

## PSLE English · Practice Paper 2 · Bronze

### Booklet A

**25 MARKS**

**TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B:** 1 hour 50 minutes

#### CANDIDATE PARTICULARS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Register No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Use a 2B pencil to shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

## PAPER 2 · BOOKLET A · 25 MARKS

**Multiple-choice questions**

Section	Marks
Section 1 · Grammar (Questions 1–10)	10
Section 2 · Vocabulary (Questions 11–15)	5
Section 3 · Vocabulary Cloze (Questions 16–20)	5
Section 4 · Visual Text Comprehension (Questions 21–25)	5
TOTAL	25

**Section 1 · Grammar**

For each question from 1 to 10, choose the answer that best fits the sentence(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

- Every Saturday morning, my brother and I \_\_\_\_\_ to the school field for football practice.
  - (1) goes
  - (2) go
  - (3) going
  - (4) have gone
- While Aaron \_\_\_\_\_ for the relay race, his classmates were cheering loudly from the stands.
  - (1) prepare
  - (2) prepares
  - (3) was preparing
  - (4) has prepared
- The two boys \_\_\_\_\_ helped Aaron carry his bag are his closest friends.
  - (1) which
  - (2) whose
  - (3) who
  - (4) whom
- Aaron's mother told him that he \_\_\_\_\_ try his best and not worry about winning.
  - (1) should
  - (2) would
  - (3) could
  - (4) might
- \_\_\_\_\_ Aaron was the smallest in his team, he refused to give up during the race.
  - (1) Despite
  - (2) Because
  - (3) Although
  - (4) Since

6. Of the four runners, Yu Wen was \_\_\_\_\_, completing his sprint in under twelve seconds.
- (1) faster
  - (2) the faster
  - (3) the fastest
  - (4) more fast
7. There \_\_\_\_\_ many spectators at the field, including parents, teachers and younger siblings.
- (1) was
  - (2) were
  - (3) is
  - (4) has been
8. Coach Chua reminded the team to keep \_\_\_\_\_ baton ready at all times.
- (1) his
  - (2) her
  - (3) their
  - (4) its
9. Aaron arrived \_\_\_\_\_ the field at half past seven on the morning of Sports Day.
- (1) in
  - (2) at
  - (3) on
  - (4) to
10. “\_\_\_\_\_ you ever taken part in a relay race before?” Coach Chua asked Aaron.
- (1) Did
  - (2) Have
  - (3) Was
  - (4) Are

## Section 2 - Vocabulary

For each question from 11 to 15, choose the answer that best fits the sentence(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. Aaron felt a knot of \_\_\_\_\_ in his stomach as he waited for his turn to run.
- (1) anger
  - (2) fear
  - (3) joy
  - (4) surprise
12. Although she was tired after a long day of coaching, Mrs Chua remained \_\_\_\_\_ and praised every member of the team.
- (1) gloomy
  - (2) cheerful
  - (3) weary
  - (4) silent
13. When Justin slipped on the wet grass, his teammates rushed forward to \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- (1) ignore
  - (2) scold
  - (3) encourage
  - (4) punish
14. Aaron's first \_\_\_\_\_ was that the race had already been lost, but he kept running anyway.
- (1) promise
  - (2) thought
  - (3) request
  - (4) answer
15. After two weeks of training, Aaron was \_\_\_\_\_ that he had not improved at all.
- (1) delighted
  - (2) discouraged
  - (3) amused
  - (4) impressed

## Section 3 - Vocabulary Cloze

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

For weeks, my younger sister Maya had been determined<sup>(16)</sup> to learn how to ride a bicycle. Every Saturday morning, our father would take her to the park, holding the back of her bright pink bike as she pedalled along the path.

At first, Maya wobbled nervously<sup>(17)</sup> on the seat, gripping the handlebars so tightly that her knuckles turned white. She fell again and again. Sometimes she stumbled<sup>(18)</sup> off the bike completely and grazed her knees on the pavement. Once, she landed in a small muddy patch and burst into tears.

Father never raised his voice. He simply helped her up, dusted off her shorts, and praised<sup>(19)</sup> her for being so brave. He reminded her that the secret to riding well was to look straight ahead, not down at the pedals.

By the end of the third Saturday, something finally clicked. Maya pushed off, wobbled, steadied herself — and then suddenly, she was riding on her own. She let out a happy shout and looked back at our father with an ecstatic<sup>(20)</sup> grin. He waved both arms above his head, his face shining with pride.

16.

- (1) undecided
- (2) pleased
- (3) resolved
- (4) careless

17.

- (1) confidently
- (2) anxiously
- (3) silently
- (4) cheerfully

18.

- (1) jumped
- (2) tripped
- (3) sprinted
- (4) climbed

19.

- (1) scolded
- (2) complimented
- (3) ignored
- (4) questioned

**20.**

- (1) anxious
- (2) weary
- (3) overjoyed
- (4) disappointed

## Section 4 - Visual Text Comprehension

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the best answer based on the notice below. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Study the notice below carefully. Then answer questions 21 to 25.

**GREENFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
*Library Notice · September 2026*

# READ TO WIN!

## Primary 6 Reading Challenge

Saturday · 12 September 2026 · 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.



**WHO CAN JOIN?**  
All Primary 6 pupils. Parents are welcome to attend the storytelling session at 2.00 p.m. as spectators.

**READING CATEGORIES**

- **Fiction**  
*novels and short stories*
- **Non-fiction**  
*biographies, history, science*
- **Graphic novels**  
*comic-style storytelling*
- **Poetry**  
*classic or modern verse*

**HOW TO SIGN UP**  
Submit your name to your form teacher by 5 September 2026.  
Late entries will not be accepted.

**PRIZES**  
Top reader in each of the four categories wins a \$20 book voucher.  
Free bookmark for every pupil who signs up.

**ENQUIRIES**  
Mrs Yap · School Librarian · Library Office

21. What is the main purpose of the notice?

- (1) To inform parents about a change to library opening hours.
- (2) To advertise a new bookshop near the school.
- (3) To invite pupils to take part in a school reading event.
- (4) To recruit volunteers to work in the school library.

22. Which of the following is not mentioned in the notice?
- (1) The categories of books pupils may read.
  - (2) The names of last year's top readers.
  - (3) The date and time of the event.
  - (4) The deadline for signing up.
23. How can a pupil win the \$20 book voucher?
- (1) By signing up before the deadline.
  - (2) By attending the storytelling session.
  - (3) By being the top reader in any one category.
  - (4) By bringing the most books to the exchange corner.
24. Why might parents wish to come to the library at 2.00 p.m.?
- (1) To bring lunch for their children.
  - (2) To watch their children receive their prizes.
  - (3) To sign up for the next year's event.
  - (4) To join their children for the storytelling session.
25. By when must pupils hand in their sign-up forms?
- (1) 5 September 2026.
  - (2) 12 September 2026.
  - (3) On the day of the event.
  - (4) Before 4.00 p.m. on any school day.

Please note that the passage for Comprehension Questions 66 to 75 in Booklet B is printed below and on the following page. Read it carefully. You may now go on to Booklet B.

## Comprehension passage for Booklet B (Questions 66 to 75)

Read this passage carefully. The questions in Booklet B (Section 9, Questions 66 to 75) refer to it.

### The Anchor Runner

- 1 Aaron Lim had never been the fastest boy in Primary 6 Diligence. In the weekly fitness tests, he often came in last or second-to-last. He did not mind too much. He liked Sports Day — the smell of the canteen drinks, the cheering, the colourful flags above the field — but he had never expected to take part in any of the running events. So when Coach Chua called him aside one Friday afternoon and told him that he had been chosen to anchor the class relay team, Aaron almost dropped his water bottle in surprise. 5
- 2 “Coach, I am the slowest runner in the class,” Aaron said quietly. “I will let everyone down.”
- 3 “You are not the slowest, and that is not the point,” Coach Chua said gently. “I have watched you all year. You do not give up. The other three boys on your team can run fast, but only one of them has your kind of heart. The anchor does not have to win the race for the team. The anchor only has to finish it, no matter what.” 10
- 4 Aaron walked home that evening with a strange knot in his stomach. His mother could tell something was wrong the moment he stepped through the door. When he told her what Coach had said, she only smiled, set down the bowl she was carrying, and patted the seat beside her at the dining table. “Aaron, if Coach has chosen you, he sees something. Trust him a little. And trust yourself a little more.” 15  
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- 5 Over the next two weeks, Aaron stayed back after school every day. He ran around the field with his three teammates — Yu Wen, Ravi and Justin. Yu Wen was the fastest sprinter in the school. Ravi was steady and never made mistakes. Justin had won a medal at the inter-school championship the year before. Aaron was the smallest of the four. He was also the last to finish every practice run. 25
- 6 His classmate Bryan watched him one afternoon from the canteen and shook his head. “You? Anchor? Aiyoh, Aaron, you sure or not? Your team is going to come in last because of you.” Aaron’s face burnt. That night, in bed, he thought seriously about telling Coach he wanted to step down. Then he remembered what his mother had said, and what Coach Chua had said about heart. He turned over, closed his eyes, and made a quiet promise to himself that he would not stop running, no matter what. 30
- 7 Sports Day arrived. The sky was bright and the field smelled of cut grass.

- Aaron stood at the anchor mark, his stomach in a tight twist. The whistle blew. Yu Wen exploded off the starting line and put their team in first place. Ravi took the baton, ran a steady, confident sprint, and passed it smoothly to Justin. 35
- 8 Then Justin's foot slid on a damp patch of grass. The baton tumbled out of his hand and rolled toward the inside of the track. By the time he had picked it up, two other teams had already overtaken him. He ran the last twenty metres with tears in his eyes. 40
- 9 When Justin pressed the baton into Aaron's hand, Aaron's first thought was that the race was already lost. He pushed off anyway. His legs felt heavy at first, but then something inside him caught fire. He passed one runner. Then another. He did not look at the crowd. He did not look at the finish line. He looked at the ground three metres ahead and kept moving forward. 45
- 10 When Aaron crossed the line, his team had finished in third place, not last. He bent over, hands on his knees, struggling for breath. He could hear the cheering, but he could not yet lift his head. Then he felt arms around him. Yu Wen, Ravi and Justin were all hugging him at once. Justin was crying. "I dropped it, I am so sorry, but you — Aaron, you ran like a champion." 50
- 11 Coach Chua came over with a quiet smile. "Third place," he said. "But more importantly, you did not stop. That is the only thing I asked of you. Well done." 55
- 12 That afternoon, walking home, Aaron's medal was only bronze, but it felt heavier than gold in his pocket. He had not won the race, but he had won something else — and for now, he did not yet have the words for what it was.

## END OF BOOKLET A