

Section A [10 marks]

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines. The first and the last lines are correct. For the remaining ten lines, there is a grammatical error in each line.

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:

We arrived to my destination <i>at</i>
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SMRT is the acronym for Singapore Mass Rapid Transit. A local corporation,		
Singapore Mass Rapid Transit (SMRT), is a high efficient and modern	1	.....
urban public transport system. Established back on 1987, SMRT has	2	.....
become a integral part of the city-state's infrastructure. It has provided	3	.....
reliable and convenient travel options to residents and visitors alike.	4	.....
The extensive network comprise of trains, buses and taxis, covering	5	.....
major areas across the island, connect residential estates, business	6	.....
districts and leisure destinations. With its clean, safe and well-maintain	7	.....
services, SMRT continues to played a crucial role in reducing traffic	8	.....
congestion. That promotes sustainable mobility and contributes to	9	.....
Singapore's reputation as the world-class city with a top-notch public	10	.....
transport system.		

Adapted from <https://www.smrt.com.sg>

Section B [30 marks]

You are advised to write between 180 and 250 words for this section.

You should look at the website on page 3 carefully and plan your answer before beginning to write.

You are planning a holiday to Australia during the school holidays. Your uncle, who resides in Perth, has provided you with a tourism website as shown on page 3 to help you with your planning. Since you have not met your cousins for the past three years, you would very much like your uncle and his family to link up with you during the trip too.

Write a letter to your uncle, informing him of your holiday plans. You

must include the following details:

- how you will travel to your holiday destination
- which two states you are visiting and why
- where to link up with your cousin's family
- one activity you plan to do with your cousin

Write your letter in clear, accurate English. You should also write in an enthusiastic and friendly tone to encourage your cousin to join you on this exciting trip.

You may add any other details that might be of interest.

You should use your own words as much as possible.



No matter where you go in Australia, you're sure to have an amazing time. We're home to eight states and territories – each one with its own unique mix of environments, cultures and rhythms. From rolling deserts and quaint capitals to lush rainforests and sun-soaked cities, you're going to want to visit them all.

NEW SOUTH WALES

New South Wales (NSW) beckons with indulgent wine regions, pristine seaside villages and mountain wilderness. Settled on the shores of Port Jackson is the bustling capital of Sydney, the nation's biggest city. New South Wales is the ultimate all-rounder destination, with the Sapphire Coast to the south, the Central Coast to the north and the Blue Mountains to the West. There's something for everyone here: thrill-seekers, easy-going beach lovers, wine connoisseurs and families alike.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

At the top end of Australia lies the Northern Territory (NT), home to capital city, Darwin. The NT takes 'the outback' to a whole new level with some of the country's premier national parks – Kakadu National Park, King's Canyon, and Litchfield National Park – though, there's perhaps nowhere as iconic as the phenomenal Uluru. The Northern Territory is a must-do for those wishing to see quintessential Australia – sublime landscapes, emblematic wildlife and authentic Aboriginal culture.

QUEENSLAND

Queensland (QLD) is known to Australians as the 'Sunshine State'. The subtropical stretch of land on the northeast of Australia is home to the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef, the ancient Daintree Rainforest and the beautiful Whitsunday Islands. Queensland is the sun-loving, beach-going traveller's paradise. The state's capital is Brisbane (or Brissie), and it enjoys more winter sunshine and warmth than just about anywhere else in the country, making it perfect for outdoor activities and water sports.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

South Australia (SA) lounges at the bottom of the central part of the country, and is one of the most laid-back destinations to visit – perfect for a relaxing getaway. The state's capital, Adelaide, is a great base for exploring the Barossa Valley wineries, the Flinders Ranges and Kangaroo Island. SA is also home to a thriving arts scene and is known as the 'Festival State', with more than 500 events and festivals taking place each year.

TASMANIA

Tasmania (TAS), separated from mainland Australia by the Bass Strait, is the island state that's a microcosm of our island nation. 'Tassie' pretty much has it all – dazzling beaches, rugged mountains and gorging rivers winding through one of the most picturesque places on the planet. Its stunning landscapes and vast wilderness make for some of the most breathtaking walks and hikes on the continent. The capital, Hobart, is a beautiful cosmopolitan city in close range to quaint regional towns, exquisite food and wine trails and tons of great family activities.

VICTORIA

Victoria (VIC) is the thriving heart of all things culture in Australia, centred in the state's capital, Melbourne. The city has been the recipient of the 'Most Liveable City in the World' title multiple times, owing to its cultural diversity, modern cityscape and friendly atmosphere. Victoria has so much to offer visitors, from incredible museums and galleries to the majestic Grampians National Park, and the Heritage-listed Great Ocean Road.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Western Australia (WA) is the largest state, situated on – you guessed it – the west coast of the country. Owing to the vastness of this massive state there is something for everyone here, including the dramatic Kimberley Region, the idyllic Rottnest Island (home to the selfie-loving quokka) and the premium wine and surf region of Margaret River. The capital, Perth, is famed for its serene, uncrowded beaches, parklands and fresh seafood.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Monuments and museums, glistening lakes and wild wetlands, the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) blends the best of nature and culture. Home to the nation's capital, Canberra, the ACT is renowned for its cosmopolitan atmosphere and cool, new edge. The state boasts some of Australia's most important national institutions, including the National Gallery of Australia, the National Museum of Australia and Parliament House. Not to mention, there's a flourishing restaurant scene, a stunning wine region, and an impressive array of parks and gardens.

Section C [30 marks]

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

At the head of your composition, write the number of the topic you have chosen.

- 1 Write about two events that were life-changing experiences to you.
- 2 What are the advantages and disadvantages of online lessons?
- 3 “Teachers need to understand the emotional needs of their students better.”
How do you think teachers can understand and build a better relationship with their students?
- 4 “With the rise of video conferencing with doctors, clinics are no longer necessary.”
Do you agree?