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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.*

Materials permitted : Nil  
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Examiner : Irene Chin  
Moderator : Subarshini Ramakrishnan

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

SECTION A ( 20 marks )

*Read the following passage carefully and then answer the questions that follow.*

The First World War began in August 1914, and by the time it ended, entire cultures had changed drastically. The borders of countries had moved back and forth several times, and millions of lives had been altered forever. Within only a few months of the start of the war, the embattled sides had settled into a system of trench warfare based on a strategy of attrition ( where the last man standing 'won' ), and the war **trudged on** for four remorseless years.

**In contrast** to the brutality of the First World War, so the story goes, on Christmas Day 1914, a soldier popped his head over the top of his trench and looked out across no-man's land. Rather than throw a few grenades across the field of death littered with barbed wire, he instead tossed a couple of tins of corned beef into his enemy's trench, knowing that both sides of the war lacked most of life's basic essentials and were nearly always hungry. Within a minute or so, a dull thud in the soil next to him sounded the arrival of a packet of coffee and some sweets, courtesy of 'the other side'.

Cautiously, men began to emerge from out of the relative safety of their **mud coffins**. Within a short while, jokes were being translated from German into English and vice versa, food was pooled together for a Christmas dinner, **cards were produced on makeshift tables** and, finally, a game of football was being played between the two warring armies, amid shouts of delight and good humoured rivalry. The day ended with handshakes, smiles and even prayers for each other.

On 26 December, the commanding authorities on both sides outlawed any repetition of this event under pain of death, and the slaughter began again in earnest. **The ray of hope was wiped out from the war experience**, and most of the participants of that event would be dead within a year.

This is certainly a remarkable episode in military history and a marvelous story of kindness and goodwill in a terrible situation. But why did this happen, and why on a Christmas Day?

On Christmas Day 1914, someone, whose name has been lost to history, decided to make the first move to restore a relationship that had been horribly and bloodily broken by the trauma of the Western Front. Others followed his example, and friendship and affection reigned at least for one day. It was more than many had believed possible.

Extracted from *So What is Christmas All About?*, RBC Ministries

*For Questions 1 – 4, CIRCLE the best answer from the options A – D.*

1. Which of the following is the best meaning for the phrase 'trudged on' in Paragraph 1?  
A went on            B carried on            C labored on            D fought on
  
2. In Paragraph 3, when 'cards were produced on makeshift tables', the soldiers started to  
A write Christmas cards.  
B play a game of cards.  
C exchange Christmas cards.  
D gamble with cards.
  
3. From the passage, we can say that all of the following are true about the English and German soldiers EXCEPT  
A they ate each other's food.  
B they played a friendly game of football.  
C they could not speak their enemy's language.  
D they laid down their arms on Christmas Day.
  
4. Which of the following pairs of contrasting words BEST describes the soldiers' Christmas Day and the day after?  
A relaxed - tense  
B trusting - suspicious  
C friendly - hostile  
D happy - sad

5. Why does the writer begin Paragraph 2 with 'In contrast to ...' and not 'In addition to ...' ?

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6. In Paragraph 3, the writer uses the phrase '*mud coffins*'. In what way is it an appropriate expression?

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7. In Paragraph 4, 'the ray of hope was wiped from the war experience...'.  
(a) What does 'the ray of hope' refer to?

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(b) How was it wiped from the war experience?

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8. Explain how war could move the borders of the countries concerned back and forth.

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9. List down 3 phrases from the passage that suggest to us the First World War was a severe

war.

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(iii)

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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. I am 20 years old. I am obese. Walking up a flight of steps leaves me sweating and panting heavily. Walking a short distance makes me breathless. My knees and back ache frequently. People stare at me when I go out. Children point at me and giggle. I cannot take it anymore. This morning I woke up and decided I just wanted to look like everybody else. If I am going to lose weight and keep it off, I have to work hard to do so. That means exercise. It also means good food choices. So I went for a medical checkup. It showed that I am fit enough to start on an exercise programme. I am now at the Slim & Healthy Fitness Centre. I am ready to enroll myself for one of its exercise programmes that lasts six months.

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2. There are many beautiful animal species on our planet. The tiger is one of the most beautiful species. It is a symbol of courage in many cultures. Sadly, the number of tigers in the wild has decreased drastically over the last 100 years. Among the nine tiger sub-species, three have gone extinct. The remaining six are struggling to survive. Malaysia has the second largest population of wild tigers in the world. India has the largest. Your support is needed to preserve the tiger.

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3. In Malaysia, we have a group of brave rangers. Their job is to protect tigers and other wildlife in the forests. These unsung heroes risk their lives every day. They face many dangers on a daily basis. They have to deal with armed poachers, the unpredictable wildlife and rugged terrain. These rangers work hard. They strive to achieve their goal. They aim for zero poaching of tigers. However their valiant efforts are not always recognized. Let us show our appreciation to these heroes. Tell them you care. Send them a postcard today. Visit [www.panda.org/tigers/cards4tigers](http://www.panda.org/tigers/cards4tigers) for more information.

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4. Cholesterol is a naturally occurring fat or lipid. It is an essential component of every animal cell. Low density lipoprotein (LDL) is often called 'bad' cholesterol. Excessive levels of it can cause a build-up on the inside of blood vessels. This build-up is called plaque. Plaque can result in the narrowing of the arteries. This increases the risk of high blood pressure. It can also lead to a stroke or heart attack. High density lipoprotein (HDL) is known as 'good' cholesterol. It helps to remove excess cholesterol. It does this by carrying the excess cholesterol to the liver. This excess is then excreted by the liver.

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SECTION C ( 20 marks )

*You are the Human Resource Manager of your company. The Management has come up with new car parking arrangements for this year. Write a memorandum to inform all employees that those who drive to work have to immediately collect a red sticker from the security gate, and display it on their car windscreen. They have to park their car only in areas specially reserved for the staff, and not wherever they like. A special area has also been reserved for visitors. Any employee expecting a visitor has to inform security who will then issue the visitor a green sticker when he / she approaches the security gate. Unauthorized parking of vehicles will be subject to clamping of the vehicle and a fine of RM100 levied on the driver. Also mention that the new car parking arrangements will come into effect on Monday 18 March 2013. Attach the parking plan with your memo.*





