

ENGLISH FORM 4 & 5 SIR ROSLE

Part 4
[6 marks]

Questions 27 to 32 are based on an article about bubble tea.

Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A to H the one which fits each gap (27 to 32). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

Bubble tea

Bubble tea, also known as 'pearl tea', has gained tremendous popularity around the world. It is seen as a unique modification to the milk tea recipe, which is made with just milk, sugar syrup and tea as a typical combination.

Milk tea was already a popular drink in East Asia, where tea drinking has always been a cultural practice. The story of bubble tea's creation is unique. 27 They experimented with new flavours by adding jellies, fruits and tapioca balls into cold milk tea.

People say that the drink got its name because it forms bubbles when it is shaken. The original bubble tea had black tapioca balls added to give the drink a richer flavour and chewier texture. 28 Nowadays, this delicious iced drink is uniquely served with oversized straws.

Why has the obsession with bubble tea continued while so many other food trends have faded into history? 29 For many too, it is the addictive texture of the tapioca balls and the creaminess of the milk tea that they cannot get enough of.

Now, bubble tea recipes using fruit powders and syrups have also been introduced and the topping choices include pudding and red beans. 30 However, no matter how creative they get with the recipes, they know that the soul of the drink will always be the type of tea used.

With the nature of bubble tea being specially made for customers, there are alternatives for those who do not have much of a sweet tooth or who are health-conscious. 31 They also promote drinks with reduced sweetness.

Almost certainly, the growing craze for bubble tea is here to stay. 32 Similar to traditional cafés, they also offer comfortable and casual atmospheres suitable for people to meet up and spend time together.

There really is no other drink like bubble tea. Not only that, it is also highly addictive. If you have tried one, you will know what that means.

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| A | Instead, the competition makes bubble tea shops more innovative. | E | Some shops offer more nutritious ingredients such as natural brown sugar and organic soy milk. |
| B | In the past, people had to scoop them out using spoons. | F | There has been an increase in the number of modern bubble tea shops. |
| C | It started at small tea stands where tea sellers took something traditional and made it modern. | G | The drink became popular among youngsters only in the beginning. |
| D | This is because sellers want to reach out to a wider crowd. | H | Possibly, it is simply because the taste of the tea is sweet and refreshing. |

Text 12

All the furniture ___1___ still intact in the living room. The chairs, the table and the sofa were covered with big white sheets. In the far corner, covered with a thick ___2___ of dust, stood an old-fashioned grandfather's clock. According ___3___ a neighborhood legend, it had stopped ___4___ exactly at the same time ___5___ the owner had died.

"Just ___6___ the ghost stories I often hear," Lily thought, and giggled nervously. It didn't seem ___7___ funny, though, as when she was ___8___ her group of friends out in the warm sunshine. Here, ___9___ the cold wind seemed to blow right ___10___ one's bones, it was a different story.

___11___ she froze. There was no outlet for the wind to ___12___ the house! Furthermore, there was no ___13___, so the fans could not have been working. Fear filled her heart. It seemed to ___14___ faster, ___15___ just like the ticking of a clock ... a big grandfather clock. Lily ___16___ very slowly to look at the clock in the corner. It was ___17___ very loudly!

Lily screamed and ran out of the ___18___. A ghostly laugh, mixed ___19___ the cry of the wind, ___20___ her hasty escape.