital

The protected elephants of West Bengal, India are hardly out of harm's way. In fact, since 2004, 27 have been killed by trains barrelling down the hundred miles of track that run where they roam. Now the Ministry of Railways is under pressure to enforce speed limits, reduce travel at night ( when most casualties occur ) and prune vegetation to improve the driver's view.

- 2 Based on the extract above, we can conclude that
- A most elephants in India die in train crash
  - B most of the accidents happen at daytime
  - C there is no speed limit for trains
  - D the drivers have poor eye-sight



3 Based on the bar graph above, the two states that record the same amount of rainfall in May are

- A Pahang and Sarawak
- B Penang and Selangor
- C Penang and Perak
- D Perak and Sabah



- 4 The woman in the picture above is feeling angry because her students are
- A naughty
  - B happy
  - C funny

**LET'S LEAVE OUR CHILDREN A LIVING PLANET**



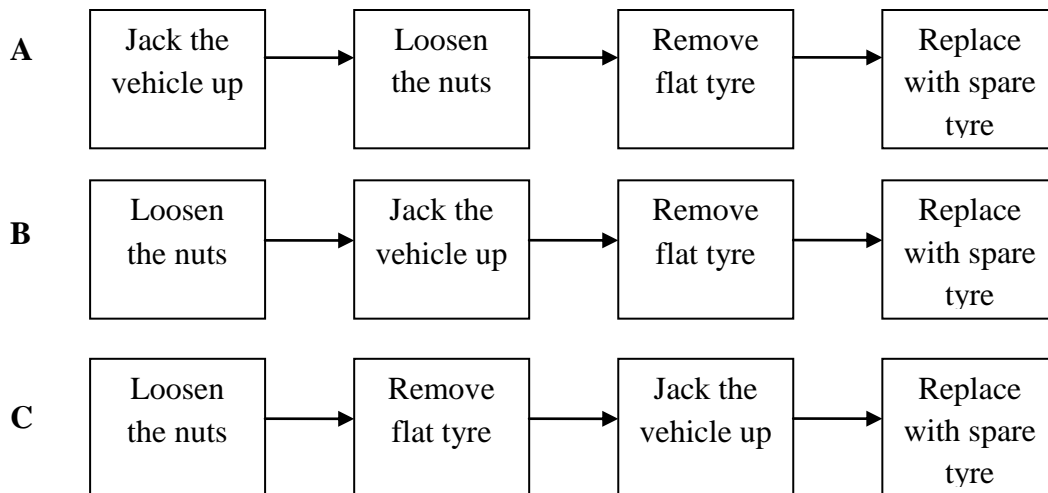
Malaysia's river system is under threat. Hardly any of them can be rated as clean. Indiscriminate discharge of effluents and illegal dumping have polluted 23 of 27 sources of drinking water in Selangor alone. WWF is currently working with the authorities to better manage our river basins. You can do your part as well. If you are aware of any illegal dumping into rivers, please notify the relevant authorities. We need your support to keep our rivers alive.


- 5 Based on the notice above, we can keep our rivers clean by
- A leaving our children a living planet
  - B organising a 'Save Our Rivers' campaign
  - C working with WWF to manage the river basins
  - D notifying the authorities about illegal dumping into rivers

**HOW TO CHANGE A FLAT TYRE**

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6 Which of the following best shows the sequence in changing a flat tyre?





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- 7 Based on the schedule above, anyone who wishes to go to Aquaria should be there by
- A 7.00 pm
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  - C 8.00 pm
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- 8 The promotion in the advertisement above is suitable for anyone who plans to travel
- A to New Delhi from Penang
  - B to Seoul from Kuching
  - C on May 20, 2012
  - D on July 15, 2011

Questions 9 – 15 are based on the following passage.

Observing my parents as I was growing up also taught me to value the concept of the family. My parents \_\_\_\_\_( 9 ) very close. At night my father would sit on the floor, \_\_\_\_\_( 10 ) his legs and lean against the main pillar of the house to talk to my mother. The pillar was his favourite spot and it was worn smooth \_\_\_\_\_( 11 ) the years because he leaned against it so often. He would smoke cheroot cigars and she would chew betel leaves. I do not know \_\_\_\_\_( 12 ) they discussed but they were good companions and seemed to have \_\_\_\_\_( 13 ) to talk about all the time. They did not \_\_\_\_\_( 14 ) their affection for each other as it was unbecoming to do so, \_\_\_\_\_( 15 ) I know they loved each other very much. I feel blessed that I come from such a family background.

*Adapted from 'A Doctor In The House', by Tun Dr Mahathir*

9. A is  
B are  
C was  
D were

10. A stretch  
B stretches  
C stretched  
D stretching

11. A over  
B while  
C during

12. A why  
B what  
C when  
D whom

13. A nothing  
B anything  
C something  
D everything

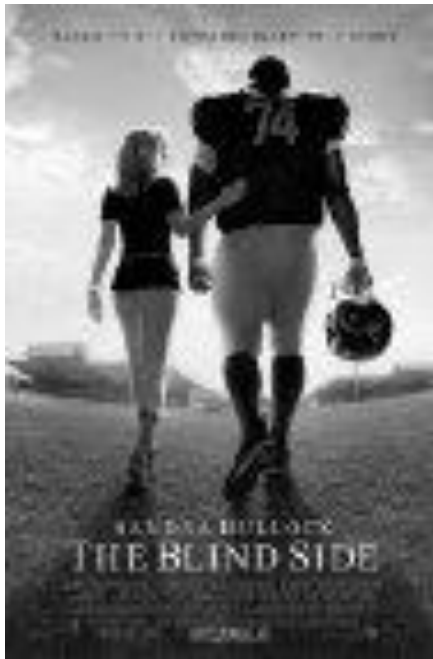
14. A reveal  
B portray  
C announce  
D demonstrate

15. A as  
B but  
C and  
D because

**Section B**

(10 marks)

Questions 16-25

*Read the following movie review and complete the table that follows.*

*The Blind Side* is a 2009 American semi-biographical drama film. It is written and directed by John Lee Hancock. Based on the true story of Leigh Anne and Sean Tuohy who take in a homeless teenage African-American, Michael "Big Mike" Oher.

Michael has no idea who his father is and his mother is a drug addict. Michael has had little formal education and few skills to help him learn. Leigh Anne soon takes charge however, as is her nature, ensuring that the young man has every opportunity to succeed.

When he expresses an interest in football, she goes all out to help him, including giving the coach a few ideas on how best to use Michael's skills. They not only provide him with a loving home, but hire a tutor to help him improve his grades to the point where he would qualify for an NCAA Division I athletic scholarship. Michael Oher was the first-round pick of the Baltimore Ravens in the 2009 NFL draft. At the end of the story, Michael earns his position as one of the most highly coveted prospects in the college team.

For her performance, Sandra Bullock won the Academy Award for Best Actress. The film itself also received an Academy Award nomination for Best Picture. Besides Bullock, the film stars Quinton Aaron as Michael Oher and Tim McGraw as Sean Tuohy.

## Questions 16-25

*Using the information from the movie review, write short answers in the spaces provided.*

Title	16. _____
Director	17. _____
Type of movie	18. _____
Leading actress	19. _____
Film's achievements	20. _____
	21. _____

**Storyline :**

This film revolves around a 22. \_\_\_\_\_ , named Michael Oher. He is adopted by the Tuohy family and they support him to go through his life in school and football tournaments. Michael is a talented football player. Therefore, Leigh Anne hires a tutor to help him in his studies so that he can secure the 23. \_\_\_\_\_ . She also helps giving tips to the coach on how to train Michael. Finally, Michael not only becomes a 24. \_\_\_\_\_ player in his college team, but has a family he 25. \_\_\_\_\_ .

(10 marks)



**Section C**

[25 marks]

Questions 26 – 31 are based on the following passage.

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

- 1           HOMEWORK may sound like a simple, unassuming word but it carries deep and burdensome undertones. The nature of homework indicates that we need to study a subject or topic to gain the necessary knowledge for an answer. If you have attended university, it will mean that you would have done homework for approximately 14 years of your life. One would assume that with more than a decade of practice, we would be highly skilled in carrying out the process needed to complete homework. These skills are necessary in the future. Just ask anybody who works or is a parent – does homework ever end? 5
  
- 2           It sounds quite unfortunate. Yet, the homework that we still have to do after graduation amounts to more than just a grade on paper. Homework determines our work ethics, credibility and efficiency. Just ask any employer who they would hire – someone who walks into an interview with no knowledge of the company’s background or movements or someone who has an idea and asks relevant questions? 10
  
- 3           If we do not do any research in order to obtain some knowledge of a certain topic, it is not very smart since it will affect your job. Doing research is crucial for your future success in life. If we do not make an effort to do any homework, it simply comes down to plain laziness or a lack of enthusiasm. Think about it. When you like someone, you go to great lengths to check out every single aspect of their lives. You would google for their names, visit their Facebook accounts and study their Twitter replies to friends. That is how good we can be with our homework if we are given the right motivation. 15 20
  
- 4           There is literally no excuse when we say, “*I don’t know*” to our bosses. With the Internet, the world is literally at our feet. We can get information that nobody else before this generation could. It is not a crime not to know everything, but it is unforgivable if we just leave it at that. When doing homework, we can also get assistance of textbooks and notes. When faced with a particular difficult problem, we can head to the library, ask our tutor or e-mail former students for help. If we can apply that system of research in school, why can’t we do that as an adult when facing a difficult problem? We can also have the option of calling someone when searching for an answer. Although we have to spent hours on the phone, but that is the effort we have to put in to generate results. In the process of completing the homework, we also have to improve our social skills. 25 30

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Parents automatically do the necessary homework when it comes to their children. If their child suddenly falls ill at home, they will usually take him or her to the doctor. But once they are at home, they will log on to the Internet to check if what the doctor says tally with the symptoms. They also want to know what other mothers who face the same problem would do. Malaysians do not lack resource; we just need the right motivation. Most of the time, when we are inefficient, it indicates that we are just not that interested. 35

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Information is power, confidence and credibility. It is also your tool and even your weapon. The only way to obtain relevant information is to do homework, regardless of how tedious that might be. If we do not know something, the first thought that comes into our mind should be "I'll go and find out" instead of "Oh, never mind". If you are on the web researching for something other than what your boss has ordered, then perhaps it is time for you to change your profession. If you write for a magazine or work in a TV station, you could actually be watching movies as part of your homework. 40  
45  
Having the right job motivates us to do research. We will do our homework without being asked or prodded.

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Homework is important in school, but it becomes more crucial when we enter the working world. So, please do not keep away your initiative, resourcefulness and determination, they are going to come in handy in the real world!

Adapted from *Doing one's homework, The Star, 2011*

26. From paragraph 1, what is the nature of homework?

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[1 mark]

27. (a) From paragraph 2, what is the significance of homework?

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[1 mark]

(b) From paragraph 3, why would some people refuse to do any research?

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[1 mark]

28. From paragraph 4,

(a) why it is unforgivable for the present generation to simply say *'I don't know'*?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1 mark]

(b) which **word** conveys the meaning of 'go'?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1 mark]

29. (a) From paragraph 5, give **two** reasons why some parents surf the internet after a visit to a doctor?

i) \_\_\_\_\_ [1 mark]

ii) \_\_\_\_\_ [1 mark]

(b) From paragraph 6, when should we consider changing our profession?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1 mark]

30. In your own words, give **two** reasons why do you access the internet?

(a) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [1 mark]

(b) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [1 mark]





**Section D**

[20 marks]

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

**Are You Still Playing Your Flute?**

Are you still playing your flute?  
When there is hardly time for our love  
I am feeling guilty  
To be longing for your song  
The melody concealed in the slim hollow of the bamboo  
Uncovered by the breath of an artist  
Composed by his fingers  
Blown by the wind  
To the depth of my heart.

Are you still playing your flute?  
In the village so quiet and deserted  
Amidst the sick rice field  
While here it has become a luxury  
To spend time watching the rain  
Gazing at the evening rays  
Collecting dew drops  
Or enjoying the fragrance of flowers.

Are you still playing your flute?  
The more it disturbs my conscience  
to be thinking of you  
in the hazard of you  
my younger brothers unemployed and desperate  
my people disunited by politics  
my friend slaughtered mercilessly  
this world is too old and bleeding.

**Zurinah Hassan**

(a) From stanza 1, what has touched the persona's heart?

.....

[1 mark]

(b) State **one** problem faced by the villagers.

.....  
[1 mark]

(c) Why has the village become ‘so quiet and deserted’?

.....  
[1 mark]

(d) Without using examples from the poem, suggest **two** activities you would do to spend your pastime in the village.

(i) .....  
[1 mark]

(ii) .....  
[1 mark]









**ANSWER SHEET**

For Section A

Blacken only **one** space for each question. If you wish to change your answer, erase the blackened mark that you have made. Then blacken the space for the new answer.

Example :

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| 2. | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | Ⓓ | 10. | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | Ⓓ |
| 3. | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | Ⓓ | 11. | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ |   |
| 4. | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ |   | 12. | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | Ⓓ |
| 5. | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | Ⓓ | 13. | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | Ⓓ |
| 6. | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ |   | 14. | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | Ⓓ |
| 7. | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | Ⓓ | 15. | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | Ⓓ |
| 8. | Ⓐ | Ⓑ | Ⓒ | Ⓓ |     |   |   |   |   |