



# PAPER E

Practice  
Questions



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**SECTION B**

For questions 4 to 6 read the instructions carefully. Fill in the oval in the ANSWER BOOKLET. Fill in only ONE oval for each question.

4. Choose the **CORRECT** letters to complete the word.

Homes in tropical climates often have l  vre windows.

- (A) ou
- (B) oo
- (C) oue
- (D) oeu

5. Choose the word spelt **CORRECTLY** when 'ly' is added.

	WORD	ADD 'ly'
(A)	local	localy
(B)	basic	basicly
(C)	reliable	reliably
(D)	desperate	desperatly

6. Choose the underlined word spelt **INCORRECTLY**.

Jan noticed how awkwardly her dog was walking. When she investegated, she found an

(A) (B)

infection that needed urgent treatment.

(C) (D)

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**EXAMPLE 1: Debbie Bach**

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**EXAMPLE 2: Chan Ai Beng**

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**EXAMPLE 3: Jamal bin Abas**

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Are you male or female?  
 Male  Female



Does anyone in your home usually speak a language other than English?  
 Yes  No

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CLASS (optional)**

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**SECTION A**

For questions 1 to 3 your teacher will read a word on its own and in a sentence. The word will then be repeated. Print the word in the box next to the question number.

1.

2.

3.

**SECTION B**

For questions 4 to 6 refer to the QUESTION BOOKLET. Fill in your answers below. Fill in only ONE oval for each question.

4.  A  B  C  D5.  A  B  C  D6.  A  B  C  D**SECTION C**

There are three (3) spelling errors in the following passage. Read the passage first. Then fill in the ovals under the words which have been spelt INCORRECTLY.

Fill in only THREE ovals. If you fill in more than three ovals, only the first three will be marked.

Our science class was heading to the museum on an excurtion. As soon as we arrived, we were



shepherded to the geological display. On the way we passed a dinosaur skeleton. I'd always



been intriged by these beasts so I couldn't help dawdelling.



**SECTION D**

For questions 10 to 12 read the following passage. The three (3) words in the shaded boxes are spelt incorrectly. Print each word CORRECTLY next to the matching number.

My family went on a holiday to the outback. In

10. **comparrison** with the night sky above our suburban

10.

home, the sky in the outback 11. **glissened** with stars.

11.

They looked like diamonds. It was a 12. **spectacculer**

12.

sight.





ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR SECTION A – SPELLING (PAPER 1)

**SECTION A – Dictated Word List**

Qn	Word	Sentence	Word
1.	condemned	The teacher <b>condemned</b> the needless waste of food.	condemned
2.	victorious	The team was <b>victorious</b> .	victorious
3.	claustrophobic	Some people feel <b>claustrophobic</b> in small spaces.	claustrophobic

**ANSWERS AND DESCRIPTORS**

SECTION	QUESTION	KEY	CATEGORY: DESCRIPTION OF SKILL	LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY
A	1	condemned	Dictation: spell a word with a silent letter	Medium
A	2	victorious	Dictation: spell a word with a suffix	Medium
A	3	claustrophobic	Dictation: spell a less common word with a vowel digraph and a suffix	Hard
B	4	A	Rules and Conventions: identify the correct vowel digraph in a less common word	Hard
B	5	C	Rules and Conventions: identify the correct spelling of a word with a suffix added	Hard
B	6	B	Rules and Conventions: identify an error in vowel sound	Easy
C	7	excursion	Proofreading: identify an error in the use of a suffix	Easy
C	8	intrigued	Proofreading: identify an error in a word with a hard 'g'	Medium
C	9	dawdling	Proofreading: identify an error in a word with a less common spelling pattern	Medium
D	10	comparison	Correcting: correct an error in the use of a double consonant	Easy
D	11	glistened	Correcting: correct an error in an omitted silent letter	Medium
D	12	spectacular	Correcting: correct errors in the use of a double consonant and a digraph	Medium

**Level of difficulty** refers to the expected level of difficulty for the question.

<b>Easy</b>	more than 70% of candidates will get the item correct
<b>Medium</b>	about 50–70% of candidates will get the item correct
<b>Medium/Hard</b>	about 30–50% of candidates will get the item correct
<b>Hard</b>	less than 30% of candidates will get the item correct