Primary 5 Parents' Briefing Principal's Address

17 January 2022

Welcome To All Parents

 Wishing you and your family a safe and happy year ahead

Looking forward to a strong partnership

for 2022





Agenda

	Principal's Briefing		Year Head's Briefing
1.	Introduction of School Personnel	1.	Assessment Matters
2.	School Vision, Mission and Values	2.	Level Programmes
3.	Parents - Partners in Education	3.	Home-School Partnership
4.	Key Feature of PSLE Scoring from 2021	4.	Parents Kit – Starting School Right
5.	Subject-Base Banding (SBB) at P5		
6.	Other Important Matters		

Year Head / P5 Form Teachers

Class	Mrs Kris Hay	Year Head Upper Primary
5A	Ms Christine Teo	Form Teacher
5A	Ms Lam Hui Zhen	Form Teacher
5B	Ms Eileen Loo	Form Teacher
5B	Mr Fazli	Form Teacher
5B	Mrs Kris Hay	Form Teacher
5C	Mr Stanley Chia	Form Teacher
5C	Ms Stella Teoh	Form Teacher

Our Vision

Confident Individuals Thinking Learners Engaged Leaders



Our Mission



Our **SPARK** Values

Sincerity to self and others Passion for learning Aspiration to succeed Resilience in life Kindness to all



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"Every Damaian has self-discipline to uphold our SPARK values."

Sincerity to self and others	Honesty / Care / Respect
Passion for learning	Responsibility / Self-directed / Curiosity
Aspiration to succeed	Commitment / Seek to improve
Resilience in life	Perseverance / Adaptability
Kindness to all	Helpful / Empathy

Good Discipline

- The school believes that good discipline is an important factor to help create positive school with a conducive environment for our students
- We try our best to teach and instil self-discipline in all Damaians
- All Damaians need to know our school rules



Parents are important partners in education

- Trust is the foundation
- Remember the child as our focus
- Understand our shared responsibilities
- Seek common ground
- Together, we work towards common goals



At DPS, we value parent-teacher communication via

- Parents Gateway
- Student Handbook
- Emails
- Phone calls via school line 6445 6483
- Meetings
- School Website
- Letters to parents
- Parents' Briefings
- Parents-Teacher Meeting





First point of contact – Form Teachers / Subject Teachers

Level-related matters – Year Heads

School-related matters – Admin Manager / School Leaders

School is still the best point of contact

- Seek parents' understanding for the following:
 - Teachers can be contacted during school days between 7.30 am and 5.30 pm
 - Teachers may only be able to respond on the next working day if they are not contactable or unable to access their email promptly during the day or if the queries and / or requests are made beyond the school hours
 - •Teachers will try their best to respond to all queries and feedback within 3 working days. For complicated matters / issues, we seek your understanding that more time may be required to resolve them before we get back to you.

- Seek parents' understanding for the following:
 - •Teachers are not expected to respond to parents' and students' queries during the weekends except for emergencies.
 - •If the queries and / or requests made during school hours are urgent, please contact the school's General Office for assistance.
 - Teachers are not expected to provide their personal phone number to parents.

Principal's Monthly Letter to Parents

- Keep a look out for the Principal's Letter to Parents
- Important information is available for parents to allow you to keep posted of the school matters

Attendance in School

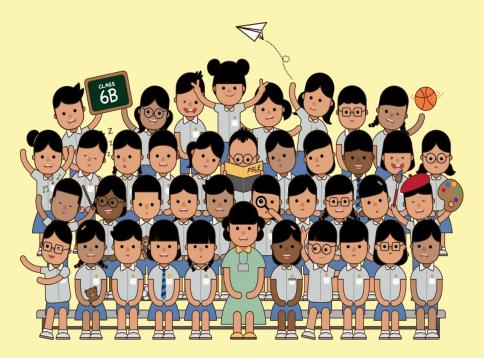
- Your child's attendance in school is important and compulsory
- Only when your child is in school will we be able to nurture him/her
- Let's work to support your child to have a good start to P5 in 2022



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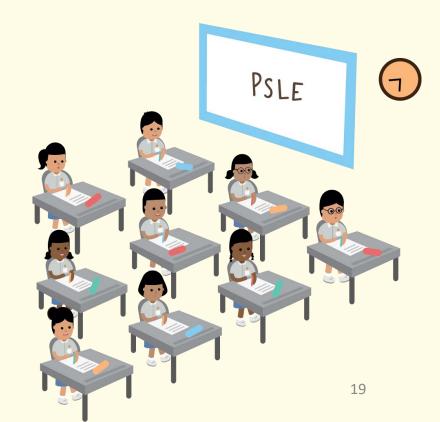
- Help our children to cultivate the good habit of responsibility and punctuality in primary school
- Students are to report to the classrooms for attendance-taking and morning assembly by 7.30 am
- Ensure your child be in school 5 to 10 min before 7.30 am to give them time to reach the classrooms for morning assembly
- Students who are not in school by 7.30 am to participate in flagraising together with the student population, will be deemed late for school
- Habitual late-coming will be noted and included in student's behaviour record which will impact the conduct grade of the students

KEY FEATURES OF PSLE SCORING FROM 2021



THE PSLE REMAINS A USEFUL CHECKPOINT

- To understand where our children are at in their learning after six years of primary school
- Gauge their learning needs so that they can progress to a secondary school and take subjects at a suitable level



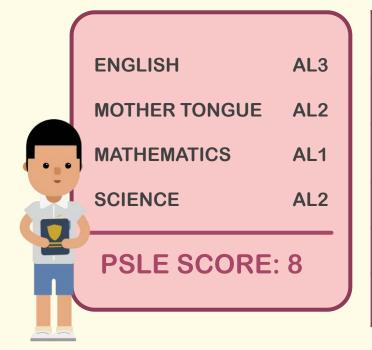
SCORING BANDS

- 8 Achievement Levels with different raw mark range
- AL bands and mark ranges are set based on the learning objectives of the curriculum, and mirror the way we learn
- The ALs were designed to reflect this reality of learning. They help educators, students, and parents know how ready students are to access the curriculum at the next level.
- Students' AL for each subject will reflect their individual level of achievement

AL	RAW MARK RANGE
1	≥ 90
2	85 – 89
3	80 – 84
4	75 – 79
5	65 – 74
6	45 – 64
7	20 – 44
8	< 20

PSLE SCORE

- PSLE Score is obtained by adding the ALs of four subjects.
- The PSLE Score ranges from 4 to 32, with 4 being the best.
- Students will be placed in secondary school courses based on their PSLE score – Express, Normal (Academic) or Normal (Technical).



PLACEMENT OUTCOME	PSLE SCORE
EXPRESS	4 – 20
EXPRESS / N(A) OPTION	21 – 22
N(A)	23 – 24
N(A) / N(T) option	25
N(T)	26-30, with AL7 or better in both EL <u>and</u> MA

FOUNDATION LEVEL SUBJECT GRADES TO BE LESS FINELY DIFFERENTIATED

- Foundation subject grades will be graded in 3 scoring bands from AL A to C.
- Like Standard subject ALs, the Foundation subject ALs will reflect a student's level of achievement, rather than how they have performed relative to their peers.

Foundation Level AL Reflected on Result Slip	Foundation Raw Mark Range
Α	75 – 100
В	30 – 74
С	< 30

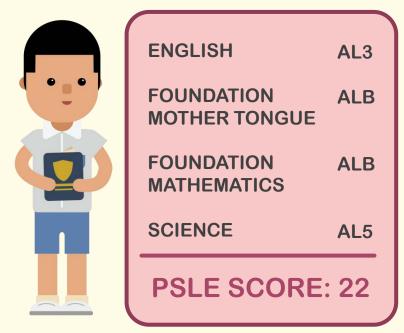
FOUNDATION LEVEL SUBJECT GRADES

- For the purpose of S1 posting, Foundation level AL A to AL C will be mapped to AL 6 to AL 8 of Standard level subjects respectively, to derive a student's overall PSLE Score.
- This mapping is based on the learning and assessment load of the subjects, and informs students of their readiness to access the curriculum at the secondary level.

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A	75 – 100	6	45-64
В	30 – 74	7	20-44
С	< 30	8	<20

SCORING OF FOUNDATION SUBJECTS FOR S1 POSTING

- A student's PSLE Score is the sum of the four AL scores across his/her Standard and Foundation subjects.
- Students taking Foundation subjects are eligible for the Express Course, as long as they meet the course placement criteria.
- With Full Subject-based Banding in secondary schools, students may also take subjects at a higher level for those that they are strong in.



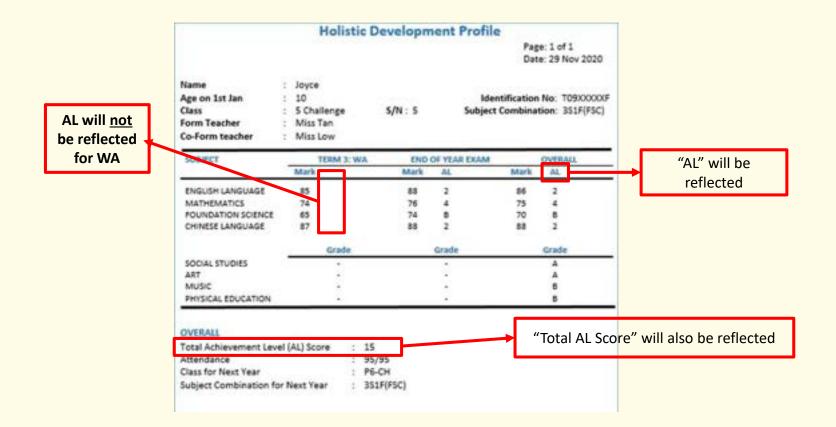
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PRESENTATION OF RESULTS IN ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS



PRESENTATION OF RESULTS IN ALS

- School-based examination results of P5 and P6 students will be presented in ALs.
- This will help familiarise students and parents with the new AL scoring system.
- The AL reflects the mastery of a broader curriculum, rather than for topical or component performance. As such, <u>AL will not be reflected for weighted assessments (WA).</u>



SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (PRIMARY) OFFERING DIFFERENT SUBJECT COMBINATIONS



SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (PRIMARY)

- Offers students the option of Standard and Foundation Subjects, depending on their strengths.
- Allow students to focus on and stretch their potential in the subjects they are strong in while building up the fundamentals in the subject they need more support in.

■ The new PSLE scoring system <u>will not change</u> the considerations for deciding on a student's subject combination.

SUBJECT-BASED BANDING (PRIMARY)

- Schools will continue to recommend based on the following:
 - Student's aptitude, motivation and performance in each subject;
 - Student's ability to cope with a particular subject combination; and
 - Whether the subject combination focuses sufficiently on literacy and numeracy, and facilitates the student's articulation to secondary school and beyond.
- Offering subjects at Foundation level is <u>not a disadvantage to the students</u>.
 It enables them to focus on building up strong fundamentals in these subjects and better prepares them for progression to secondary school.

Subject-Based Banding at P5

End of Primary 5

Student takes a subject combination determined by the school

Student who meets expectations will continue with the same subject combination

Student who has difficulty coping and does not meet expectations will switch subject combination or do subjects at the foundation level

End of Primary 6
Student will sit for PSLE

Subject-Based Banding at P5

At the End of Primary 5...

- School exercises professional judgement and autonomy to decide on the level of the subjects to be taken by students in P6, which includes emplacing a student in a less demanding subject combination so as to serve the best interest of the student.
- Recommendation will be based on:
 - -Student's aptitude, motivation and performance in each subject
 - -Student's ability to cope with a particular subject combination

SCORING FOR MTL-EXEMPT AND STUDENTS STUDYING AN ASIAN LANGUAGE/ FOREIGN LANGUAGE (AsL/FL) IN LIEU OF AN MTL



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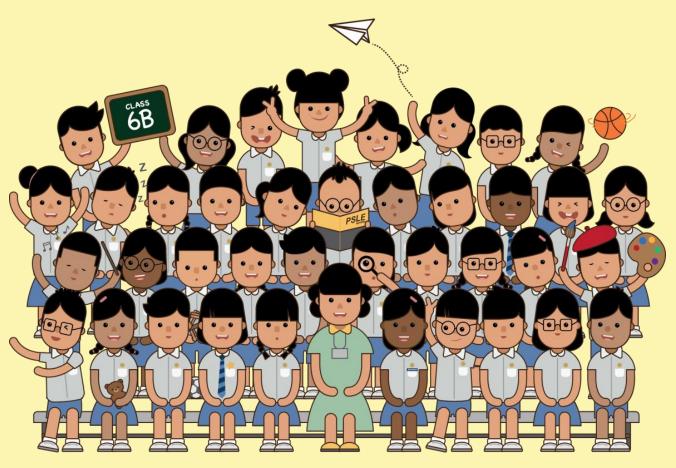
- For students who are exempted from MTL or take an AsL/FL in lieu of an official MTL, their PSLE result slip will only reflect the three subjects they have taken.
- However, for the purposes of Secondary 1 posting, these students will need an assigned MTL score so that they have a PSLE score comprising four subjects
 - □ To determine the assigned MTL score, reference is made to MTL scores of other students who have achieved similar scores in English, Mathematics, and Science.



SCORING FOR MTL-EXEMPT AND AsL/FL STUDENTS

- In reviewing the score assignment for these students under the PSLE scoring system, we needed to strike a balance between:
 - Acknowledging that students have valid reasons for seeking MTL exemption or taking an AsL/FL, and
 - Ensuring some parity between scoring for exemption, Foundation and Standard MTL.
- Under the new scoring system, the assigned MTL score will:
 - □ Take reference from peers with similar scores for English, Mathematics and Science;
 - □ While maintaining parity of treatment with students who take Foundation MTL (who will score between AL 6 to 8).
- Hence, students will receive an assigned MTL score between AL 6 to 8 in PSLE.

THANK YOU!



Parents' Support

- Child's attendance in school is key
- Child's attention and focus during lesson is important
- Encourage child to ask questions to clarify and understand better
- Ensure child completes homework given
- Daily / Regular revision
 - revisit the lesson/concept taught for the day
 - revisit concepts learnt from P1 to P4
- Encourage child to continue to improve

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Damaians are to

- Attend school regularly
- Take learning during lessons seriously
- Develop good study habits
- Complete homework and learning activities given
- Exercise self-discipline and diligence to revise daily
- Seek clarification and help from teachers, classmates or friends when they face difficulty
- Demonstrate Passion for Learning, Aspiration to Succeed and Resilience in Life

Other Gentle Reminders

- Students are to bring thermometer and trace together tokens every day
- Students are encouraged to be vaccinated to protect themselves and others
 - Update the school via this link [January Letter Pg 3] https://go.gov.sg/dpsvaccination

At Damai Primary School

- Provide a safe and conducive learning environment
- Have supportive and caring teachers and staff to journey with your children for their holistic development
- Be our supportive partners for your children
 - -Work closely with the teachers
- Be the positive role models for our Damaians

Have a great 2022 ahead!

Parents Briefing

By Mrs Kris Hay

Year Head (Upper Primary)



Damai Primary School

Assessment Matters

MT Spelling : Every Tuesday

• **EL Spelling** : Every Thursday

- Topics and Weightage :
 - Refer to "School Assessment Policy"
 - No MYE at P5
 - P5 EYE TOS will be issued at a later date.

Assessment Matter - Absence

- Any absence must be supported by medical certificate issued by a medical doctor or other supporting document
- There will be no retake for school's MYE/EYE (except for the ORAL exam)

NOTE:-

If your child/ward is unwell, he/she should be resting and recuperating at home.

The well-being of the child is MOST IMPORTANT.

Modes of Feedback

Term 1 and Term 3 – Communicating students' progress in areas like Motivation, Communication and Teamwork

Developing	Competent	Exceeding			
		✓			
	✓				
	✓				
	✓				
		√			
	√				
Interacts positively with group members					
3. Teamwork					
	✓				
	Developing				

Important Note on PSLE

Eraser Pen is not allowed for use during examination.

- It is a retractable erasable **pen** that allows you to write, remove and rewrite without the use of a correction tape.
- E.g. Frixon Pen

Students are <u>advised not to use correction fluid / tape in the examinations as it may affect legibility of the answers.</u>

- Since 2021, for FEL, FSC (Booklet B), FMA (Booklet 1B), MT, FMT and HMT papers, students are to use dark blue or black ballpoint pen (with tip size of 0.5mm) in answering non-MCQ questions. (This is to facilitate onscreen marking for PSLE.)
- Do not highlight <u>answers</u> for the above papers as it <u>will</u> affect legibility of the answers.
- Onscreen marking would be rolled out for more papers in 2022 so it would be good for students to develop the habit of adopting the above practice in their daily work/ school exams.



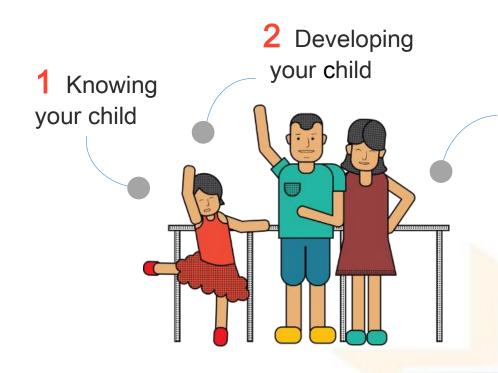
How are we doing? OUR LEVEL PROGRAMMES

Our Level Programmes

- Road Safety Walk
- P1 P5 Buddy Programme
- E2K Programme [Math / Science]
- P5 Camp
- Values In Action Programmes
- Learning Journeys
- Learning for Life Programmes (LLP)
 - SPARKs@Play
- Applied Learning Programmes (ALP)
 - Digital and Media Literacy @ Damai

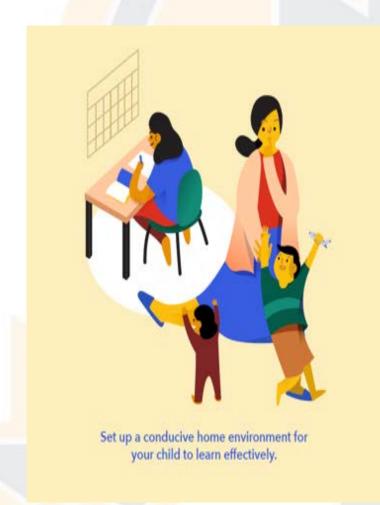
SCHOOL-PARENT PARTNERSHIP

Partnering The School



3 Keeping in touch with the school

- Developing good habits by setting routines at home
- Setting up a conducive home environment.
 - e.g. At home, set up a well-lit desk and a study area
 - e.g. Parent could read with their children, set them housework etc.
- Encourage your child to pack his/her own schoolbag and bring required items to school



- Develping your child to be a selfdirected learner
 - Allow your child to attempt the homework on his/her own
 - Encourage your child to approach the teacher if he/she needs help with homework
 - Parents can direct your child to their Student Handbook for assignments to be completed for the day.



If you do your child's homework, he/she will lose the opportunity to learn.

- Develping your child to be a selfdirected learner
- Work with your child's teachers to understand his/her strengths, interests and development in academic and non-academic areas.
- Recognise your child's small successes beyond academic results
- Praise your child for his/her efforts, without focusing only on the outcome



If you keep going to the teacher for daily updates, your child will miss the chance to learn about responsibility.

- Building resilience in your child
- To try and not to give up if facing challenges
- To manage friendship issue
- To instil self-discipline



School-Home Partnership

- Familiarise yourself with school communication platforms
- Read the Student Handbook, parent memos & notifications
- Build good relationships & trust the teachers to want the best for each student

School-Home Partnership

- Proper school uniforms include name tag
- Report to school punctually
- School driveway drop and go
- Safety utmost importance
 Eg Follow rules, no parking on
 the red zone outside main gate,
 Be punctual in picking up your child



School-Home Partnership

Parent Gateway

- Turn on the notification function on Parents Gateway.
- Check in with your child if there is any PG notifications put up by the school.

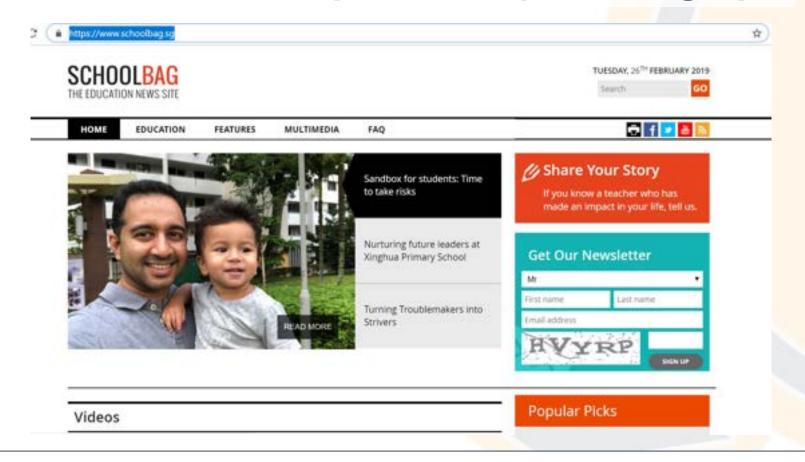


Parents Must Not:-

- Allow the child to stay at home during school days when they are well
- Bring them overseas during school days
- Do homework or assignments for them
- Make Home Delivery for forgotten items
- Rescue them from the consequences of their actions
- Hide or give reasons to justify mistakes or wrongdoing

Support Your Child

Explore "SCHOOLBAG" portal for parenting tips



https://www.schoolbag.sg/

Upcoming Parent Engagement Session

Parent-Teacher-Student Conference (PTSC)

- Thursday 26 May 2022
- Release of School Report Book Holistic Development Profile

Thank you for your Support, Trust & Partnership

Core Subject Briefing

Standard Subjects



Damai Primary School



Term 1, 2 & 3

- Students to build a strong foundation in English and apply their knowledge, skills and strategies in order to use the language to good effect.
- Emphasis will be on the building of skills at an increasingly sophisticated level
- •Milestone checks at regular intervals to monitor students' progress

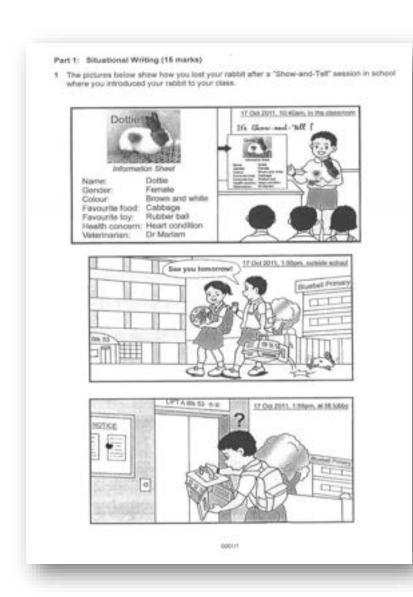
P5 English – Format of Paper

Paper	Standard
Paper 1: Writing a. Situational Writing b. Continuous Writing	55 marks (Weighting – 27.5%)
Paper 2: Language Use & Comprehension	95 marks (Weighting – 47.5%)
Paper 3: Listening Comprehension	20 marks (Weighting – 10%)
Paper 4: Oral a. Reading Aloud b. Stimulus-based Conversation	30 marks (Weighting – 15%)
Total	200 marks (100%)

P5 English - Format of Paper (Standard)

PAPER	COMPONENT	ITEM TYPE	NO OF ITEMS	MARKS	WEIGHTI NG
1 Writing (1h 10 min)	Situational Writing	Open ended	1 item	15	27.5%
	Continuous Writing		1 item	40	

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)



Your Task

imagine you are the boy in the pictures.

Write a letter to the residents of your neighbourhood asking them to return your rabbit to you if they see it.

You are to refer to the pictures and information on page 4 for your letter.

in your writing, include the following key information:

- · the date you lost your rabbit
- where you were when you found out your rabbit was missing
- some physical features of your rabbit.
- · why your rabbit is in need of care
- · how you can be contacted

You may reorder the points. Remember to write in complete sentences.

- Clear understanding of PURPOSE, AUDIENCE, AND CONTEXT
- Clear presentation of ideas
- Points well –linked and wellsequenced.
- Minimal grammatical mistakes

Part 2: Continuous Writing

Standard (40 marks)

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

 Write a composition of at least 150 words about a challenge.

The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- · What was the challenge?
- · Why was it challenging?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.







- Ideas relevant, clear, developed, & interesting
- Word choice
- Sentence structures
- Meaningful links

End of Paper

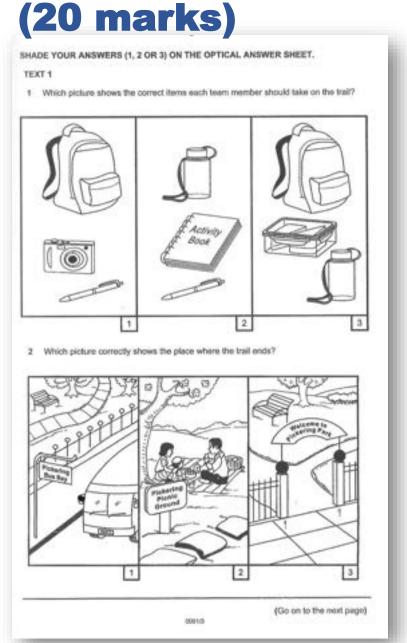
P5 English Language – Format of Paper

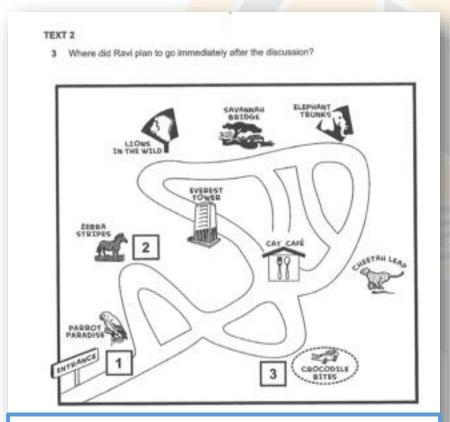
PAPER	COMPONENT	ITEM TYPE	NO OF ITEMS	MARKS	WEIGHTIN G %
2 Language use and	Booklet A Grammar	MCQ	10 items	10	47.5%
Comprehension	Vocabulary	MCQ	5 items	5	
(1h 50 min)	Vocabulary Cloze	MCQ	5 items	5	
	Visual Text Comprehension	MCQ	8 items	8	
	Booklet B Grammar Cloze	Open- ended	10 items	10	
	Editing for Spelling and Grammar	Open- ended	12 items	12	
	Comprehension Cloze	Open- ended	15 items	15	
	Synthesis and Transformation	Open- ended	5 items	10	
	Comprehension OE	Open- ended	10 items	20	

P5 English Language – Format of Paper

PAPER	COMPONENT	ITEM TYPE	NO OF ITEMS	MARKS	WEIGHTI NG %
3 Listening Comprehensi on (Abt 35 min)	Listening Comprehension	MCQ	20 items	20	10%
4 Oral (Abt 10 min)	Reading Aloud Stimulus-based Conversation	Open- ended	1 passage 1 visual stimulus	10 20	15%
			Total	200	100%

Listening Comprehension: Paper 3

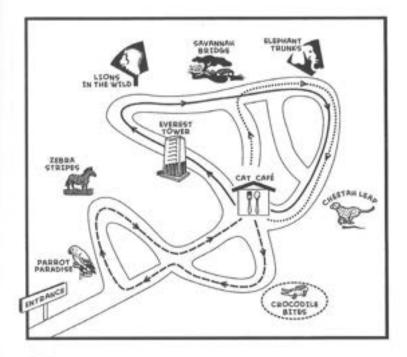




- Tests ability to understand spoken English
- May be in the form of news items, announcements, adverts, instructions, explanations, conversations, speeches & stories

Listening Comprehension: Paper 3 (20 marks)

4 Which of the three lines shows the route that Mei Chin plans to take?



- 1 -----
- 2
- 3 ----

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TEXT 4

- 8 Why did Rose choose to be a part-time usher?
 - (1) She could meet a lot of people.
 - (2) She could watch concerts for free.
 - (3) She could often take photographs with famous actors.
- 9 According to Rose, what is the most challenging task in her work?
 - (1) to provide people with good service.
 - (2) to understand people's needs
 - (3) to deal with difficult people
- 10 Which one of the following is true about Rose and the man?
 - (1) Rose was annoying but the man was funny.
 - (2) Rose was polite but the man was inconsiderate.
 - (3) Rose was understanding and the man was gracious.

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Oral Communication: Paper 4 (30 marks)

Reading Aloud (10 marks):

 Tests ability to pronounce and articulate words, read fluently with appropriate expression and rhythm. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SINGAPORE
PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION

READING PASSAGE

Suzy was overjoyed. Her school had selected her to take part in the Inter-school Cycling contest!

A week after she had shared this piece of good news with her family, she returned home from school to see a shiny new bicycle at her front door. With a quickening heart, she ran up to the bicycle and stroked its beautiful, gleaming frame and sturdy leather seat. She was so engrossed in admiring the new bicycle that she did not realise her father had walked up to her.

"Do you like it?" he asked, grinning broadly.

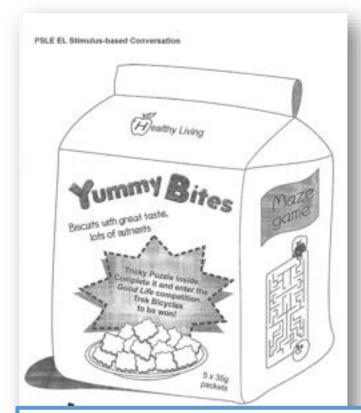
"Oh yes! Thank you, Dad, thank you!" Suzy cried with joy and asked, "Is it really mine?"

"Yes, your mother and I noticed that your old bike is getting rusty. So, to encourage you in your love for cycling, we decided to give you this surprise gift."

From that day onwards, Suzy practised cycling in the park every morning with her father. It became such a habit with them that long after the competition was over, they still continued with their daily exercise.

Oral Communication: Paper 4 (30 marks)

Stimulus-based Conversation (20 marks):



Tests ability to give personal response to a visual stimulus and engage in a conversation topic.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

STIMULUS-BASED CONVERSATION

Notes to Examiners:

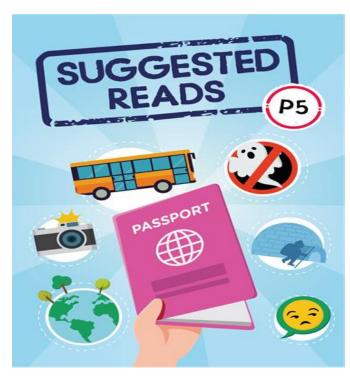
- Use <u>all</u> the main prompts, (a), (b) and (c).
- (ii) The bulleted prompts are provided for Examiners to use as necessary. You should use them at your discretion to facilitate the conversation.
- (iii) You may also come up with your own additional prompts or discuss with the candidate relevant issues that might arise in the course of the conversation.
- Look at the picture. Would you be interested to buy the biscuits? Tell me why / why
 not.
 - Why do you think a maze game is given on the biscuit box?
- (b) What kinds of food do you enjoy eating, and do you think your diet is a healthy one?
 - · Are you influenced by what your friends and family eat?
- (c) Eating healthly is one example of healthy living. Exercising is also a good way to have a healthy lifestyle. What sorts of exercise do you like and why?
 - Are there any forms of exercise that you have never done before and would like to try?

Support from School

- Remedial lessons
- In-house packages for skills building
- Supplementary books
- Practice papers
- Subscription to Little Red Dot

How You Can Support Your Child

https://childrenandteens.nlb.gov.sg/book-recommendations/recommend-primary



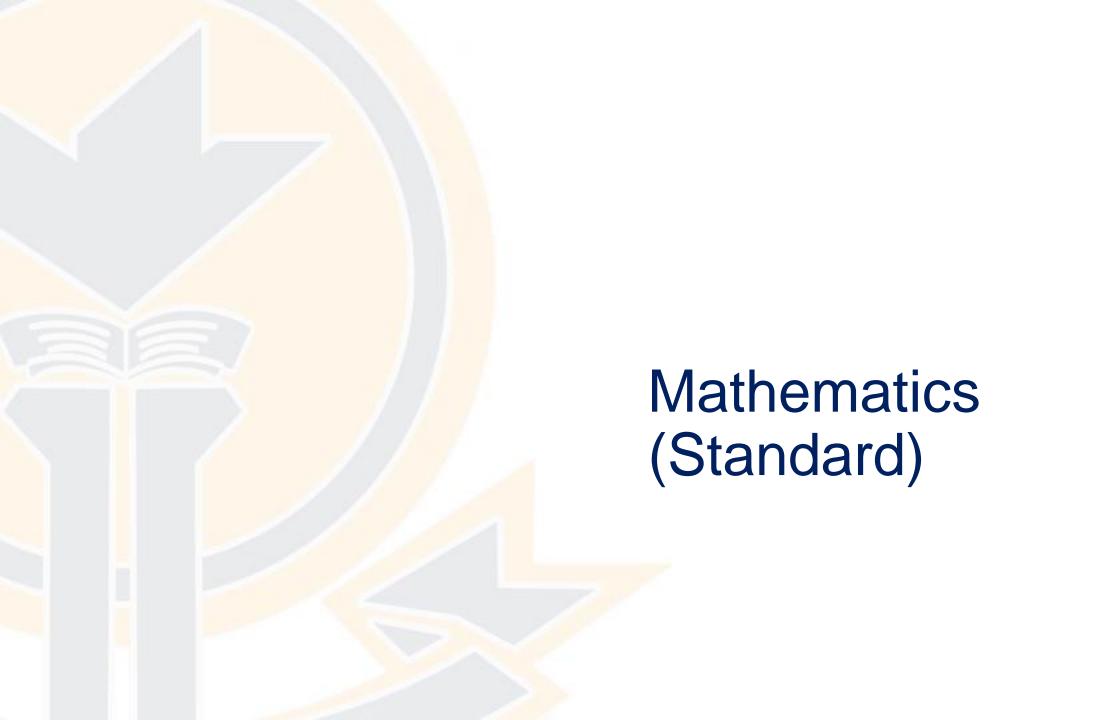
Reading books can accelerate vocabulary-building, improve grammar, and sharpen writing.

How You Can Support Your Child

Allow time for watching of television programmes:

- Be selective
- $\sqrt{\text{Educational content}}$
- √ Good story lines
- √ Good language use

X Avoid certain programmes:
Excessive violence and gore
Mature themes
Poor language use



P5 Standard Mathematics Topics

Semester 1	Semester 2
5A Units 1 to 3, 5	5A Units 4 & 6
Whole Numbers	Area of Triangle
Fractions	Volume
Ratio	5B Units 4 to 8
5B Units 1 to 4	Rate
Decimals	Average
Percentage	Angles
Rate	Triangles
	Quadrilaterals

Reshuffling of topics to facilitate connection of similar concepts and skills in Fractions, Ratios, Decimals and Percentages

P5 Std Maths – Weighted & Non-weighted assessments

Non-weighted assessments

- Mastery Test (Multiplication tables, Fractions, Decimals)
- Term 1 Review Practice
- Daily work (Activity books, Maths Booster Books)

Weighted assessments

- Term 2 Review Test (10% 40 marks, 50 min)
- Term 3 Review Test (20% 32 marks, 50 min)
- End-Year Examination (70% 100 marks)

Standard Mathematics Examinations Format

Standard Mathematics (100 marks)

Paper 1 (45 marks)

15 multiple choice questions (10 1-m, 5 2-m; 20 marks) 15 short answer questions (5 1-m, 10 2-m; 25 marks)

Paper 2 (55 marks)

5 short answer questions

(5 2-m; 10 marks)

12 long answer questions

(3 - 5 m; 45 marks)

Total: 30 questions

Duration: 1 h

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Booklet B: Open- ended	2 – 5	13	44%
Total		41	100%
Knowledge With Understanding	• 40% - 50%	Application & Process Skills	• 50% - 60%
Duration		1 h 45 min	

P5 Std Sc - Areas for improvement

Content

Students did not do well for the following topics/skill/area:

- P4 topics: Heat, Light
- P3 topics: Materials, Magnet

Skills:

- Experimental set-up & changed variables
- Inferring

Answering techniques:

- Answers did not meet the requirement of the question
- Did not explain to show understanding of concepts

TO REVISE

To focus on...

Booklet B

- Apply concepts learnt to <u>real and new situations</u>
- More exposure to questions involving inferring, analysing data and reasoning

Investigative skills:

- More focused teaching on answering fair test/ investigativetype of questions
- Student reflections on learning
- Target-setting & self-revision plan/schedule (e.g. to score at least 40/56m for MCQ)



Steps to Processing & Answering

MCQ & Open-ended questions

STRUCTURE TAUGHT IN CLASS **Read** the question/part question

Identify the topics & key concepts

Process the question using Process Skills and Investigative Skills

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C-E-R (Open-ended questions)

 A method to help students construct explanation when answering openended questions





Claim

Statement or conclusion that answers the original question/problem

Evidence

Scientific data that supports the claim. The data needs to be appropriate and sufficient to support the claim.

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Justification that links the claim and evidence and includes appropriate and sufficient scientific principles to defend the claim and evidence

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(Standard, Higher Mother Tongue)

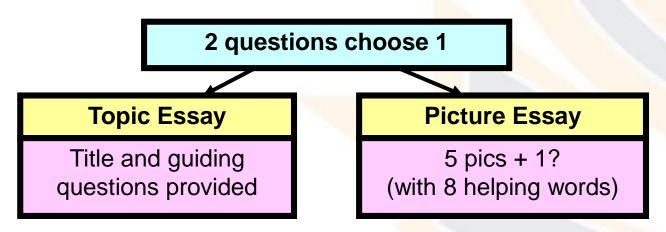
Format of Paper – Mother Tongue

Paper	Component	Mark	Weightage
1	Composition	40	20%
2	Language Use and Comprehension	90	45%
3	Listening	20	10%
4	Oral	50	25%
	Total	200	100%

Paper 1 (Composition)

Pupils are required to:

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- [TL] Write at least 100 words.



Approved Dictionaries Allowed

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Components include: ☐ Grammar and Vocabulary Usage (MCQ) ☐ Cloze Passage ☐ Complete the Dialogue ☐ Comprehension (MCQ and Open-Ended) ☐ Interactive Writing e.g. writing notes, short messages, email, invitation card, letters, etc.

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Format of Paper – Higher Mother Tongue

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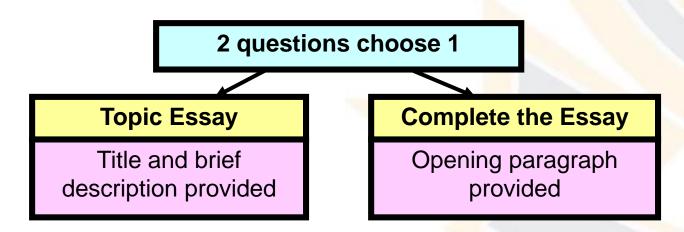
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Higher Mother Tongue

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- Text Editing
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Foundation Subjects



Damai Primary School



Term 1, 2 & 3

- Students to build a strong foundation in English and apply their knowledge, skills and strategies in order to use the language to good effect
- Emphasis will be on the building of skills
- •Milestone checks at regular intervals to monitor students' progress

Primary 5 Foundation English Language – Format of Paper

Paper	Foundation
Paper 1: Writing a. Situational Writing b. Continuous Writing	40 marks (Weighting – 26.7%)
Paper 2: Language Use & Comprehension	60 marks (Weighting – 40%)
Paper 3: Listening Comprehension	20 marks (Weighting – 13.3%)
Paper 4: Oral a. Reading Aloud b. Stimulus-based Conversation	30 marks (Weighting – 20%)
Total	150 marks (100%)

P5 Foundation English Language - Format of Paper

PAPER	COMPONENT	ITEM TYPE	NO OF ITEMS	MARKS	WEIGHTI NG
1 Writing (1h 10 min)	Situational Writing	Open ended	1 item	10	26.7%
	Continuous Writing		1 item	30	

Part 1: Situational Writing (10 marks)

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Read the poster shown below carefully.



Your Task

You came across the poster shown on page 1.

You want to go to the fair on the opening day with your cousin, Sheela.

Write an email to Sheela, telling her about the fair and asking her to go with you.

In your writing, include the following key information:

- · why you are writing to Sheeta
- . the date you want to visit the fair
- · how you can win prizes
- · two things which you can buy at the fair

You may reorder the points. Remember to write in complete sentences.

- Ideas relevant, clear, developed, & interesting
- Word choice
- Sentence structures
- Meaningful links

Part 2: Continuous Writing - Foundation English (30 marks)

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(1) The pictures below show what happened in the classroom one morning. Based on these pictures, write a story of <u>at least 120 words</u>. Give the story your own ending. You may use the helping words and p given. You may also include other details.



stepped out of classroom instructed the students read silently



felt bored thoughtful showed off



accidentally kicked too hard cracked window pane stared in horror



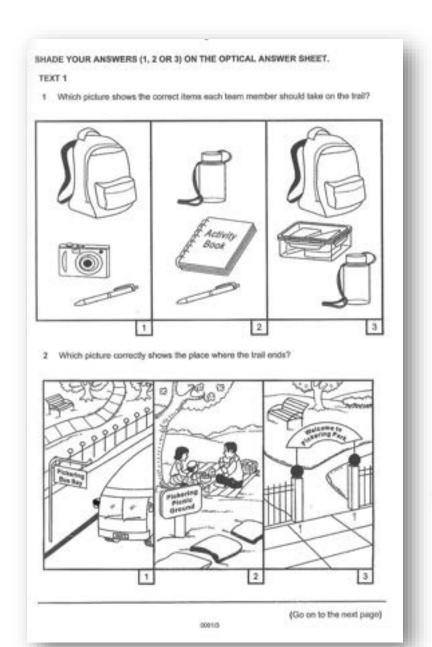
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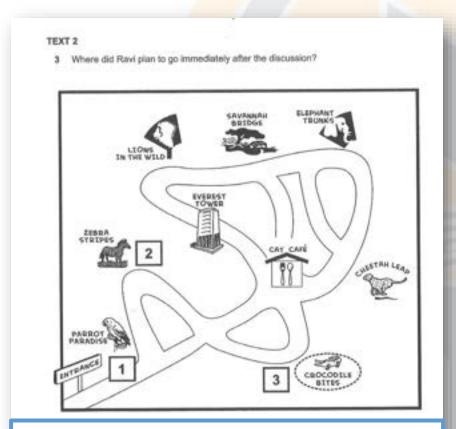
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2 Language use and	Booklet A Grammar	MCQ	8 items	8	40%
Comprehension	Punctuation	MCQ	2 items	2	
(1h 20 min)	Vocabulary Cloze	MCQ	5 items	5	
	Visual Text Comprehension	MCQ	5 items	5	
	Booklet B Form Filing	Open- ended	5 items	5	
	Editing for Grammar	Open- ended	6 items	6	
	Editing for Spelling	Open- ended	6 items	6	
	Comprehension (Completion of sentences)	Open- ended	5 items	5	
	Synthesis	Open- ended	3 items	3	
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	Comprehension	Open-	10 items	10	

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3 Listening Comprehensi on (Abt 35 min)	Listening Comprehension	MCQ	20 items	20	13.3%
4 Oral (Abt 10 min)	Reading Aloud Stimulus-based Conversation	Open- ended	1 passage 1 visual stimulus	10 20	20%
			Total	150	100%

Listening Comprehension: Paper 3





- Tests ability to understand spoken English
- May be in the form of news items, announcements, adverts, instructions, explanations, conversations, speeches & stories

Listening Comprehension: Paper 3

4 Which of the three lines shows the route that Mei Chin plans to take? ZEBRA GTRIPES PARROT BITES (Go on to the next page)

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TEXT 4

- 8 Why did Rose choose to be a part-time usher?
 - (1) She could meet a lot of people.
 - (2) She could watch concerts for free.
 - (3) She could often take photographs with famous actors.
- 9 According to Rose, what is the most challenging task in her work?
 - (1) to provide people with good service
 - (2) to understand people's needs
 - (3) to deal with difficult people
- 10 Which one of the following is true about Rose and the man?
 - (1) Rose was annoying but the man was funny.
 - (2) Rose was polite but the man was inconsiderate.
 - (3) Rose was understanding and the man was gracious.

(Go on to the next page)

Oral Communication: Paper 4 (30 marks)

Reading Aloud (10 marks):

 Tests ability to pronounce and articulate words, read fluently with appropriate expression and rhythm.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SINGAPORE PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE READING PASSAGE

Suzy was overjoyed. Her school had selected her to take part in the Inter-school Cycling contest!

A week after she had shared this piece of good news with her family, she returned home from school to see a shiny new bicycle at her front door. With a quickening heart, she ran up to the bicycle and stroked its beautiful, gleaming frame and sturdy leather seat. She was so engrossed in admiring the new bicycle that she did not realise her father had walked up to her.

"Do you like it?" he asked, grinning broadly.

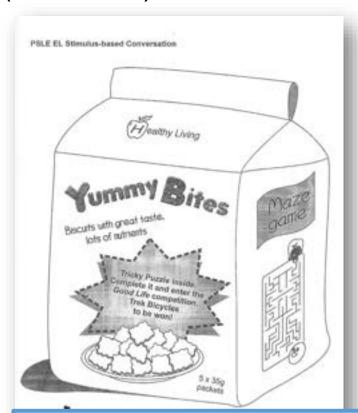
"Oh yes! Thank you, Dad, thank you!" Suzy cried with joy and asked, "Is it really mine?"

"Yes, your mother and I noticed that your old bike is getting rusty. So, to encourage you in your love for cycling, we decided to give you this surprise gift."

From that day onwards, Suzy practised cycling in the park every morning with her father. It became such a habit with them that long after the competition was over, they still continued with their daily exercise.

Oral Communication: Paper 4 (30 marks)

Stimulus-based Conversation (20 marks):



 Tests ability to give personal response to a visual stimulus and engage in a conversation topic. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SINGAPORE

PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE STIMULUS-BASED CONVERSATION

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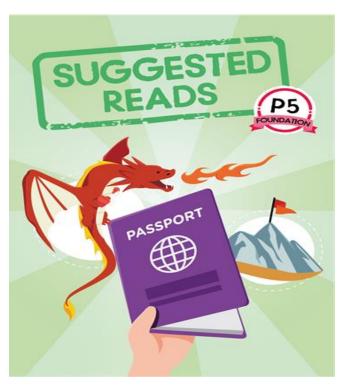
- Use <u>all</u> the main prompts, (a), (b) and (c).
- (ii) The bulleted prompts are provided for Examiners to use as necessary. You should use them at your discretion to facilitate the conversation.
- (iii) You may also come up with your own additional prompts or discuss with the candidate relevant issues that might arise in the course of the conversation.
- Look at the picture. Would you be interested to buy the biscuits? Tell me why / why
 not.
 - Why do you think a maze game is given on the biscuit box?
- (b) What kinds of food do you enjoy eating, and do you think your diet is a healthy one?
 - · Are you influenced by what your friends and family eat?
- (c) Eating healthly is one example of healthy living. Exercising is also a good way to have a healthy lifestyle. What sorts of exercise do you like and why?
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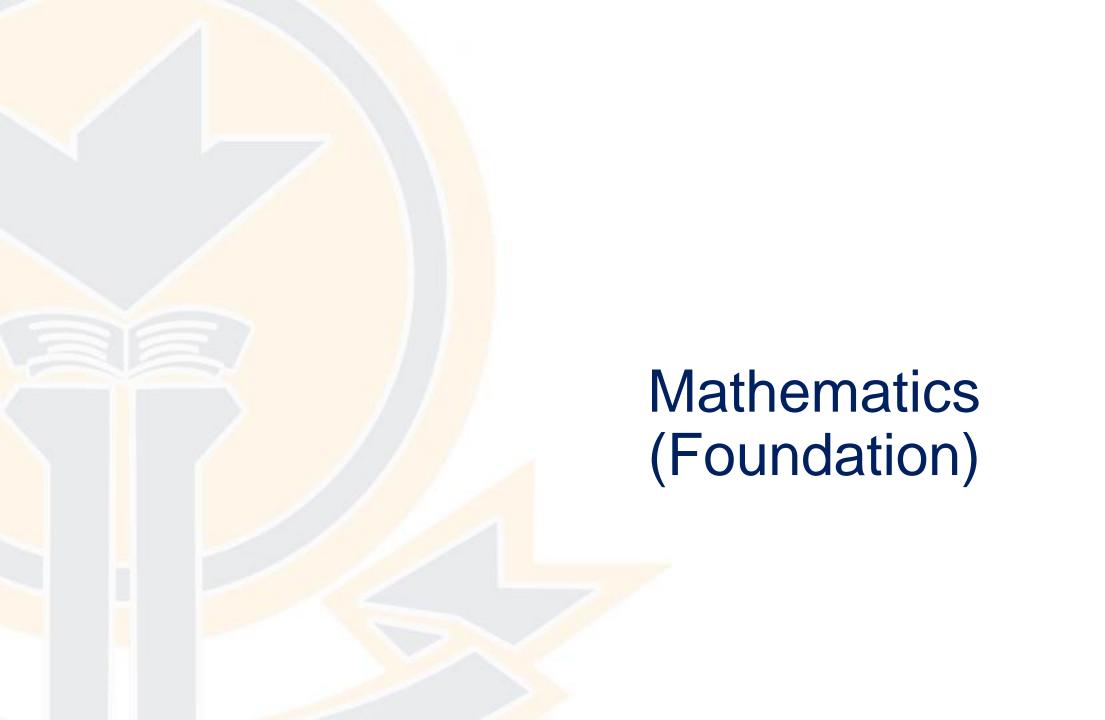
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P5 End-Year Examinations Format

Foundation Mathematics (90 marks)

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20 multiple choice questions

(30 marks)

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(20 marks)

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P5 Fdn Science – Areas for improvement

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- ✓ Process skills (Understanding fair test, inferring & analysing data from table and graph)
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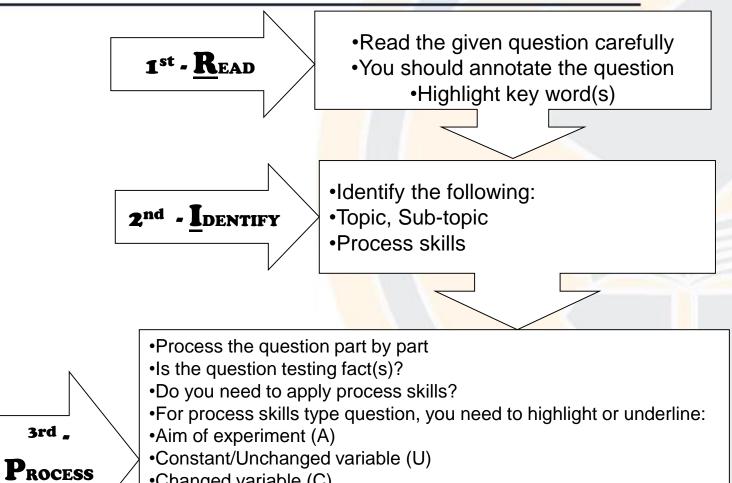
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Changed variable (C)

 Observable results/outcomes (R) Patterns in results/data table ★

*FOR GENERAL INFO

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(Foundation)

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You May Also Support Your Child's Learning by:

- Encouraging him/ her to look through the revision worksheets and take note of the mistakes
- Using every opportunity as a teaching moment for the languages
- Encouraging him/ her as the going gets tough and ensuring ample rest