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SECTION A (35 marks)

Reading Comprehension I

Read the passage and then answer the questions that follow.

- I Sarawakian Inspector Margaret Tagum anak Goen, 32, who was **attached** to the Kluang District Police headquarters, died when a mat rempit crashed into her at a police road block in the morning in September last year. The 17 year-old who collided with Margaret was a school drop-out. Did the parents of the teenager know where their son was at in the early hours of the morning? Are children so indisciplined that their parents have no clue where they are? How many more deaths shall we hear before our law makers and law-enforcers address the matter? Since the mat rempit menace is a persistent problem that is plaguing us today, there is a need for a decisive and tough action taken on this matter by the government. An honest discussion on this problem, specifically its cause, its effect and the proposed solutions to this problem are therefore necessary.

- II First, peer influence is possibly the biggest cause of this problem. Most mat rempits are young. At this stage, their thinking, attitude and actions are easily influenced by their peers. Due to this, some tend to follow their peers more than their own parents and teachers. According to Dr. Rosmaini Faiz, a psychologist, mat rempits think that it is very admirable if they can win illegal races, perform **suicidal** stunts or get away from police road blocks. They will be respected and admired among the mat rempits.

- III The next cause is due to the mass media's glorification of mat rempits. Its glorification of the mat rempits can be seen through films and television showing the actions of these mat rempits. For example, the film, *Remp It* directed by Farid Kamil contained many stunts done by the mat rempits. When these stunts appear in the movies, young people can easily be influenced, as they are performed by movie stars who looked confident, stylish and brave. Although they are aware that the stunts in the movies are performed by professional stuntmen, this does not seem to deter the mat rempits from imitating their actions in the movies.

- IV Finally, the family also plays a role in contributing to this problem. There is the wise old saying that says education starts from home. From interviews with the culprits, a police officer from Kajang District, ASP Abdul Rahman Sidek discovered that many of the mat rempits tend to come from problematic families. These include parents who have divorced and parents who abuse their children. Some are from single parent family, and yet others are orphaned children. Some come from rich families too. These rich mat rempits said

that they were given too much money and freedom by their parents. Apparently, they join the mat rempit gangs possibly due to neglect, loneliness and cravings for attention.

- V Turning now to the consequence of this problem, the most serious are injuries and deaths caused to innocent road-users. Because of the bravado and the need to show off their riding skills, these mat rempits may be overzealous and in the process injure or kill other road users when they fall off their machines or skid on a highway. Accidents can also happen when they flee from the police as in the case of the late Inspector Margaret. Some mat rempits even go to the extent of riding in the opposite direction against the flow of traffic when fleeing from the police, and this has grave consequences for other motorists.
- VI The next consequence of this mat rempit menace is the strain to the country's economy. Instead of putting their motorcycles to good use, such as commuting to their workplaces, they are used for racing and stunt riding instead. Many mat rempits have died and some are suffering from permanent injuries due to their 'heroic' feats. Unfortunately, they are the poor mat rempits, and when they landed in hospitals, they go to the public hospitals instead because most mat rempits are penniless and come from uneducated family of low income parents. In other words, the taxpayers who are not at fault have to pay for their hospital costs. This clearly is a waste of public funds. Laws should therefore be enacted in which the parents of these mat rempits should be made to bear the costs. This wastage of human capital must be put to good use, so that these young people can develop their talents and skills to make them productive assets to the country.
- VII One of the solutions to the problem is for the government to provide more sports facilities and more recreational spaces for our youths. It is possible that these young mat rempits may not have proper places to relax and release their excessive energies. If this is true, we need more football fields, more badminton and basketball courts and more affordable sports amenities for them. Extreme sports such as mountain climbing, bungee jumping, wall climbing, and combat sports like kick boxing, mixed martial arts and taekwondo should be encouraged among these young people who crave more challenging and **exciting** sports.
- VIII The government should also review all current laws to strengthen law enforcement to deal with the mat rempits firmly. If the laws are effective and working, surely the mat rempit menace would have been reduced. Among the proposals that can be considered should include classifying repeat mat rempit offenders as juvenile delinquents who should then be sent to **reform** schools like that of the Henry Gurney Boys School where they will be

provided with counseling and skills training. For parents who neglect their responsibilities in disciplining underaged children who are under their care, perhaps there is a basis for parents to be imposed monetary bonds for good behaviour of their children, where the parents will have to pay fines to the government if their children are caught and found guilty for mat rempit activities.

- IX In conclusion, this article discusses the mat rempit problem which is a serious social ill of the country. Peer influence, the mass media's glorification of mat rempits and family problems are the possible causes that the government should look into to combat the problem. The effects to the public include victimisation of innocent road users and a strain to the country's economy. The proposed solutions to this problem include the establishment of sports and recreational facilities that would provide outlets for these young people to release their energy and their adventurous inclinations. Last but not least, there is a need for the government to review the present legislation that has been proven to be ineffective, as this problem has not shown any declining trend among the mat rempits.

Adapted from <https://thebestummah.wordpress.com/2010/03/07/all-about-mat-rempit/>

- AI Provide the most appropriate title for the passage.

(1m)

- All Match the main ideas with the corresponding paragraphs. Write the paragraph number in the spaces provided.

Main Idea	Paragraph
The negative effect to the country's economy	
The media's role in glamourising the mat rempits	
The need to re-examine existing laws	
The consequence of mat rempits' recklessness to other road-users	
The need for more sports and recreational facilities	

(5 x 1m = 5m)

Alll Based on the passage, state whether each of the following statements is TRUE (T) or FALSE (F).

1. Parents of some mat rempits have lesser influence than their group [] members.
2. Mat rempits do not know that the daredevil riding stunts in movies are [] performed by professional stuntmen.
3. Too much freedom and money caused rich youngsters to be mat rempits. []
4. Mat rempits ride against the flow of traffic mainly to show their riding skills. []
5. Henry Gurney Boys School is a place meant more to reform than punish the [] delinquents.

(5 x 1m = 5m)

AIV Indicate what the underlined words in the passage refer to. Write your answers in the spaces below.

1. they (para II) _____
2. they (para III) _____
3. who (para IV) _____
4. they (para VI) _____
5. them (para VI) _____

(5 x 1m = 5m)

AV Answer the following questions based on the text.

1. Why do youths from problematic families join the mat rempit groups? Give two reasons.

i) _____
ii) _____ (2m)

2. Provide evidence to show the mat rempits ignored the safety of other road users.

_____ (2m)

3. Why are the mat rempits a burden to the taxpayers?

_____ (2m)

4. What is the writer's opinion on the current laws related to the mat rempit problem?

_____ (2m)

_____ (8m)

AVI Complete the table below with information from the passage.

Issues, Effects and Solutions of the Mat Rempit Problem

Issue	Effect	Proposed Solution
<p>_____ _____ _____ (1m)</p>	<p>Mat rempits follow the stunts in the movies, as they are performed by movie stars who looked brave, stylish and confident.</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>_____ _____ _____ (1m)</p>	<p>Mat rempits feel neglected, lonely and experience cravings for attention.</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>Hospitalisation costs of mat rempits.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The taxpayers who are not at fault have to pay for their hospital costs. • _____ <p>(1m)</p>	<p>_____ _____ _____ (1m)</p>
<p>Young people may not have proper places to relax and release their excessive energies.</p>	<p>_____ _____ _____ (1m)</p>	<p>_____ _____ _____ (1m)</p>

(6 x 1m = 6m)

AVII Circle the correct option that explains the meaning of each bold word in the sentences below.

1. Sarawakian Inspector Margaret Tagum anak Goen, 32, who was **attached** to the Kluang District Police headquarters, died when a mat rempit crashed into her at a police road block in the morning in September last year.
A. joined to something
B. working for an organisation

2. According to Dr. Rosmaini Faiz, a psychologist, mat rempits think that it is very admirable if they can win illegal races or perform **suicidal** stunts or get away from police road blocks.
A. very dangerous and likely to lead to death
B. a feeling that one has to kill himself/herself

3. The next consequence of this is that the mat rempit menace can also be a **strain** to the country's economy.
A. to make something do more than it is able to
B. to make an effort to do something, using all your mental or physical strength

4. Extreme sports such as mountain climbing, bungee jumping, wall climbing, and combat sports such as kick boxing, mixed martial arts and taekwondo should be encouraged among these young people who crave more challenging and **exciting** sports.
A. inspiring
B. exhilarating

5. Among the proposals that can be considered should include classifying repeat mat rempit offenders as juvenile delinquents who should then be sent to **reform** schools like that of the Henry Gurney Boy's School where they will be provided with counseling and skills training.
A. to improve someone's behaviour or character
B. to improve a system or an organisation by making changes to it

(5 x 1m = 5m)

SECTION B: Reading Comprehension (15 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer all the questions that follow.

Malaysia Struggles with Decision on Vaping Boom

The vaping industry has been in business for only two years, but is now one of Malaysia's biggest retailers, with more than 60 stores nationwide. It is a thriving online trade and is catering to local and overseas customers. It stocks a range of vaping equipment and makes its own liquids which are developed to cater to Malaysians' taste for the fruity and sweet flavours.

In Malaysia, Muhammad Sharifuddin Esa, Group Chief Executive of one of the vaping retailers/retailing companies, sets up the vaping business with three partners and only with the capital RM10,000. They gained profits of more than 60 million ringgit in revenue within two years. He said, "The main issue of e-cigarettes is the nicotine level in the liquid. But for me when everything is legal, then everything is safe".

Allan Foo, President of Malaysian E-Vaporisers and Tobacco Alternative Malaysia (MEVTA), argued that Malaysia's policymakers 'have no idea' how to regulate the industry. "There's uproar because of fear – fear of the unknown possibilities of the existing industries. Every new technology brings a new fear." However, Allan said MEVTA is prepared for the potential imposition of taxes on vaping, as well as new licensing rules, which it acknowledges would provide some reassurance to customers. "We're asking for regulation and we are open to discussion."

Plenty of influential voices are calling loudly for laws and regulations that would limit and control the growth of the industry. Dr Ashok Philip, President of the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) said "Tobacco established itself firmly in our culture long before there was any awareness of its risks. Thus, getting it 'unestablished' will take time and a generational shift. It is not too late to nip e-cigarettes in the bud but it requires a strong political will." This call for better regulations is endorsed by Dr Noor Hisham, the Director General of Ministry of Health, who said that "to date, there is no conclusive scientific evidence to suggest vaping is beneficial for smoking cessation. In fact, there is no country in the world that has formally adopted vaping as a means to quit smoking. However, there is more and more emerging scientific evidence on the harmful health effects from inhaling aerosols of heated e-liquid or vape". Others point to a study published in the Journal of Oral Oncology in December 2014, which suggested that vaping could be linked to mouth cancer.

Interestingly, the federal government's position on this matter is unclear. At the end of October 2015, local media reported the cabinet had decided not to prohibit vaping. This was reported days after Health Minister Dato' S. Subramaniam who claimed that a ban is possible. He said, "If it was up to me, I will ban it as soon as possible. I feel we have to put a stop to this before it becomes a big issue."

In this situation, the only certainty appears to be that switching from smoking to vaping is a reality. The entrance of vaping into the market territory of the traditional tobacco industry is a threat to these tobacco companies that already suffer from dwindling volumes in tobacco sales. Either way, as far as health benefits are concern, the smokers are the losing ones as both ways are still detrimental to their health.

Adapted from nikkeiasia review.com
Retrieved on 15 February 2016

BI Answer the following questions based on the above passage.

1. What is Muhammad Sharifuddin Esa's opinion on the nicotine level in e-cigarettes?
_____ (1m)

2. According to Allan Foo, Malaysian policymakers are making e-cigarette a big issue. Why?

_____ (1m)

3. What does "nip e-cigarette in the bud" mean?

_____ (2m)

4. Some argue that the use of e-cigarettes should be controlled. Give 3 reasons.
a) _____
b) _____
c) _____

(3 x 1m = 3m)

5. How do cigarettes affect the tobacco industry?

_____ (2m)

6. Based on the text, has the Malaysian government reached a decision on the regulation on the use of e-cigarette in the country? Tick (✓) the correct answer.

Yes () No ()

(1m)

BII Circle the option that explains the meaning of each underlined word taken from the passage.

1. It is a thriving online trade and is catering to local and overseas customers.

- A. business activity
- B. a type of job someone trained to do

2. "We're asking for regulation and we are open to discussion."

- A. not covered
- B. considering suggestions

3. "Thus, getting it 'unestablished' will take time and a generational shift".

- A. a change in something
- B. people's work time, some during the day and some at night

4. This call for better regulations is endorsed by Dr Noor Hisham, the Director General of Ministry of Health, who said that "to date, there is no conclusive scientific evidence to suggest vaping is beneficial for smoking cessation".

- A. done in an organised way
- B. relating to science or based on its methods

5. The entrance of vaping into the market territory of the traditional tobacco industry is a threat to these tobacco companies who already suffer from dwindling volumes in tobacco sales.

- A. an amount of something
- B. a collection of something

(5 x 1m = 5m)

SECTION C (10 marks)

Grammar

Fill in the blanks with the correct answers from the choices in A, B, C and D.

Motorcycle workshop owner Suhaizam Abdul Aziz, 45, said contrary (1)_____ Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob's statement that bauxite mining generated economic activities with spin-off effects in the state, it had only brought misery for locals.

If we look at the industry (2)_____, we may see that the money goes mostly to outsiders. Most of the lorry drivers come from outside the state. Likewise, the workers are foreigners too. There were some locals but the ratio is small, like 50 foreigners to four locals, said Suhaizam, a villager at Felda Bukit Goh in Kuantan.

Suhaizam, a second generation Felda settler who now (3)_____ a workshop by the main road of Bukit Goh said his business has dropped by more than 50 per cent. This is because of the mining activities around (4)_____ settlement and palm estates.

"I used to make good money. People came as far as Gebeng to have their machines fixed here. But business (5)_____ slowed down a lot and my expenses for my workshop maintenance have increased", said Suhaizam.

Thick red dust cover motorcycles (6)_____ to villagers at Felda Bukit Goh, much of which come from leaking lorries transporting bauxite to the Kuantan port. According to him, he now has to spend more than RM2,000 each month to pay the bills and rental for his workshop. Every morning, he has to (7)_____ water using a water jet around the workshop to wash the dust, then he has to clean all the machines that are covered with it.

He has to repeat the same thing before he closes his workshop. That (8)_____ double the effort of everything. He does not mind the extra effort if his business is not (9)_____, but it's getting worse, he said. With a third child on the way, Suhaizam is angry and frustrated over the (10)_____ of many parties in dealing with the bauxite issue. He said community leaders right up to the authorities and the state government has failed the people.

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| 1. A. to | B. for | C. from | D. with | _____ |
| 2. A. close | B. closes | C. closed | D. closely | _____ |
| 3. A. operate | B. operated | C. operates | D. operating | _____ |
| 4. A. - | B. a | C. an | D. the | _____ |
| 5. A. has | B. had | C. have | D. having | _____ |
| 6. A. belong | B. belongs | C. belonged | D. belonging | _____ |
| 7. A. spray | B. sprays | C. sprayed | D. spraying | _____ |
| 8. A. is | B. are | C. was | D. were | _____ |
| 9. A. affect | B. affects | C. affected | D. affecting | _____ |
| 10. A. fail | B. fails | C. failed | D. failure | _____ |

(10 x 1m = 10m)

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