

**GUANGYANG SECONDARY SCHOOL  
END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2022  
SECONDARY TWO EXPRESS**

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
Paper 1 Writing**

**27 September 2022  
1 hour 50 minutes**

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**READ THIS INSTRUCTION FIRST**

This Insert contains the text for **Section B**.

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### Section A [10 marks]

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines, about snacking. The first and last lines are correct. For eight of the lines, there is one grammatical error in each line. There are two more lines with no errors.

If there is NO error in a line, put a tick (✓) in the space provided.

If the line is incorrect, circle the incorrect word and write the correct word in the space provided.

The correct word you provide must not change the original meaning of the sentence.

Example:

I arrived to my destination at 2 p.m.

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My sister loves adventure films.

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To snack or not to snack? That is the question... for doctors, for nutritionists, and for you, as you try to decide what to do about your growling stomach when it is nowhere 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
closed to mealtime. The short answer: have the snack. Snacking has fell out of favour 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
in certain dieting circles, thanks to the popularity in intermittent fasting. But many 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
modern-day studies have found that snacking can had positive effects on your health, 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
both physical and mental. So, grab a banana - or a handful of peanuts and read on. 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
First and surprisingly, a smart snack can help you dropped a few kilos by preventing 6 \_\_\_\_\_  
the kind of unhealthy binge eating that come from hard-core hunger. Secondly, 7 \_\_\_\_\_  
snacking is a way to sneak a variety of nutrients into your diet, and lastly, the recent 8 \_\_\_\_\_  
study also reveals that hunger can result in fewer mood swings and better focus. 9 \_\_\_\_\_  
10 \_\_\_\_\_

You should look at the poster below. Study the information carefully and **plan your answer** before beginning to write.



Have you ever wondered what marine creatures we can find on our shores?

- Be a marine intertidal explorer for a day
- Discover and take photos of the amazing biodiversity
- Interact with a personal guide as she shares fascinating facts about marine life
- Learn how to protect marine wildlife



Have you seen an organic vertical farm?

- Explore Singapore's zero-pesticide farm that specialises in vertical farming
- Learn how vertical farming cuts down carbon emission
- Understand the processes involved that bring the vegetables from the farm to the fork
- Try your hands at planting a variety of vegetables and bring home a vegetable- growing kit



Are you ready for some action?

- Explore Superpark Singapore, a gigantic adventure playground, with your family and friends
- Scale walls, bounce on trampolines or smash balls at one another!
- Enjoy adrenaline-pumping activities like the flying fox, pit-ball and tube slide
- Learn team-bonding and problem- solving through these activities

### Section B [30 marks]

**You are advised to write between 200 and 300 words for this section.**

## Question 2

You should look at the poster in the Insert. Study the information carefully and plan your answer before beginning to write.

Your brother, who is currently studying overseas, is planning to do something together with you during the December holiday when he returns to Singapore. He has shortlisted three activities from a website and has asked which one you would prefer. Your brother is happy to go with your choice. Write an email to your brother stating your choice and giving reasons.

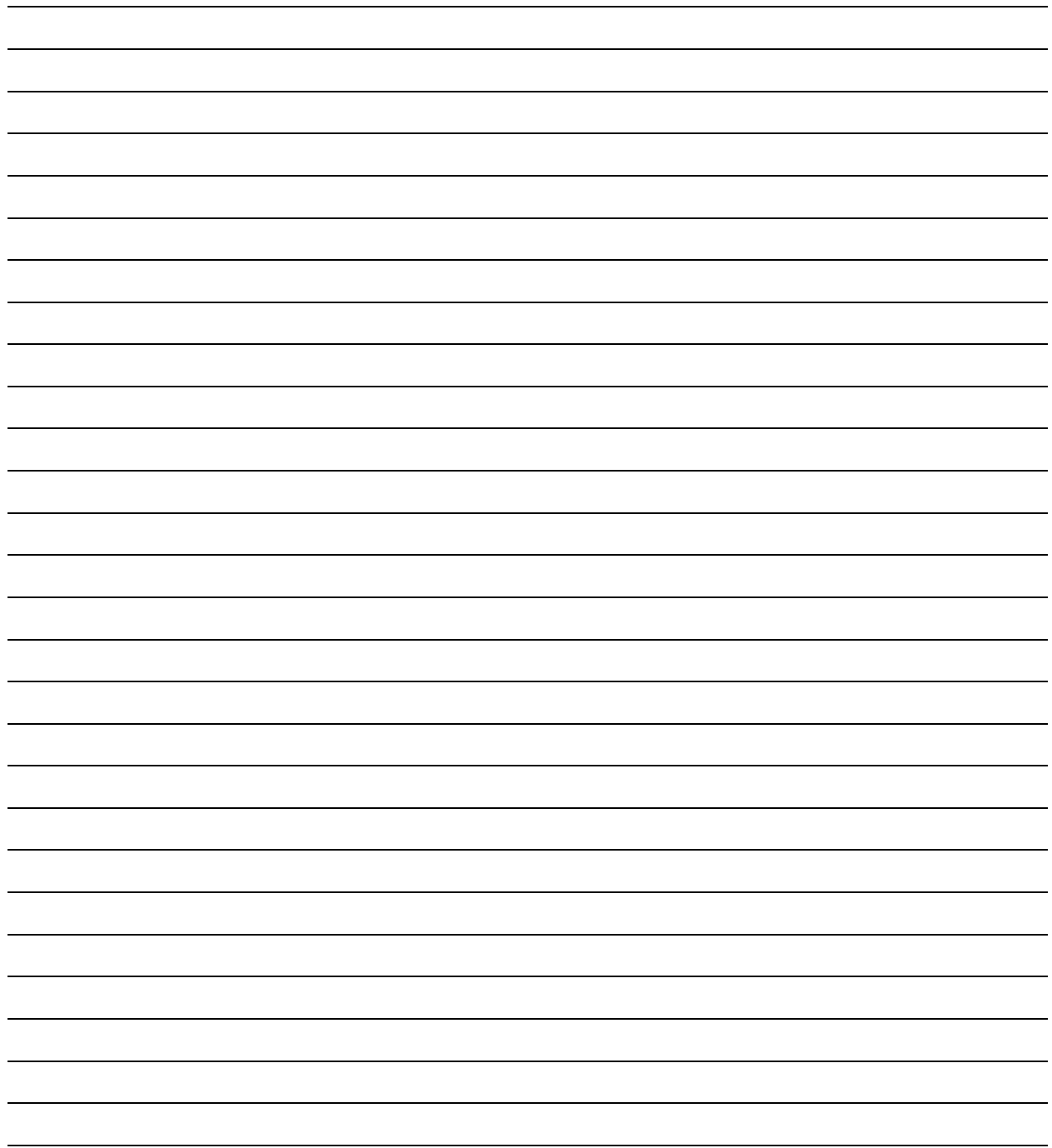
In your email, you must include the following details:

- your choice of activity
- what you and your brother will do there
- why you and your brother will enjoy the activities offered.

Write your email in clear, accurate English and in a friendly and enthusiastic tone to explain your choice to your brother.

You should use your own words as far as possible.

[illegible]



### Section C [30 marks]

**You are advised to write between 250 and 400 words on one of the following topics.**

### Questions 3-6

3 Describe the sights and sounds at a sporting event. Remember to describe some of the people there, as well as the place.

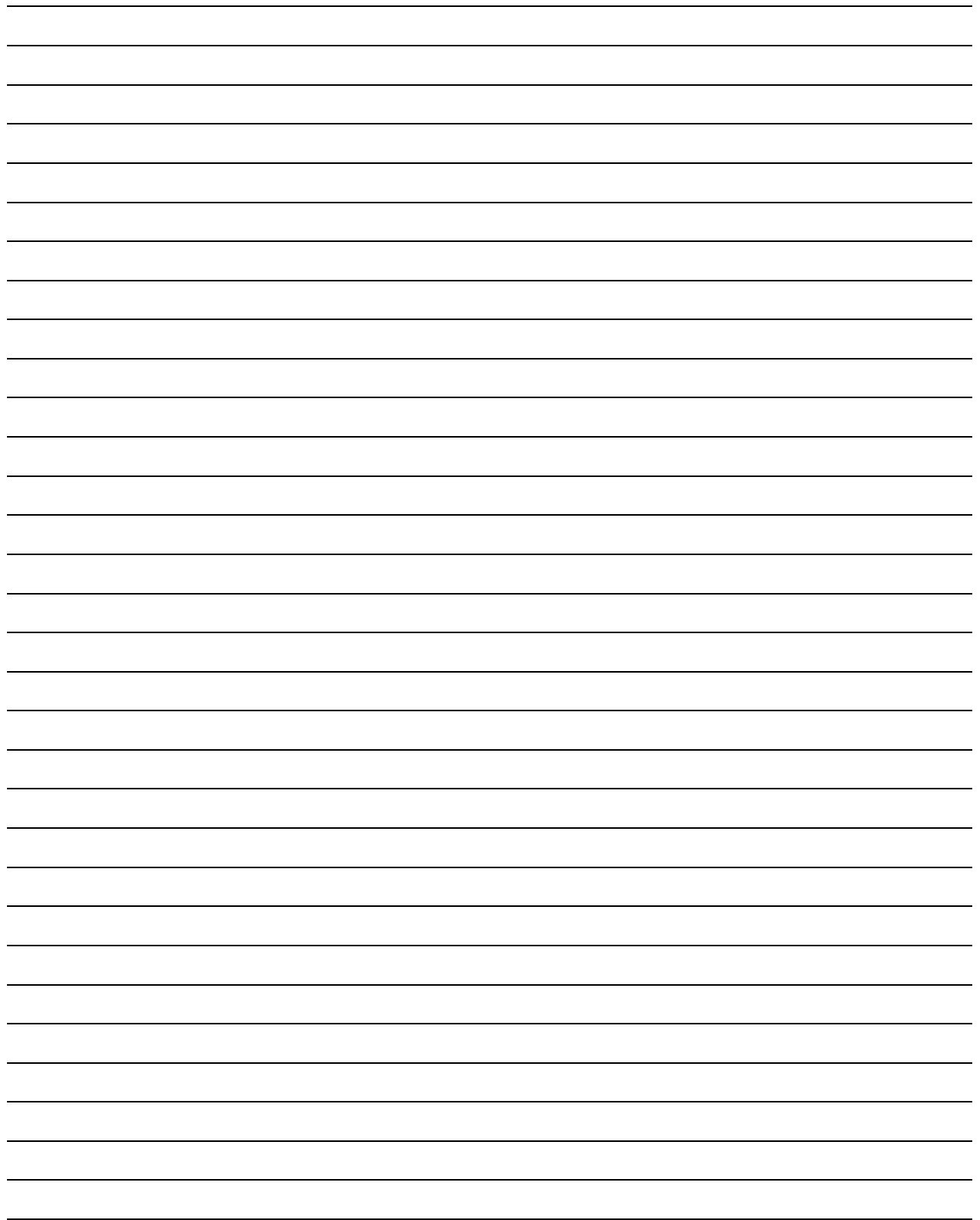
4 'I was at a loss for words.' Write about a time when you felt like this.

5 Write about a time when you sacrificed something to help someone.

6 How can you be a role model for your siblings or peers?

Please write your chosen question number (3, 4, 5 or 6) here: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**27 September 2022**

**Paper 2 Comprehension**

**1 hour 50 minutes**

Candidates answer in the Question Booklet.

Additional Materials: Insert

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Write your class, register number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black ink.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer all questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in the Question Booklet.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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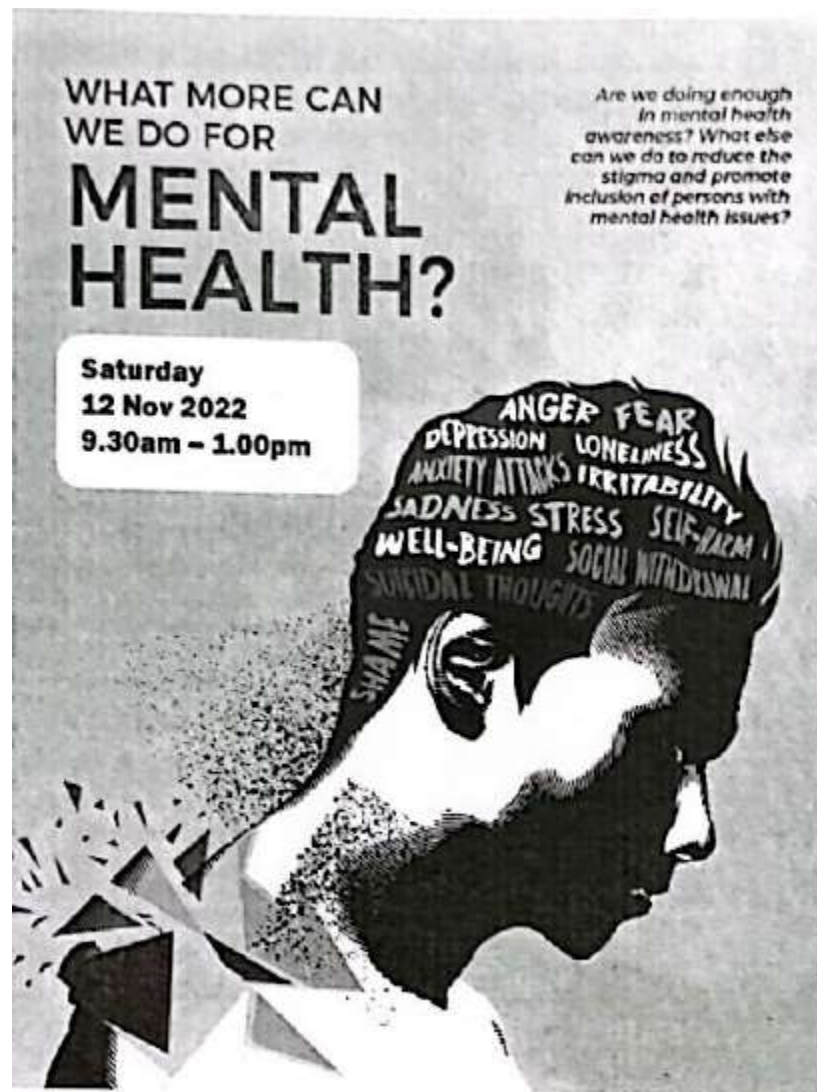
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## Text 1

Study the poster below and answer Questions 1-4 in the Insert.



## Text 2

*The text below describes a boy, Ralph, being hunted. Read it carefully and answer Questions 5-12 in the spaces provided.*

- 1      Ralph lay in his cave, wondering about his wounds. The bruised flesh was inches in diameter over his right ribs, with a swollen and bloody scar where the flying spear had hit him. His hair was full of dirt and resembled the tendrils of a creeper. All over he was scratched and bruised from his flight through the forest. By the time his breathing was normal again, he had worked out that bathing these injuries would 5 have to wait. How could you listen for naked feet if you were splashing in water? How could you be safe by the little stream when even the leeches want a piece of you?
- 2      Ralph listened. He was not far from Castle Rock, and during the first panic he had thought he heard sounds of pursuit. But the hunters had sneaked into the fringes of 10 the greenery, and blended with the darkness under the leaves. Ralph closed his eyes and gave in to the demands of his aching body.
- 3      The afternoon died away. At last Ralph wormed out of the ferns and sneaked forward to the edge of that impenetrable thicket that fronted the neck of land. He peered with elaborate caution between branches at the edge and saw a column of smoke rose 15 thickly, so much so that Ralph wiped his mouth with the back of his hand and for the umpteenth time, Ralph felt the familiar growl in his body. A vision of a delectable charred bird appeared as he shook himself back to reality.
- 4      Ralph saw that for the time being he was safe. He limped away through the fruit trees, came to a smashed acre of fruit, and ate greedily. When he had eaten he went 20 toward the beach. The best thing to do was to disregard this feeling of dread and rely on his gut. Realising that he could not stay here all night in the wilderness, Ralph's flesh crept and he shivered in the evening sun. No fire; no smoke; no rescue.
- 5      The dying embers of the westering sun were lost among the branches. At length, he came to a clearing in the forest where rock prevented vegetation from growing. Now 25 it was a pool of shadows. Ralph nearly flung himself behind a tree when he saw

something standing in the center. But then he saw that the white face was bone and it grinned at him from the top of a stick. Ralph walked slowly into the middle of the clearing and looked steadily at it as it seemed to jeer at him cynically. Realising what it was, Ralph backed away immediately.

### Text 3

*The text below is about the problems of plastic waste. Read it carefully and answer Questions 13-19 in the spaces provided.*

- 1 A supermarket plastic bag serves its real purpose for 30 minutes, the duration of a journey in Singapore. In a drink, a straw is utilised for just 5 minutes. The use of a plastic stirrer is even more short-lived: all of 10 seconds. Yet, these items outlive us by a long margin - 400 years, to be exact. Left in our environment, plastics affect ocean health and biodiversity. We know the problem does not simply end there. 5
- 2 Do you know we are living with plastic in every way: eating, drinking and even breathing it? Around the world, microplastics have been found in the guts of fish, in tap water samples and even in air pollution. Little is being done to address this. There was a huge public disapproval when the four largest supermarkets in Singapore floated the idea of a plastic bag charge. The government welcomed the decision, hinting that incineration is not the solution. But we are missing the point: that Singapore's usage of plastic bags surpasses other countries and Singaporeans are evidently reliant on them. Stricter regulations from the government are required to reduce this stark difference. More than 40 countries have plastic bag bans or taxes in place, including China, Rwanda and Italy. Just across the Causeway, Johor is set to ban plastic bags and polystyrene by this year. Last year, 39 governments agreed to reduce the amount of plastic going into the sea. By not taking action to reduce plastic's widespread use, we are continuing this global problem. It is high time for at mindset overhaul on plastic in Singapore. 10 15
- 3 To solve this problem, the key lies in understanding what we should use less of, and what we should eliminate. There are "useless" or unnecessary plastics those that A provide a few extra minutes of convenience but are disposed of after use. Most short- term plastic items like straws, lids, cups, and stirrers fall into this category. Refusing these useless plastics is an easy step to cut down on plastic use. 20
- 4 On the other hand, there are plastics that are useful, though we can still reduce their use. A case in point: plastic bags. Singapore's current usage of plastic bags borders on the excessive. Each person in Singapore is estimated to use about 13 plastic bags 25

a week. Alternatives like reusable bags are widely available in the market today. A recent study by the National Environment Agency has found that a reusable bag replaces the use of 125 single-use plastic bags in a year. A costlier charge on plastic bags can be an effective way to reduce plastic use too. 30

- 5 Time is running out. Businesses need to be held accountable for used plastic, however useful its purpose. This includes being responsible for the entire life cycle of plastics, from packaging to recovery after use. On a national level, laws need to be put in place to effectively enable recycling by businesses and individuals. 35
- Individuals should also play their part by using less plastic and supporting business and government measures that help address this issue. Everyone needs to step up and take action for a problem we will share with the next 16 generations.

*Adapted from <https://blog.wwf.sg/oceans/2018/04/plastics-enough-trash-talk/>*

**Section A [5 marks]**

**Refer to the poster (Text 1) on page 2 of the Insert for Questions 1-4.**

1 Who is the intended audience of this poster? [1]

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2 What is the purpose of this poster? [1]

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3 What is the message of the poster? [1]

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4a) Refer to the picture of the man on the poster. What does the picture of the man suggest about him? [1]

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4b) How does the image support the message of the poster? [1]

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**Section B [20 marks]**

**Refer to Text 2 on page 3 of the Insert for Questions 5-12.**

- 5(a) Identify one word in Paragraph 1 which suggests that Ralph was being hunted. [1]

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- 5(b) Identify a phrase from Paragraph 1 which suggests that the hunt was potentially lethal. [1]

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- 6 'By the time his breathing was normal again, he had worked out that bathing these injuries would have to wait.' (lines 4-6).  
According to Paragraph 1, why did bathing these injuries have to wait? [2]

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- 7 'At last Ralph wormed out of the ferns and sneaked forward to the edge of that impenetrable thicket that fronted the neck of land.' (lines 13-14)  
Identify a word or phrase from the extract given above that corresponds with each description below.

Description	Matching word or phrase from the given extract
Moved with difficulty	
Dense vegetation	

[2]

8(a) Suggest a word to describe Ralph's feeling when he saw the 'column of smoke' (lines 15-16). [1]

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8(b) Identify three pieces of evidence to support your answer in (a). [3]

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9 Referring to Paragraph 4, explain in your own words, what went on in Ralph's mind immediately after satisfying his hunger. [2]

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10(a) What do you think 'the white face' 'from the top of a stick' (line 29) was? [1]

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10(b) Suggest a word to describe Ralph's feeling when he saw 'the white face'. [1]

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11 Quote a sentence from Paragraph 5 to show that daylight was fading. [1]

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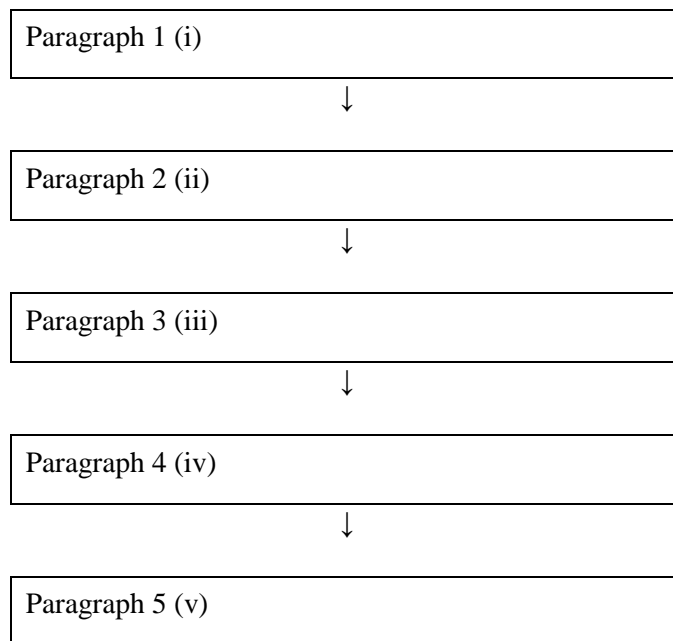
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12 The structure of the text reflects Ralph's emotions at different points during the hunt. Complete the flow chart by choosing one word from the box to summarise his emotions at each stage of the story. There is one extra word in the box you do not need to use.

**Ralph's emotions**

yearning
fear
hopelessness
relief
suspicion
defeat



**Section C [25 marks]**

**Refer to Text 3 on page 4 of the Insert for Questions 13 to 19**

- 13 What is the irony mentioned in Paragraph 1? [2]

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- 14 From Paragraph 2, give three pieces of evidence to show how plastic waste affects us. [1]

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- 15 Quote a phrase in Paragraph 2 which suggests that the Singapore government has not imposed a charge on the provision of a plastic bag. [1]

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- 16 Give two separate words to suggest how the writer feels towards the Singapore manages the excessive use of plastic. [2]

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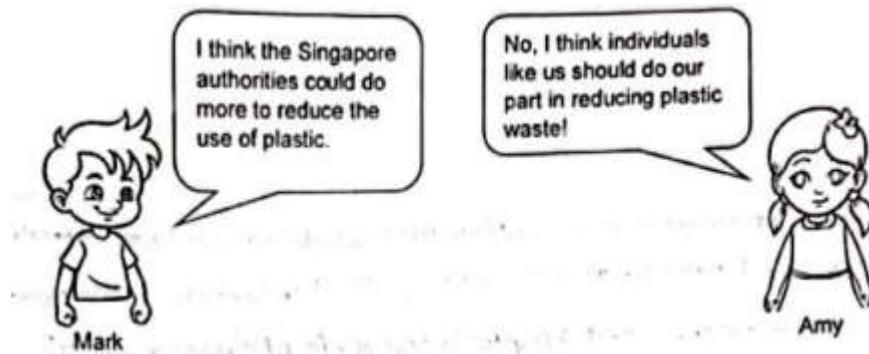
- 17 From Paragraph 2, explain in your own words, what, the main problem of plastic waste it that we are missing. [2]

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- 18 Here is a part of a conversation between two students, Mark and Amy, who have read the article.



Which student do you agree with? Give two reasons with reference to the text to support your opinion.

[2]

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19 **Using your own words as far as possible**, summarise how the problems of plastic waste can be solved.

Use only the material from Paragraphs 3 to 5 of Text 3.

Your summary must be in continuous writing (not note form). It must not be longer than 80 words, not counting the words given to help you begin.

*The problems of plastic waste can be solved by...*

[illegible]

[ ] words written