



**PSLE Stimulated
Mock Test**

The Write Tribe



For each question from 21 to 25, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). (5 marks)

Mustering her courage, Sally inched slowly and cautiously into the living
(21)
room and was horrified to see that all the room doors were open. Yet, following her
usual order, she had shut them before going out. With her heart thumping wildly, she
(22) (23)
looked towards the entrance of the study room. Horrified, she saw her books strewn all
over the room. Someone had rummaged through the drawers and left behind a complete
(24)
mess.
It then dawned on her that burglars had made a forced entry into her flat during
her absence. Sally immediately went to get assistance from her son who lived on the fifth
floor above. Crying hysterically and with legs wobbling like jelly, she led her son back to
(25)
her flat. To calm her down, her son made her a cup of strong tea. He then immediately
called for the police.

21. (1) openly
(2) brazenly
(3) stealthily
(4) audaciously
22. (1) habit
(2) routine
(3) sequence
(4) procedure
23. (1) hitting
(2) punching
(3) throbbing
(4) smacking
24. (1) dug
(2) touched
(3) fumbled
(4) searched
25. (1) loudly
(2) calmly
(3) peacefully
(4) uncontrollably



Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

It was the beginning of autumn when Sadako rushed into the house with the good news.

"The most wonderful thing has happened!" she said breathlessly. "The big race on Field Day! I've been chosen to be in the relay team!" She danced around the room. "If we win, I'll be sure to get on the team next year!"

That was what Sadako wanted more than anything else.

From then on, Sadako thought of only one thing – the relay race. She practised every day at school and often ran all the way home. Masahiro timed her with their father's big watch.

Sadako dreamed of running faster. Maybe, she thought, I will be the best runner in the whole world.

At last the big day arrived. Parents, relatives and friends gathered at the school to watch the sports event. Sadako was nervous. She was afraid her legs wouldn't work at all.

"Don't worry," Mrs Sasaki said. "When you get out there, you will run as fast as you can."

At the signal to start, Sadako forgot everything but the race. When it was her turn, she ran with all her strength she had. Her heart thumped painfully against her ribs when the race was over.

It was then that a strange, dizzy feeling came over her. She scarcely heard when someone cried, "Sadako! Your team won!" The class surrounded Sadako, cheering and shouting. She shook her head a few times and the dizziness went away.

All winter long, Sadako practised to improve her speed. But every now and then the dizziness returned. She didn't tell anyone about it, not even Chizuko. Frightened, Sadako kept the secret inside of her.

On New Year's Eve, Mrs Sasaki hung good-luck symbols above the door to protect her family all through the year.

"As soon as we can afford it, I'll buy a kimono for you," she promised Sadako. "A girl your age should have one."

Sadako politely thanked her mother, but she didn't care about a kimono. She only cared about racing with the team next year.

For several weeks it seemed that the good-luck symbols were working. Sadako felt strong and healthy, and she ran faster and faster.

But all that ended one crisp, cold winter day in February when Sadako was running in the school yard. Suddenly everything seemed to whirl around her, and she sank to the ground.

(From Sadako, Eleanor Cover & Ed Young)

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). (5 marks)

26. In paragraph 1, Sadako received the good news that _____.
- (1) autumn had just began
 - (2) there would be a big race on Field Day
 - (3) she would be running for the relay team the next year
 - (4) she had been selected to run in the relay team for the year
27. Sadako was nervous before the race because she was _____.
- (1) feeling unwell
 - (2) worried that her legs would fail her
 - (3) afraid to let her friends, parents and relatives down
 - (4) affected by the presence of her friends, parents and relatives
28. Masahiro and Sadako were _____.
- (1) friends
 - (2) cousins
 - (3) siblings
 - (4) neighbours
29. Sadako's secret in paragraph 10 was _____.
- (1) to win the race
 - (2) to train all winter
 - (3) the pain in her heart
 - (4) her recurring dizzy spells
30. Mrs Sasaki hanged the good-luck symbol above the door as _____.
- (1) it was a gift
 - (2) it served as a decoration
 - (3) it would keep her family from harm
 - (4) it would help Sadako to run more quickly

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, 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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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| (A) and | (D) in | (G) it's | (K) then | (N) without |
| (B) but | (E) into | (H) on | (L) up | (P) when |
| (C) however | (F) its | (J) than | (M) with | (Q) while |

Someone wrote to tell me that people go bananas for bananas. (31) _____ fact, the average American munches more (32) _____ 40 kilogrammes of bananas a year.

(33) _____ believe it or not, your great-great-great-grandparents probably never laid eyes (34) _____ this tropical fruit. In the nineteenth century, bananas spoiled on the slow ocean voyage to the United States. Eventually, (35) _____ as ships became faster and refrigerator developed, the fruit made (36) _____ way to America.

Many people think bananas grow on trees, but they really grow on herbs, which are plants (37) _____ woody stems. Banana plants can grow (38) _____ to 5 metres tall with whooping 2-metre-long leaves. Bananas are harvested (39) _____ still green. They slowly convert the starch they contain (40) _____ sugar, becoming sweeter and turning yellow. And that is when they can be eaten.

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar.
Write the correct words(s) in the relevant box. (10 marks)

41.
When you have a headache, do you rush to your **mad sine** cabinet or to the

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farmasi for a pain reliever? If so, you are not alone. Many spent a lot of money on non-

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preskribsion pain relievers. Although effective, this pain relievers are not without
problems.

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First of all, which pain reliever should you choose? There were over 100 brands

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and most came in various form, for example, tablets or **kabsales**. They also come in

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various strengths, such as regular and extra strength. Chosen the pain killer can make
anyone's headache worse.

Second, the 100-over brands fall into three groups of pain relievers and each of

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these can have serious side effects such as, stomach **eerietasion**, gastrointestinal
bleeding and liver damage.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

I am a ghost writer. I write books that other people take credit for – people more famous than me, or busier, or who simply can't be trusted with a pen.

I have (51) _____ for well-known authors, celebrities, and even for other ghost writers who found (52) _____ over-worked. I have written legal thrillers, historical non-fiction, mysteries, and even ghost stories. (53) _____, my name doesn't appear on the (54) _____ of any of these books, or on their copyright page. My anonymity is complete. Sometimes, even the publishers do not know I (55) _____. My name, of course, does appear on my contracts. To (56) _____ confusion, the language of these contracts calls me the *ghost writer* and the other party is referred to as the *author*. Under the terms of my contracts, I am (57) _____ from revealing the identity of my authors. Ghost writers have to keep their secrets, or face lawsuits.

Ghost writing can be (58) _____. For one thing, ghost writers have to write very quickly. We are often given work that has a looming deadline. I once wrote a 120,000-word novel in twelve weeks. That's 2,000 words every day for five days a week. Maintaining this sprinter's pace at marathon length was painful, (59) _____ much solitude and coffee. However, I made my 2,000-word count every single day (60) _____ fail. One of the advantages of ghost writing is that the *almost* right word will serve as (61) _____ as the *right* word.

Some ghost writers (62) _____ I know are haunted by the loss of recognition and go to (63) _____ lengths to put secret codes into their ghost novels. They concoct sentence-length acronyms or (64) _____ minor characters anagrams of their own names, so that future historians will decipher the work's true author. Others enjoy private jokes: inserting the names of cats, roommates, or favourite restaurants (65) _____ their ghosted books as a kind of petty claim to ownership.

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite 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 the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. Mandy prefers watching movies at home to going to a cinema.

_____ would rather _____

67. Only Owen paid attention to the instructor. No one else paid attention to the instructor.

_____ except _____

68. The ribbon is too short to go round the hat.

The ribbon is not _____

69. "You must come here by 8 o'clock tonight," Mrs Wee told her children.

Mrs Wee told her children _____

70. Mdm Lim colours her hair every month. It makes her happy.

Colouring _____
