

# ANSWERS

## PT3-Format Practices

### READING

#### SHORT TEXTS (MCQs)

##### Practice 1

1. B
2. C
3. A
4. C
5. B
6. A
7. B
8. C

##### Practice 2

1. B
2. A
3. C
4. C
5. B
6. A
7. A
8. B

##### Practice 3

1. B
2. C
3. C
4. B
5. A
6. B
7. A
8. C

#### ERROR CORRECTION

##### Practice 1

1. it
2. and
3. There
4. dentist's
5. The
6. into
7. gripped
8. for

##### Practice 2

1. safeguard
2. This
3. students
4. who
5. on/along
6. and
7. As
8. It

##### Practice 3

1. and
2. thrown
3. becomes
4. or
5. in
6. which

7. In
8. However

##### Practice 4

1. when
2. your
3. This
4. it
5. to
6. and
7. any
8. to

#### INFORMATION TRANSFER

##### Practice 1

1. Perak
2. an hour's drive
3. 1876
4. tin mining
5. continuous rainfall
6. century-old raintrees
7. oldest hill resort
8. night safari

##### Practice 2

1. ingredients ready
2. into a bowl
3. Stir the ingredients
4. all around
5. greased pan
6. drumsticks
7. at 180 °C
8. Turn over

##### Practice 3

1. Apollo 13
2. James Lovell
3. Fred Haise
4. Jack Swigert
5. 11 April, 1970
6. Oxygen tank exploded
7. Lunar module 'Aquarius'
8. Pacific Ocean

##### Practice 4

1. ingredients
2. soup mix
3. the cubed chicken
4. for two minutes
5. into a bowl
6. fried egg
7. dash of pepper
8. as soon as

#### SHORT ANSWERS

##### Practice 1

1. Chemistry
2. in the distance
3. long mournful sound
4. respectable
5. deserted
6. the verandah

7. a little girl
8. raised her hand
9. decapitated
10. sloping

**Practice 2**

1. cigar-shaped object
2. Pan-STARRS 1
3. Haleakala Observatory
4. A/2017 UI
5. Hawaiian
6. cold and small
7. no coma
8. an alien probe
9. dim
10. sceptical

**Practice 3**

1. A. Sivasesan
2. A(H1N1) positive
3. a mysterious illness
4. prevent the spread
5. sore throat
6. (Choose any one of two) Stay home. / Avoid public places.
7. face mask
8. seasonal influenza vaccines
9. mysterious
10. reduce

**Practice 4**

1. e-waste
2. (any two from images provided) laptops / smartphones / digital cameras
3. Toxic substances
4. 50 million
5. 12.5%
6. Earth's natural resources
7. unwanted electronic devices
8. e-cycling center
9. effects
10. ore

**MATCHING (GAPPED TEXT)**

**Practice 1**

1. D – We can have a bowl of that store-bought ice-cream for dessert later.
2. G – It's not going to be good for you in the long run.
3. A – Why don't you take up cycling?
4. C – It's only three times a week.
5. H – I hate those green, slimy things.
6. B – Come on, let's make a lifestyle change for the better.

**Practice 2**

1. B – The first thing to do when planning for an exam is to be ready for it.
2. H – Remember to stick to it.
3. E – Divide time for self-study and group discussions.
4. A – If you haven't got enough materials, explore the library or bookshops for more.
5. G – Don't burn the midnight oil the night before an exam.
6. D – Pulling an all-nighter will only make you tired and disoriented on the day of the exam.

**Practice 3**

1. C – I find city life alive and vibrant compared to life in the country.
2. F – What about safety in the city?

3. A – I almost became the victim of a snatch theft.
4. E – They tend to keep to themselves most of the time.
5. H – Suffice to say, city life isn't for me.
6. B – The smog and the fumes are unpleasant.

**Practice 4**

1. C – Traditionally, the first food that passes their lips while breaking fast is a date.
2. H – Like a cross between a prune and a fig.
3. B – Consuming dates aids the body's blood glucose levels to return to normal quickly, especially after a day of fasting.
4. A – They don't fare so well in rainy, wet climates.
5. F – The place of origin is thought to be somewhere between the region of Mesopotamia and Egypt.
6. D – Today, the largest producer of dates is Egypt.

**WRITING**

**Practice 1**

**Part 1**

To:	bakris@writemail.com
From:	misha@writemail.com
Subject:	Laptop, please!

Dear dad,

I think a (1) laptop would be most ideal. It's (2) more useful for a student like me. I like the fact that a laptop is (3) portable, light and compact. This makes it (4) easier for me to carry it from home to school and back again. That will also help greatly when I go for my (5) study group sessions. Desktops are (6) bulky and would take up too much room in my study. A laptop gives less (7) clutter, therefore making my room (8) neater.

Your daughter,  
*Misa*

**Part 2**

5, 1, 4, 2, 3, 6

Good morning teachers and friends,

This morning, I would like to talk about the cause and effects of air pollution.

There are many causes of air pollution. Living in the city, it is hard to get a breath of fresh air. Vehicle exhaust fumes is the number one source of air pollution here. Motorcycles, cars and buses release huge amounts of carbon monoxide which pollutes the air. Natural disasters are another cause of pollution in the air. Volcanoes, forest fires and dust storms bring about dust and smog that float in the air for ages, making it impossible for us to breath clean air.

Air pollution has devastating effects on human health. Contaminants in the air irritates the eyes, nose and throat. If humans are exposed to air pollution in the long run, it may create respiratory problems like asthma and chronic illness like lung cancer. Pollutants that are released will effect the temperature in the atmosphere. An increased temperature contributes to ozone layer depletion and accelerates global warming.

As air pollution is such a big problem, it is crucial for all of us find a solution and prevent the problem from worsening. Let us take action before it is too late.

Thank you.

**Practice 2****Part 1**

<b>Renu</b>	<i>online</i>
<p>Vimal,</p> <p>I know what you mean. It isn't all hunky dory to be stuck at home but it's for our own good. It's so that our chances of getting infected becomes lower. Anyway, there are lots of things to do. You could download some e-books or movies to read or watch. Have you watched <i>Bad Boys For Life</i>? It's full of action. If those are not your cuppa tea, why not look up some new recipes and trying them out? You love cooking don't you? Hope my ideas are useful! In the meantime, stay safe!</p>	

**Part 2**

Everyday life can be stressful and challenging. School takes up most of our time. As students, we are under constant pressure to perform well. We also have a host of expectations from our parents and teachers. Life becomes stressful for us. One way to reduce this stress is to take up a hobby. A hobby is something that we enjoy doing. We do it because we want to, not because we are forced to do it. Furthermore, there are many benefits to be gleaned from having a healthy hobby.

Having a hobby gives us a break from routine life. It is also a way to maximise our time productively. It drives away our boredom and keeps stress at bay. Hobbies include gardening, exercising, doing extreme sports or just reading. A hobby is an outlet for us to let our hair down and not think about the worries of the day.

Some hobbies allow us to showcase our creativity. Hobbies like playing a musical instrument or painting enable us tap into our creative potential and hone our skills and talents. Sometimes, we may even get to apply our creativity in our daily lives or at school. Hobbies like travelling and camping help to strengthen our interpersonal and social skills. These hobbies also boost self-confidence and teach us to embrace new challenges.

Whether we realize it or not, we are continually learning new things through our hobbies. For example, when we collect stamps, we will learn about the flags of a country or the national flower of a nation. Hobbies help to expand our knowledge and this will come in handy in school.

In a nutshell, it is clear that everyone should have a hobby. Life would be dull without one and we may not be able to reap in the benefits if we don't have one.

**Practice 3****Part 1**

Mom,

I've checked the fridge and kitchen. Looks like we need some eggs, a loaf of bread, some fruits and some leafy vegetables. Could you get some guavas if any are available? Oh, we need some chicken sausages as well.

A take-away for dinner sounds great! Pizza from Don's Italian Café would be great. There's a buy 1, free 1 promotion there. Their pizzas are to die for. Get one beef pepperoni and a tuna and pineapple pizza. They're my favourite. See you when you get back!

**Part 2**

Dear diary,

Our class finally agreed to set up a burger stall. We feel that burgers are popular and easy to make. All we need are burger patties and buns, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, mayonnaise and ketchup. We can easily get these items at the supermarket.

We have divided ourselves into four groups. Group 1 will be in charge of decorating the stall and cleaning up. Group 2 will prepare the ingredients whilst Groups 3 and 4 will take the morning and afternoon shifts to man the stall.

We will set up our stall in the canteen area as it will be easier for us to have access to water. Also, our customers will be able to find a seat and enjoy our delicious burgers.

We also plan to promote our stall one week prior to our Canteen Day. Some ideas are to make posters and paste them on the noticeboards around school and also to make announcements during assembly.

I hope our burger stall will be a great success. I will write the details down after Canteen Day is over.

**LISTENING****Part 3**

1. C
2. B
3. A
4. B
5. A

**Part 5**

1. evening
2. 38 Celsius
3. scratchy/swollen/red
4. the flu
5. twice a day