

## PSLE English · Practice Paper 2

### Booklet A

**25 MARKS**

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

#### CANDIDATE PARTICULARS

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

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

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

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

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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)

- By the time the volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ at the rescue centre, the abandoned puppies had already been fed.
  - arrive
  - arrives
  - arrived
  - have arrived
- Neither the captain nor his teammates \_\_\_\_\_ willing to comment after the disappointing loss.
  - was
  - were
  - is
  - has been
- My grandmother enjoys \_\_\_\_\_ in Mandarin every evening to keep her mind sharp.
  - to read
  - reads
  - reading
  - having read
- “If I \_\_\_\_\_ a librarian,” said Mei Ling, “I would arrange the books by colour as well as by topic.”
  - am
  - was
  - were
  - would be
- The boy \_\_\_\_\_ helmet was found at the playground has finally been located.
  - whose
  - who's
  - who
  - which

6. \_\_\_\_\_ the heavy rain, the children still managed to finish their cross-country race on time.
- (1) Although
  - (2) Despite
  - (3) However
  - (4) Because
7. "You \_\_\_\_\_ touch the wet paint," the workman warned the twins.
- (1) may not
  - (2) cannot
  - (3) must not
  - (4) would not
8. The packet of biscuits, together with three bottles of mineral water, \_\_\_\_\_ been placed in the picnic basket.
- (1) have
  - (2) has
  - (3) are
  - (4) were
9. Of the three brothers, Wei Jie is \_\_\_\_\_ — he can finish a full bowl of laksa in under five minutes.
- (1) the fastest eater
  - (2) a faster eater
  - (3) more faster eater
  - (4) the most fastest eater
10. The community garden \_\_\_\_\_ by Mr Tan for over twenty years before the council finally recognised his work.
- (1) was tended
  - (2) had been tended
  - (3) has been tended
  - (4) is being tended

## 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. After three failed attempts at the science experiment, Aishah was on the \_\_\_\_\_ of giving up.

- (1) brink
- (2) edge
- (3) side
- (4) rim

12. The smell of curry puffs from the bakery was so \_\_\_\_\_ that we could not walk past without buying one.

- (1) delicious
- (2) tempting
- (3) tasty
- (4) enjoyable

13. Wei Jie tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his disappointment behind a smile.

- (1) cover
- (2) secrete
- (3) mask
- (4) shadow

14. Although she had only practised for a week, Suri delivered a \_\_\_\_\_ performance that brought the audience to their feet.

- (1) stunning
- (2) shocking
- (3) stark
- (4) stiff

15. The volunteers worked \_\_\_\_\_, sorting donations until well past midnight.

- (1) tirelessly
- (2) endlessly
- (3) boringly
- (4) neverendingly

## 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)

Last Saturday, I joined my school's volunteer team at a community fundraiser for the Children's Cancer Foundation. The event had drawn over a thousand people, and as we set up the booths, I felt apprehensive<sup>(16)</sup> about whether we would meet our donation target.

By mid-morning, the crowd had grown so large that some of the smaller children were beginning to fret<sup>(17)</sup>. One little girl, no older than four, started to cry when she lost sight of her parents. I scanned the crowd and noticed her mother frantically searching for her near the food stalls.

Without hesitating, I knelt down and reassured<sup>(18)</sup> the girl, telling her I would help her find her family. She quickly stopped crying, gripped my hand tightly, and let me lead her toward the lost-and-found booth, where the staff helped reunite<sup>(19)</sup> her with her mother.

When I returned to my booth, the team leader thanked me warmly. Although I had only spent a few minutes away, I realised that even a small act of kindness could have a profound<sup>(20)</sup> impact on someone else.

16.

- (1) excited
- (2) hopeful
- (3) anxious
- (4) tired

17.

- (1) play
- (2) sing
- (3) worry
- (4) leave

18.

- (1) frightened
- (2) comforted
- (3) ignored
- (4) carried

19.

- (1) introduce
- (2) discover
- (3) protect
- (4) rejoin

20.

- (1) brief
- (2) confusing
- (3) deep
- (4) familiar

## 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.

**GREENVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Community Notice · May 2025

# FUN AT THE FIELD!

## Inter-class Sports & Wellness Day

Saturday · 14 June 2025 · 8.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.



**WHO CAN JOIN?**  
All Primary 4 to Primary 6 students. Parents and younger siblings are welcome as spectators.

**EVENTS**

- **Sprint relay**  
*compulsory for all participants*
- **Basketball shoot-out**  
*P5 and P6 only*
- **Family fun run (1 km)**  
*parents and students together*
- **Healthy snack station**  
*free fresh juice and fruit slices for every participant*

**HOW TO SIGN UP**  
Complete the form at the General Office by 7 June 2025.  
  
Late entries will not be accepted.

**WHAT TO BRING**  
Sports attire, a water bottle, a sun hat.  
  
Spectators: bring umbrellas in case of light rain.

**ENQUIRIES**  
Mr Daniel Soh · PE Department · Staff Office

21. What is the main purpose of the notice?

- (1) To advertise a sports shop near the school.
- (2) To invite students to take part in a school sports event.
- (3) To inform parents about a change in school hours.
- (4) To recruit volunteers for a community charity run.

22. Which of the following is not mentioned in the notice?
- (1) The list of events that students may take part in.
  - (2) The cost of taking part in the event.
  - (3) Who may attend the event as a spectator.
  - (4) The deadline for submitting the sign-up form.
23. If a parent and her Primary 5 daughter want to take part together, which event must they sign up for?
- (1) The sprint relay.
  - (2) The basketball shoot-out.
  - (3) The healthy snack station.
  - (4) The family fun run.
24. Why might spectators need to bring umbrellas?
- (1) In case heavy rain forces the event to be cancelled.
  - (2) In case there is light rain during the event.
  - (3) To use as shade from the sun.
  - (4) Because the event will be held indoors.
25. By when must completed sign-up forms be returned?
- (1) 14 June 2025.
  - (2) By 8.00 a.m. on the day of the event.
  - (3) 7 June 2025.
  - (4) Forms can be submitted on the day of the event.

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 Hawker's Son

- 1 For as long as Wei Jie could remember, his father had run the chicken rice stall at the end of Old Airport Road Food Centre. He had grown up among the clatter of metal ladles, the hiss of steam, and the queue of customers that stretched almost to the carpark on weekends. The stall, named Ah Heng Chicken Rice, had been started by his grandfather in 1972, and the family had refused to change its name ever since. 5
- 2 That morning, however, Wei Jie's stomach had tightened into a small, hot knot. His class — Primary 6 Resilience — was going on a learning journey to a food centre, and his form teacher, Mrs Halimah, had announced that Old Airport Road had been selected. Wei Jie pictured Pravin, the loudest boy in class, pointing at his father's stall and shouting, "Eh, isn't that your dad?" He pictured his father waving. He pictured himself dying a small, private death of embarrassment. 10
- 3 On the morning of the visit, Wei Jie kept to the back of the line. He hoped foolishly that the bus might break down, or that a thunderstorm would force the trip to be cancelled. Nothing of the sort happened. The bus pulled smoothly into the carpark. Wei Jie tried to make himself invisible behind Hong Jin, who was a head taller and twice as wide. 15
- 4 "This way, children," said Mrs Halimah, pausing before a stall. "Now, this stall is famous all over Singapore. The chicken rice here has been featured in food magazines. The owner, Mr Tan, is here today to share with us how he prepares his award-winning dish." Wei Jie felt the heat rush to his face. He kept his eyes on his shoes. 20
- 5 "Good morning, everyone!" said his father warmly, stepping forward. He wore his usual white apron, splattered with sauce, and a faded blue cap. "Welcome to Ah Heng Chicken Rice. My grandfather started this stall fifty-three years ago. Today, I would like to show you why a small thing — a plate of rice — can mean so much." 25
- 6 Mr Tan picked up a bowl of soaked rice and let the grains slide through his fingers. "Look at this rice. Long-grain, slightly broken. Slightly broken rice absorbs the chicken stock better. Some hawkers use cheaper rice. I do not. My grandfather chose this rice. I choose this rice." To Wei Jie's surprise, Pravin and the others leaned in to listen. 30
- 7 "The chicken," continued Mr Tan, "is poached gently in a stock made from

- ginger, spring onion and pandan leaves. The temperature must never rise above a soft simmer, or the meat becomes tough. I check the temperature with my finger. After thirty years, my finger is more accurate than any thermometer.” There was a small, delighted laugh from the class. Wei Jie looked up despite himself. His father spoke with the calm confidence of someone who knew his subject completely. 35
- 8 When Mrs Halimah asked for questions, Pravin's hand shot up first. “Mr Tan, why do you still do all this by hand? Couldn't a machine cook the rice and the chicken?” 40
- 9 “A machine could,” Mr Tan said. “A machine would be faster. But a machine would not know when the rice smells just right. It would not know that the customer at table three is an elderly lady who comes here every Tuesday, and that she likes her chicken with a little extra ginger on the side. Machines do not remember people. Hawkers do. That is the heart of this work.” 45
- 10 Wei Jie felt something shift inside him. He had spent the morning hoping that no one would notice his father. Now he found himself wanting them to know more. He wanted them to know that the stall opened at five in the morning, and closed only when the rice was finished; that his father had taught himself accounting in his spare time so he could keep the books in order; that he had once given a free meal to a homeless man, and refused payment when the man returned a year later. 50  
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- 11 As the class began to leave, Pravin slapped Wei Jie on the back. “Wah, your father is so famous, leh! You never told us your father was the chicken rice expert!” Wei Jie smiled. For the first time that morning, the warmth of his father's stall was something to be proud of, rather than something to be hidden. His father nodded once, and went back to work. 60
- 12 That evening, Wei Jie watched his father unwrap the leftover chicken at home. He noticed the lined hands, the slight stoop, the small steady movements he had seen every day of his life and never really seen. He felt a quiet pride that was, for now, too large for words.

## END OF BOOKLET A

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### Booklet B

**65 MARKS**

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