

Questions 1 – 10 are based on the information given.

**100% COTTON**  
**WARM HAND WASH**  
**DO NOT BLEACH**  
**DO NOT TUMBLE DRY**

1. From the label above, we know that the shirt
- A can be whitened using a bleaching agent
  - B must be easy to iron as it is made of cotton
  - C ought to be hand-washed using warm water
  - D can be put into a washing machine but not tumbled dry

***Go for a whirl in this great invention***

**Get great mileage - less fuel**

**Get good emissions - less pollution**

**Get green - environment-friendly**




2. The advertisement above shows that the car
- A is green in colour
  - B emits harmful gases
  - C saves on petrol consumption
  - D has good long lasting tyres to run on

**MEMO**

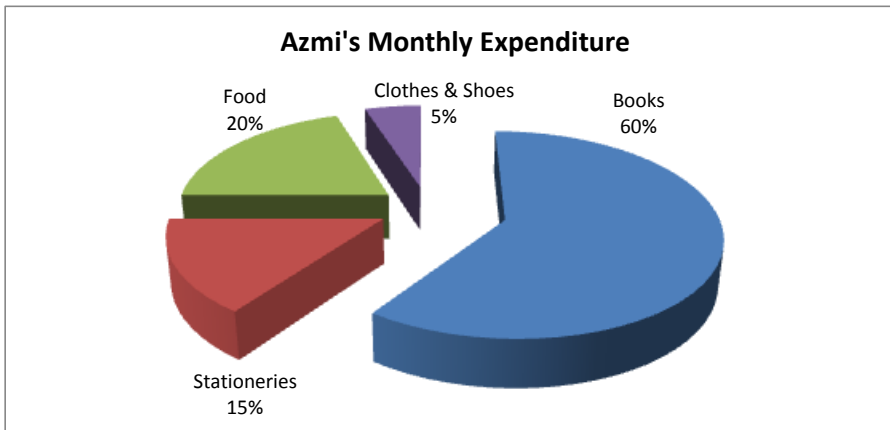
**TO:** Mdm. Tan  
**FROM:** Mr. Sugan  
**DATE:** June 27, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** Meeting - Change of time

The panel meeting tomorrow will be **rescheduled** from 8 a.m to 11 a.m.

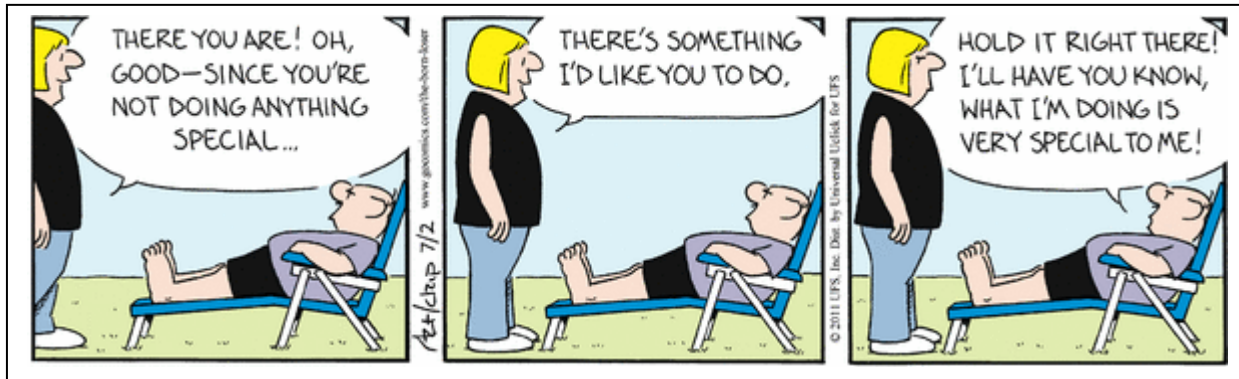
Kindly inform all the panel teachers about the change.

  
Mr. Sugan

3. The phrase '**rescheduled**' can best be replaced by
- A arranged
  - B cancelled
  - C abolished
  - D postponed

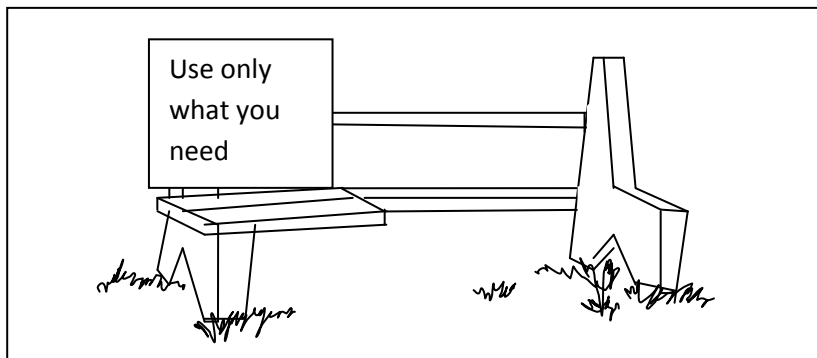


4. The pie chart above shows Azmi's expenditure in a month. If the total monthly expenditure is RM 200, how much does he spend on food?
- A RM 40
  - B RM 60
  - C RM 30
  - D RM 10



5. From the comic strip above, we know the man is saying that

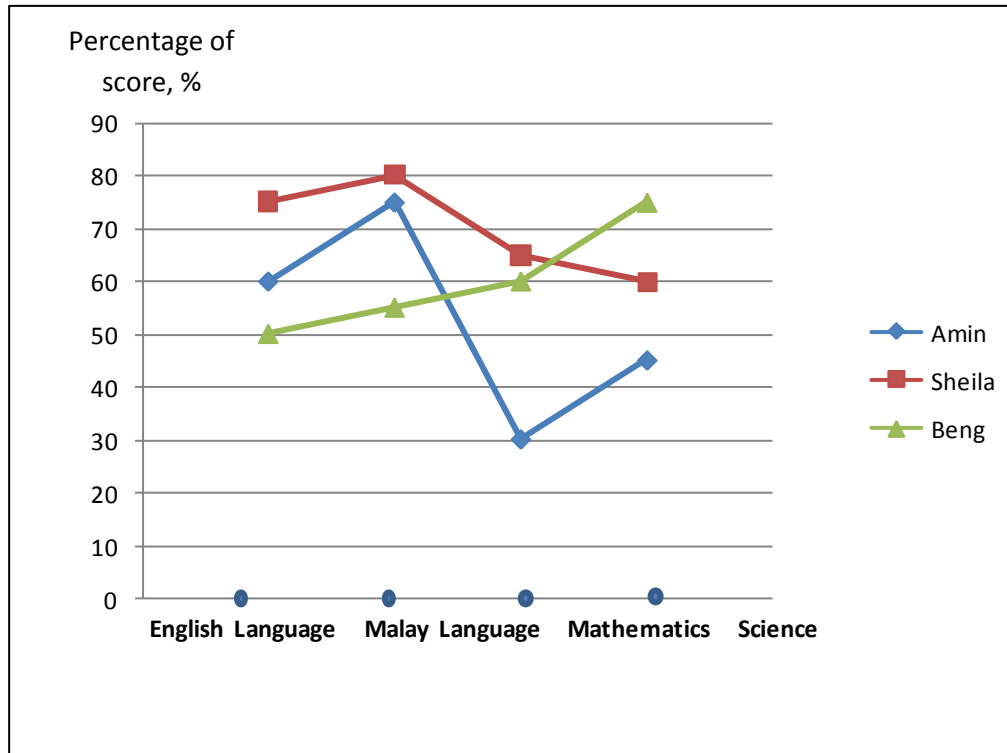
- A he is too tired to do anything
- B his time for relaxing is very important to him
- C he is willing to do something special for his wife
- D his wife is always asking him to do work around the house



6. Based on the notice above, which of the following statements is true?

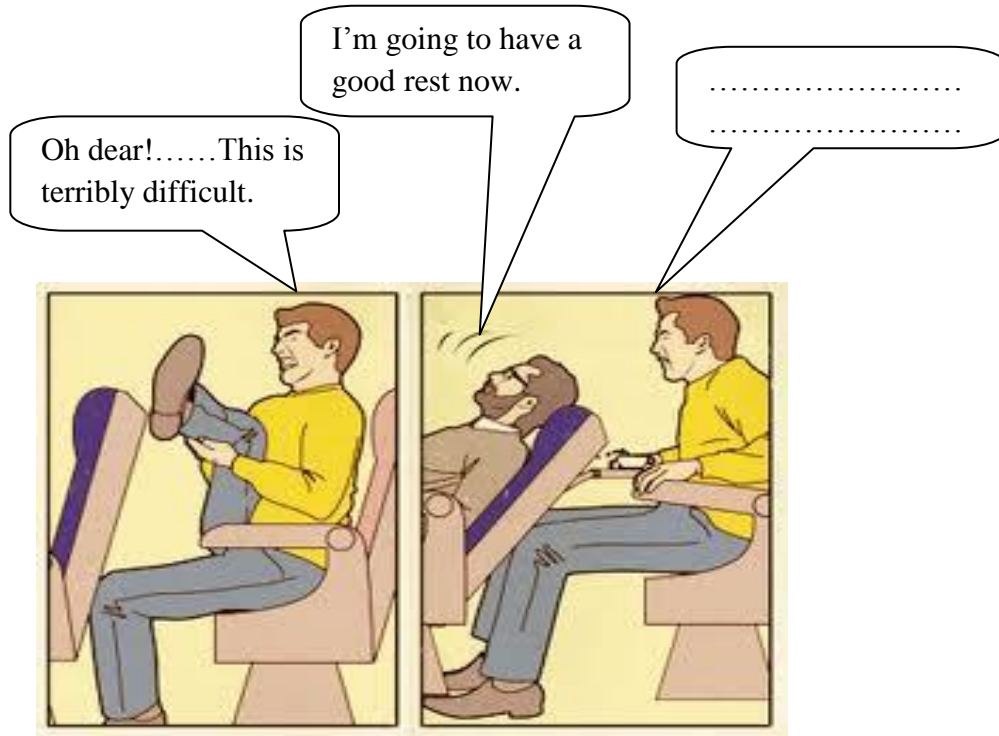
- A We must not be wasteful when using things
- B We should reuse, reduce and recycle things
- C We need to make use of the things we have
- D We have to meet the needs of our loved ones

**STUDENTS' PERFORMANCES IN THE MIDYEAR EXAMINATION**



7. From the line graph above, we can conclude that

- A Sheila scored the least marks for science
- B Beng scored the highest marks in Malay language
- C All the three students scored poorly in mathematics
- D Both Amin and Sheila scored good grades for Malay language



8. What is the man behind the seat likely to say?
- A Could we exchange our seats?
  - B Could you kindly put your seat up?
  - C I think you are extremely considerate
  - D You may recline your seat all the way down

*No footwear beyond here*

9. The sign above tells us that
- A people need to go barefooted
  - B there is no footwear sold beyond the sign
  - C footwear must be taken off before going past the sign
  - D we are not allowed to walk around the place without shoes

**Top Jobs Only For Those Who Know The Language Well**

By Hariati Azizan and Lee Yen Mun

Petaling Jaya - It does not matter if you are top of your class or have a string of degrees. That dream job will not be yours unless you can speak and write well in English.

**10** From the newspaper report above, we know that

- A** knowledge in English Language is an asset
- B** being top in class is definitely an advantage
- C** having a string of degrees can guarantee a secure job
- D** the ability to write and communicate in English is essential

Questions 11 – 18 are based on the following text.

In France, sardine is very expensive as it is very much in demand and considered a fashionable fish to eat now not only for its taste, but for its superfood values.

Every summer, along the coasts, there \_\_\_\_\_ (11) food festivals celebrating sardine. Sardine will be on the \_\_\_\_\_(12) of fine restaurants and features a lot in home barbeques – simply grilled over coals and enjoyed with a squeeze of lemon juice and a pinch of salt. Fresh sardine, \_\_\_\_\_(13) the other hand, is hardly served on the Malaysian table. Small, dark fleshed and rather fishy, it has not been a significant table fish – \_\_\_\_\_(14) only time we eat sardine is out of a can.

Sardines are small , soft-boned fish and they get their names from Sardinia, a big island \_\_\_\_\_(15) the west coast of Italy, where they were once fished abundantly. These tiny, iridescent fish \_\_\_\_\_(16) in huge schools in the ocean surface.

Sardines, which \_\_\_\_\_(17) on nutrient-rich plankton, have the highest EPA, or omega-3 fatty acid. \_\_\_\_\_(18), instead of buying expensive fish liver oil supplements, the health conscious should consider natural food such as sardine because it is rich in omega 3.

In short, it is time to relook at the sardine. Just give it a chance because it has a lot to offer.

(Adapted from *The Flavours* magazine, January 2011)

- 11    A    is  
       B    was  
       C    are  
       D    were

- 15    A    of  
       B    at  
       C    on  
       D    off

- 12    A    menus  
       B    recipes  
       C    dessert  
       D    dinner

- 16    A    swim  
       B    swam  
       C    swims  
       D    swimming

- 13    A    in  
       B    on  
       C    at  
       D    of

- 17    A    fed  
       B    feed  
       C    feeds  
       D    feeding

- 14    A    -  
       B    a  
       C    an  
       D    the

- 18    A    So  
       B    Hence  
       C    While  
       D    Therefore

**Questions 19 – 21**

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

Ah Chew was talking to his younger brother while they were having tea.

Ah Chew: Brother, I think you should go out and play some games or watch movies with your friends. You have been cooped up ( **19** ) in the house since the final exams started. You have just finished your final paper yesterday, haven't you?

Ah Kee : Yes, the final exam is over. I think I've gone through ( **20** ) the longest week in my life during the exam week. It is such a relief and at the moment all I want to do is to enjoy myself. I've heard about the release of a new movie, "Transformers". I think I'll go and watch my favourite movie with my friends.

Ah Chew: That's a good idea. Do what you think is best for you.

Ah Kee : Thanks, brother. Don't worry about me. I know how to loosen up ( **21** ).

**19** cooped up

- A rested
- B confined**
- C occupied
- D pressured

**20** gone through

- A checked
- B exhibited**
- C followed
- D experienced

**21** loosen up

- A relax**
- B retire
- C release
- D review

**Questions 22 – 24**

Read the text below and choose the **best** meaning for the expressions underlined.

Abdul knew that he would be late for school again as he had overslept. He would have to face the music (22) as this would be his fourth time within a fortnight. Mr Chong, the discipline teacher had warned him about the demerit system. In school, he was reprimanded and as a result, Abdul was down in the dumps (23) the whole day.

The school counsellor had called him to his room. Abdul admitted to him that he had been sleeping late at night because he was so engrossed in the video games which he played online. It was a wake up call (24) for him. Finally he decided to stop playing video games during the weekdays because it had done more harm than good.

**22** face the music

- A tell the truth
- B explain himself
- C face the teacher boldly
- D accept the punishment

**23** down in the dumps

- A glad
- B angry
- C relieved
- D unhappy

**24** wake up call

- A notice
- B support
- C warning
- D reminder

Question 25 – 28 are based on the following recipe .



## Creamy Macaroni and Cheese

Total Time : 3 hours 5 minutes  
 Preparation : 5 minutes  
 Cook : 3 hours  
 Yield : 12 servings  
 Level : Easy

### Ingredients

- 2 cups uncooked elbow macaroni
- 4 tablespoons butter, cut into pieces
- 2 1/2 cups grated Cheddar cheese
- 3 eggs, *whisked*
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 can condensed Cheddar cheese soup
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper



### Method

Firstly, boil the macaroni in plenty of water until it is tender for about 7 minutes. Drain it well. After that, mix butter and cheese in a medium saucepan. Stir until the cheese melts. Pour the mixture into a slow cooker. Next, add the eggs, sour cream, soup, salt, milk, mustard, pepper and stir well. Then add the drained macaroni and stir again. Lastly, set the slow cooker at a low setting and cook for 3 hours, stirring occasionally.

**TRY IT NOW !**

- 25 The word *whisked* can best be replaced with
- A ground finely
  - B stirred regularly
  - C mixed thoroughly
  - D beaten continuously
- 26 The dish is meant to be eaten by
- A one family
  - B five people
  - C four people
  - D twelve people
- 27 Why do we have to drain the macaroni?
- A To soften the macaroni
  - B To remove excess water
  - C To pour water into the macaroni
  - D To mix it with cheese and butter
- 28 Creamy macaroni and cheese is considered unhealthy to
- A an obese person
  - B an asthmatic person
  - C an underweight person
  - D an undernourished child

Questions 29 – 34 are based on the following passage.

As far back as I can remember, the large pickle jar sat on the floor beside the dresser in my parents' bedroom. When he got ready for bed, Dad would empty his pockets and toss his coins into the jar. As a small boy I was always fascinated at the sounds the coins made as they were dropped into the jar. They landed with a merry jingle when the jar was almost empty. Then the tones gradually muted to a dull thud as the jar was filled.

I used to squat on the floor in front of the jar and admire the *copper and silver circles* that glinted like a pirate's treasure when the sun poured through the bedroom window.

When the jar was filled, Dad would sit at the kitchen table and roll the coins before taking them to the bank. Taking the coins to the bank was always a big production. Stacked neatly in a small cardboard box, the coins were placed between Dad and me on the seat of his old truck.

Each and every time, as we drove to the bank, Dad would look at me hopefully. "Those coins are going to keep you out of the gold mines, son. You're going to do better than me. This old mines town is not going to hold you back." Also, each and every time, as he slid the box of rolled coins across the counter at the bank towards the cashier, he would grin proudly. "These are for my son's college fund. He'll never work at the mines all his life like me".

(Adapted from *Chicken Soup For The Soul*)

- 29 The writer used to find that it was very interesting
- A to see his father tossing the coins
  - B to see his father beside the dresser
  - C to listen to his father opening the jar
  - D to listen to the coins falling into the jar
- 30 The phrase *copper and silver circles* means
- A coins
  - B chips
  - C rings
  - D plates
- 31 Why did the father save the money?
- A For his investment
  - B For his son's education
  - C To buy the gold mines
  - D To buy a new truck for him

- 32 The writer went to the bank with his father to
- A roll the coins
  - B toss the coins
  - C deposit their savings
  - D withdraw their savings
- 33 The father wanted him to become
- A a pirate
  - B a cashier
  - C an educated person
  - D a supervisor at the gold mines
- 34 From the passage, the lesson that we learn is
- A first come, first served
  - B opportunity knocks but once
  - C make hay while the sun shines
  - D an early bird catches the worm

Questions 35- 37 are based on the following poem.

**Life's Brief Candle**

To-morrow, and to-morrow, and to-morrow,  
Creeps in this petty pace from day to day  
To the last syllable of recorded time,  
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools  
The way to *dusty death*. Out, out, brief candle!  
Life's but a *walking shadow*, a poor player,  
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage,  
And then *is heard no more*; it is a tale  
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,  
Signifying nothing.

*William Shakespeare*

- 35 The phrase *walking shadow* refers to
- A life
  - B tale
  - C time
  - D death
- 36 Why does the persona compare life to a candle?
- A Life is very painful
  - B Life is short and fragile
  - C Life is full of adventures
  - D Life has its ups and downs
- 37 From the poem, we can conclude that
- A we should live our life to the fullest
  - B we should make other people happy
  - C we would feel bitter throughout our life
  - D we would be famous when we act on stage

Questions 38 – 40 are based on the extract from the short story **Of Bunga Telur and Bally Shoes**.

“How about if you distribute Hacks sweets instead of hard-boiled eggs?” His last idea was really the last straw for his sister.

“Any more of your brilliant suggestions and the wedding is off! I mean, OFF!” *She stormed off into the kitchen.*

Jamal stared after her, blinking back his tears. He was only trying to be helpful and trying hard to economise. And precious little gratitude he got for it as well. That threat about calling off his marriage was really a kick in his underbelly. It was really all their fault. First, they found him a bride-to-be. Then, they titillated him no end with tales of the bridal chamber. Then, they titillated him even more by arranging “fitting sessions” with the bride-to-be, and then, when he was all worked up, threatened to call off the wedding. That was oppression. Jamal retired to a corner to lick his wounds.

- 38 *She stormed off into the kitchen.*  
The statement above shows that
- A his sister was angry with his idea
  - B his sister agreed with his suggestion
  - C his sister was indifferent to Jamal’s response
  - D his sister did not want to call off the wedding
- 39 How do we know that Jamal was eager to be married?
- A He cried when his sister scolded him
  - B He tried to avoid getting a kick in his underbelly
  - C He was hurt when they threatened to cancel the wedding
  - D He wanted to give out sweets instead of hard-boiled eggs
- 40 From the extract above, we know that Jamal is \_\_\_\_\_ son.
- A a dominant
  - B an obedient
  - C a manipulative
  - D an authoritative

**KERTAS SOALAN TAMAT**