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**LEMBAGA PEPERIKSAAN  
KEMENTERIAN PENDIDIKAN MALAYSIA**

**SIJIL PELAJARAN MALAYSIA 2014**

**1119/2**

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**Kertas 2**

**Nov./Dis.**

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**JANGAN BUKA KERTAS SOALAN INI SEHINGGA DIBERITAHU**

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**Arahan**

1. *Tulis nombor kad pengenalan dan angka giliran anda pada ruang yang disediakan.*
2. *Kertas soalan ini mengandungi empat bahagian: **Bahagian A, Bahagian B, Bahagian C dan Bahagian D.***
3. *Jawab **semua** bahagian dalam kertas soalan ini.*
4. *Soalan-soalan dalam **Bahagian A** mempunyai **empat** pilihan jawapan. Jawab setiap soalan dengan menghitamkan ruang yang betul di halaman 20.*

**Instructions**

1. *Write your **I.C. number** and **index number** in the space provided.*
2. *This question paper consists of four sections: **Section A, Section B, Section C and Section D.***
3. *Answer **all** sections in this question paper.*
4. *Questions in **Section A** have **four** options. Answer each question by blackening the correct space on page 20.*

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Kertas soalan ini mengandungi 20 halaman bercetak dan 2 halaman tidak bercetak.

## Section A

[15 marks]

[Time suggested : 25 minutes]

**PENANG:** A charity concert by a well-known local singer, Aril Adam, **drew** a huge crowd to City Stadium last night. It was estimated that some 10,000 fans turned up for the event.

- 1 In the report above, the word **drew** can best be replaced with
- A dragged.
  - B inspired.
  - C attracted.
  - D persuaded.

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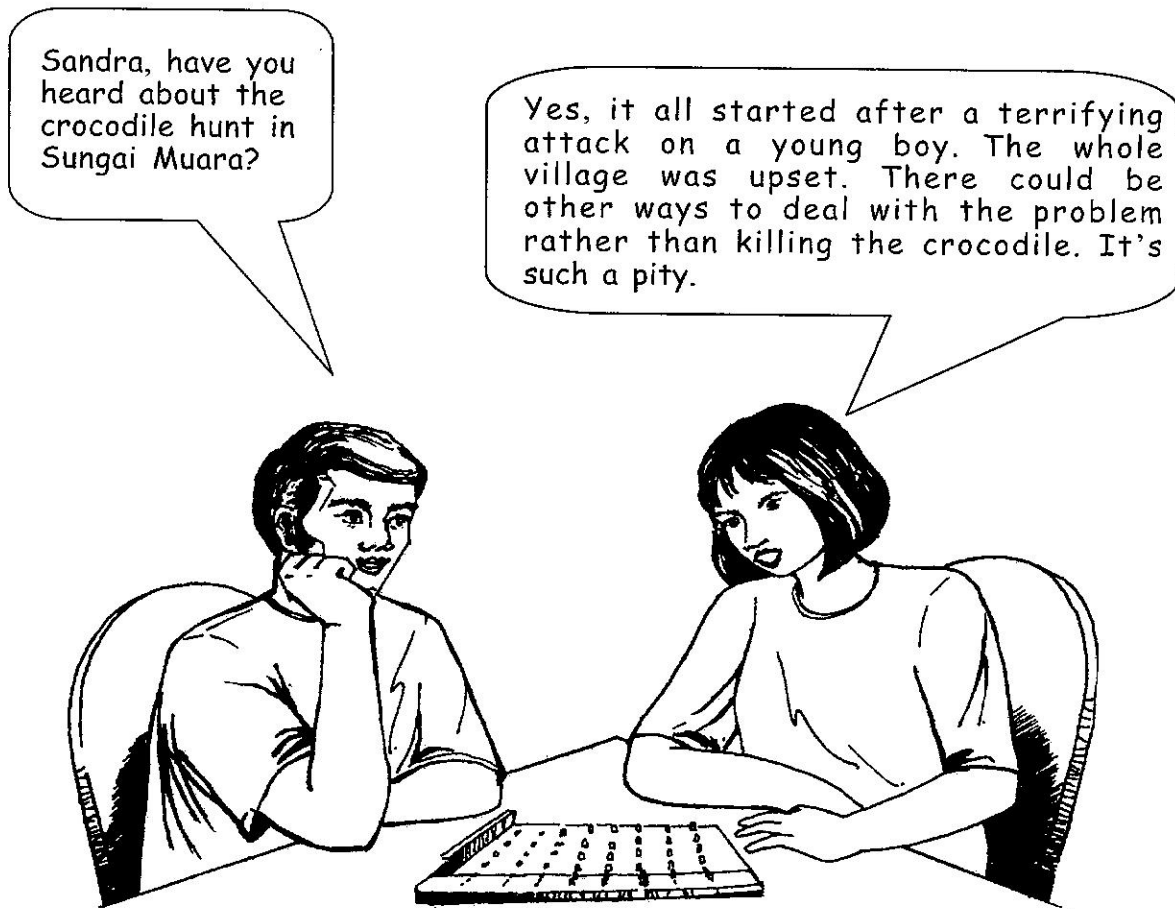
- 2 Which of the following statements is **true**?
- A There is no age limit for applicants.
  - B Applicants will undergo training locally.
  - C Applicants from any country are welcomed.
  - D The company requires applicants to work for them.

Residents of the eight-storey Moonlight Apartments in Kampung Bahagia, Kuching are tired of the poor services provided by Salam Development Sdn. Bhd. Two months ago, they had to pool their resources to mend the only lift in the building. The company had failed to take action to solve the problem although endless complaints had been made. The residents had even threatened to vacate the premises.

- 3 The residents finally solved their problem by
- A moving out of the apartments.
  - B using their own money for repairs.
  - C taking legal action against the developer.
  - D making many complaints to the management.

Sleep is an important factor in minimising arthritis pain. Work on improving your sleep by getting exercise early in the day, and avoid caffeine or alcoholic beverages at night. Keeping your bedroom dark, quiet and cool also helps. Take a warm bath to relax and soothe sore muscles before you retire for the night.

- 4 From the article, one way to ensure a good night's sleep is by
- A massaging sore muscles.
  - B doing sufficient exercise.
  - C retiring early for the night.
  - D being silent in the bedroom.



- 5 From the conversation above, what is Sandra's feeling about the hunt?
- A fear
  - B worry
  - C anger
  - D disappointment

Questions 6 and 7 are based on the given excerpt below.

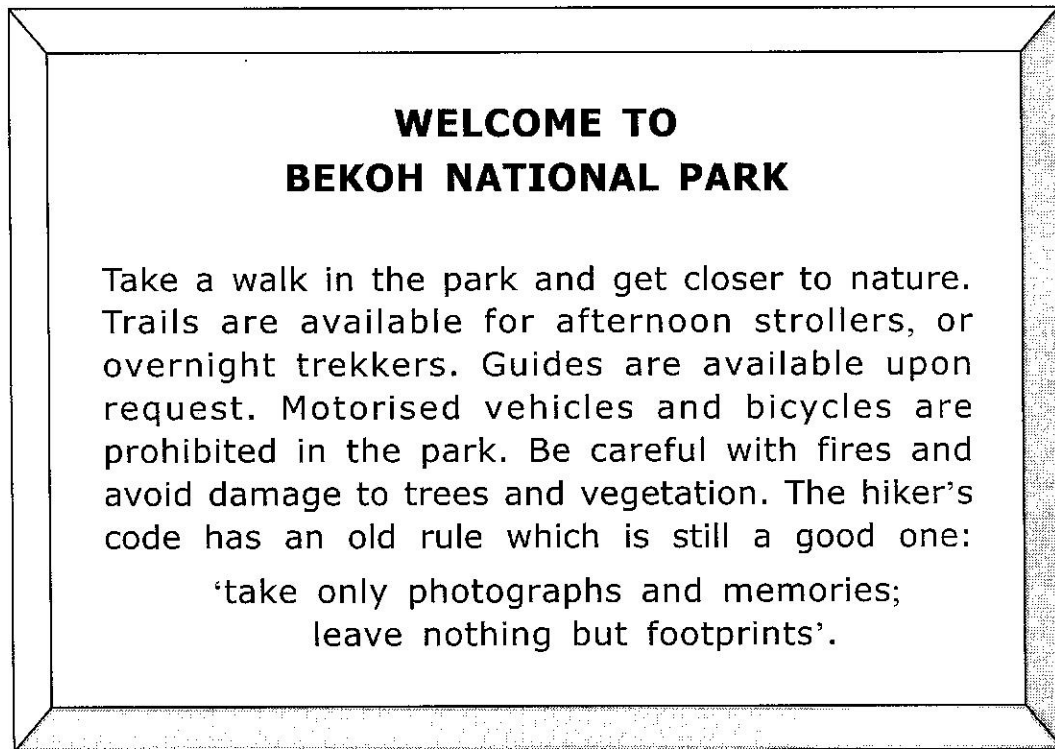
Good evening and Happy Malaysia Day to all the beloved citizens of Malaysia.

With God's grace, we are able to celebrate the 48<sup>th</sup> 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*

- 6 The Prime Minister is asking Malaysians to
- 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.
- 7 The word *emerged* can best be replaced with
- A developed.
  - B supported.
  - C obtained.
  - D formed.



- 8 From the notice, we know that visitors to the park are **not** allowed to
- A engage guides.
  - B drive through.
  - C stay overnight.
  - D make campfires.

Questions 9 to 15 are based on the following passage. Choose the best answer to fill in each blank.

Our focus in World Environment Day is to encourage everyone to do their part for a greener and cleaner environment.

The Earth faces the threat of climate change and all countries will suffer 9 the negative effects. We do, however, have the opportunity to change course to save the environment.

Governments will have to 10 talks and together act quickly to save the environment. The world also needs to focus on its sources 11 renewable energy. 12 will not only create jobs but also help tackle global warming. If we invest in the green economy, we can turn today's crisis 13 tomorrow's progress.

Our planet needs more than just action taken by the governments and the many corporations; it needs commitment from each of us. When billions of people join forces for a common purpose, we can make a 14 difference.

On this World Environment Day, I 15 all people to take steps towards making the planet greener and cleaner. You can start by switching off the lights, taking public transport, recycling, planting a tree and even cleaning your local park.

- 9    A    as a result of  
      B    regardless  
      C    instead of  
      D    despite

- 10   A    holding  
      B    holds  
      C    hold  
      D    held

- 11   A    in  
      B    on  
      C    of  
      D    at

- 12   A    This  
      B    How  
      C    What  
      D    There

- 13   A    in  
      B    into  
      C    from  
      D    through

- 14   A    specific  
      B    heavy  
      C    deep  
      D    real

- 15   A    urge  
      B    hope  
      C    wish  
      D    dream

**Section B****[10 marks]***[Time suggested : 25 minutes]***Questions 16 to 25***Read the following text and answer the questions that follow.*

If your parents are planning to buy a house, you could suggest that they purchase a bungalow situated in the Bukit Cahaya District. This housing project is undertaken by a reliable company, MH Sdn. Bhd. They offer exclusive bungalows surrounded by beautiful views stretching as far as the eyes can see. You and your family will be able to step back and enjoy the fresh, crisp air and relaxing surroundings.

Each bungalow has a built-up area of 4,000 square feet, giving your family enough space, especially if your family is large. Each unit comes with four bedrooms and a living area with large glass windows which enable you to enjoy the view of the greenery outside. A free burglar alarm system is also provided for peace of mind.

The housing area is equipped with a 24-hour closed-circuit television (CCTV) surveillance system. Located at the centre of the housing area is a spacious multipurpose hall which can be used for social functions, gatherings and indoor games such as badminton. A swimming pool and a children's playground are also provided.

Furthermore, within the housing estate, the developer has also set aside five acres of land with a picnic site exclusively for the residents. Other facilities within this area that will delight recreational enthusiasts include an outdoor gym, a tennis court and a jogging track.

A reliable bus service links the housing estate to the nearest township of Bandar Cahaya. So, your family will have quick access to an array of established amenities which include schools, hypermarkets, wet markets and clinics.

The bungalows cost RM800,000 each, which is the best deal you will find.

## Questions 16 to 25

Using the information from the text, complete the table below.

| Bungalow unit                              |                         |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Location</b>                            | 16 .....                |
| <b>Developer</b>                           | 17 .....                |
| <b>Built-up area</b>                       | • 4,000 square feet     |
| <b>Security</b>                            | 18 .....                |
|                                            | 19 .....                |
| <b>Recreational and fitness facilities</b> | • Multipurpose hall     |
|                                            | • Swimming pool         |
|                                            | • Children's playground |
|                                            | 20 .....                |
|                                            | 21 .....                |
| <b>Public transport</b>                    | 22 .....                |
|                                            | 23 .....                |
| <b>Price per unit</b>                      | 24 .....                |
|                                            | 25 .....                |

[10 marks]

## Section C

[25 marks]

[Time suggested : 50 minutes]

Questions 26 to 31 are based on the following passage.

- 1 Initially, the activity of caving did not appeal to me at all. I had always found the idea of clambering, even crawling, through narrow, wet, rocky passages in pitch black conditions not particularly appetising. However, after much persuasion from my nature-loving friends, I reluctantly found myself signing up for a Basic Caving Course organised by the Malaysian Nature Society at the Kota Gelanggi Caves near Jerantut, Pahang. The things we had to take included a helmet, knee and elbow pads, a waterproof headlamp, hand-held torch and 'dry pack'. We were also asked to bring protective clothing to cover our arms and legs completely. 5
- 2 One Friday, after a three-hour drive from Kuala Lumpur, we arrived at the Felda Tekam Plantation Resort near Jerantut and soon started our first classroom session. This was a serious caving course which included lessons on geology, ecology and, of course, safety. 10
- 3 The next day, we started our adventure with Gua Penyu, one of the 'easy caves' among the many at Kota Gelanggi. This was an easy walk but the caving trainer who was leading us made it more memorable and challenging by asking us all to switch off our torches in order to get a feel of total darkness. Most of us moved very slowly as we were not used to such darkness. After that, there was an abseiling session down a thirty-metre cliff. The caving trainers had to carefully check the gear of each and every participant and patiently repeat the instructions each time! We were a little worried as the weather was slightly windy. It was unnerving sliding down the rope. Some of the participants were seen reciting prayers while waiting for their turn. But soon, it was all over. We were on safe ground again. 15 20
- 4 After breakfast on the second day, we tackled Gua Balai, a slightly tougher cave. We had to tread on the slippery rocks rather gingerly. Since it was necessary to help one another, this was when we began to bond as a group. That night, there was a session of group games and a fun quiz. During the quiz, it started raining heavily. The trainers were excited and gleefully told us that caving would be 'extra fun' the next day. 25
- 5 On the third day, we were awakened very early in the morning and told to get ready for Gua Tongkat. On entering, we found ourselves having to wriggle along like worms to get through some narrow rock passages, and it became clear why we had been asked to wear protective clothing, helmets and gloves. Despite the protective gear, many of us suffered cuts and bruises on our arms and legs. Somehow, it was incredible that only our trainers escaped without a single blemish on their arms and legs. Then, it was time for our 'final exam' – on our bellies through a muddy, watery passage. Finally, after much clumsiness, we arrived at a chamber with a tiny hole at one end. The unsympathetic trainers happily shouted that we had to go through that tiny hole. We had to get down on all fours in the dirty mud. We all struggled to keep our noses above water as we inched our way forward. 30 35

- 6 After what seemed like an eternity, we finally came to a series of magnificent caverns with an abundance of rock formations dripping with water. The sight was spectacular. We were awestruck. Who would have thought that such a wonderful complex of caves lay just beyond a tiny hole? 40
- 7 Later, the participants were talking about their experiences. It was not surprising that all of them had only positive things to say about the course. Razif, an accountant, commented, "I was initially worried about squeezing through the narrow passages. However, with the encouragement of our dedicated trainers, I could complete all the challenges. Adventure caving can be addictive, especially when it's done with a group of people who are passionate about exploring dark rocky passages and discovering the wondrous world within. I can't wait for the next trip." 45
- 8 All the twenty-one participants graduated from the course and were awarded certificates. What really made the experience unforgettable for them was the group camaraderie and the infectious enthusiasm of the caving trainers. What is it that makes these people come back year in, year out for such an activity? 50
- 9 Simon, a trainer explained, "I find caves beautiful and mysterious. I feel exhilarated wondering what I will discover as I go deeper. It's not the same as watching it on TV. You want to climb, crawl, get stuck in passages and roll in the mud. You emerge feeling good and wanting to share that experience with others." 55

Adapted from *the Star*, March 2013

- 26 From paragraph 1, why did the writer decide to go on the caving course?

.....[1 mark]

- 27 From paragraph 4,

(a) what brought the participants together as a group in Gua Balai cave?

.....[1 mark]

(b) why do you think the trainers said caving would be 'extra fun'?

.....[1 mark]

28 From paragraph 5,

- (a) give a reason why you think the trainers could escape without a single blemish on their arms and legs.

..... [1 mark]

- (b) what made the trainers seem unsympathetic?

..... [1 mark]

- (c) which phrase means 'moved very slowly'?

..... [1 mark]

29 From paragraph 7,

- (a) how did Razif manage to overcome all the difficulties he faced?

..... [1 mark]

- (b) which sentence suggests that Razif enjoyed the caving adventure?

..... [1 mark]

30 In your own words, state **one** quality that caving trainers should have.

Provide a reason to support your answer.

Quality: ..... [1 mark]

Reason: ..... [1 mark]

31 The course participants had an interesting experience in the caving adventure.  
Write a summary on the challenges they faced **when exploring the caves**.

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 note form)
- use materials **from line 14 to line 36**
- not be longer than **130 words, including the 10 words** given below

Begin your summary as follows:

*Starting with Gua Penyu, the trainers instructed the participants to ...*

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### ANSWER SHEET FOR QUESTION 31

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**HALAMAN KOSONG**

## Section D

[20 marks]

[Time suggested : 35 minutes]

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

**In the midst of hardship**

At dawn they returned home  
their soaky clothes torn  
and approached the stove  
their limbs marked by scratches  
their legs full of wounds  
but on their brows  
there was not a sign of despair

The whole day and night just passed  
they had to brave the horrendous flood  
in the water all the time  
between bloated carcasses  
and tiny chips of tree barks  
*desperately looking for their son's*  
*albino buffalo* that was never found

*They were born amidst hardship*  
and grew up without a sigh or a complaint  
now they are in the kitchen, making  
jokes while rolling their cigarette leaves

**Latiff Mohidin**

- (a) In stanza 1, which word in the poem means 'a feeling of hopelessness'?  
.....[1 mark]
- (b) In stanza 3, which phrase indicates that the villagers were cheerful although they had suffered in the flood waters?  
.....[1 mark]
- (c) Why do you think they were *desperately looking for their son's lost albino buffalo*?  
.....[1 mark]

(d) *They were born amidst hardship.*

Besides floods, what **other hardship** do you think the villagers might face?

Provide a reason to support your answer.

Hardship :..... [1 mark]

Reason :..... [1 mark]

[5 marks]

33 *The following are the novels studied in the literature component in English Language.*

The Curse – Lee Su Ann

Step By Wicked Step – Anne Fine

Catch Us If You Can – Catherine MacPhail

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

“One has to struggle to improve one’s life.”

With close reference to the text, how far is this true of the novel you have read?

[15 marks]

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## ANSWER SHEET FOR QUESTION 33

[illegible]

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## 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:

(A) (B) ☒ (C) (D)

- 1 (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 2 (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 3 (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 4 (A) (B) (C) (D)
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- 7 (A) (B) (C) (D)
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- 10 (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 11 (A) (B) (C) (D)
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- 14 (A) (B) (C) (D)
- 15 (A) (B) (C) (D)

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| Section            | Marks |  |
| A                  | 15    |  |
| B                  | 10    |  |
| C                  | 25    |  |
| D                  | 20    |  |
| Total              | 70    |  |