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SUBJECT CODE : WEB 10302
LEVEL : BACHELOR
TIME /DURATION : 9.00 AM – 11.00 AM
(2 HOURS)
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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Read all the instructions CAREFULLY.
 2. This question paper consists of THREE (3) sections: Section A, B and C.
 3. Answer all the questions.
 4. Write all your answers in this question booklet.
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THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF 14 PRINTED PAGES, EXCLUDING THE COVER PAGE.

SECTION A (Total: 40 marks)**Part 1 (10 marks)**

INSTRUCTION: Circle the answer that is closest to the meaning of the word in BOLD in each sentence.

1. If we combine our academic knowledge with our proficiency in the English language, we can do **outsourcing** here in Malaysia, just like they do in Bangalore, India.
 - A. Finding the sources of foreign words in the English language
 - B. Finding the source of manpower and engaging them wherever they are
 - C. Paying out a certain amount of money to people from government sources in other countries
 - D. Using people in one country as a source of workers

2. My mouth and eyes were soon full of sand, and I was beginning to suffer from **claustrophobia**, for the tunnel was just too narrow and long.
 - A. Fear of wild animals
 - B. Fear of high, open places
 - C. Fear of small, enclosed places
 - D. Fear of dark and creepy places

3. The **burgeoning** internet business has opened up countless opportunities for enterprising individuals to go into business on a global basis.
 - A. Growing
 - B. Slowing
 - C. Shining
 - D. Bulging

4. Despite my close familiarity with the wolf family, this was the kind of situation where irrational but deeply ingrained **prejudices** completely overtake reason and experience.
 - A. Strong and warm emotions
 - B. Opinions formed with no basis or facts
 - C. Conclusions drawn from observation and action
 - D. Behaviour conditioned by repeated actions

5. Ziad Fazah, a Lebanese, who has been living in Brazil for more than twenty years, is fluent in fifty-six languages. He is the greatest of today's **polyglots**.
- A. People who live in foreign countries.
 - B. People who speak many languages.
 - C. People who interpret many languages.
 - D. People who learn many languages.
6. **Unscrupulous** developers usually use politicians to obtain certain development projects without considering the environmental and societal impact of the project concerned.
- A. Dishonest
 - B. Incapable
 - C. Uncomfortable
 - D. Inexperienced
7. It is a common phenomenon that parents are very busy working away from home and leaving their children unattended and unsupervised. This has been referred to as one of the major causes of moral **degradation** among teenagers in recent years.
- A. Dereliction
 - B. Detoxication
 - C. Deterioration
 - D. Discolouration
8. Female employees must always be aware of certain types of **harassments** that may occur at their workplace, which include any kinds of undue exploitation of female employees at the workplace.
- A. Unwanted situations
 - B. Unnecessary incidents
 - C. Unwarranted attentions
 - D. Unpleasant treatments

9. Like many people with Toscanini's capacity to remember, he may have also used memory tricks called **mnemonics** to train and improve his memory.
- A. Methods of remembering something
 - B. Rules for using economics
 - C. Tricks of improving language
 - D. Processes of understanding something
10. The Kuala Lumpur City Council has instituted several flood **mitigation** projects in recent years as flash floods are becoming a common occurrence in the area and are causing serious havoc to the traffic situation in the city.
- A. Relief
 - B. Discussion
 - C. Intensification
 - D. Irrigation

Part 2 (10 marks)

INSTRUCTION: Circle the best answer.

1. Computer games have been _____ by the public as having negative impacts on children.
- A. perceived
 - B. deceived
2. Some studies show that a huge _____ exists between the public's perception of smartphones and what research actually shows.
- A. different
 - B. difference
3. The movie industry mostly _____ to adult preference instead of children.
- A. caters
 - B. charters

4. The government must _____ advertising and marketing that targets children.
 - A. restrict
 - B. refrain

5. Historically, participants in most extreme sports have been _____ male.
 - A. completely
 - B. primarily

6. Efforts were made in the mid-90s to design compact and economical cars to _____ buyers from the low income group.
 - A. attract
 - B. distract

7. It is important to note that female leaders are sometimes _____ as more powerful and independent than some male leaders.
 - A. persisted
 - B. depicted

8. A growing number of hypermarkets target consumers from _____ income groups.
 - A. multiple
 - B. complex

9. When a traffic light malfunctions, it will display two or even all of the three colours _____.
 - A. mutually
 - B. simultaneously

10. Many educators agree that participation in sports and games can significantly _____ learning.
 - A. enhance
 - B. entice

Part 3 (10 marks)

INSTRUCTION: Write the correct answer by adding appropriate affixes to the words in the brackets.

1. It is _____ (deny) that various groups of people were the focus in the 2015 budget. Themed the "People's Economy", the budget considers the well-being of people from all walks of life.
2. From schoolchildren, working adults and _____ (retire), to Orang Asli and the handicapped, all have been guaranteed benefits. No one is left behind.
3. The allocation of RM26.7 billion should be wisely spent to beef up national security. Among the agenda are to prevent another _____ (intrude) in Sabah and to avoid incidents like the hack of automated teller machines (ATM).
4. Due to the leak of UPSR questions, candidates had to _____ (do) their Mathematics and English papers. The Ministry of Education has to find a solution to ensure it will not happen again.
5. One of the main weaknesses of undergraduates today is their incapability to think critically. In school, they used to _____ (memory) notes instead of understanding them.
6. Activist, Malala Yousafzai of Pakistan, has travelled around the world to support and bolster effort to free girls from _____ (literate), denial of their basic rights and brutal treatment.
7. The argument as to whether it is morally acceptable for a state to execute murderers has been debated for centuries. The death penalty, according to social activists, is cruel and _____ (humane).

8. In 1995, tobacco companies were restricted to _____ (advert) their products in Malaysia. However, companies like Dunhill, Marlboro and Benson & Hedges found indirect advertising strategies to promote their tobacco products.
9. Princeton University has a unique programme in which an _____ (apply) can spend a day at the university in the company of a senior student so that he or she will get a better insight into the university system.
10. Pollutants were detected at the Rantau Panjang water treatment plant last weekend. The state government is taking the incident seriously as it was not the first time _____ (hazard) material had been dumped into the state’s water supply.

Part 4 (10 marks)

INSTRUCTION: Identify the errors in the following sentences and write the error and the correct answer in the columns provided. The first one has been done for you.

No.	Sentence	Error	Correct Answer
0.	In recent years, the mythological creatures known as vampires has been made popular by Westerners through films and other mass media.	has	have
1.	The myth of the vampire appear in many other cultures across the world.		
2.	The vampires that most of us is familiar with are the Western literary vampires.		
3.	At the beginning of the 18th century, people in Europe starting to become obsessed with vampire literature.		
4.	Since then, there have been an influx of vampire lore into Western folklore and culture.		
5.	The Western vampires, as portrayed in films, generally wore stylish clothes as they generally are members of the nobility.		

6.	They have fangs to bite a victim and sustain their existence by sucked blood from their victims.		
7.	They are also said to possessing some mystical power to transform themselves into bats when necessary.		
8.	Still, they are vulnerable to sunlight and can die if stab through the heart by a wooden stake.		
9.	Some believe that you may became a vampire if you are bitten by one.		
10.	It is believe that items such as a cross, garlic and salt may guard you from a vampire attack.		

SECTION B (Total: 30 marks)**Part 1 (15 Marks)**

INSTRUCTION: Identify the following sentences as simple (S), compound (C) or complex (CX). Write your answers in the spaces provided.

0.	Jarjit had a fever yesterday, so he did not go to school.	C
1.	NASA's Voyager 2 spacecraft gave humanity its first glimpse of Neptune and its moon Triton in the summer of 1989.	
2.	If we want to understand how the Universe evolved, we need to know what it is made of.	
3.	For some children, learning to ride a bike can be a frustratingly difficult and hazardous task.	
4.	Our ability to make choices may be influenced by random electrical fluctuations in the brain.	

5.	Indiscriminate dumping into our waterways will pollute our drinking water and it will eventually worsen climate change.	
6.	The battery life of a pacemaker can be as short as five years, but now researchers in Korea have developed a device to harness energy from the body's movements.	
7.	Lung cancer has one of the highest mortality rates of all cancers because it is hard to detect at the early stages.	
8.	When you are just a few inches tall, raindrops fall like meteorites.	
9.	Humans have protective filters in our eyes to prevent damage by UV rays.	
10.	The secret weapon of a platypus is its beak, which is covered in mucus glands capable of sensing electric fields.	
11.	Aircraft engines of 1914 produced a measly 50 horsepower, but the output was soon greatly improved by British, French and German engine manufacturers competing for aerial supremacy.	
12.	The chemistry of the rocks in Mars points towards a watery past, for it shows an abundance of clay and sulphate-rich materials.	
13.	I made friends with many cancer survivors and we shared our fears and worries and just had fun together.	
14.	At one-time sand-eels were caught to fuel Danish power stations, but thankfully such wasteful use of a precious national resource has now been abandoned.	
15.	Better management of fisheries and Marine Conservation Zones would produce more fish for people and seals alike.	

Part 2 (15 marks)

A. INSTRUCTION: Write compound sentences by combining the ideas in the following pairs of sentences using suitable conjunctions. (8 marks)

1. The earth is facing a serious problem.

The growing volume of waste is simply threatening its future.

2. There is an endless range of paints in the market to paint your house.

Be sure to choose a non-toxic and of good quality.

3. There are plenty of reasons why companies should monitor the workers' computer use.

Productivity is one of those reasons.

4. Good sleep boosts the immune system.

Good sleep produces a cancer-fighting antioxidant called Melatonin.

5. Aliya will not take the pills.

She will not take the cough syrup.

6. Dahlia demanded that the man pay for the damages to her car caused by the accident.

She would lodge a police report.

7. The President of the club urged the members to stay calm.
They started to yell at him.
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8. Excellent interpersonal skills are essential for today's job market.
Graduates are not taking necessary steps to acquire such soft skills.
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B. INSTRUCTION: Write complex sentences by combining the ideas in the following pairs of sentences using suitable subordinating conjunctions. (7 marks)

9. Fresh graduates are encouraged to join the new computer company, INTECH.
The salary is much higher than other computer companies in the country.
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10. Exercising regularly is really important for good health.
It can help to reduce the cholesterol level in the blood.
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11. The poor old lady cried her heart out all night.
She was told that her daughter had died in a road accident.
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12. The machines need to be replaced.
They were bought just two years ago.

13. I will test the vending machine.
You write the report to the chief engineer.

14. The doctor will diagnose your illness.
He gets the result of the blood test.

15. Abortion is legalized in Malaysia.
Many teenagers may get involved in unsafe sexual activities.

SECTION C (30 marks)

INSTRUCTION: Read the article carefully and write a summary focusing on the transmission and symptoms of Ebola virus disease. Your summary should be in about 100 words.

Ebola Virus Disease

The Ebola virus causes an acute, serious illness which is often fatal if untreated. Ebola virus disease (EVD) first appeared in 1976 in 2 simultaneous outbreaks, one in Nzara, Sudan, and the other in Yambuku, Democratic Republic of Congo. The latter occurred in a village near the Ebola River, from which the disease takes its name.

The current outbreak in West Africa, (first cases notified in March 2014), is the largest and most complex Ebola outbreak since the Ebola virus was first discovered in 1976. There have been more cases and deaths in this outbreak than all others combined. It has also spread between countries starting in Guinea then spreading across land borders to Sierra Leone and Liberia, by air (1 traveller only) to Nigeria, and by land (1 traveller) to Senegal.

The virus family Filoviridae includes 3 genera: Cuevavirus, Marburgvirus, and Ebolavirus. There are 5 species that have been identified: Zaire, Bundibugyo, Sudan, Reston and Tai Forest. The first 3, Bundibugyo ebolavirus, Zaire ebolavirus, and Sudan ebolavirus have been associated with large outbreaks in Africa. The virus causing the 2014 West African outbreak belongs to the Zaire species.

Transmission

It is thought that fruit bats of the Pteropodidae family are natural Ebola virus hosts. Ebola is introduced into the human population through close contact with the blood, secretions, organs or other bodily fluids of infected animals such as chimpanzees, gorillas, fruit bats, monkeys, forest antelope and porcupines found ill or dead or in the rainforest.

Ebola then spreads through human-to-human transmission via direct contact (through broken skin or mucous membranes) with the blood, secretions, organs or other bodily fluids of infected people, and with surfaces and materials (e.g. bedding, clothing) contaminated with these fluids.

Health-care workers have frequently been infected while treating patients with suspected or confirmed EVD. This has occurred through close contact with patients when infection control precautions are not strictly practiced. Burial ceremonies in which mourners have direct contact with the body of the deceased person can also play a role in the transmission of Ebola.

People remain infectious as long as their blood and body fluids, including semen and breast milk, contain the virus. Men who have recovered from the disease can still transmit the virus through their semen for up to 7 weeks after recovery from illness.

Symptoms of Ebola virus disease

The incubation period, that is, the time interval from infection with the virus to onset of symptoms is 2 to 21 days. Humans are not infectious until they develop symptoms. First symptoms are the sudden onset of fever fatigue, muscle pain, headache and sore throat. This is followed by vomiting, diarrhea, rash, symptoms of impaired kidney and liver function, and in some cases, both internal and external bleeding (e.g. oozing from the gums, blood in the stools). Laboratory findings include low white blood cell and platelet counts and elevated liver enzymes.

Prevention and control

Good outbreak control relies on applying a package of interventions, namely case management, surveillance and contact tracing, a good laboratory service, safe burials and social mobilisation. Community engagement is key to successfully controlling outbreaks. Raising awareness of risk factors for Ebola infection and protective measures that individuals can take is an effective way to reduce human transmission.

WHO response

WHO aims to prevent Ebola outbreaks by maintaining surveillance for Ebola virus disease and supporting at-risk countries to developed preparedness plans. When an outbreak is detected WHO responds by supporting surveillance, community engagement, case management, laboratory services, contact tracing, infection control, logistical support and training and assistance with safe burial practices.

Adapted from: World Health Organization 2014

