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THIS EXAMINATION PAPER COMPRISES **TWELVE** PAGES.

1. Answer **FIVE** questions only.
2. **Question 1** and **Question 2** from **PART A** are compulsory questions.
3. Choose **THREE** other questions from **PART B**.
4. Write all your answers on the question paper.

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PART A

1. Read each of the following sentences. Determine whether the word in bold in each sentence is a NOUN, a VERB, an ADJECTIVE, an ADVERB or a PREPOSITION. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

[a] I am about two inches larger **round** the waist. _____

[b] He woke up feeling completely **refreshed**. _____

[c] Japan's banks are in trouble because of the stock market **plunge**. _____

[d] The prospects are that he will give opponents a thorough **pounding**. _____

[e] It is located within **reach** of many important towns. _____

[f] This phrase may well have been a **rendering** of a popular Arabic expression. _____

[g] She looked up anxiously as he came **in**. _____

[h] Claire had seemed a little **irked** when she left. _____

[i] His room looked out **over** a narrow lane behind the college. _____

[j] Sales of Russian vodka have reached an all-time **high**. _____

[k] Antacids relieve pain by **neutralizing** acid in the contents of the stomach. _____

[l] Her eyes were sore and **inflamed**. _____

[m] The beach is **raked** daily. _____

[n] Some of the trains were so **overloaded** that their suspension collapsed. _____

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- [o] The place is too **slow** for her liking. _____
- [p] Mix the ingredients **together** thoroughly. _____
- [q] **Firm** more soil over the roots and water thoroughly. _____
- [r] Johnson's book about the **making** of the movie is selling well. _____
- [s] The men were **slouched** on sofas and chairs. _____
- [t] The thirty-five member nations agree to the **move**. _____

[20 marks]

2. Answer [a] and [b].

[b] State which of the following sentences are **Simple, Compound and Complex**.

[i] The boy, anxious to learn, worked hard. _____

[ii] As the boxers advanced into the ring, the people said they would not allow them to fight. _____

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[iii] The moon was bright and we could see our way. _____

[iv] Night came on and rain fell heavily and we all got wet.

[v] All matter is indestructible. _____

[10 marks]

[b] Answer [i] and [ii]. Write your answers below the sentences in [a] above.

[i] In the case of the **Compound** sentences separate the co-ordinating clauses of which it is composed and mention the conjunction connecting these clauses.

[5 marks]

[ii] In the case of the **Complex** sentences, divide it into its clauses, and state the Principal Clause and the Subordinate Clause or clauses.

[5 marks]

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PART B

3. Answer [a] and [b].

[a] Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words in brackets.

[i] _____ (bore) and loneliness are two of the major factors which give rise to social ills.

[ii] The _____ (long) and breadth of these four rooms do not measure accurately.

[iii] A large majority of voters in this town were not interested to cast their votes in the recent _____ (elect).

[iv] Photographs and a lengthy _____ (describe) of the 'gang of six' were flashed across the television nationwide.

[v] You own me an explanation regarding your _____ (absent) from the discussion.

[vi] The death of a powerful leader is undoubtedly a great _____ (lost) to the nation.

[vii] The four main processes in arithmetic are multiplication, addition, subtraction and _____ (divide).

[viii] The distribution of clothes and cash by the millionaire during the festive season was indeed an act of _____ (generous).

[ix] The _____ (discover) of the connection between construction sites and dengue has shocked the public.

[x] Rain fell continuously for one whole week, causing heavy flooding in several _____ (resident) areas.

[10 marks]

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[b] Identify and underline the noun clauses and adverb clauses in the following sentences. Write NC underneath the noun clause and AC underneath the adverb clause.

[i] The child was afraid that he would fall down.

[ii] What he said was true.

[iii] He is older than he looks.

[iv] Pay careful attention to what I am going to say.

[v] It will happen as sure as death.

[vi] Though I am poor I am honest.

[vii] Because I like you, I shall help you.

[viii] My belief is that he will not come.

[ix] Her constant prayer was that the child might live.

[x] Laws were quickly passed so that this abuse was checked.

[10 marks]

4. Answer [a] and [b].

[a] The words underlined in each of the sentences below have been used wrongly. In the space provided, correct the errors by writing down the correct form of the verbs 'lay' and 'lie' for sentences [i-v], and the correct forms of the verbs 'raise' and 'rise' for sentences [vi-x].

[i] He lay down his knife and fork, saying he couldn't possibly eat anymore. _____

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- [ii] He lay the rug flat on the ground. _____
- [iii] It had been wet overnight and a morning mist laid on the field. _____
- [iv] The picture laid hidden in the archives for over 40 years. _____
- [v] She lie back in the dentist's chair and tried to relax. _____
- [vi] They had risen the white flag in surrender. _____
- [vii] He rose the window and leaned out. _____
- [viii] The powdery dust raised in a cloud around him. _____
- [ix] When you put yeast in bread and bake the bread, it raises. _____
- [x] My grandfather rose at 5.00 every morning to do his exercises. _____

[10 marks]

[b] Answer [i] and [ii].

- [i] Identify the **Direct Speech** in the text below and write them in **Indirect Speech**.

'It's quite a place,' he declared.
'Aye, it is that,' Bobby O'Toole agreed from the sofa where he was lounging.
'There's just one thing to be done,' Noddy Gallagher said. 'And by you, Sean.'
'What's that?'

Source: Emma Blair, 2003, **Emma Blair Omnibus**, Great Britain: Time Warner Paperbacks, pg. 207.

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[5 marks]

[ii] Write the following in **Direct Speech**.

[a] I wrote that I would visit him next day.

[b] The stranger asked Alice where she lived.

[c] He asked me whether they would listen to such a man.

[d] The speaker said that it gave him great pleasure to be there that evening.

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[e] Ibrahim said he wanted to be an engineer.

[5 marks]

5. Answer [a] and [b].

[a] Replace the underlined phrasal verb in each of the sentences below with a word which best explains the meaning of the phrasal verb. The word must be in the correct tense. Write your answer in the space provided.

[i] When I opened the office door, I was hit on the head and I passed out. _____

[ii] I had to stop suddenly, and the car behind ran into me.

[iii] After dinner, let's take in a film. _____

[iv] I made out a cheque for RM150 to Public Finance.

[v] She's always willing to hand out advice, but she's not so keen to take it. _____

[vi] The burglars made off as soon as the police arrived.

[vii] She was taken on as a temporary teacher.

[viii] This is the only forum where both parties can get together. _____

[ix] He allowed the doctor to open a vein of his arm and draw off a pint of blood. _____

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[x] They are concerned about cutting back expenditure on necessary items. _____

[10 marks]

[b] Identify and replace the Adverb in the sentences with Adverb Phrases of the same meaning.

[i] The dying man replied feebly.

[ii] Gently fell the rain.

[iii] He build his house yonder.

[iv] He spoke eloquently.

[v] The door was suspiciously opened.

[vi] They have only recently arrived.

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[vii] Although hungry, the children worked cheerfully.

[viii] Let us stop work immediately.

[ix] The boy replied truthfully.

[x] The wind blew violently.

[10 marks]

6. Answer [a] and [b].

[a] Complete the sentences with a form of 'other'.

[i] I received three letters. One was from my father. Another one was from my sister. _____ letter was from my girlfriend.

[ii] Look at your hands. One is your right hand. _____ is your left hand.

[iii] I invited five people to my party. Of those five people, only Adam and Ali can come. _____ can't come.

[iv] I have been in only three states since I came to Malaysia. One is Johor, and _____ are Selangor and Pahang.

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- [v] There are many means of transportation. The airplane is one. _____ are the train, the car and the horse.
- [vi] There are two women in the room. One is Mrs. Lim and _____ is Ms. Ooi.
- [vii] The country has two basic problems. One is inflation, and _____ is the instability of the government.
- [viii] Some people prefer classical music, but _____ prefer rock music.
- [ix] One of the most important inventions in the history of the world was the printing press. Another was the electric light. _____ were the telephone, television and the computer.
- [x] Some babies begin talking as early as six months; _____ don't speak until they are more than two years old.

[10 marks]

[b] Punctuate the following text.

Japan has gone along by and large though more out of convenience than conviction However the West applies those new policies pragmatically on strategically important countries Algeria for example and less pragmatically on vital countries the difference in geographical interests between Japan and the West will surface

Source: Mahbubani, K., 2004. **Can Asian Think?** Singapore: Marshall Cavendish International/Times Edition, 3rd Edition, pg.135.

[10 marks]