APPENDIX A

Cover Page for the Questions Paper

Answer all the questions.

Section A: Continuous Writing

Write a composition entitled 'The Most Horrible Day in My Life' in not more than 350 words.

Section B: Cloze Test / Sentence Completion

Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions.
APPENDIX B

Samples of the Malay Students' Compositions
The most horrible day in my life.

Today after school, I went back to my house by taxi but there is no taxi at all so I waited for one hour only a taxi arrived. So I get into the taxi, after a while the taxi driver start to speak to me. He speaks all bad things like for example 'sex' to me. I just keep quiet. After that I've reached my house, I get off the car and then went back to my house quickly.

Then I went to take a shower and then I went out to have my lunch. I was walking suddenly thunderstorm and rain heavily. My clothes are totally wet then I quickly went back to my house to change a new clothes. After that I went to the kitchen to cook some noodles to eat but the gas has no more, so I can't cook anything.

After for a while, luckily the rain has stop. So I went out again to have my lunch. Then I went back to my house. Before entering the house, my parent started scolding me for my clothes all wet.

So after everything, I went to my brother's room to play computer. Suddenly, the computer shut down by itself. Then I restart my computer again but it can't work at all. After that my brother come back and scold me like a mad person. Then I just say that it is not my fault but they do not listen to me.
The most horrible day in my life.

It all started 1 week after the PMR results came out. I found out I got 5 A's and 2 B's for my test. Bahasa Melayu and History was the subjects I was aiming for A's. But instead I got different results. The most horrible day of my life started 2 days after the result was out.

I woke up early in the morning and mom told me uncle was coming to our house to give some reward money for my PMR results. I was so happy when my mom told me that news. He came and gave me RM500 and he gave me some advice before he left for work. I taught that was my most nicest and happiest day of my life. Then half an hour later, my dad came back from United States after doing some business with them.

As soon as he reached home, he asked me for my PMR results. I told him I got 5 A's and 2 B's in a very happy delighted mood. Then, the color won my dad's face changed, and he started scolding me and say that the history paper and Bahasa Melayu paper was very easy and I should get flying colours instead. Auntie later he checked the phone bill and he was shocked to see the bill up sky high at 432.20 ringgit for the November's bill.

Then again I got all the blame as my sister was away to Japan with friends for some holiday trip. I got very bad scolding and finally after my dad went to sleep and there were peace for me for a while. I decided to go out with my friends because I wanted to avoid my father. So I went to the arcade and I gamble RM50 and I lost it all. Then I check my money, I was shocked to find out there is only RM 400 in my wallet. So I knew I've spend the money somewhere but I didn't manage to find it.

My friend called my phone and invited me to Ulama to hang around at place. So I agreed and I drove to Ulama and met some of my friends.
When I went up to the escalator, I fell down as soon I reached the end of the escalator. Everyone looked at me including my friends and they laughed at me. I got very furious and I drove to SS2 market stall with my friends. At that time, it was in the evening around 8 o’clock.

I went in the hair salon there and visit one of my pet sisters. She put her mascara on my hair to look more like a designer hair. Well, she put blue and red colour on my hair and I got to say, her hand work was absolutely fabulous. I was very pleased with my outlooks at that time. Then I went out and join my friends at the market stall. After around 15 minutes, the police came to us and say they wanted to take us to the police station for some investigation. They told us there is a gang that around 8 and we’re the prime suspects. I think the mistook us because of my hair colour. They thought we were big time tried society members.

We were released around 11 o’clock at night after they found the real gangsters. I and one of my friend went ‘Viva’s’ which is a pub and dance place to have some beer to cool off ourselves. Around 12 o’clock own, I drove the car to send my friend home in Bangsar, but then, there was a road block in front. I stop and the police check me out and they found out that I have no license, underwear, attached drank liquor and finally the road fax just ended.

So I must dig out RM 250 from my wallet to pay for the offences I’ve made. It’s considered bribing the police and it’s very common here in Malaysia. I went home and think about what happened the whole day, and I spent almost RM 500 that night. And it was almost asleep, the lights and electricity went off. What else can go worse?
Everybody has their own horrible day in their life. The most horrible day in my life is when I and my friends met an accident at Kedah Highway after enjoying ourselves in Genting Theme Park.

The horrible journey began early in the morning, when my friend Raj whom to pick four of us Sugan, Kumar, Amba and myself. We were all dressed neatly to enter the casino in Genting. Raj arrived at my home at about 8:30 am and I was the last to be picked up. Then we started the journey at 10:30 am after taking our breakfast.

On the way to Genting, we were stopped by the police for speeding. We gave the police men some money and took off. I sense that as a bad luck maybe. We reached Genting at about 12:00 pm. When we were searching for a place to park, Raj the driver knocked a car in front of him. Sugan and myself managed to settle the problem with the car owner.

We then went in and had our lunch in a beautiful Chinese restaurant. We started to play the games at about 3:00 pm and
After the emergency ride to the hospital, the driver was hit and the patient was left to take care of the baby.}

A family was waiting for the bus, but the bus never came. After this, we went to the hospital to check on the baby.

The patient had been hit by a truck, and we were told to keep the baby warm. The baby was also rescued from the car and given oxygen. The patient was taken to the hospital and we were told to keep the baby warm until 6:30 p.m. If we were not taken care of, the baby would have died.

Later, we went to the hospital and found that the baby was safe. After this, we went home and got some rest. After this, we went out on the river and got some experience in the water. The baby was safe and well.
On day, Sunday evening about 5.00 pm, I and my some other friends discussed to go to the video games shop, at near by my friends house first. We entered the games shop and saw many boys under age playing games there. There was many games in there. There also got the counter to change the money and into coins. After that, we change the money and we put the coins into the fighting games. And we play the games with very interesting. After that we change the money again and we put into the Jack port games. First we put $1.00 dollar and we got 14.00 dollar in the Jack port. We play until 10.00 pm. After a few minutes, some big guys look like policeman. But we deser matter that all we play the games. I wrong selection of preposition.

First one of the man go into the counter and talk to the man at the counter. After few minutes two of them came near to us and ask, what you age? We ask back what for the show the age of the policeman. We were to scared because we have never caught by the policeman. The policeman ask us the IC and we give the IC to the policeman. The policeman ask us to stand await at side. The policeman call to the station and ask to bring the lorry to the place. We to scared until...
five of them. After few minutes, the lorry arrive and the policeman ask us the under age boys, to pull out the gaming machine from the shop and put it in the lorry. After that the policeman call us and scold to us and give us the IC back. And tell don't enter this game shop any more. And then I was retrieved. At last I could sleep well. I am never going in there again.
The most horrible day in my life.

One day I and my uncle was go to Johor Bharu. We are use the KL-Seremban Highway. My uncle was a lorry driver. He sent the things was in Johor Bharu.

Wrong selection of preposition in the row Saturday night. I and my uncle was mixed in Johor. After we going in Seremban my uncle was stop the lorry and dinner in the plus restaurant. After this I and my uncle was go back to Johor Bharu.

After this I saw an accident. The accident was very dangerous. My uncle was stopped the lorry and I and my uncle was took the accident. After this I and my uncle was help the passengers.

The passengers all will come from Japan.

After that the people was with crying the people. The passengers all was ok. But the drive was die. After this I see and my uncle was very sad. After this we will wrong selection of preposition go in to Johor Bharu. After we sent the things in Johor Bharu. After we came back I will tell my neighbor friends all. That he I will most horrible.
The most horrible day in my life

About a few years back, I went to bank to open an account for me. It was really peaceful and quiet in the bank as everyone were doing their job. I was waiting in the queue for my turn to come up.

Suddenly the entrance door opened, and two men wearing black jackets waving a gun. One of the men stopped near the door and the other two men were controlling the camera. After that man took the gun and showed to the cashier and told to the cashier to give the money all put inside one black bag. And that man soon coming and filling out at the man.

After that person shut the door and ran away. One of the police are coming and as soon as the people inside the bank were waiting for him inside the bank. Then one of them gave the report to the writer how to report the matter.
The most horrible day in my life.

About a few weeks back, I went to the bank to open an account for me. It was really peace and quiet in the bank as everyone were doing their job. I was waiting in the queue for my turn to come up. As I was the last person who is standing in the queue, it took a long time for my turn.

Suddenly, the entrance door opened, and two men wearing black jacket entered. One man stopped near the security guard whom standing at the entrance door and the other came straight at me. He stood behind me in the queue waiting for his turn. As my turn was over, I moved and went straight to the door and at that time a man who stood behind me just now took out a gun from his jacket and aimed it at the bank's worker.

As the security guard took out his gun to fire, the other men who stood beside him opened fire at the security. The security was dead as the bullet went through his head. Well, I was so scared I tried to run but the armed men caught me and didn't let me go. Both the men collected money from the bank as much as they could.

Suddenly, I heard a siren outside the bank. It's the police, they have arrived. I was so glad then after the police arrived, both the armed men panicked. They didn't know how to get out of the bank with the money along so they decided to take me as their hostage. I tried to scream them but they didn't hear.
They took me out, aiming a gun at my head, moving slowly, and slowly towards their car. When they entered in their car they pushed out of the car and drove away. I got up and ran straight at the policemen. A few police patrol cars chased those robbers and gunned them down.

I was really relieved that I saved the poor security guard. He was dead. The policemen asked me a few questions and let me go. It was the most horrible thing happened to me in my life.
Every one will have their own horrible day in their life, so am I. It all began when I was waiting at the school bus stop, after the school suddenly, a friend of mine crossed by, then we talked for almost 20 minutes.

While talking to my friend I missed my bus; then I checked my pocket, I had not enough money to climb a bus public bus. I only had fifty cents in hand. After a while I was wondering how to go back home while sitting at the bus stop.

After a while I decided to walk back home, and my house in Puchong. I know that it is a long way to go. I started to walk, while I was walking I was sort of sweating my shirt was wet. After walking for so long I felt feel tired and I decided to rest for a while. There was a stall there and set at the stall, it was a hot day I felt very thirsty. So I ordered an ice water. I sat there about 15 minutes then I continue my walking in the middle of the way I saw some people working to repair the road. I was walking but my eyes we not on the road, suddenly I fell down into a drain. My shirt were dirty so on i.
then I started walking again. I felt so embarrassed walking on the road with dirty cloth. After 3 hours of walking, I finally reached home. I was so smelly and dirty. So, the first thing that I did was take my bath. I felt so tired and went to sleep.

(245 words)
I go to my father. Only my father can save me from
my trouble. Today, the sun is shining beautiful.

My name is...
The most horrible day in my life.

On the last holiday trip, I and my school friends all go to the Santa Cruz Beach. For this place, my friends are going to give it go are my friends. I and my classmates made a trip to that place by bus.

We assembled at school early in the morning at 8:00 a.m. When the bus arrived, we boarded it. The journey was uneventful and we happy in the bus. We walked on the way to the bus. We looked for an ideal shady spot to place our chairs in the road. On the way, we all saw a person on the road. We decided to help him. But that person was not the one we expected. We were disappointed. After so the person left the road. My friends and I all cannot have fun with him. Then my friends go to call the police and gave road reporter to help the person. But that night, my friends and I cannot sleep on the street. After three days, we all came back to house. The trip is not to be happy but was not disappointed. After as the chair in person in the road. There are horrible to my day in my life.
It was early in the morning. I've woken up early that morning. I've packed my stuff the night before. I don't want to be in a hurry. I went my friends off in front of the brown door. We planned to go hiking at one of the highest mountains in the country, Gunung Tahan.

We went there by bus. We arrived at the park after 4 hours journey. Then we took a taxi from Kuantan to a small town at the bottom of the mountain. Even though the distance between Kuantan and this town was not too far, the taxi driver charged us RM 70. It was too expensive. I told the taxi driver but he said this was the rate we felt that we've been cheated. I felt angry but my friends, Rahim stopped me to do something.

After we paid the driver, we had breakfast. Then we tried to find a guide but we found Abu a villagers here. I told him about our plans. He's only carried a knife and a bottle of water. Then we started our expedition. We walked 3 km to the jungle. Before we climbed up the mountain I was tired because of carried a heavy bag. We walked and walked and walked until 2.00 p.m. We have to stop to pray and rested a few minutes.

After that we continued our journey. Suddenly I slipped away and fell down in the bushes.
My ankle was broken. I felt very pain. They all have to stop because of me. I asked them to keep walking but they said my health must be take care.

We all turned back to Abu's house and treated me. I felt very horrible because spoiled our expedition. The next day we continued our journey.
APPENDIX C

Samples of Cloze Test / Sentence Completion Worksheets
In front of, over, at, between, from, on, by, beside, near, behind, behind.

Prepositions of place or position like: in, on, at.

Prepositions of similarity or agent like: by, as.
In front of, over, all, between, from, on, by, beside, near, under, behind.

Prepositions of Place or Position - In.
You must wash your hands.

The water is cold to touch if you put your hand in it.

1. You will fall on the ground.
2. I will call you.
6. The train leaves.

The sunshine must pass through the trees.

1. Please be here.
2. I will call you.

1. The train leaves.

Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition of time.

1. It is the proper season.
2. The fence bounds the garden fence.
3. It is the proper season.
4. It is the proper season.
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Underline the correct words.

A. The house was on the far side of the field.
B. The house was on the far side of the field.

Directions of Prepositions - To
On, Before, After, In, For

Prepositions of Time - At, By,

Prepositions of Direction - To, From, Into, Out of, Down
On, Before, After, In, For
Prepositions of Time - At, By

I. Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition of time.

8. The opening ceremony started at 9 a.m.
9. We arrived at the hotel by 10:30 a.m.
10. We left the hotel at 7:00 p.m.
11. The reception started at 8:00 p.m.
12. We left for the airport at 11:00 p.m.

II. Choose the correct word.

The reception started at 8:00 p.m.

III. Underline the correct words.

The reception started at 8:00 p.m.

IV. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

1. We arrived at the hotel.
2. The reception started at 8:00 p.m.
3. We left for the airport at 11:00 p.m.
4. The plane took off at 12:00 a.m.
5. We arrived at the airport at 1:00 a.m.
6. The plane took off at 1:00 a.m.
7. We arrived at our house at 2:00 a.m.
8. The plan took off at 2:00 a.m.
9. We arrived at the airport at 3:00 a.m.
10. The plane took off at 3:00 a.m.

V. Fill in the boxes with the correct prepositions.

To, From, Into, Out of, Down

Prepositions of Directions - To, From, Into, Out of, Down

1. I live in New York.
2. I went to the store.
3. I came back from the store.
4. I entered the store.
5. I exited the store.
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Prepositions of Time – A, By, On, Before, After, In

Prepositions of Directions – To, From, Into, Out of, Down

The beach is very quiet.

Beach door.

The door is open.

I walked back to the beach.

I walked into the beach.

I walked out of the beach.

I walked down the beach.

I walked to the beach.