

CERTIFICATE for GENERAL EDUCATION
ELECTIVE ENGLISH
SEMESTER ONE — SECOND SESSION

TIME: 3 hours

TOTAL MARKS: 70

This paper has 2 pages

READING 1 (Items 1 – 4)

Read these four texts. *Where* are the speakers? For each text, choose one of the items in the box. Write **A, B, C**, etc, as in the example. (There are two extra items in the box.)

e.g. "I'd like some chicken, please. With plain rice and salad, and a large bottle of water."

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A at the airport

1. "I think we'll have to stop soon and get some petrol. We're nearly empty, and there's still a long way to go."

B in a car

2. "I'd like some information about going to Amsterdam, please. By sea, that is, not by air. I hate flying."

C at a petrol station

3. "Let's stay a little longer. It's so peaceful out here on the lake. And maybe we can catch some more fish!"

D in a travel agency

4. "Passengers are reminded that they are only allowed to take one piece of hand luggage on board."

E in a boat

F in a restaurant

G on a plane

READING 2 (Items 5 – 10)

Read the text, and then answer the questions on page 2.

If you ever go to the Malaysian capital, Kuala Lumpur, you must visit the 'Petronas Twin Towers'. With eighty-eight floors and a height of four hundred and fifty-eight metres, it is currently the tallest building in the world. It is owned by Petronas, which is Malaysia's national oil company. They started construction work in June 1996 and the completed building was finally opened by the former Prime Minister, Dr Mahathir Mohammed, in August 1999.

The 'Petronas Twin Towers', usually known as the 'PTT', was designed by Mr Cesar Pelli, the well-known architect from Argentina. One of its most exciting features is a 'skybridge' which allows for easier movement between the two towers. At one hundred and seventy-five metres above street level, it is the highest skybridge in the world. From it you can see the whole of the capital city — it's fantastic!

The building also houses the 'Petroleum Discovery Centre', which is a science museum specialising in the history and technology of the oil industry. The whole complex also includes a 5-star hotel, a park, a concert hall, the offices of several international companies and an enormous shopping mall.

If you want to go and see the 'PTT' for yourself, you can travel there by taxi, but I would advise you to use the underground train, which is cheap, comfortable and very convenient — the station is right underneath the South Tower!

READING 2 (cont'd)

For each question., write a short answer (**not more than THREE WORDS**).

5. How long did it take to build the 'Petronas Twin Towers'? — _____
6. How tall is the building? — _____
7. What is 'Petronas'? — _____
8. Who is Mr Cesar Pilli? — _____ (job)
9. Where can you get a wonderful view of Kuala Lumpur? — _____
10. In the writer's opinion, what is the best way to get to the 'PTT'? — _____

WRITING 1

Write 40 – 50 words on the following topic:

"How do Muslims celebrate the 15th day of Ramadhan (قرنقشوه)"

Your writing should be clear, lively and interesting.

WRITING 2

Write a paragraph about **Popeye**. Use the picture and ALL the information in the box.
Your writing should be correct and well-organized.

Popeye

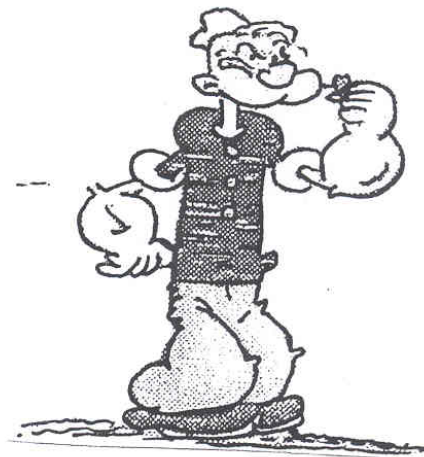
favourite food/ spinach

fight/ enemies since 1929

sailor/ boxer cartoon character

newspaper/ TV usually cheerful

☺ sing/play piano



WRITING 3

Write about your own experience. Write at least 100 words about:

"The last time I was ill"

Your story should be clear, lively and interesting.

Write your answers on your answer paper.