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2009  
1 jam

PEPERIKSAAN PERCUBAAN  
PENILAIAN MENENGAH RENDAH  
NEGERI PERAK  
2009

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BAHASA INGGERIS

KERTAS 1

Satu jam

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JANGAN BUKA KERTAS SOALAN INI SEHINGGA DIBERITAHU

**Maklumat untuk calon**

1. *Kertas soalan ini mengandungi lima bahagian: Bahagian A, Bahagian B, Bahagian C, Bahagian D dan Bahagian E dengan 40 soalan.*
2. *Jawab semua soalan.*
3. *Soalan-soalan dalam semua bahagian mempunyai empat pilihan jawapan.*
4. *Anda dinasihati supaya mengambil masa 10 minit untuk menjawab soalan Bahagian A, 10 minit untuk Bahagian B, 10 minit untuk Bahagian C, 10 minit untuk Bahagian D dan 20 minit untuk Bahagian E.*

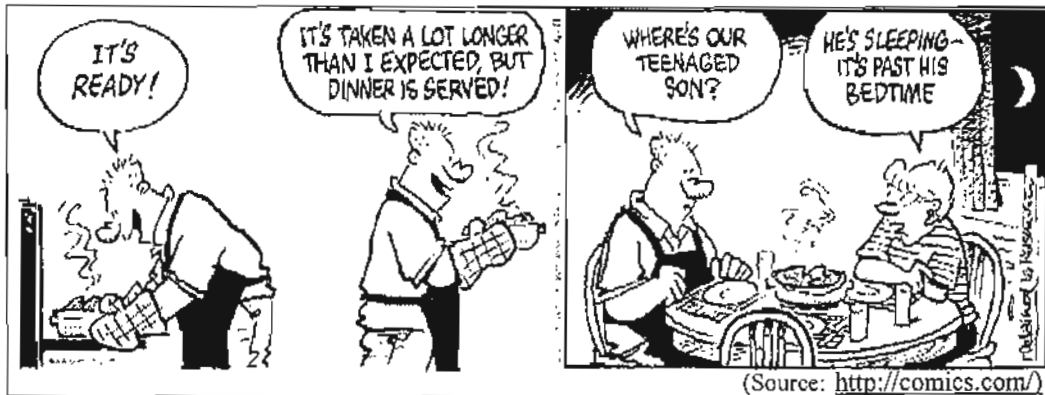
**Information for candidates**

1. *This question paper consists of five sections: Section A, Section B, Section C, Section D and Section E with 40 questions.*
2. *Answer all questions.*
3. *Questions in all sections have four options.*
4. *You are advised to spend about 10 minutes on Section A, 10 minutes on Section B, 10 minutes on Section C, 10 minutes on Section D and 20 minutes on Section E.*

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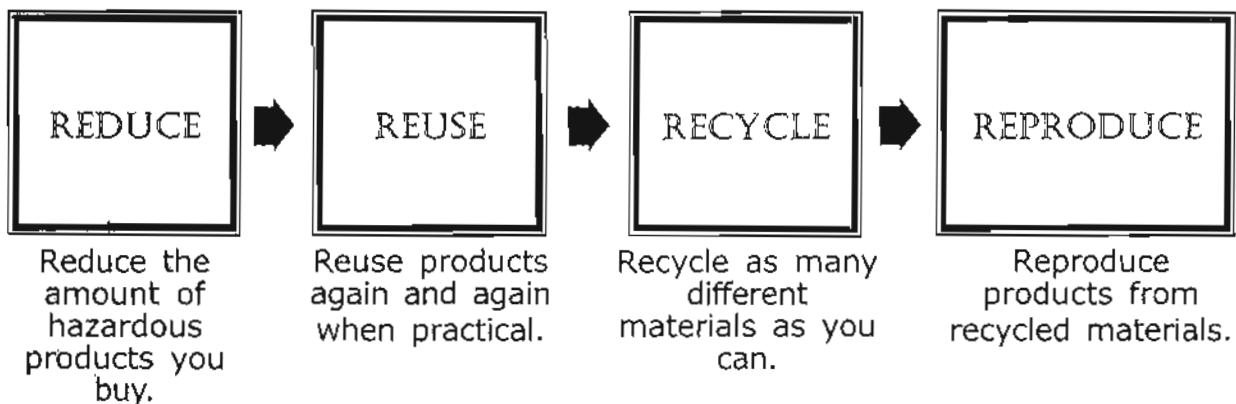
Kertas soalan ini mengandungi 12 halaman bercetak.

## SECTION A



1. From the comic strip, we know that
- A the man's teenaged son did not like his cooking
  - B the man took a very long time to prepare dinner
  - C the man's wife scolded him for being slow
  - D the man cooked dinner for himself only

### THE 4 Rs – To help save the environment



(Adapted from: <http://www.cleanwaterways.org/hhw/>)

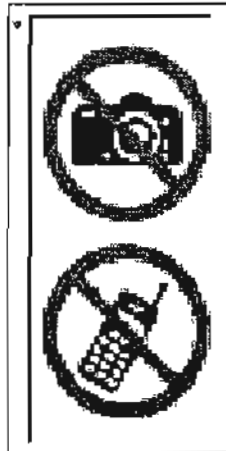
2. Which of the following statements is true?
- A Products should only be used once.
  - B People must recycle all types of materials.
  - C The 4Rs programme aims to help people save money.
  - D We should use fewer products that are dangerous to the environment.

<p>Cheryl,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I have a meeting. Will be back late. Please call your dad to let him know. Remember to bring in the laundry and mind your brother. We'll have a Chinese takeaway for dinner tonight. See you.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mum</p>
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3. From the message we know that Cheryl has to
- A take care of her brother
  - B telephone her mother
  - C cook her own dinner
  - D do the laundry

IPOH, Tues- A drunken burglar fell asleep in the house he had broken into. The owner who found him dozing on his sofa called the police. Peter was jailed for two years after admitting to the break-in.

4. What would be the most suitable headline for the above report?
- A A Careless Burglar
  - B A Sleepy Burglar
  - C Sleeping Burglar Caught
  - D Burglar Jailed for Years



5. Cameras and camera phones are
- A allowed
  - B accepted
  - C permitted
  - D prohibited

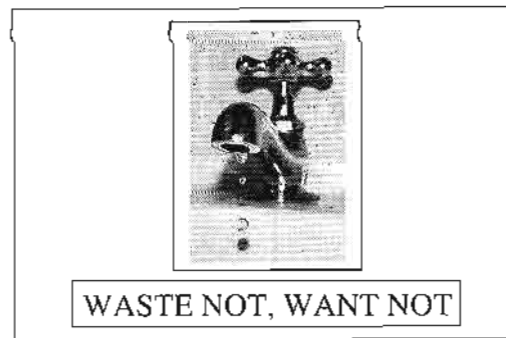
#### MANAGEMENT TRAINEE

- Fresh graduates with diploma/degree
- Able to converse well in English
- No experience is required as training will be provided
- Computer literate

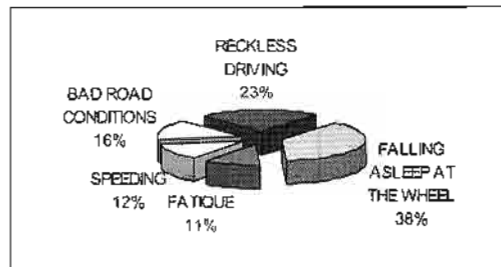
#### WALK-IN INTERVIEW

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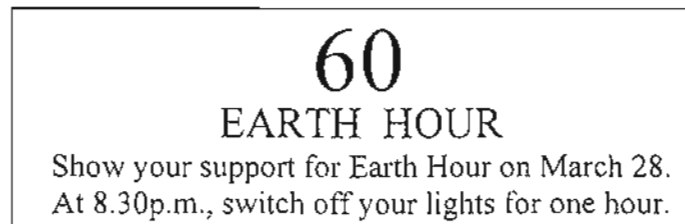
6. A person who wants to apply for this job
- A need not be a graduate
  - B need not have computer skills
  - C must have some working experience
  - D must be able to speak English fluently



7. The notice above is a reminder that water is
- A contaminated
  - B precious
  - C plentiful
  - D tainted



8. The pie chart above shows that road accidents are mainly caused by
- A engine failures
  - B human factors
  - C weather conditions
  - D physical conditions of roads



9. The poster above tells us to switch off the lights
- A from 8.30p.m. to 9.30p.m
  - B for as long as you like
  - C at 8.30p.m. every day
  - D for 60 seconds

Cineplexes in shopping malls provide a more exciting viewing experience and come equipped with *state-of-the-art* sound systems and plush seats.

10. Based on the extract above, the phrase *state-of-the-art* means
- A ancient
  - B outdated
  - C the latest
  - D the costliest

## SECTION B

## Questions 11 – 18

Each question in the text below refers to a numbered blank. For each question, choose the best answer from the options A, B, C and D to fit the numbered blank.

The computer is an amazing tool. It is said to be the 11 invention of the 21st century. Every office and home today 12 a computer. It is used 13 business transactions, as a source of reference and information and a means of entertainment. Computers have become such an integral part of 14 lives that we cannot imagine a day going by without using the computer. 15, many parents are concerned about the popularity of computer games. This is because their children spend most of their waking hours in front of the computer, thus 16 into the time spent 17 social activities. Playing computer games 18 be addictive.

Adapted from the PC Magazine

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|----------------|---------------|
| 11. A great    | 15. A However |
| B greatest     | B Therefore   |
| C as great as  | C Although    |
| D greater than | D Moreover    |
| 12. A has      | 16. A cut     |
| B had          | B cuts        |
| C have         | C cutting     |
| D having       | D have cut    |
| 13. A with     | 17. A on      |
| B for          | B in          |
| C by           | C of          |
| D in           | D at          |
| 14. A his      | 18. A can     |
| B our          | B must        |
| C your         | C would       |
| D their        | D should      |

## SECTION C

## Questions 19 – 21

Read the conversation below and choose the **best** meaning for the phrases underlined.

Rohana met Jayanthi on her way back home.

Rohana : Hi, Jayanthi! What happened? Yesterday you went back home after the first period.

Jayanthi : I had such a terrible stomachache so I had to call on (19) my aunt to take me to the clinic.

Rohana : What did the doctor say?

Jayanthi : He said it was just a bad case of gastritis so he gave me some medication. After taking it, I could feel the pain ebbing away (20) but I was still weak.

Rohana : You poor thing!

Jayanthi : Thank God my aunt was there to watch over (21) me.

Rohana : You're so lucky to have such a caring aunt.

19. call on

- A summon
- B invite
- C visit
- D ask

20. ebbing away

- A disappear gradually
- B decrease instantly
- C stop immediately
- D ease quickly

21. watch over

- A protect
- B observe
- C attend to
- D guard over

**Questions 22 – 24**

Read the speech below and choose the *best* meaning for the phrases underlined.

Good morning, students. Today, we bid farewell (22) to Cik Jamaliah who is retiring next week. She has been with us for the past 22 years. She has been a pillar of strength (23), always encouraging us to work hard and advising us not to build castles in the air (24). We will always remember her words. Cik Jamaliah, we wish you a happy retirement.

**22. bid farewell**

- A convey our wishes
- B send our regards
- C show gratitude
- D say goodbye

**23. pillar of strength**

- A fountain of joy
- B figure of authority
- C great support
- D strict taskmaster

**24. build castles in the air**

- A sleep
- B loiter
- C daydream
- D procrastinate


## SECTION D

Questions 25 – 28 are based on the following poster.

## PERAK BOOK FAIR 2009

**Read a book a day, gain knowledge for a lifetime**

**Date** : 22 – 29 November 2009  
**Time** : 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. (Monday – Thursday)  
 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. (Friday – Sunday)  
**Venue** : Stadium Indera Mulia, Ipoh, Perak  
**Organiser** : Malaysian Bookstore Association  
**Highlights of the week:**



NO	EVENTS	DATE	TIME
1	Story-telling Session (Open to children aged 7 – 12 years)	22 November 2009	2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
2	Poetry Reading	23 November 2009	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
3	Book Signing by Sam Llewellyn, the author of “Lyonesse: The Wall Between Worlds”	25 November 2009	3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
4	Literary Appreciation Session	26 November 2009	2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
5	‘Meet the Authors’ Session	27 November 2009	2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
6	‘Treasure Hunt’ for Secondary School Students	28 November 2009	11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Come and visit the event of the year! Great promotions and bargains!**

Special prices for selected books:

1. “The Magician: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel” by Michael Scott
2. “Then” by Morris Gleitzman
3. “11 Birthdays” by Wendy Mass
4. “Seekers: The Quest Begins” by Erin Hunter
5. “Tales from the Court and Other Stories” by Matthew Thomas
6. “Mouse Clutching Winter Melon” by Kuan Guat Choo

For further information, log on to [www.perakbookfair.2009.my](http://www.perakbookfair.2009.my)

25. The aim of organising the book fair is to
- A help the participating bookstores clear their stock
  - B allow school students to participate in many events
  - C encourage people to read more in order to gain knowledge
  - D provide opportunities for people to meet famous authors and poets

26. The book fair will be held at Stadium Indera Mulia for
- A seven days
  - B eight days
  - C nine days
  - D six days
27. If a person wants to get autographs from writers, he can attend
- A Story-telling session
  - B Poetry Reading session
  - C 'Meet the Authors' session
  - D Literary Appreciation session
28. From the poster, we know that
- A six books are going to be offered at half price
  - B a Form Three student can participate in the Treasure Hunt
  - C the book fair is sponsored by Malaysian Bookstore Association
  - D visitors can call the organiser and refer to the relevant website for information

Questions 29 – 34 are based on the following passage.

Natural cures and supplements are big business in Malaysia. Records show that we import about RM1.2 billion worth of herbs annually. One of the reasons for this interest in herbs is the people's wariness of anything **artificial** and their high opinion of anything organic as far as food and medicine are concerned.

There are a lot of home-grown cures for many ailments. One of them is the aloe vera plant. This plant grows easily in Malaysia. The interesting content of this particular plant is its gel. In the past, our grandmothers had used the gel as shampoos to wash their hair. Yet today, we have expensive shampoos claiming that they contain aloe vera, as if *it* were a rare ingredient.

Aloe vera is cultivated as an ornamental plant. This plant survives in areas of low natural rainfall, but not in places which experience extremely low temperatures. It requires well-drained sandy potting soil and bright sunny condition. You can plant it in the pot or on the ground. You don't even have to look after it.

This herb is considered to be effective in treatment of wounds. Some studies, for example, show that it promotes the rate of healing. A more recent study shows evidence that its gel supports healing of first to second degree burns. The bitter juice extracted from aloe vera juice is often prepared as flavoured drink which helps with digestive problems

However, people have complained that consuming too much aloe vera juice can cause abdominal cramps and diarrhoea. Sometimes some people show mild skin allergy or develop rashes.

*(Adapted from Just English, 2005/www.aloeveraplant.org)*

29. The word '*artificial*' means
- A authentic
  - B synthetic
  - C original
  - D genuine

30. Aloe vera gel can be used to
- A soothe burns
  - B treat allergies
  - C stop diarrhoea
  - D enhance flavour
31. Aloe vera thrives well in
- A full sunlight
  - B cold regions
  - C shady places
  - D swampy areas
32. The word '*it*' in the second paragraph refers to
- A ingredient
  - B shampoo
  - C aloe vera
  - D gel
33. Which of the following statements is true?
- A Aloe vera gel is suitable as hair tonic.
  - B Aloe vera is only grown commercially.
  - C Aloe vera has a lot of medicinal benefits.
  - D Aloe vera needs special care to grow well.
34. The best title for this passage is
- A Aloe vera and its uses
  - B Growing aloe vera plants
  - C Producing aloe vera products
  - D Aloe vera as an organic food

## SECTION E

Questions 35 – 37 are based on the following poem.

**The Dead Crow**

He saw a dead crow  
in a drain  
near the post office.  
He saw an old man  
gasping for air  
and a baby barely able to breathe  
in a crowded morning clinic.  
This land is so rich.  
Why should we suffer like this?

I want clean air  
for my grandchildren.  
I want the damned fools  
to leave the forest alone.  
I want the trees to grow,  
the rivers run free,  
and the earth covered with grass.  
Let the politicians plan how we may live with dignity,  
now and always.

**A.Samad Said**

35. 'a baby barely able to breathe' shows that there is \_\_\_\_\_ pollution in the country.
- A air
  - B land
  - C noise
  - D water
36. All of the followings are demands made by the poet except
- A grass-covered earth
  - B more developments
  - C unpolluted rivers
  - D clean air
37. The main message of the poem is that we must
- A set up more clinics
  - B stop killing crows
  - C fell more trees
  - D end pollution

Questions 38 – 40 are based on the extract from the short story **How Dalat Got Its Name**.

“He started all this,” they said to each other. “Galau will be glad to hear that Umat is dead!”

But they were wrong. When Galau heard that his brother was dead, he came to see where he lay, still unburied. He cried and mourned for him.

“He was my brother and my father’s son,” he said. “He was younger than I am. I should have looked after him. I want you to make a tall, carved memorial pole, like the one you made for my late father.”

But the men disagreed. “Chief,” they said, “your kindness is too great. This man was your brother and your late father’s son. This is why he should never have gone against you the way he did. He should not have brought our enemies here to attack and to kill many of our friends. You can mourn him if you like, but we will not carve a pole for him.”

“Brother, I think they are right,” Lutong said gently. “Poor Umat was our brother, but he does not deserve a memorial pole. Let us just mourn him in our hearts.”

Galau thought about this, hiding his face with his hands.

“All right,” he said at last, “cover the poor man with earth and let no more be said. But one memorial I will give him. This was once a happy village. Now it is a place of death. Blood was spilt in the village street. The smell of death is in the air. Black flies are everywhere. I will call this village Dalat, flies, so nobody shall ever forget!”

38. The villagers said Galau would be glad that Umat was dead because
- A Umat had betrayed him
  - B Galau was a heartless man
  - C Galau was worried about the war
  - D Umat had been disrespectful to the villagers
39. Why did Galau hide his face in his hands?
- A He was angry.
  - B He was grieved.
  - C He was humiliated.
  - D He was feeling guilty.
40. The village was given the name “Dalat”
- A because it has the smell of death
  - B because it was full of blood
  - C in memory of the war
  - D in memory of Umat

**KERTAS SOALAN TAMAT**