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Special Instructions :

*This paper consists of **FOUR (4)** sections. Answer **ALL** of the four sections. Write your answers in the spaces provided on this question paper.*

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This paper consists of 10 printed pages, including the cover page.

SECTION A (20 marks)

*You receive the following letter from WWF-Malaysia.
Read it carefully and then answer the questions that follow.*

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Dear Concerned Reader

Rainforests have evolved over millions of years, building an immense store of living, renewable natural resources that provide us with basic materials for food, clothing, fuel, fiber and medicine, as well as shelter and a range of ecosystem services critical to our survival. Sadly it has taken only a relatively short amount of time for human intervention to destroy what nature has taken millions of years to build. A hundred-year-old tree spanning 20 meters in diameter, reaching 20 stories high, can be cut down in just one day.

The Ulu Muda forest which forms the water catchment area for the Pedu, Muda and Ahning dams in the north-eastern corner of Kedah, is now being threatened by logging. If the Ulu Muda forest is logged, its function of maintaining and regulating the supply of water to the people of Kedah, Penang and Perlis will be compromised. Of equal importance is the biodiversity contained within the Ulu Muda forest which is valuable to all mankind.

Help us save the Ulu Muda forest. Your donation of RM200 or more will assist our efforts to have Ulu Muda gazette as a protected area. Why? Well, Ulu Muda needs to be protected as it hosts a substantial population of large mammals, a rich diversity of bird species and is critical to the continuous supply of water for domestic, industrial and agricultural use in the northern states of Peninsular Malaysia.

Although we don't need direct day-to-day contact with the Ulu Muda forest, its biodiversity contributes directly to our continued existence.

- Rainforest animals play an important role in the food chain.

There are 50 species of bats recorded in Ulu Muda. These bats help to pollinate fruit trees and regulate the population of pests.

- The rainforest is a life force in itself.

The Ulu Muda catchment forest supplies water to Kedah, the largest rice-growing state in Malaysia. It directly benefits the livelihood of about 48,000 families, and allows for the production of 40% of the country's rice supply.

- The vegetation in the rainforest helps to cushion "natural" disaster.

Logging in Ulu Muda will lead to higher incidence of flooding due to increased surface runoff and siltation of rivers and other water courses downstream of the forest.

We cannot save the Ulu Muda forest alone. We need your help. With your donation of RM200 or more, you will be helping to establish Ulu Muda as a protected area as well as improve the management of existing protected areas so that our remaining rainforests will stay intact for future generations.

- Help us fund our projects to save priority areas of our remaining rainforests.
- Help us educate and involve key figures and communities that will lend support to our cause.
- Help us work with authorities and law makers to improve legal protection for our forests.
- Help us work toward a better future, by changing mindsets and ensuring our forests live to see another day.
- Help us inform those who remain unaware of this plight.

We must progress and move with the times, but we must also be sensitive to the delicate situation of our rainforests. In other words, we must learn how to strike a balance between development and conservation! Help others understand our plight and how it can affect them if nothing is done.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely

Zalina Bashir Ali
Protected Areas Specialist (Ulu Muda)

For Questions 1 – 5, CIRCLE the best answer from the options A – D.

1. In paragraph 2, the writer says that *if the Ulu Muda forest is logged, its function of maintaining and regulating the supply of water to the people of Kedah, Penang and Perlis will be compromised*. What does she mean by the word *compromised*?
A unaffected B affected positively C affected negatively D nullified

2. What kind of letter have you received from WWF?
A Letter of appeal B Letter of invitation
C Letter of information D Letter of cooperation

3. Which of the following is NOT a critical function of the Ulu Muda rainforest?
A Catchment area
B Continuous source of water supply
C Habitat for its flora and fauna
D Ready source of trees for logging

4. According to the letter, which of the following statements is NOT TRUE ?
A The Ulu Muda rainforest must be protected.
B Logging in the Ulu Muda rainforest is prohibited.
C Conserving the Ulu Muda rainforest is in the best interest of the people.
D The Ulu Muda rainforest cannot be saved by WWF alone.

5. The writer ends the letter by saying, "I look forward to hearing from you soon." What does she mean?
A That I would donate RM200 to help save the Ulu Muda rainforest
B That I would gazette Ulu Muda as a protected area
C That I would strike a balance between development and conservation
D That I would stop logging in the Ulu Muda rainforest

6. List out 3 negative consequences of logging.

- (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____

7. In the last paragraph, the writer says: *Help others understand our plight and how it can affect them if nothing is done.* Describe what could possibly happen if nothing is done?

SECTION B (20 marks)

For each of the paragraphs below, rewrite a better paragraph by using a combination of simple, compound and complex sentences. Be sure not to change the meaning in the given sentences.

1. Langkawi consists of 99 magical islands. Sailing is the best way to enjoy and appreciate the beauty of the 99 islands. Langkawi certainly offers some of the best sailing conditions in South East Asia. Hire a boat. Cruise through the calm and beautiful waters. Let the wind rustle your hair. Be one with Mother Nature. Witness with your own eyes how beautiful Mother Nature is. Have the time of your life!

2. Mahmud sells curry puff. He wakes up at 4.00 am every morning to prepare his curry puff. He leaves his house at 7.00 am. He makes his 20-kilometer round on his old bicycle to sell them. Mahmud sells 150 pieces of curry puff each day. Each piece sells for RM1.20. I love to buy his curry puff. They are delicious. They are fully filled with curried potato mash and best eaten with pickled shallots. Mahmud's curry puff sells like hot cakes. They are all sold out by 2 pm.

3. Internet dating has become very popular. I decided to check out some profiles. 99% of the women claimed to be happy-go-lucky and fun-loving. They also claimed to be good-natured, understanding and easy to get along with. I am a man. I know women quite well. I could only shake my head and smile. I know they are not telling the truth about themselves. They are only painting a nice picture of themselves to attract men.

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4. Our feet are 'designed' to walk on soft, natural surfaces. Such surfaces are soil and sand. We give our feet a daily pounding. We walk on unnatural hard, flat surfaces. Examples are cement floors and roadside pavements. This causes problems to our feet. One of the problems is called excess pronation. Over 70% of the population suffers from excess pronation. Excess pronation often leads to heel pain, knee pain, back pain and aching legs.

SECTION C (20 marks)

Your company is normally charged an average of RM5000 per month for electricity consumption. However, a bill for double the charge was received for last month. An internal investigation was conducted and the following causes uncovered:

1. Air-conditioners in the Accounts Department and IT Department were not switched off after working hours but were left on till the following morning.
2. An excessive number of air-conditioners were switched on on Sundays when several employees returned, with their children, to the company to do some work.


The following recommendations have been made to rectify the situation :

1. The last employee to leave the room at the end of the working day has to ensure that all air-conditioners are switched off.
2. No employee is allowed to return to the company on Sundays. All work has to be finished by Friday or taken home for the weekend.

As the Human Resource Manager, you have been instructed by the CEO of the company to write a memorandum to all staff members, informing them of the situation, findings and recommendations.



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