

ANSWER KEY
Section A [10 marks]

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines, about creating additional land in Singapore. The first and the 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.

Examples:

I arrived(~~to~~)my destination at 2pm.

at _____

My mother always wears beautiful clothes.

✓ _____

Mr Shinichi Takiguchi looks out of the windows of his hotel room and all he can see is a sea. He believes that will change in time. He is in a team working for construction giant Shimizu Corporation to build a floating city for at least 50 000 people. They have been poring through maps of Singapore, discussed potential locations. They are sure what they call the Green Float will one day be part of the sea view because they have the technology required to realise it. Building on water is one of the possibility for Singapore as it looks for new spaces when people can live, work and play. According to the Land Use Plan, about 6 000 more hectares of land is needed by 2013 for a population expect to be 6.9 million. The city state is leaving no stone unturn in these efforts. Other land-scarce cities are also using unusual locations to overcome limited land.

1 __ the __

2 ____ ✓ ____

3 __ over __

4 _discussing_

5 ____ ✓ ____

6_possibilities__

7____where__

8 _are _

9 __expected__

10_untuned __

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Mark Scheme

Please note:

- Major grammatical errors should be penalised.
- Minor grammatical errors and obvious slips of the pen should not be penalised.
- Lifting from the passage is acceptable unless the question cannot be answered in such a way or the question forbids it by stating that candidates must answer in their own words. However, lifting must be accurate **and** succinct. The inclusion of chunks of irrelevant information should be penalised.
- For "in your own words" questions, key words are selected for substitution. No marks are awarded for derivatives.

Section A [5 marks]

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

- 1** Which sentence gives the main message of the webpage?
- "Half of food produced globally for human consumption is wasted every year".** [1]
- 2** Look at the section on the "FOOD VALUE CHAIN". Explain how the information presented in the section complements the photo.
- The photo shows different stages of the food value chain while the text explains how food loss and wastage occur at all stages.** [1]
- 3** What does the word "challenge" suggest about the task faced by individuals and schools with regard to the problem of food waste?
- It is a difficult task/ It is a task that will require a lot of determination on the part of individuals and schools.** [1]
- 4(a)** "Shop realistically". How would an individual do this to reduce food wastage?
- This would be possible by buying only the amount of food one can eat/needs.** [1]

- (b) How can schools contribute to the community in the process of trying to reduce food wastage?

Any excess whole food following mealtimes could be donated to charitable organisations. [1]

Section B [20 marks]

Refer to Text 2 on page 3 of the Insert for Questions 5-18.

- 5 At the beginning of the text, the writer arrives on the island. Explain how the language used in Paragraph 1 shows how he found certain features in discord with the place he was visiting.
Support your ideas with two details from Paragraph 1.

—“...villas with unlikely English names...” tells us that the residences/homes were given names that did not sound very English/British.
—“...parks ferociously littered with hibiscus and bougainvillea, the most un-English of flowers” shows how the gardens were filled with hibiscus and bougainvillea, flowers not usually found in/associated with the English/British landscape. [2]

- 6 “...every absurdity was condoned...” (line 10).
From Paragraph 1, which “absurdity” did the writer find particularly odd?

In the interest of quaintness, it was felt that cars should be narrowed rather than streets widened. [1]

- 7 According to Paragraph 2, how did the writer intend to spend his time on the island?

—He hoped to attend as little of the convention as possible and
—keep up with his reading. (equip himself with books X) [2]

- 8(b) In Paragraph 2, how was the writer able to tell that Mrs Stubbs was West Indian?

It was because of the lilt in her voice. [1]

- (a) What characteristic of Mrs Stubbs in Paragraph 2 did the writer seem to find familiar?

It was the manner in which Mrs Stubbs chattered on.
(chatty/talkative X) [1]

- 9 In Paragraph 3, we are told that the writer found his room at the guesthouse “barely adequate.” Explain what he means by this.

The furnishing was sparse./The room was minimally furnished./ The room was poorly furnished/The room was not well furnished.
(underfurnished X) [1]

- 10 “...being bombarded by the inanities of pop music or the attention of middle-aged Americans who had parasitised the earth” (lines 26-27).
What does this suggest about the writer’s attitude to pop music and middle-aged Americans?

He loathed both./He was contemptuous of both./He was critical of both./It was one of disgust/He had a disapproving attitude./He had a negative attitude towards both./He despised both./He hated both./He had an attitude of disdain.
(not fond/disliked/strongly disliked/displeased/hostile/distasteful/unfavourable/resentful/annoying X) [1]

- 11 In Paragraph 3, what made the writer curious about the sounds he heard?

It was the fact that the sounds were repetitive but not regular enough to suggest that a machine was producing them. [1]

- 12 “Still apparently engrossed in this odd left-right duel with herself...” (lines 33-34).
Why does the writer use the word “apparently”?

It is to show that Leda was aware of his presence and only appeared absorbed in the game. [1]

- 13 What does “uncompromising” in Paragraph 4 suggest about the type of person Leda was?

She was relentless/unyielding/determined/persistent/persevering/did not give up easily/did not give in easily.
(resilient/stubborn/strong-willed/competitive/tenacious/made sure she got her way X) [1]

- 14 Explain the writer’s kind gesture in Paragraph 4.

He offered Leda many easy lobs as he felt that the game meant more to her than to him. [1]

- 15 In Paragraph 4, why did Leda have a “tiny smile of triumph” despite having lost the game to the writer?

It was the writer who was tired and wanted to stop. Leda saw this as a concession defeat occasioned by his age. [1]

- 16 According to Paragraph 8, why did Leda not want to work in a hotel or travel agency?

She did not want to humiliate herself by pandering to the whims of tourists.
 (She had humiliated herself pandering to the whims of tourists. X) [1]

- 17 "...the people on the island could only relate to each other through the tourist" (lines 56-57).
 What does this suggest about the relationship between the people on the island?

They were not close/found it difficult to interact with each other/distant relationship/poor relationship/superficial relationship/not close-knit/not good/did not get along well/had nothing in common/strained/not friendly/weak/not bonded.

(cold/not sincere/tense/indifferent/fragile/not fond of each other/only interacted with each other for business X)

[1]

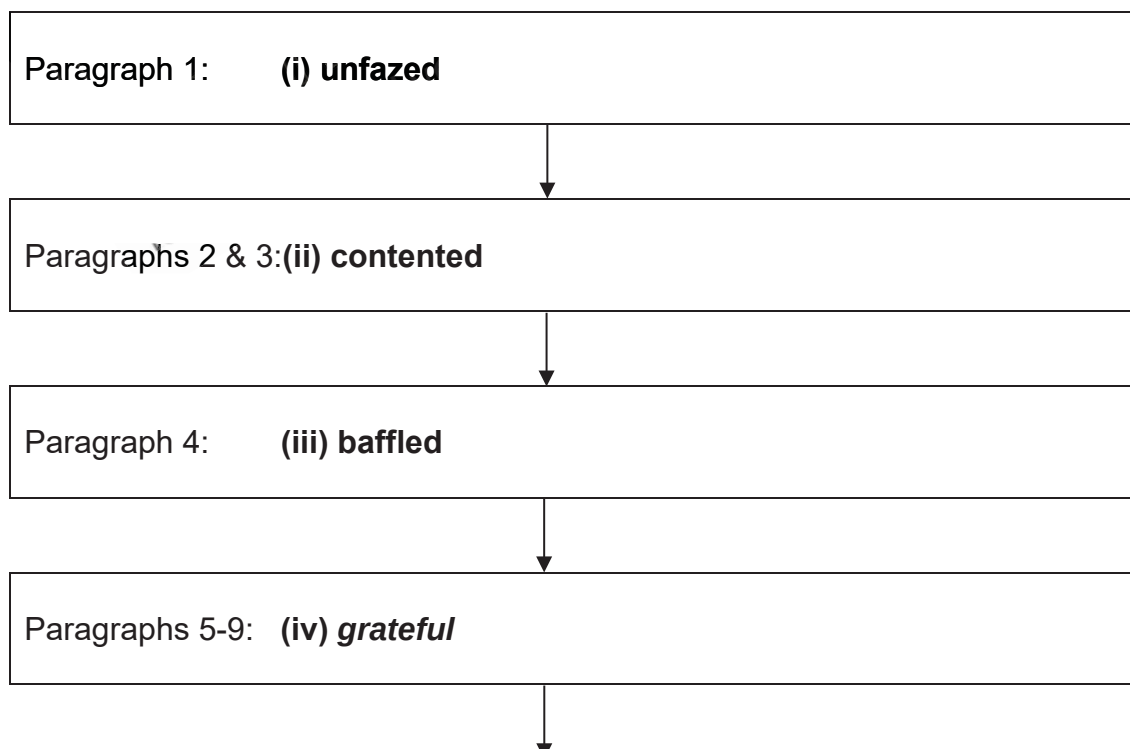
The structure of the text reflects the writer's different feelings during his time on the island. Complete the flow chart by choosing one word to show how the writer was feeling at different stages of his stay.

The writer's feelings

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remorseful	baffled	indifferent	unfazed
contented	disappointed	sympathetic	

Flow Chart



Paragraph 10: (v) sympathetic

[4]

Section C [25 marks]

Refer to Text 3 on pages 5-6 of the Insert for Questions 19-28.

- 19 “...an assault on the senses” (line 1).
What senses is the writer referring to?

**They are the sense of smell, taste, hearing and sight.
(do not award the mark if ‘sound’ is listed as one of the senses)**

[1]

- 20 From Paragraph 1, give an example to show how tradition and modernity can be seen on the streets of Bangkok.

Open-air markets are surrounded by air-conditioned shopping malls. [1]

...can see both open-air markets and air-conditioned shopping malls X
..leafy avenues lined with wooden houses have turned into Manhattan-style thoroughfares with towering skyscrapers X

- 21 In Paragraph 2, how do “wooden shacks” and “gleaming Mercedes cars” show the contrast between two different lifestyles?

The ‘wooden shacks’ represent the poverty of the villagers while the “gleaming Mercedes cars” represent the affluence of those living in Chinatown. [1]

- 22 In Paragraph 2, what is one unique feature of the Chatuchak Weekend Market?

A variety of caged animals are sold. [1]

Apart from usual market goods, a variety of caged animals are sold. X

- 23 Here is part of a conversation between two students, Siew Leng and Arvind.

Siew Leng



Tourists enjoy visiting the floating markets in Bangkok.

That's probably because they can learn something about the culture of the people.

Arvind



From Paragraph 2, what can Arvind say to **support** his view?

Tourists can learn about the culture through the local food and traditional Thai souvenirs sold at the floating markets. [1]

- 24 According to Paragraph 3, why might it be easy for one to experience a ride on the tuk-tuk? **Answer in your own words.**

The tuk-tuk can be found all over Bangkok.

Tuk-tuks are easy to find as there are many tuk-tuks in Bangkok.

The tuk-tuks are easily accessible and easily found on any street in the city.

The tuk-tuks are commonly seen in Bangkok.

The tuk-tuk is a common transport in Bangkok that many people ride on. (from passage – "...the ubiquitous tuk-tuk...") [1]

The tuk-tuks are common in Bangkok. X

Riding the tuk-tuk is a more efficient/ convenient way to travel through traffic. X

They are found anywhere in Bangkok. X

- 25 From Paragraph 3, what does "legendary" suggest about the traffic jams in Bangkok?

They are very popular/ well-known. [1]

Traffic jams in Bangkok are famous X

- 26 From Paragraph 4, give two examples of activities the Thais in Bangkok engage in to avoid the stresses of life.

They are kite-fighting contests/watching motion pictures/attending art exhibitions.

(any 2 of the above)

[2]

- 27 In Paragraph 5, which phrase tells us that Bangkok had a complex waterway system?

It is “maze of canals”.

[1]

- 28 **Using your own words as far as possible**, summarise the environmental challenges that Bangkok has faced and the measures adopted to resolve them.

Use information only from Paragraphs 5 and 6.

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 city of Bangkok has faced environmental problems, one of

	Verbatim from Passage	Own words
1	...traffic...close to gridlock, causing air pollution. (lines 45-46) (P)	which is air pollution caused by severe traffic congestion... (P)
2	...Skytrain as well as underground train service have had some palliative effect. (lines 47-48) (S)	While the Skytrain and underground train system have helped alleviate this problem, (S)
3	...efforts to improve air quality include stricter controls on vehicle emissions. (lines 48-49) (S)	there are also harsher controls on vehicle emissions. (S)
4	Canals which used to traverse the city have been replaced by intricate road networks. ...the waterway system had served to drain the waterlogged delta; flooding of the lower-lying parts of the city has thus become increasingly frequent. (lines 49-53) (P)	Canals which prevented flooding have been replaced by roads. (P)

5	...nearly forty percent of Bangkok will also be inundated...due to extreme rainfall and changes in weather patterns. (lines 54-55) (P)	Severe rainfall and weather changes exacerbate the problem of flooding. (P)
6	The government has scrambled to ameliorate the problem by constructing a municipal canal network of up to 2,600 kilometres with pumping stations and eight underground tunnels to evacuate water. (lines 55-58) (S)	To resolve this, the government has built a complex municipal canal system to drain water. (S)
7	...extraordinary amount of trash that the city's residents throw away. (line 61) (P)	Meanwhile, the exceptionally large amounts of trash residents dispose (P)
8	The city's garbage disposal system is already overburdened and landfills...are insufficient. (lines 64-65) (P)	poses a problem to Bangkok's trash disposal system and landfills. (P)
9	The BMA encourages residents to practise the 4Rs: reduce, reuse, recycle and repair. (lines 65-66) (S)	To ameliorate/lessen/manage this problem, citizens practise the 4Rs. (S)
10	...city's <i>saleng</i> men...comb the streets. They buy old newspapers, plastic, glass, cardboard and metals which they sell to recycling plants... (lines 67-69) (S)	while the <i>saleng</i> men purchase old items which can be recycled. (S)

