SHORT TEXTS AND GRAPHIC MATERIALS

PETALING JAYA: Malaysian women are getting breast cancer at a younger age than women in the West. Health authorities believe that pollution, smoking, alcohol, a sedentary lifestyle and food are contributing to the sharp rise in such cases. Many women also succumb to the disease because they do not seek early treatment. Some women only turned up at the hospital at the last stage of their illness after trying traditional medicine.

1. According to the news article, which of the following factors does not contribute to cancer in women?

A Diet

B Smoking

C Sedentary lifestyle

D Traditional medicine

TAIPING: The body of a man was found in a blanket in some bushes near Taman Sentosa here yesterday.

The unidentified man had three stab wounds on his chest and abdomen, while his face was wrapped in a plastic bag.

2. From the report, we can conclude that the victim was … to death.

A stabbed

B bashed

C shot

D hit

Question 3 and 4 are based on the following excerpt:

> After a long day at work, I **flagged down** a taxi to take me home. The driver enquired, "Where to, teacher?" Surprised with the fact that he had recognised me as a teacher, even though I wasn't carrying the usual pile of textbooks under my arm, I leaned back and thought, "I must have a distinctive air, an aura or a special intellectual touch."
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> "How did you know I'm a teacher?" I asked.
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> "You are covered in chalk," was his reply.

3. The expression **flagged down** means

A to signal the driver

B to wave at the driver

C to use a flag to stop the driver

D to stop a vehicle by waving at the driver

4. The taxi driver knew that the writer was a teacher from the

A way he spoke

B way he was dressed

C chalk marks on his clothes

D pile of books he had with him

Children with *dyspraxia* have difficulties in planning and carrying out complex, sequenced actions. Clumsiness is the most distinctive feature of this condition, resulting in difficulties with catching a ball or doing up buttons.

5. According to the excerpt, children with *dyspraxia*

A enjoy catching balls

B can do up their buttons easily

C prefer doing sequenced actions

D cannot perform complex actions

Question 6 and 7 are based on the following excerpt.

Greasy French fries, salted potato chips, oily prawn crackers – these junk food items have such a bad reputation that they usually cannot be consumed without an ample serving of guilt. Now, these guilt-laden pleasures are being cast in an even more **lethal** light due to mounting evidence which could link fried food to cancer.

6. According to the above excerpt, eating fried food is dangerous because you could

A feel guilty

B get cancer

C become fat

D get a bad reputation

7. What does the word **lethal** in the excerpt mean?

A Guilty

B Deadly

C Painful

D Important

> Among the surprising findings of the past decade is that weight training can reverse some effects of ageing. It increases strength, helps restore bone density and diminishes knee pain from arthritis.

8. According to the excerpt, what is the 'surprising finding' about weight training?

A It increases bone density.

B It slows down ageing and its effects.

C It can heal arthritis and knee pain.

D It gives extra strength to the aged only.

How do you usually cut your food costs?

Reporter

I don't use a trolley while shopping. I use a basket instead. Using a basket will limit my impulse to buy more. Carrying the weight of the groceries around makes me reduce my browsing time, hence I make fewer purchases.

Mrs. Lim
(a housewife)

9. Mrs Lim prefers to use a basket rather than a trolley because

A carrying a basket makes her buy less

B carrying a basket costs less than using a trolley

C a trolley requires more than one hand to push it

D a trolley makes her stop more often to talk to her friends

Dear Editor,

I write to express my concern over the attitude of parents towards their children's safety while driving. Many of us have seen young children jumping around in cars while their parents drive. Some parents drive with their children on their laps. I urge all road users to enforce the use of safety belts and set a good example for children.

Concerned Mother

10. Concerned Mother is mainly complaining about

A children riding in cars

B children jumping around in cars

C parents and children not wearing seat belts

D parents setting a good example for road users

Dear Anna,

News of your engagement to Sam is **spreading like wildfire** in the office. Everybody knows about it now!

Congratulations!

- Ryan

11. The note tells us that the news of Anna's engagement was spreading …

A very fast

B rather slowly

C very excitedly

D through a fire

When we moved into the new apartment, we had nothing with us – no furniture, television, not even a stove. We had to **start from scratch**. Luckily, our parents came to our rescue and gave us some cash.

12. The expression **start from scratch** means

A start over

B start scratching

C start with nothing

D start working hard

SURVEY ON TYPES OF CHILD ABUSE (2018)

TYPES OF ABUSE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Abandonment	19	18	37
Neglect	72	64	136
Physical	62	76	138
Sexual	20	119	139
Emotional	7	13	20
Others	40	31	71
Total	220	321	541

13. Based on the survey above, which form of abuse did most female children suffer from?

A Physical

B Neglect

C Sexual

D Others

14. Based on the graph above, which of the following statement is incorrect?

A Swimming is not as popular as equestrian.

B More than half of the students prefer football.

C Badminton is almost as popular as archery.

D Swimming is half as popular as equestrian.

15. Which of the following best explains the above sign?

A Rest area

B Disabled resting

C Disabled crossing

D Wheelchairs available here

16. The above sign means that you can

A exchange babies here

B change your clothes here

C change infants' diapers here

D use the facilities for your own needs

THE ROAD YOU ARE ON IS FOR AIRPORT USERS.

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY.

MALAYSIA AIRPORTS

17. The sign above shows that Malaysian Airports is

A warning all motorists to drive carefully.

B informing all motorists that they cannot use the road.

C concerned for the safety and well-being of airport users.

D reminding all motorists that the road is only for airport users.

18. These are the signs you see outside a bookstore. From the signs, you know you are allowed to

A smoke in the store

B bring food and drink inside the store

C use your mobile phone

D bring in your shopping bags

19. Which of the following statements is true about the advertisement above?

A Only beginners are allowed to enroll for the dancing lessons.

B Only members of the Fitness Club can enroll for the lessons.

C The dancing lessons are not very expensive.

D The fees are expensive

VACANCY

SALES ENGINEER

2 POSITIONS

REQUIREMENTS:

- Diploma/Degree in Electronics Engineering or equivalent
- Between 25 – 35 years old
- Pleasant personality
- Minimum 2 years sales experience in electronics industry
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Able to work independently with minimum supervision
- Possess own transport with valid driving licence

Interested applicants, please call **JOHN** at **012-569 7267** for immediate interview/appointment or email your CV to **johnmatt@ymengineering.my**

20. According to the advertisement, which of the following is **not** required for the post of Sales Engineer?

A A degree in Electronics Engineering

B Ability to work independently

C Must be willing to work shifts

D At least 2 years working experience

21. The above advertisement shows that

A children's books are offered at half price.

B English books are value buys at 15% discount.

C some revision books are sold at more than half price.

D you only have to pay 70% of the original price for a CD.

ANSWERS FOR SHORT TEXTS AND GRAPHIC MATERIALS

1. **D**
2. **A**
3. **D**
4. **C**
5. **C**
6. **B**
7. **B**
8. **B**
9. **A**
10. **B**
11. **A**
12. **C**
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14. **C**
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18. **D**
19. **C**
20. **C**
21. **C**