BAHAGIAN A

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Berjaya Hills, formerly known as Bukit Tinggi Resort, is located 45 minutes from Kuala Lumpur. Take a short breezy drive along Karak Highway, turn off at Exit 805 and you would be greeted with an awe-inspiring sight.

Berjaya Hills is 2,700 feet above sea level, surrounded by 16,000 acres of lush tropical rainforest in the state of Pahang. Berjaya hills boasts of Colmar Tropicale, Berjaya Hills Gold and Country Club and Meranti Park Suites.

Colmar Tropicale has 240 rooms. Its colourful French architecture, majestic drawbridge, picturesque cobbled square, spacious meeting rooms and excellent dining outlets breathe French authenticity.

The 18-hole Berjaya Hills Gold and Country Club offers breathtaking landscapes and challenging hazards. Besides golfing, the Sports Complex is fully equipped with bowling alley, tennis, badminton and squash courts.

The Meranti Park Suites offer spacious apartments with spectacular views as ideal accommodation choices.

Added to these three treasures is the Chateau Spa Resort which will allow you to talk into 18th century France.

Then there is the Japanese village where you are treated to an authentic tea ceremony.

All in all, Berjaya Hills offers you an escape into the medieval world in the 21st century.

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1. The drive to Berjaya Hill would have all the following features EXCEPT

   A. a spectacular view
   B. uninteresting scenery
   C. a 45-minute drive from the capital city
   D. a short comfortable ride along the highway

2. Colmar Tropicale illustrates French authenticity in these aspects EXCEPT its

   A. drawbridge
   B. architecture
C. cobbled square  
D. meeting rooms

3. To the golf enthusiast, the Berjaya Hills Golf and Country Club has an attractive offer in its  
A. landscapes  
B. sports complex  
C. games courts  
D. challenging hazards

Question 4-5 are based on the following passage. Fill in the blanks based on the given answers.

Malaysia has been known as a multiracial and multi-religion country. In Peninsula Malaysia, the three main races are the Malays, Chinese and Indians. However, there are also other minority groups who have lived harmoniously with the three main races since the Independence of the country and one of these minority (4) ______ which has gained much attention from researchers is the Chinese Peranakans. The Peranakan community can be (5) ______ in Malacca, Penang and Singapore. Their vibrant culture can easily be traced to the sixteenth century. Their elaborate dressing and cuisine are much influenced by the Malay culture. The Peranakan ladies wear clothes that are adapted from the Malay baju kurung and the sarong kebaya. The food-Nyonya cuisine is well-known for its spices and flavours which are synonymous with Malay cooking. As for communication, they speak a Malay dialect, called Baba Malay, which has borrowed vocabulary from Hokkien (a Chinese dialect) and English. In its religious rites and rituals, however, the Peranakan follow old Chinese traditions.

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4. Refer to the item in the text above  
A. tribes  
B. groups  
C. associations  
D. organisations

5. Refer to the item in the text above  
A. found  
B. sought
   A. $8.69 \times 10^3$
   B. $8.69 \times 10^4$
   C. $8.69 \times 10^{-3}$
   D. $8.69 \times 10^{-4}$

7. A box contains 7 red balls, 5 white balls and 8 yellow balls. If a ball is picked randomly from the box, find the probability that the ball is yellow.
   A. $\frac{1}{20}$
   B. $\frac{2}{5}$
   C. $\frac{1}{5}$
   D. $\frac{7}{20}$

8. Given that $(a + 4b)/4 = (2a + b)/3$, find the value of $a:b$
   A. 5:8
   B. 8:5
   C. 11:16
   D. 16:11

9. $(4x + 3y)(5x - y) =$
   A. $20x^2 + 11xy + 3y^2$
   B. $20x^2 + 19xy - 3y^2$
   C. $20x^2 + 11xy - 3y^2$
   D. $20x^2 + 11x - 3y^2$
10. Given that, \( \frac{2w-4}{3} = w-3 \), calculate the value of \( w \)

A. 4  
B. 5  
C. 6  
D. 7