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APPENDIX A Instrument used for the study

TITLE OF RESEARCH REPORT: STUDENTS' ENGLISH LANGUAGE PERFORMANCE IN A MULTICULTURAL CLASSROOM SETTING

Section A: Biographical Information

Please fill the following particulars. (Please tick [/] in necessary boxes)

Name: ……. **Class**:……

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Race: ☐ Malay ☐ Chinese ☐ Indian
☐ Others, please specify:……..

Religion: ☐ Islamic ☐ Buddha ☐ Hindu
☐ Christian ☐ Others, please specify:……..

English Grade obtained for: PMR …….

Please tick [/] in the following space to indicate language(s) used to communicate with (if you used other languages than that is stated, please write down the language used in the 'Others" column):

Language used with:	**Malay**	**English**	**Mandarin**	**Tamil**	**Others**
a) parents					
b) grandparents					
c) siblings (brother, sister)					
d) relatives (uncle, aunty etc.)					
e) cousins (male, female)					
f) best friend					
g) school friends					
h) tuition friends					
i) teachers at school					
j) teachers at tuition centers / private tutors					
k) friends at the religious place					
l) elders at religious place					

Section B: Reading task

Read the following extracts from various genres of texts. Then, choose the best answer for the following questions.

Question 1 and 2 is based on the stanzas below.

I am thankful
for the teenage
who is complaining about doing dishes
because it means she is at home,
not on the streets.

for a lawn that needs mowing,
windows that need cleaning,
and gutters that need fixing
because it means I have a home

1. The poet is happy that the teenager is
   - A complaining about doing chores
   - B at home with the family
   - C out in the streets
   - D not grumpy

2. The poet wants the readers to
   - A know that having a home is troublesome
   - B do household chores at home daily
   - C be grateful for what they are
   - D fix things that are broken

(adopted from Homework Kendiri English 1119 Form 5 KBSM, 2011)

Question 3 and 4 is based on the conversation below.

Ranjan:	So Jane, what are you doing for your birthday?
Jane:	I have decided to take my grandparents out for the day and to spend some time with them. What better present do I need? And ***charity begins at home***, doesn't it?

3. From the dialogue, we know that Jane

   A hopes to have better presents

   B cares about the needs of others

   C wishes to spend much on her family

   D wants attention of her grandparents

4. The saying ***charity begins at home*** means

   A anyone can do charity

   B doing good is important

   C we must do good to our family first

   D charity must be done only to our family

(adopted from Homework Kendiri English 1119 Form 5 KBSM, 2011)

Question 5 is based on the announcement below.

CELEBRATE EINSTEIN'S YEAR

In 1905, Albert Einstein formulated three theories: Theory of Relativity, Brownain Motion and the Photoelectric Effect. This year, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of these great scientific breakthroughs.

Come experience the fun of science at Petrosains. Learn what Einstein discovered a century ago and gain insights about the world we live in today. It is all happening at level 4, Suria KLCC, Petronas Twin Towers, 50088 Kuala Lumpur. For more details, call us at 03-45676543

5. From the announcement below, we can conclude that Einstein was

A an artist
B a scientist
C a photographer
D an astrologer

(adopted from Homework Kendiri English 1119 Form 5 KBSM, 2011)

Question 6 is based on the extract below.

Electric bikes are like normal bikes, but they are supplemented with a battery-powered electric motor. Electric-powered bicycles can provide mobility without any help from the rider. They were designed for a single person and a small cargo capacity.

Although capable of moving along without any help, electric bikes perform noticeably better when the rider is pedaling. A person who normally rides at 10mph can ride at 15mph to 20mph using the same effort. He can also expect a range of 10miles, with a recharge time of several hours.

6. Which of the following statements is **correct**?

A The electric bike is for two riders.

B The electric bike runs on electricity.

C The electric bike can move without any pedaling.

(adopted from Homework Kendiri English 1119 Form 5 KBSM, 2011)

Question 7 and 8 are based on the extract given below.

Chris Gardner had just had a bad day. Sales were bad and he was barely making ends meet as a medical equipment salesman. As a young boy, Chris had to live with a stepfather who had abused him and he had never known proper family life. He had even spent time in jail. Then he had spent a year on the streets with his toddler son when his wife threw him out of the house
.

Chris's luck practically changed in the parking lot of the General Hospital in San Francisco. At the time he was 29 and his son was just two years old. He was about to get into his ramshackle car when he saw a man in a red Ferrari looking for a place to park. He waved to the driver and told him that he would give his parking space to him and asked him if he would tell him how he made his riches.

7. From paragraph 1, what did Chris Gardner work as?

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8. From paragraph 2, what did Chris offer the man in the Ferrari?

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(adopted from Homework Kendiri English 1119 Form 5 KBSM, 2011)

Section C: Writing task

Write an essay incorporating different cultures' aspects with reference to **Malaysian multicultural situation.** Below are some aspects that you may want to discuss in your essay.

- **food** - prepared on normal days, festive days
- **costumes** - worn on festive seasons, daily life
- **arts** - dances, songs, games performed
- **leisure time / hobbies**

The length of your essay should be **approximately 350 words**. You may spend at least **1 hour** to complete the continuous writing task.

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Section D: Listening task

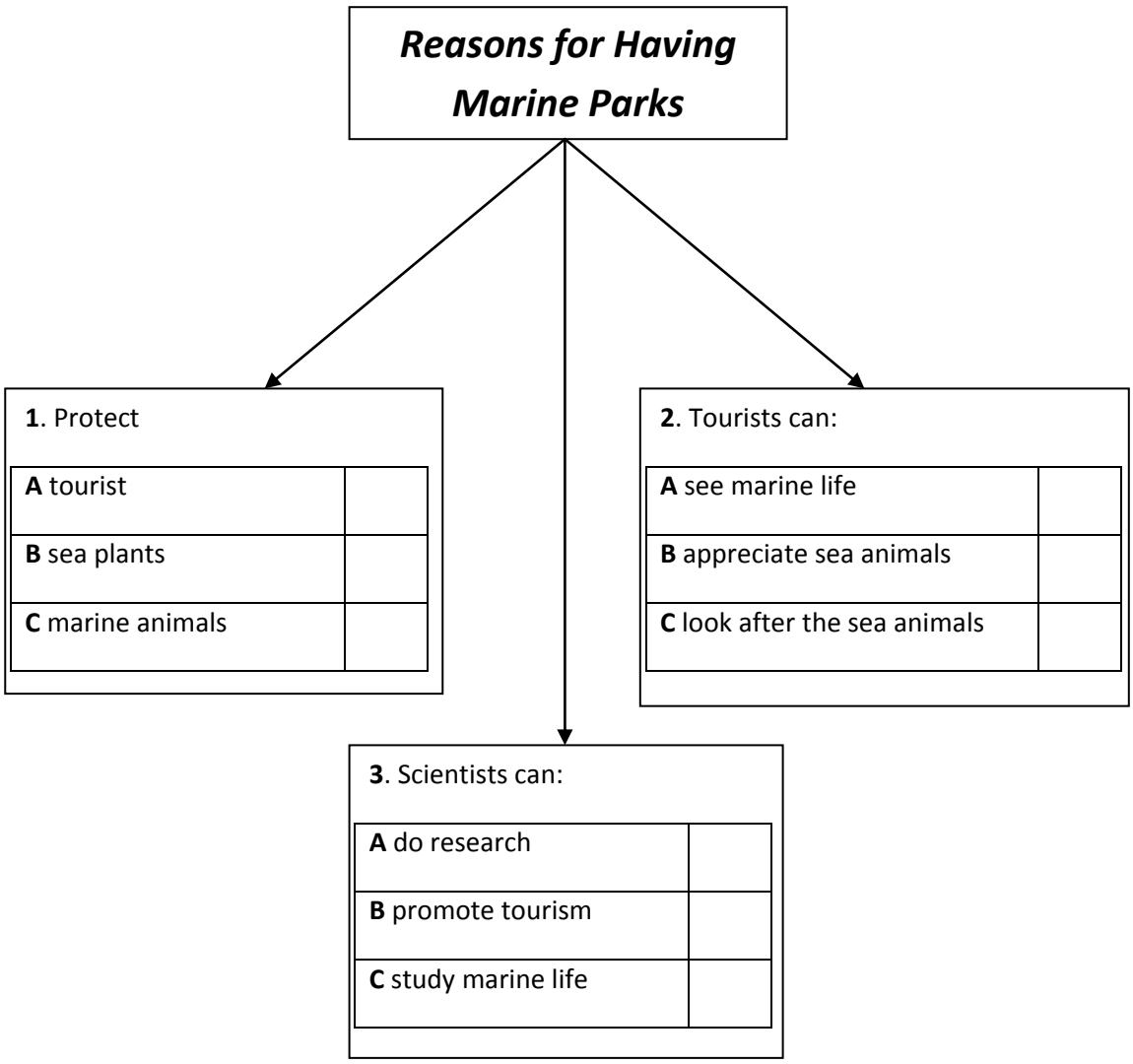
You are given 1 minute to read the instructions.

Listen to the conversation between Leng Sim, Anuja and Sharin talking about marine parks.

Listen to the conversation for the first time. Then, you will be given 1 minute to read all the statements below. Next, the researcher will play the CD again for the second time. While listening to the conversation the second time, state whether these statements are **TRUE** or **FALSE** in the space provided. You will be given another 1 minute to check your answers.

NO.	**STATEMENTS**	**TRUE/ FALSE**
1	It was Anuja's first visit to the marine park.	
2	Sharin screamed when she saw the dolphins.	
3	The sea animals acted out a story.	
4	Shahrin says that tourists come to the marine parks to stay with the animals.	
5	Tourists do research in the marine park.	
6	Leng Sim will be going to Langkawi during the holidays.	

You will be given 1 minute to view the flow chart below. Listen to the conversation again. As you listen, tick the correct boxes.



Section E: Speaking task

In groups of four, discuss a wedding ceremony that is performed in Malaysia. You can also speak based on your own experience attending one of those wedding ceremonies. (Duration: **10 minutes per group**)

- Malay wedding
- Chinese wedding
- Indian wedding

APPENDIX B Recorded conversation of the Malay respondents

(Duration: 3 minutes 59 seconds)

1	f2m:	Heard that you went to your aunt wedding last
2		night.
3	f1m:	Yaaa… How was it?
4	f3m:	It was fascinating because I never went to a
5		wedding from… and stay from the beginning till the
6		end.
7	f1m:	Ooooohhh…
8	f2m:	How is the wedding take place from the beginning?
9	f3m:	The start with 'akad nikah' where the brides and
10		groom family make some sort of agreement to unite
11		their… unite their brides and grooms… and then…
12		and then they exchange 'hantaran' and everything.
13	f1m:	'Hantaran'??? What kind of 'hantaran'? What kind
14		of 'hantaran'?
15	f3m:	Aaaaaa… I usually the bride…aaaa… the groom
16		will send around seven or…
17	f1m:	or nine
18	f3m:	Seven or five then the…aaaa...the bri…the bride
19		should be with…(laughs) the bride should reply
20		with an odd number to like nine. It must be more
21		than the groom's of course.
22	f1m, f2m:	Aaaaaa… (softly)
23	f2m:	Is that the 'hantaran' for the girls?
24	f1m:	How bout 'mas kahwin'?
25	f3m:	Oh, they…they change 'mas kahwin' as
26		well…aaa…the groom's…aaa…the grooms pay
27		'mas kahwin' to the brides' family like some sort of
28		like exchange their daughter for the money.

f1m, f2m: (smiles and giggles softly)

f3m: And then, at the wedding they must have like a 'wali', the dad usually if the… if the dad is…aaa…is gone they replace it with the brother or the nearest male relative or and then they need a four…four male muslim witnesses…so…so like so as you said the wedding actually take place.

f1m: Aaaa…How about 'merisik'?

f3m: Aaaa…the…the 'merisik' happens awhile from…apa…aaa…awhile ago from the wedding…aaa…the groom family went to the bride family house and then…aaa…ask that the groom is interested with the bride and in making her as his wife and so they exchange the '*hantaran'*. The amount of '*hantaran'*…how many they will send…how many they will send and discuss about the discussion.

f1m: And after that the family…baaa…groom *dengan* bride tu will be close then before lah…heh…aik…during the '*merisik'* kan.

f3m: ya…the family feel…aaaa…get ape…will get know more about each other and then from there, the…closen up the relationship…heh…

f2m: (giggles)

f1m: How about '*bersanding'*? '*Bersanding'* is not compulsory right?

f3m: Ya…it is not compulsory because it is more to the tradition. If I am not right it's like…aaaa…like following the…Hinduism (laughs softly). They have 'bersanding' as well there and then aaaa…but Islam is not encourage to 'bersanding' because it

60		shows your ‘aurat’ and everything.
61	f1m, f2m:	Ooohhh… (softly)
62	f3m:	Aaaa…the resection means…aaaa…the reception
63		basically to tell the word that these two person are
64		married to each other not to ‘bersanding’ or to show
65		off whatever they have.
66	f1m, f2m:	Oooohhh…(softly)
67	f1m:	Why is wedding usually some of them make it
68		grand, do it at hotel all that one?
69	F3M:	Because they want to show off the world that they
70		have a lot of money when they don’t.
71	f1m, f2m:	(laughs softly)
72	f3m:	It’s more to showing off not because not they want
73		to celebrate.
74	f1m:	Ooohhh… (softly)

APPENDIX C Recorded conversation of the Chinese respondents

(Duration: 2 minutes 15 seconds)

1	f6c:	Hey, last weekend was my sister wedding.
2	f4c:	Oh, really!
3	f5c:	Wow, that's nice. So your sister must be very beautiful on
4		that day.
5	f6c:	Ya, she was. It has been aaaa… been more than a year I
6		attended a Chinese wedding.
7	f5c:	Me too. What is the procedure of… of the Chinese
8		wedding?
9	f6c:	Oooh… First the groom will get dress and pray before
10		leaving his house…groom friend…
11	f4c:	(mumbled)
12	f6c:	guys will goes to the bride house. The bride friend will
13		prepare challenging game to take a part, example drink
14		milk… drink milk that is adding with ketchup.
15	f4c:	Oooh… that's yucks!
16	f6c:	Groom will groom have to get mean 'angpow' to game
17		organizer friend.
18	f5c:	Wow, how much you get?
19	f6c:	500 hundred bucks. There the groom can meet the bride.
20		After they will serve the tea to the elders. They will sent…
21	f4c:	(mumbled)
22	f6c:	They will give of the bride. The couple will provide
23		'angpow' to the young and unmarried cousin.
24	f5c:	Wow, so nice.
25	f6c:	Groom and the bride will leave the groom house. The
26		youngest member…the youngest member of the family
27		will welcome the couple.
28	f4c:	Oooh…

f6c: The couple will serve the tea to the elders from the groom side and also they will give ‘angpow’ to the young and unmarried cousin. Some family practice the exchallenge of ring. Small gathering among both families family. At night there will be a great wedding reception.

f5c, f4c: Wow, that’s nice.

APPENDIX D Recorded conversation of the Indian respondents

(Duration: 5 minutes)

1	m7i:	Have you been to a Indian wedding?
2	f7i:	I have been only to a Ceylonese wedding.
3	f8i:	I have only been to a Malayalam wedding.
4	f7i:	How did the Tamil wedding takes place?
5	m7i:	Aaaa…Vino will explain.
6	f8i:	Okay.
7	f9i:	Aaaa…groom will sit at the 'manavarai'.
8	f7i:	What's a…
9	f7i, f8i:	'manavarai'?
10	m7i:	'Manavarai' means it's a stage where they get marr…They
11		tie the tha…thali and all.
12	f9i:	All the ceremony take place.
13	f8i:	Thali? You mean…
14	f7i:	Ohhh…is it where the fire displayed…ohhh…okay.
15	f9i:	Then the 'iyer' will conduct few prayer and ritual… before
16		he gives a tray of wedding costumes…(pause)
17		…aaaa….(pause)…to the groom…'vesthi' and 'jeepa'.
18	(pause of conversation)	
19	f7i:	Ooohhh…okay.
20	f9i:	Then after groom goes…the bride will also carry out the
21		same proce…procedures. The priest a tray of saree and
22		accessories for the wedding…aaa…
23	f8i:	Oohhh…okay…that's nice.
24	f7i:	After that, groom comes back to the hall; bride's brother
25		will put…aaaa…the 'metthi' for the groom.
26	f8i:	What's a 'metthi'?
27	m7i:	Aaaa…'metthi' is a type of ring which…(laughs)..put in
28		toe…

f7i: (laughs)

f8i: Toe?...oooo…

m7i: It's a type of ring you put in toe.

f7i: Toe???

f8i: Wow…that's nice…okay.

f7i: (laughs)

m7i: The…the…the 'metthi' is to show that the man is married.

f8i: Ooohhh…okay.

f7i: Hmhmm (clears throat)

(pause of conversation)

f9Ii Aahmmm, then the groom have to give a 'pural' such as ring or chain to the bestman.

(pause of conversation)

m7i: Do you know, groom and the best man will walk up to the 'manavarai'.

f8i: Ooohhh… I didn't know that.

f7i: (giggles behind)

(pause of conversation)

f9i: Then the 'iyer' will ask the groom's parents to bless the groom.

f8i: Oohhh…

f7i: Oooo…okay. (laughs)

(pause of conversation)

M7I: Aaaa…after that the bride will also walk up to the 'manavarai' and her parents will bless her. This part…aaaa…this is where the bride and groom washes their parents legs…aaaa…to signify…aaaa…as a significance to thank them.

f8i: Oooohhh…that interesting.

f7i: Very very interesting.

(pause of conversation)

f9i: The groom's sister will carry a tray full of colored rice and the 'thali' to get for blessing.

(pause of conversation)

m7i: Then 'iyer' will say some mantras and the 'nadasuwaram' will increase their tone.

f7i: What is a 'nadasuwaram"?

f8i: and whats…whose 'iyer'?

f9i: 'Iyer' is a per…is the priest…priest who conduct the ceremony.

f8i: 'Nadasuwaram'???

f7i, f9i: (laughs behind)

f8i: 'Nadasuwaram'???

f9i: 'Nadasuwaram' is a type of…instrument.

f7i: Ooohhh…that one…I have seen that in many movies.

(pause of conversation)

m7i: This is when the groom will tie the 'thali' around the bride's neck. Only the first knot will be tied by him, second and third knot will be tied by the mother in law…and a few married ladies.

f7i: What is the significance of 'thali'?

m7i: Hmmmm…to show that the bride is married.

f7i: Ooohhh…that's it.

f8i: Okay.

f7i: Okay.

f9i: The groom will apply 'kumkum' on the 'thali' and the bride's forehead.

f8i: 'Kumkum'??? (pause)…What is it?

f9i: The red color thing…on the…

f8i: Ooohhh…the one that you put on the forehead.

f9i: huh.

f8i: In temples?

f9i: Ya…

f8i: Ohhh…okay.

(pause of conversation)

m7i: Aaaaa…after that groom and the bride will go around the ‘manavarai’, seven times as the wedding vows.

(pause of conversation)

f9i: Then the groom will hold the bride hand and toe and walk her seven steps to the ‘ammyikal’

f7i: ‘Ammyikal’???

f8i: Can place the ‘metthi’ in her toes???
‘Ammyikal’???

f9I: Ya…

f8i: What is it?

f9i: A type of stone.

f8i: Ooohhh…okay.

m7i: Lastly, the guest and elders of both families will give blessing to the newly wed couple and…and the guest will be invited to eat.

f7i: Wow… (claps)

f8i: Oohhh…that’s interesting.

m7i: That’s all.