

**Mendaki PSLE Standard English
Answer Key**

Section A: Grammar MCQ

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| 1. (4) | 3. (2) | 5. (1) | 7. (2) | 9. (3) |
| 2. (4) | 4. (2) | 6. (3) | 8. (4) | 10. (3) |

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ

- 11. (1)
- 12. (2)
- 13. (4)
- 14. (2)
- 15. (2)

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze MCQ

- 16. (4)
- 17. (2)
- 18. (2)
- 19. (1)
- 20. (1)

Section D: Visual Text Comprehension

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| 21. (4) | 23. (1) | 25. (1) | 27. (2) |
| 22. (3) | 24. (4) | 26. (3) | 28. (2) |

Section E: Grammar Cloze

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| 29. (A) | 34. (J) |
| 30. (F) | 35. (E) |
| 31. (K) | 36. (P) |
| 32. (L) | 37. (H) |
| 33. (M) | 38. (D) |

Section F: Editing

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|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| 39. common | 43. lead | 47. patient |
| 40. regardless | 44. and | 48. separates |
| 41. through | 45. Research | 49. is |
| 42. vibrate | 46. often | 50. in |

Section G: Comprehension Cloze

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|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 51. behind | 56. upside | 61. fortune |
| 52. off | 57. each | 62. stunned/shocked |
| 53. insane/mad/crazy | 58. stumbled/chanced | 63. divided/split |
| 54. along | 59. cupped | 64. off |
| 55. mind | 60. doubt | 65. into |

Section H: Synthesis and Transformation

66. The child's parents will not scold him **no matter** how rude he is.
67. **Mr Fadly** asked the boys where they had gone and why they had not sought permission.
68. **Rohan's** explanation on why he was late did not convince his mother. / **Rohan's** mother was not convinced when he explained why he was late.
69. **Despite** looking everywhere for his book, Daniel could not find it.
70. **Barely** had the final whistle blown when the players fell on their knees in joy.

Section I: Comprehension Open-ended (accept other sensible answers)

71. (i) After two years of planning, he finally managed to go this trip.
(ii) He had heard many exciting stories of the desert.
72. convoy
73. **sand dunes:** tall
cacti: sharp/prickly
scorpions: poisonous/venomous/dangerous
74. The sands made it difficult for Billy to see [1m] and stung his eyes [1m].
75. Grit flew into his eye, and sand entered his nose.
76. **True.** He was having the time of his life.
False. He fell off his camel because he was assaulted by the sandstorm and lost his balance.
False. The convoy took several hours to rescue him.
77. struggled
forthcoming
mustering
78. dust cloud: made it difficult for him to see
distance: too far to walk (or get) help
compass: made it difficult to know where he was going
79. 2
1
3
80. Billy was lucky/unprepared.