



ENGLISH

**Grammar and Vocab MCQ,
Editing and Compre Cloze**

P5 ENGLISH



For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets. (10 marks)

1 The teacher's decision to cancel the meeting _____ unexpected. The students were disappointed.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were ()

2 Sarah made it to the party _____ injuring her foot in the morning.

- (1) since
- (2) before
- (3) despite
- (4) unless ()

3 Neither of the students _____ the project yesterday.

- (1) submit
- (2) submitted
- (3) submitting
- (4) is submitting ()

4 David made his mother _____ when she saw the gift he had bought for her.

- (1) smile
- (2) smiles
- (3) smiled
- (4) smiling ()

5 if I _____ about the concert, I would have bought tickets earlier.

- (1) know
- (2) knew
- (3) had known
- (4) have known ()

- 6 Nad The writer is famous _____ his mystery novels.
(1) at
(2) by
(3) for
(4) with ()
- 7 Despite putting in _____ time and energy, the experiment did not succeed.
(1) few
(2) many
(3) much
(4) several ()
- 8 What surprised the researchers the most _____ the sudden change in temperature.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were ()
- 9 Jamie _____ on the sofa watching movies last night.
(1) lies
(2) lay
(3) laid
(4) lied ()
- 10 “You will be happy that you helped with the presentation, _____ ?” asked the manager.
(1) will you
(2) won't you
(3) don't you
(4) didn't you ()

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets. (5 marks)

11 When Emma saw the dead rat, she was _____ and immediately ran away.

- (1) appalled
- (2) doubtful
- (3) resentful
- (4) indifferent ()

12 "I am running late. Please _____ and give me a quick update on the project," said the manager.

- (1) play by ear
- (2) cut to the chase
- (3) run around in circles
- (4) beat around the bush ()

13 James' friends always avoid discussing politics with him because he never _____ during a debate.

- (1) backs up
- (2) backs out
- (3) backs into
- (4) backs down ()

14 Despite her initial _____, Sarah managed to speak in front of the entire class.

- (1) inhibition
- (2) restriction
- (3) obsession
- (4) justification ()

15 The emergency crew worked hard to _____ a potential disaster when the fire broke out.

- (1) alter
- (2) avert
- (3) divulge
- (4) deviate ()

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

They attacked out of the blue. Carol Martini was on the fourteen-and-a-half

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metre yacht *Gandalf*. She skaned the horizon, still oblivious to the danger about half

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a kilometre off her bow. Then, fleeckering in the distance, she glimpsed something:

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two low shapes, silhouetted inside the sun's reflect brilliance on the water. Picking up

the radio set handset, she hailed the nearby yacht *Mahdi* and its captain, Rod

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Nowlin. "Uh Rod," she said. "I think I see something." After that, Carol instant called

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out to her husband, Jay. Seconds later, the boats in the distance fired their andjeans,

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sending plumes of thick black exhaust beellowing into the air.

The unthinkable was happening. Despite weeks of planning to avoid precisely

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this fate, *Gandalf* and *Mahdi* were under attack from modern-day pirates. Weeks

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before this fateful day, both Carol and Jay had planned our ideal vacation that would

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take them to the most spactackular parts of the earth, as well as the most

treacherous: stretches of ocean known to harbor pirates. The two larger vessels

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advance towards them, shooting. Jay decided that their only chance of escape was

to run their *Gandalf* straight at the pirates' vessel.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Ice kachang (Malay for “nut” or “bean”) and ice ball are desserts made from shaved ice and have existed as street food in Singapore from as early as the 20th century. Ice kachang which contains jellies, red beans and attap chee (seeds of the nipah palm) (26) _____ covered with a mound of shaved ice. Then, colourful syrups and evaporated milk are doused over it and finally topped with creamed corn. (27) _____, the ice ball is also drenched in different coloured syrups and contains fillings same as the ice kachang. While the ice kachang remains a (28) _____ local dessert today that many still enjoy, the ice ball has disappeared from the landscape because of changes in standards of food (29) _____ and eating habits.

After shaving the ice manually, the vendor would shape the shavings into an ice ball using his bare (30) _____ and make a depression in the ice ball with an index finger to make (31) _____ for the fillings. Customers could request for specific coloured syrups. To save (32) _____, children would sometimes request the vendor to halve the ice ball for sharing. They would hold the ice ball in their hands and (33) _____ it with their tongues, leaving a sticky mess of melted ice and syrup and staining their clothes.

Hygiene issues eventually brought an (34) _____ to the sale of ice balls. Like other hawker foods, ice balls were sold from push-carts on the streets where proper food storage equipment and (35) _____ to clean water were lacking. Outbreaks of water-borne gastro-intestinal diseases like cholera and typhoid were particularly linked to the sale of foods that used (36) _____ water and ice, such as cold drinks and desserts, ice cream and cut fruits. The preparation and (37) _____ of ice balls by hand compounded the risk of contagion.

In the interests of public health, the government moved to regulate food hawkers in the 1960s and relocated them from the (38) _____ to purpose-built food centres over the 1970s and 1980s. In (39) _____, hawkers were also required to undergo training and certification on food hygiene, while consumers were urged to boycott dirty stalls. As expectations of food hygiene (40) _____, it became less viable to sell ice balls. Ice kachang, eaten with a spoon in a bowl, became more popular since it was more hygienic.



