

FINAL ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT

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Date of Examination	:	<u>March 11, 2021 (Thursday)</u>
Time	:	<u>4:00pm – 6:30pm</u> Reading Time : <u>Nil</u>
Duration	:	<u>2 Hours : 30 Minutes</u>

Note: 30 minutes is added into the duration of the examination to factor in any connectivity matters and for you to scan and upload your scripts.

Special Instructions :

Answer **all FOUR (4)** questions. Answer **ALL** questions in **A4 FOOLSCAP PAPER**.

Materials permitted : Nil

Materials provided : Nil

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Instructions: This paper consists of **FOUR (4)** sections. Answer **ALL** the questions on A4 Foolscap paper.

Section A**(20 Marks)**

Fill in the blanks with the most suitable words given below. You should use each word only **ONCE**.

Finally	During	In particular	In conclusion	For	In addition
Provided that	Although	Moreover	Instead	Consequently	Then
For instance	Hence	Next	Unless	In spite of	Third
As soon as	Nevertheless	Likewise	In fact	To	Besides

1. _____ to speaking Italian, he speaks Spanish.
2. A good job was offered to me; _____, I took it.
3. What do you like _____ the apple?
4. _____ he had a very important exam, he didn't go to school this morning.
5. _____ the war, America tried to stop trading with Russia.
6. They can listen to the radio _____ they disturb nobody.
7. He helped Jane _____ the difficulties he faced.
8. _____ my son wakes up, he will speak to you.
9. First, you have to set the table. _____, you need to arrange the plates.
10. The clams were excellent, _____ the dessert.
11. She was very tired. _____, she went to the party.
12. _____, we have a vaccine for COVID-19!
13. _____, China, India and Russia are showing significant economic growth.
14. _____, I would like to thank everyone for voting me as the new president.
15. Strangely, there was a man behind her. _____, he was observing her awkwardly.
16. Jacob buys a cup of tea at the cafe. _____, he goes to the gym.

17. Tim got into a motor accident. _____, his insurance rate increased.
18. You were supposed to go to work; _____ you went to the shopping mall.
19. No, I don't want to go to dinner with you. _____, I'd like you to stop asking me out because I'm really not interested.
20. I can play a few musical instruments, _____, the flute, the piano and the violin.

Section B

(30 Marks)

Write a short summary for **ALL** the following passages. Each summary should be written in **ONLY ONE SENTENCE** of about **25 to 30 words**.

Passage 1

(10 Marks)

Since 1970, the number of allergy sufferers around the world has risen dramatically. The current estimate of people with some kind of allergy is an astounding 30 to 40%. The direct causes of the increase are unclear, but most researchers attribute the growing figure to a combination of environmental and social changes resulting from the effects of rapid post-war industrialization, modernization, and globalization. Increased industrial pollution, crowded cities, small, poorly ventilated apartments with air conditioning, and new synthetic building materials, dietary changes, more cosmetics and modern medicine are all blamed as the main contributors. Paradoxically, over-cleanliness has also been identified as a cause. Some researchers claim the widespread use of home cleaning agents and their resulting germ-free environments have weakened children's immune systems and created vulnerable parents.

Source: healthline.com: Common Allergies in Kids to Watch Out For (2020)

Passage 2

(10 Marks)

Why do children become obese? One important factor is insulin, a hormone which enables the body to store extra calories as fat. Physical exercise helps control insulin levels, while ingesting fat combined with starches and sugar can cause surges in insulin levels. A child who sits in front of the TV for hours on end, eating potato chips and doughnuts, is an ideal fat-storage machine. What is urgently needed is for schools, health professionals, parents and children to work together. Encouragingly, changing a family's lifestyle in healthy ways does not appear to be all that difficult; it involves regular exercise, slightly smaller portions and slightly different foods. And this, say health officials, is a message that badly needs to get out.

Source: PubMed.gov: Overweight among primary school-age children in Malaysia (2013)

Passage 3**(10 Marks)**

Many people who spend a lot of time playing video games insist that they have helped them in areas like confidence-building, presentation skills and debating. Yet, this way of thinking about video games can be found almost nowhere within the mainstream media, which still tend to treat games as an odd mix of the slightly menacing and the alien. This lack of awareness has become increasingly inappropriate as video games and the culture that surrounds them have become very big business indeed. Recently, the British government released the Byron report into the effects of electronic media on children. Its conclusions set out a clear, rational basis for exploring the regulation of video games. The ensuing debate, however, has descended into the same old squabbling between partisan factions: the preachers of mental and moral decline, and the innovative game designers.

Source: The Association Between Video Gaming and Psychological Functioning, by Juliane M. von der Heiden (2019)

Section C**(20 Marks)**

Write out an outline for a five paragraph essay for **ONE (1)** of the topics below.

- (i) It was reported by the Malay Mail in 2020 that the number of students from many of Klang Valley's poor communities returning to the classroom is dropping at an alarming rate. What are the main causes of such a high number of school dropouts in Malaysia?
- (ii) Students in the current generation prefer to work and study at the same time. What are the differences between students who work and students who don't?
- (iii) The mass media, including TV, radio, and newspapers have a great influence on people and especially on the younger generation. Does mass media play an important role in the buying trends of the younger generation? Discuss.

Your essay outline should be written in the following format for **topics i & ii**:

Thesis statement (3 marks):

Topic sentence 1 (2 marks):

Supporting details (1.5 mark each): 1: _____

2: _____

Topic sentence 2 (2 marks):

Supporting details (1.5 mark each): 1: _____

2: _____

Topic sentence 3 (2 marks):

Supporting details (1.5 mark each): 1: _____

2: _____

Concluding statement (2 marks):

ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY ONLY-Your essay outline should be written in the following format for **topic iii**:

Thesis statement (3 marks):

Topic sentence 1 (2 marks):

Supporting details (1.5 mark each): 1: _____

2: _____

Topic sentence 2 (2 marks):

Supporting details (1.5 mark each): 1: _____

2: _____

