

## Outram Secondary English Language E-Learning Secondary 4E5N

### Section A [10 marks]

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines, from National Geographic article on shark fin soup. The first and last lines are correct. For eight of the lines, there is one grammatical error in each line. There are two more lines with no errors.

If there is **NO** error in a line, put a tick (✓) in the space provided.

If the line is incorrect, 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.

Examples:

I arrived (to) the market at 8 p.m. at.....

My mother bakes excellent cookies. ✓.....

<p>There has been a massive movement against shark fin soup lately. Shark fin soup, a long time favourites at weddings across oriental Asia, is having a direct effect on shark populations worldwide. The massive quantity of sharks being killed for their fins and lack of selective fishing deplete shark populations faster than their reproductive abilities can replenish populations. Currently, biologists estimate shark populations have crashed by 90 percent, endangering many shark species and causing massive biological damage to the world's oceans. If the trend continues and sharks disappear, your next Chinese wedding may feature chicken soup instead. More than this, we need to be aware that shark are crucial to all life form on earth. They are the only large animals to have lived on this planet for more than 400 million years and have survived five major extinctions. They have lived in balance with the ocean as the top predator for millions of years. With each shark finned, we are destroying a key predatory species.</p>	<p>1 .....</p> <p>2 .....</p> <p>3 .....</p> <p>4 .....</p> <p>5 .....</p> <p>6 .....</p> <p>7 .....</p> <p>8 .....</p> <p>9 .....</p> <p>10.....</p>
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**Section B [30 marks]**

**You are advised to write between 250 and 350 words for this section.**

You should look at the printout of a webpage on page 3, study the information carefully and plan your answer before beginning to write.

Your 15-year old cousin and your elderly uncle live in Australia. They have seen a webpage on the famous food in Singapore and would like to try out the dishes in order to better appreciate Singapore's food culture. As such, they have decided to come to Singapore for a visit. They will stay with your family and try out other dishes of interest too.

Write a letter to your cousin suggesting:

- Two dishes shown on the webpage printout that you might enjoy eating together
- Two dishes other than those shown in the webpage that may interest them
- Why you think they will enjoy consuming the four dishes that you have chosen

Write your letter in clear, accurate English and in a welcoming, enthusiastic tone, to encourage your cousin to be excited about the visit and the culinary delights. You should use your own words as much as possible.

# Guide to Food Trail, Singapore

*Famous Food of Singapore*

## Famous



1

Chilli Crab - is a [seafood](#) dish that is popular in [Singapore](#). [Mud crabs](#) are commonly used and are [stir-fried](#) in a semi-thick, sweet and savoury [tomato](#) and [chilli](#) based sauce. Despite its name, Chilli crab is not a very spicy dish. It is listed at number 35 on *World's 50 most quite delicious foods* compiled by *CNN Go* in 2011. **[For more information click here.](#)**



2

Fish Head Curry - Large heads bearing a surprising amount of meaty morsels, from cheeks to lips to eyes (connoisseurs aim straight for these), are simmered in a spicy, intensely red gravy with succulent okra, tomatoes and eggplant, all eaten with plenty of fluffy rice as a foil for the tongue-tingling sauce. ***For more information click here.***



3

Satay - Theories abound as to the origin of these bamboo skewers of sweet-spicy meat, barbecued over charcoal to an irresistibly smoky, savoury finish. Whatever its beginnings, *satay* hawkers have always favoured chicken, beef and mutton for their skewers, served with a thick, sweet-hot peanut sauce on the side, with sliced cucumbers, onions, and pressed rice cakes for dipping. ***For more information click here.***



4

Hainanese Chicken Rice - the dish's has unrivalled popularity amongst Singaporeans and overseas visitors. It is often considered as the "[national dish](#)" of [Singapore](#) served at international [expositions](#) and global events abroad, and in Singaporean-run restaurants overseas. It is also one of the few local dishes served on [Singapore Airlines](#) flights and listed at number 45 on *World's 50 most delicious foods* compiled by *CNN Go* in 2011. ***For more information click here.***

**Section C [30 marks]**

Begin your answer on a fresh page.

**You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words on one of the following topics.**

- 1 'Organic food is better.' Discuss.
- 2 Identify some ways in which a teenager can contribute to road safety.
- 3 'Cigarette smoking should be banned altogether.' Do you agree?
- 4 You have attended many presentations in school. Give a recount of one such presentation and why it leaves an impression on you.

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