

2021 PSLE ENGLISH PAPER 2

Booklet A

Section A: Grammar Multiple Choice (10 X 1 mark)

For each question from 1 to 10, write your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. "You rarely make mistakes in school, _____? Keep it up!" Mrs Mandy told her daughter.
- (1) do you
(2) don't you
(3) have you
(4) haven't you ()
2. Mrs Farhan's three children shared the cake _____ themselves.
- (1) with
(2) along
(3) among
(4) between ()
3. This water bottle is made entirely _____ plastic. It is light yet sturdy.
- (1) in
(2) of
(3) off
(4) with ()
4. "Please inform our technicians _____ you have any problems," said the customer service officer.
- (1) may
(2) must
(3) could
(4) should ()
5. The accused confessed to _____ the money.
- (1) stole
(2) steal
(3) stolen
(4) stealing ()
6. The man _____ you sat next to at the concert looks familiar.
- (1) who
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) whose ()

Nasri is holding _____ some important information from us. We should not readily trust him.

- (1) to
- (2) on
- (3) back
- (4) down ()

7. Kenneth felt an ant _____ up his arm as he was typing his report on his laptop.

- (1) crawl
- (2) crawls
- (3) crawled
- (4) has crawled ()

8. _____ and _____ took our mother out to her favourite restaurant for Mother's Day.

- (1) My brother ... I
- (2) My brother ... us
- (3) Me ... my brother
- (4) My brother ... me ()

9. _____ did Annie expect such a surprise on her birthday. She was blown away!

- (1) Any
- (2) Little
- (3) Much
- (4) None ()

Section B: Vocabulary Multiple Choice (5 X 1 mark)

For each question from 11 to 15, write your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

10. The owner of the lost cat offered a _____ reward to anyone who could return her prized and precious Scottish Fold.

- (1) vast
- (2) hefty
- (3) bulky
- (4) worthy ()

11. Muhammad decided to _____ and ride the momentum to finish his work. He knows he will not feel this motivated for much longer.

- (1) leave no stone unturned
- (2) kill two birds with one stone
- (3) make hay while the sun shines
- (4) bite off more than he can chew ()

12. Mdm Aisyah's daughter is naturally _____. She likes to know all that is going on around her.

- (1) indelible
- (2) indignant
- (3) inquisitive
- (4) incorrigible ()

13. The Singapore Civil Defence Force personnel helped to _____ all the residents from the burning building.

- (1) evict
- (2) remove
- (3) abandon
- (4) evacuate ()

14. 4G networks will soon become _____. Telecommunications networks will soon switch to 5G networks.

- (1) oblong
- (2) obscure
- (3) obsolete
- (4) obdurate ()

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze Multiple Choice (5 X 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Write your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

“The holidays have arrived!” Bala exclaimed (16) euphorically. Bala and his cousins had planned a 3-day 2-night staycation at Sentosa Resorts Hotel, and they intended to make full use of their time there. Packing for the staycation, however, was turning out to be (17) daunting for Bala. He was caught in a (18) predicament about which game console he should bring. “The Playstation or the Nintendo Switch?” he (19) mused.

In the end, Bala (20) settled on neither. He decided that quality family bonding time was the most important thing for this trip.

15. (1) sadly
(2) angrily
(3) elatedly
(4) despairingly ()
16. (1) tiring
(2) thrilling
(3) intimidating
(4) discouraging ()
17. (1) difficulty
(2) dilemma
(3) decision
(4) resolution ()
18. (1) joked
(2) puzzled
(3) brooded
(4) pondered ()
19. (1) decided
(2) rejected
(3) believed
(4) concluded ()

Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 X 1 mark)
Study this advertisement and then answer questions 21 to 28.

ThinkSeven Automative Specialists

Machine Reliability and Quality Service



SOUTHEAST ASIA'S LEADING MANUFACTURER URGENTLY REQUIRES:

A) Full / Part-time Telemarketers

- ✓ Strong communication skills
- ✓ Must have initiative and be tactful in handling customers
- ✓ Some years of relevant experience in telemarketing
- ✓ Hourly-rated salary plus commission

B) Sales Executive

- ✓ Minimum with Diploma or 'A' level
- ✓ PC Literate
- ✓ 1-5 years of sales experience in IT / Presenting products
- ✓ Excellent interpersonal skills

For position A

Interested applicants, please walk in from 19 to 23 October from 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

For position B

Interested applicants, please forward your resume with indication of your present and expected salary together with a recent non-returnable photograph by 24 September to the address below.

June May
Talent Acquisition Specialist
188, Soh Leng Towers
Singapore 560056
email: june.may@national.com.sg

How to Ace your Interviews

Conduct Research on the Hiring Company and People:

Success in a job interview starts with a solid foundation of knowledge on the jobseeker's part. You should understand the employer, the requirements of the job, and the background of the person (or people) interviewing you.

Dress for Success:

Plan out a wardrobe that fits the organisation and its culture, striving for the most professional appearance you can accomplish. Remember that it is always better to be overdressed than under -- and to wear clothing that fits and is clean and pressed. Keep accessories and jewellery to a minimum.

Arrive on Time for the Interview -- and Prepared for Success:

There is no excuse for ever arriving late for an interview -- other than some sort of disaster. Strive to arrive about 15 minutes before your scheduled interview to complete additional paperwork and allow yourself time to get settled.

Make Good First Impressions -- to Everyone You Encounter:

Be polite and offer warm greetings to everyone you meet -- from the parking attendant or the receptionist to the hiring manager. Employers often are curious how job applicants treat staff members -- and your job offer could easily be withdrawn if you are rude or arrogant to any of the staff. When it is time for the interview, keep in mind that first impressions -- the ones interviewers make in the first few seconds of greeting you -- can make or break an interview.

Be Authentic, Upbeat, Focused, Confident, Candid, and Concise:

Once the interview starts, the key to success is the quality and delivery of your responses. Your goal should always be authenticity, responding truthfully to interview questions. At the same time, your goal is to get to the next step, so you will want to provide focused responses that showcase your skills, experience, and fit -- with the job and the employer. Provide solid examples of solutions and accomplishments -- but keep your responses short and to the point.

For each question from 21 to 28, write your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

20. ThinkSeven Automation Specialists is in urgent need of _____.

- (1) several sales executives and telemarketers
- (2) full/part-time telemarketers and a temporary sales executive
- (3) a sales executive and full/part-time telemarketers
- (4) both temporary and permanent sales executives and telemarketers ()

21. Candidates for both vacancies must _____.

- (1) have computer knowledge
- (2) be experienced in their respective fields only
- (3) have knowledge in the use of computers and communicate well
- (4) be able to communicate well and be experienced in their respective fields ()

22. Which position/s is/are required to deal with customers?

- (1) Sales executives only
- (2) Part-time telemarketers only
- (3) Both Full-time and Part-time telemarketers
- (4) Sales Executives, Full-time and Part-time telemarketers ()

23. An applicant for the post of sales executive can either _____.

- (1) send his/her resume by post or email
- (2) attend an interview or call up the company
- (3) email his/her resume or attend an interview
- (4) call up the company or submit his/her resume by hand ()

24. Which of the following is the best reason for conducting research on the company or the people whom you are interviewing for?

- (1) You will be better prepared to answer possible interview questions.
- (2) You can show off to the interviewer/s how much you know about them.
- (3) You will be better able to impress them with the knowledge of their history.
- (4) You will be able to manipulate the interview to your advantage since you have studied their personality types. ()

25. Why are you encouraged to arrive early for an interview?

- (1) You allow yourself some time to settle down.
- (2) You can observe the dynamics of the workplace.
- (3) You will be able to calm your nerves and anxiety.
- (4) You allow yourself some time, just in case you need to use the bathroom. ()

26. Which of the following would be considered making a good first impression?

- (1) Greeting the coffee lady and the interviewer.
- (2) Dressing well and offering a very firm handshake.
- (3) Being early and nonchalant towards the interviewer when you introduce yourself.
- (4) Showing off your knowledge of the company and responding truthfully to interview questions. ()

27. Which word best replaces the word “authentic” in the last section?

- (1) pure
- (2) honest
- (3) original
- (4) authoritative ()

Booklet B

Section E: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) from	(D) and	(G) with	(K) that	(N) onto
(B) by	(E) towards	(H) up	(L) down	(P) over
(C) to	(F) at	(J) then	(M) into	(Q) for

A ex-naval officer who punched a motorist on the face **(29)**_____ a parking incident was ordered by the court to pay a fine of \$1,500. Diana Foo, 46, admitted fighting **(30)**_____ Loo Soo Teck, 63, at the car park of Block 123 Yishun Ring Road on July 4 last year.

The court heard **(31)**_____ Loo, a retiree, was driving with his wife as passenger when he tried to reverse **(32)**_____ a car park lot at Block 107. Just **(33)**_____, Foo drove and stopped her car close to Loo's **(34)**_____ prevent him from reversing. He then stuck his hand out of the car window and waved **(35)**_____ Foo to reverse her car, but she did not and gestured in return. Loo then got **(36)**_____ and approached Foo's car, opened the front passenger side door and asked her to reverse her car.

A dispute arose. Loo slammed Foo's door and while he was walking back to his car, Foo punched him on the face. He blocked the attack **(37)**_____ raising his arms but she continued to punch him. He then retaliated, causing her to fall. When she got **(38)**_____, she tried to attack Loo again. Loo has been fined \$200. Foo could have been jailed for up to 15 months and/or fined up to \$10,000 for the offence.

Section F: Editing (12 X 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contains either a grammatical or spelling error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

(39)

The wild boar lowered its head. It snorted. Xena realise that it was about

to charge. She thought back to her father's words. "Pretend you are a boar."

(40)

She screamed; a high-pitched, rezonent scream. Xena raised her arms

(41)

and flapped it threateningly at the boar. She screamed again. It was not a

(42)

scream of fear, but of threat. The boar was stuttled. It hesitated, then turned

and crashed back into the forest.

(43)

Xena took a shuddering breath. She started to trambel and clasped her

arms to stop them shaking. She felt cold, and turned to grab the shawl that had

(44)

(45)

fell off when she was praying to the gawddes. When she turned back, she saw

the bushes rustling.

Xena prepared herself. In case the wild boar returned. She breathed a sigh

(46)

(47)

of relieve when Tarzan, the loyal hound, emerged over through the trees, nose

(48)

to the ground, following the trayle of the boar. He caught Xena's scent and

(49)

barqed with joy. He leap up at her and licked her face all over. Xena laughed

(50)

and pushed him away.

Section G: Comprehension Cloze (15 X 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Ole Kirk Christiansen was a carpenter from Denmark. He conceptualised and invented the design of Lego (51)_____. He came from a (52)_____ family and worked as a carpenter to make ends (53)_____, and used his workplace skills to begin to produce toys made out of wood for sale. He considered it as his real job (54)_____ the time, constructing miniature furniture and houses to sell. By 1934, his company was already addressed as Lego, the (55)_____ under which the toys would become famous as.

In 1947, he decided to use plastic to make these toys. In 1949, his company started to (56)_____ toys called 'automatic binding bricks', which were comprised of interlocking bricks. Christiansen named this product after his company, Lego, which was (57)_____ from the Danish phrase *leg godt*, which means 'play well.' He also emphasised on his employees the (58)_____ of quality.

In 1954, his son, Godtfred Kirk Christiansen, assumed the (59)_____ of Lego Group's junior managing director. He was credited for introducing Lego bricks as a more enjoyable and fun toy system. In January 1958, months (60)_____ Ole Kirk's death, the patent for the modern version of Lego bricks was approved.

Today, the Lego Group has progressed even (61)_____. It has designed and manufactured thousands of (62)_____ sets that are guaranteed to (63)_____ fun and enjoyment to everyone, with a range of themes and licensed special editions (64)_____ on movies and TV shows. The company has expanded to include movies, books, video games,

clothing, and even Legoland theme parks, and is now one of the most
(65)_____ brands in the world.

adapted from <https://brickipedia.fandom.com/wiki/LEGO>

Section H: Synthesis and Transformation (5 X 2 marks)

For each question from 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. You should press the emergency button if the lift is stuck.

Unless _____
_____.

67. Someone dropped the iPad accidentally.

The iPad _____
_____.

68. You must key in the correct password to unlock the phone.

_____ without
_____.

69. "I did all the chores on my own today," Ariff complained.

Ariff complained _____
_____.

70. The students practised for the play. They did so very enthusiastically.

It was with _____
_____.

<p>The ball curled right into the top right-hand corner of the goal, hit its target square on and swished satisfyingly into the net. There was a split second of absolute silence before the crowd erupted. Before I could react, my teammates were crowding around me, cheering, hugging, and crying.</p>	45
<p>When the final whistle blew after what felt like a lifetime later, I felt a rush of emotions as I watched the exuberant crowd celebrating in the stands. What a way to end my career!</p>	50

71. Based on the information given about the writer, fill in the blanks in the following table. [3]

An adjective to describe the writer	Evidence
accomplished	
	The writer had spent his entire playing career playing only for his hometown club.
determined	

72. What emotion is being conveyed when the writer said that he did not want to disappoint his coach, his teammates and his family? [1m]

73. Which phrase suggests that both teams did not want to give an inch to the other? [1m]

74. Why were the writer and his teammates getting “increasingly anxious”? (line 15) [2m]

75. Which sentence shows that the writer is someone who is persistent and not emotional? [1m]

76. From lines 23 to 43, choose a word that has the same meaning as the following word or phrases. [3m]

(a) prevented from accomplishing	
(b) stole	
(c) exemplifying or characterising	

77. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. The first one has been done for you. [3m]

Word from the passage	Who the word refers to
my (line 4)	the writer
we (line 7)	
us (line 15)	
we (line 27)	

78. Write 1, 2, and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. [1m]

_____ The writer got past the last defender.

_____ The writer received the lobbed pass.

_____ The writer pretended to shoot.

79. Why do you think it “felt like a lifetime” for the writer before the final whistle blew? [2m]

80. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
The writer believed it would be an easy win.		
The win was solely due to the effort of the writer as he had scored the winning goal.		
The final score was 1-0, with the writer's team winning and the opposing team did not score.		

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