

PSLE English · Practice Paper 2 · Silver 3

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).

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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)

1. By the time the form teacher _____ the register that morning, Aisha's chair had already been empty for eight school days.

- (1) takes
- (2) took
- (3) had taken
- (4) was taking

2. Either the canteen auntie or the prefects _____ to inform Mrs Devi whenever a pupil is absent without notice.

- (1) is supposed
- (2) are supposed
- (3) has been supposed
- (4) have being supposed

3. Nadia, _____ mother had once been admitted to the same ward, understood exactly what Aisha must be feeling.

- (1) who
- (2) which
- (3) whose
- (4) who's

4. "If I _____ in her place," Mei Xuan said quietly, "I would also be too tired to come to school."

- (1) am
- (2) was
- (3) were
- (4) would be

5. The grandmother apologised for _____ Malay so slowly, but the girls assured her that they understood.

- (1) speak
- (2) to speak
- (3) speaking
- (4) spoken

6. Neither the lift nor the staircase _____ well-lit, so the four of us climbed up together.

- (1) was
- (2) were
- (3) have been
- (4) are being

7. _____ the long ride and the afternoon heat, none of us complained as we cycled to Aisha's block.

- (1) Although
- (2) Despite
- (3) However
- (4) Because

8. "You _____ tell Aisha that we came to look for her," whispered Priya. "Let her decide what to say."

- (1) may not
- (2) cannot
- (3) must not
- (4) would not

9. Of the four of us, Priya is _____ — she had already drafted a letter to the form teacher before we reached home.

- (1) the most organised
- (2) a more organised
- (3) more organiseder
- (4) the organisedest

10. The hardship application _____ by the school welfare committee for nearly a week before Aisha's family was finally contacted.

- (1) was reviewed
- (2) had been reviewed
- (3) has been reviewing
- (4) is being reviewed

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 noticing the empty seat for the third day in a row, I could no longer _____ my curiosity.
- (1) control
 - (2) contain
 - (3) hold
 - (4) keep
12. Mrs Devi gave us such a _____ answer that we knew at once she was hiding something.
- (1) vague
 - (2) blurry
 - (3) unclear
 - (4) foggy
13. The smell of fried bee hoon from the void deck was so _____ that my stomach rumbled all the way up the stairs.
- (1) delicious
 - (2) appetising
 - (3) yummy
 - (4) edible
14. Aisha's grandmother greeted us with a _____ smile, despite the worry written all over her face.
- (1) grateful
 - (2) thankful
 - (3) glad
 - (4) merry
15. The four of us worked _____ over the weekend, dividing the chores so that nothing would be missed.
- (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 term, the four of us in Primary 6 Compassion took part in a school clean-up at Bedok Reservoir. As we set out at sunrise, the lake was so still that I felt a quiet serenity⁽¹⁶⁾ wash over me.

Our task was to collect rubbish along the jogging path. At first, I presumed⁽¹⁷⁾ that there would not be very much, but within ten minutes my bag was already half full. Plastic cups, bottle caps and crumpled tissues lay scattered⁽¹⁸⁾ between the bushes, almost out of sight to a passing jogger.

An elderly man stopped to thank us. He had been walking there every morning for years, he said, and was heartened⁽¹⁹⁾ to see young people caring for the park. His simple kindness made the heavy bags feel much lighter.

By the time we walked back to the bus, the sun had risen fully and the joggers had thinned out. I felt a quiet contentment⁽²⁰⁾ that I had not expected from a few hours of work.

16.

- (1) loneliness
- (2) calmness
- (3) tiredness
- (4) boredom

17.

- (1) doubted
- (2) assumed
- (3) promised
- (4) refused

18.

- (1) arranged
- (2) buried
- (3) strewn
- (4) stacked

19.

- (1) surprised
- (2) encouraged
- (3) amused
- (4) annoyed

20.

- (1) regret
- (2) boredom
- (3) satisfaction
- (4) confusion

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 poster below carefully. Then answer questions 21 to 25.

GREEN HANDS COMMUNITY GARDEN FESTIVAL
A celebration of our neighbourhood's first edible garden!

From bed to bowl - and back again.

Date: Saturday, 13 June 2026
Time: 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
Venue: Green Hands Community Garden, beside Block 215

WHAT'S ON

- Guided garden walk (every 30 minutes)
- Cookery demonstration: 'From bed to bowl' - featuring kang kong, long beans and curry leaves
- Free seedling give-away at the tool shed beside the herb beds (one bag per family)
- Storytelling corner for the little ones
- Recipe-swap board: bring a printed family recipe, take one home

COOKERY WORKSHOP

- 'Cooking with neighbourhood greens' - hands-on, 60 minutes
- Register by 6 June 2026 at the RC office or scan the QR code
- Limited to 20 residents; halal-friendly station available.

WHAT TO BRING

- A reusable bag for your seedlings and any harvested vegetables.
- A water bottle (refill points on-site).
- Sun hat and sunscreen - most of the festival is outdoors.

IF IT RAINS

- Light rain: festival continues under the void deck of Block 215.
- Heavy rain: please check the RC notice board after 8.00 a.m.

ENQUIRIES
Organised by Block 215 Residents' Committee. Enquiries: rc.block215@email.example

21. What is the main purpose of the poster?

- (1) To advertise a new restaurant opening in the neighbourhood.
- (2) To invite residents to volunteer at a community garden.
- (3) To announce the opening of a community garden festival.
- (4) To recruit students for a school gardening club.

- 22.** Which of the following will not be available at the festival?
- (1) A cookery demonstration using vegetables grown on-site.
 - (2) Free seedlings for residents to take home.
 - (3) A lucky draw for festival attendees.
 - (4) A storytelling session for young children.
- 23.** Where exactly will the seedling give-away take place?
- (1) At the main stage near the playground.
 - (2) At the tool shed beside the herb beds.
 - (3) At the void deck of Block 215.
 - (4) At the multi-purpose hall on the second floor.
- 24.** Why are visitors advised to bring a reusable bag?
- (1) So that the organisers can save money on plastic bags.
 - (2) So that visitors can carry home their seedlings and harvested vegetables.
 - (3) Because plastic bags will be sold at the festival.
 - (4) Because the festival is also a recycling drive.
- 25.** By when must residents register if they wish to join the cookery workshop?
- (1) By 6 June 2026.
 - (2) By 8.00 a.m. on the day of the festival.
 - (3) By 13 June 2026.
 - (4) Registration is open on the day of the festival itself.

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 Empty Seat

- 1 The seat behind mine had been empty for eight school days before I finally said anything. Aisha had always been the first to arrive in the morning, her pencil case lined up neatly on the right side of her desk, her water bottle on the left. Now the chair sat tucked in, exactly as the cleaner had left it the previous Friday. Each morning I turned around, half expecting her bag to be on the hook, and each morning the hook was bare. 5
- 2 On the ninth day, I asked Mrs Devi. She paused for a moment longer than she usually did before answering, as if choosing her words from a small, careful pile. "Aisha is dealing with some family matters," she said. "Please don't worry yourselves. She'll be back when she can." Her smile was kind but final. 10
- 3 At recess, I told Nadia, Priya and Mei Xuan what Mrs Devi had said. We sat on the bench outside the library and chewed our curry puffs slowly. Family matters, Nadia repeated, as though the words might mean something different if she turned them over in her mouth. We all knew that, in Mrs Devi's careful way of speaking, family matters could mean almost anything. 15
- 4 "She lives in Block 411," said Priya, who had once been to Aisha's flat for a school project. "Ground-floor unit, near the void deck." She looked at us. "We could just go, after school. Bring her something. See if she is all right."
- 5 It was a fifteen-minute cycle from school to Aisha's block. We rode in single file along the park connector, our schoolbags bouncing against our backs. None of us spoke very much. I think we were all rehearsing, silently, what we might say if Aisha did not want to see us. We had agreed in advance that, if her door was closed, we would simply leave the kueh we had bought at the void-deck stall on the floor mat and cycle home. 20
- 6 Her grandmother answered the door. She was a small woman in a faded baju kurung, with hands that looked as though they had spent many years near a stove. She did not speak much English, and our Malay was poor. Still, between the four of us, with gestures and a few patient repetitions, we understood. 25
- 7 Aisha's mother had been admitted to hospital almost two weeks earlier. The doctors had said it would take time. Aisha's father worked the night shift at the port, which meant that, during the day, Aisha had been the one looking after her two younger siblings — a brother in Primary 2, and a sister who was not yet old enough for kindergarten. The grandmother had come down from Johor to help, but she did not know the neighbourhood well, and the children were 30

- shy with her. Aisha, exhausted, had asked the school for a few days off. The few days had stretched on. 35
- 8 Aisha came out of the bedroom while her grandmother was still speaking. She was wearing the same T-shirt I had once seen her wear at Sports Day. Her younger sister clung to her hand. Aisha looked at the four of us standing at her door, and for a moment her eyes filled, though no tears fell. “You didn’t have to come,” she said quietly. 40
- 9 “We know,” said Mei Xuan, just as quietly. “That’s why we came.”
- 10 On the cycle home, we worked it out without much discussion. Mei Xuan’s mother ran a small halal kitchen at the coffee shop near our school; Mei Xuan would ask if she could send over an extra packet of rice and curry each evening for the rest of the week. Nadia, who was always first to finish her homework, would copy out the week’s worksheets and bring them to Aisha so that she would not fall further behind. Priya, the most determined of us, would speak to Mrs Devi about a hardship application — she had seen the form once, on the noticeboard outside the staff room. 45
- 11 I asked what I should do, and the three of them looked at me as though the answer were obvious. “You sit behind her,” said Priya. “When she comes back, you just be there. Don’t make a big thing of it. Don’t ask her anything she doesn’t want to answer. Just sit behind her, like before.” 50
- 12 Aisha came back the following Monday. Her hair was tied back the way it had always been, and her pencil case was in its usual place on the right side of her desk. She did not say where she had been; we did not ask. When she turned around to borrow my eraser, I passed it to her without a word. She gave me a small, tired smile, and turned back to face the front. The seat behind mine was no longer empty, and that, for the moment, was enough. 55
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