

iPSLE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

For Examination from 2026

PURPOSE

The purpose of the English Language Examination is to assess the candidates' competence in the English Language.

ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

Candidates should be able to:

In Paper 1 (Writing)

- Write effectively to suit purpose, audience and context using accurate and appropriate vocabulary, grammar, punctuation and spelling
- Generate relevant ideas, organising and expressing them in a coherent and cohesive manner

In Paper 2 (Language Use and Comprehension)

- Show understanding of a variety of written and multimodal texts at the literal, inferential and evaluative levels
- Use vocabulary, grammar, punctuation and spelling appropriately in context

In Paper 3 (Listening Comprehension)

- Show understanding of a variety of spoken texts at the literal, inferential and evaluative levels, including the identification of main ideas and details

In Paper 4 (Oral Communication)

- Read aloud fluently and expressively with clear and accurate pronunciation to suit purpose, audience and context
- Express personal opinions, ideas and experiences clearly and appropriately to engage the listener
- Speak fluently, with clear pronunciation and grammatical accuracy, using a range of appropriate vocabulary and structures

EXAMINATION FORMAT

Candidates will be assessed in the following areas:

PAPER		ITEM TYPE	NO. OF ITEMS	WEIGHTING	DURATION
1	Writing	OE	1	25 %	50 min
2	Language Use and Comprehension	OE / MCQ	75	45%	1 h 50 min
3	Listening Comprehension	MCQ	20	10%	about 40 min
4	Oral Communication	OE	2	20%	about 10 min (5 min preparation & about 5min examination)
Total			98	100%	

Paper 1 (Writing)

Candidates will be required to write a composition of at least 150 words on one of two given topics: a piece of narrative writing based on a pictorial stimulus or an account of a given situation.

Paper 2 (Language Use and Comprehension)

Candidates will be assessed on their ability to use language correctly and to comprehend textual information.

Paper 3 (Listening Comprehension)

Candidates will be assessed on their ability to understand spoken English. The texts may be in the form of news items, announcements, advertisements, instructions, conversations, telephone conversations, speeches and stories.

Paper 4 (Oral Communication)

Reading Aloud: Candidates read aloud a text to suit the purpose, audience and context of a given situation.

Conversation: Candidates will engage in a conversation with the Examiners on a topic based on a photo stimulus.