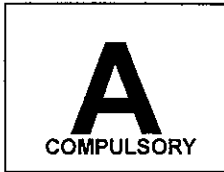


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PAPER 1 PART A
QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK**



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Read Text 1 and answer questions 1-20. (47 marks)

1. Look at the following expressions from the text and match them with either the Polar Cafe or Internet Cafes. Put a tick (✓) in the correct column. (4 marks)

Expressions	Polar Cafe	Internet Cafes
switched off		
race virtual hotrods		
play alone		
unplugged		

2. Why does the author write that many people will greet the cafe with 'a huge sigh of relief' (lines 1-2)?

- A. People love board games.
 - B. People love going to cafes.
 - C. The cafe doesn't have computers.
 - D. The cafe is a very friendly and homey place.
- A B C D

3. The main purpose of paragraph 2 is to...

- A. provide a definition of board games.
 - B. introduce the main idea of the article.
 - C. connect the ideas in paragraphs 1 and 3.
 - D. grab the reader's attention.
- A B C D

4. In paragraph 3, 'going back to' refers to _____
- _____

5. When did the cafe open?
- _____

6. What was Pat's and Dee's life like before they opened the cafe?
- _____

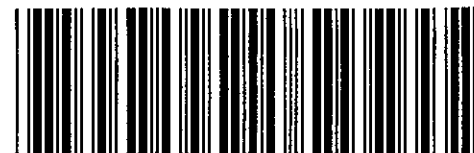
7. Cafes specialising in board games are popular in...

- A. Germany and the USA.
 - B. China and South Korea.
 - C. Germany, the USA, China and South Korea.
 - D. Germany, the USA, China, South Korea and Thailand.
- A B C D

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8. Decide whether the following statements are **True**, **False**, or the information is **Not Given** in paragraphs **8-9**. Put a tick (✓) in the appropriate column. (4 marks)

Statement	True	False	NG
Customers can play board games for two hours if they buy two drinks.			
You need good English to play games imported from Germany or the US.			
Pat never played <i>Monopoly</i> , <i>Uno</i> or <i>Snakes & Ladders</i> as a child.			
Pat thinks computer games are not as challenging as some board games.			

9. Find a word in paragraph 10 that means 'originality'.

10. What does 'It' (line 52) refer to?

11. What is the meaning of 'dreary' (line 57)?

- A. fun
- B. lazy
- C. happy
- D. boring

- A
- B
- C
- D

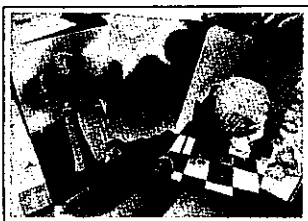
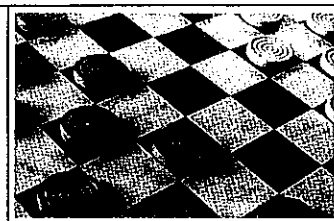

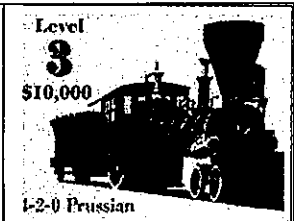
12. According to information given in paragraphs **12-17**, what do each of the following people say can be learnt from playing board games? (3 marks)

Pat _____

Benson _____

Aey _____

13. Match the following pictures with the name of the game that can be played at the cafe. Write the name under the picture. One game is **NOT** given in the text. Write (NG) under the picture. (4 marks)

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14. Use information given in paragraphs **15-21** and match each person with the correct speech bubble. Write the letter of the speech bubble on the line next to the person given. (5 marks)

A. It's not about winning but getting together with friends.

B. Who would have guessed that tiles and wooden tokens could go head to head with a keyboard and console?!

C. I didn't really like games very much until I started coming to the cafe.

D. These games have helped me to improve my skills in the workplace.

Benson: _____
Aey: _____
Pat: _____
Dee: _____
The writer: _____

E. Anyone can play, and learn new words at the same time.

15. What is the writer's tone in paragraph 21?

- A. positive
- B. worried
- C. doubtful
- D. neutral

A B C D

16. According to Pat, why do parents want to keep their children away from the TV and computer?

17. Which of the following is the best alternative subtitle for this article?

- A. Cafe patrons swap their high-tech games for old-fashioned ones.
- B. Parlour games are more popular than computer games.
- C. Board games are winning awards in the gaming world.
- D. Parlour games are a hit in Thailand's cafes.

A B C D

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18. Complete the following advertisement for Polar Cafe. Use **ONE** word to fill in each blank. (Hyphenated words count as one word.) (12 marks)

Polar Board Games & Cafe

Phase 2, _____
 Ram Indra-Ekamai Road, Bangkok, Thailand

About us: We are a cafe _____ in parlour games. We have about _____ different games for patrons to choose from. Buy one _____ and play for one hour.

Ambience: Our cafe is very cozy, with _____ chairs, small tables and shelves stacked with books and games.

Equipment: To play our games, players roll a pair of _____ or shuffle a deck of picture _____. It's _____ compared to whizzy computer games, but still lots of fun.

Products: If you really like our games, you can buy them to play _____. Games cost between Bt500 and Bt3000.

Opening hours: Monday to _____ from 1pm to _____ and _____ from _____ to 10pm.

For more information: Call us on (083) 133 0743 or visit our _____: www.polarplaygames.com.

19. Why are board games making a comeback? Give one reason from the text to support your answer.

20. Can board games compete with computer games? Give one reason to support each point of view. (2 marks)

Yes: _____

No: _____

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