## Special Features

## Greatest number of mock exam papers

This book consists of 25 mock exam papers, including 7 for Listening, 7 for Reading, 7 for Writing and 4 for Speaking, providing students with plenty of practices.


## Answer Key

A separate answer key is included, providing students with the suggested answers of each question and respective marks allocation.


# BC Descriptors at the end of Key Stage 3 

BC Descriptors for Key Stage 3 refer to the basic competency that students have to attain by Secondary 3. Below are the BC Descriptors for different papers. Students should be aware of whether they attain this competency.

## Listening

- Understanding the use of a range of language features in simple literary / imaginative spoken texts. (ES)
- Using an increasing range of strategies to understand the meaning of simple texts on familiar and less familiar topics which are delivered clearly and in generally familiar accents. (IS, KS, ES)


## Reading

- Using an increasing range of reading strategies to understand the meaning of texts with some degree of complexity. (IS, KS, ES)
- Understanding the use of a range of language features and other techniques to present themes, characters, experiences and feelings in simple literary / imaginative texts. (IS, KS, ES)
- Extracting and organizing information and ideas from texts with relevant information and ideas from written texts on familiar topics and present them though oral, written or graphic means. (KS)
- Applying a range of reference skills for various purposes with the help of cues. (KS)


## Exam Strategies

Bear the following strategies in mind before the examination:

1. Take sufficient practices before the exams, so as to familiarize yourself with the exam format and time limit.
2. Be on time to the examination venue. Bring appropriate and sufficient stationery, such as pencils and rubbers for the exams.
3. Remember to write down your school code, class and class number at the bottom of the first page of the exam paper.
4. Below are some essential strategies for each paper:

| Paper | Strategies |
| :---: | :---: |
| Listening | - Listen carefully to the recording, tick or write the answer as you listen. At Key Stage 3 , the recording will usually be played once only. <br> - Pay particular attention to the pronunciation of words. There may be question on rhyming at Key Stage 3. <br> - Make good use of the time for music and pauses to check your answers. Don't spend too much time on the same question. <br> - You may be required to use the reading materials to answer the questions. Therefore, pay attention to the instruction of the question. Do make good use of your preparation time to study the instruction and the questions carefully. <br> - Remember to underline key words in questions and jot down notes while listening. |
| Reading | - There may be questions which require you to use a few pieces of information to complete the task. Read the instruction carefully so that you know what information you have to read. To save time, make sure you use effective reading strategies such as skimming and scanning. <br> - The time limit for this paper is very tight. Don't spend too much time on the same question. <br> - To help you understand unfamiliar words and expressions, remember to read preceding sentences in the reading paper. They may provide you with links and information. <br> - Don't tick more than one answer for the multiple-choice questions unless you are asked to do so, because marks would be deducted. |

## Common Mistakes

## Listening

When you are attempting the listening paper, there may be questions which require you to identify the speaker's tone in the speech. Make sure you read the questions during preparation time so that you pay attention to the speaker's tone when listening to the speech. You may also get hints from the title of the speaker and the context of the speech.
For example:

| An extract of recording | x Wrong answer | $\checkmark$ Correct answer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Professor Lo: What is a good classroom? A good classroom is a happy classroom. What is a happy classroom? It is a classroom in which students learn happily and teachers teach happily. | How does the speaker sound in the speech? A. Delighted B. Serious C. Excited D. Bored | How does the speaker sound in the speech? A. Delighted B. Serious C. Excited D. Bored |

As it is Professor Lo who is speaking to her students in a classroom, the tone should be serious, so the answer is B.

## Reading

1. There may be questions on rhyming in the reading paper. While answering this kind of question, pay attention to the pronunciation of words. If you are not familiar with the pronunciation of words, try to get hints from their spelling.

For example:

| An extract of text | $\boldsymbol{x}$ Wrong answer | $\quad$ Correct answer |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Come back, son | Find two words in stanza 2 that <br> rhyme with 'gloomy'. | Find two words in stanza 2 that <br> rhyme with 'gloomy'. |
| Your bedroom is gloomy <br> Pillow cold, | Answer: son, cold | Answer: Sunny, lonely |
| Blanket lonely |  |  |

'Sunny' and 'lonely' also end in -y as that in 'gloomy'.

## TSA English Mock Exam Papers

## Secondary 3

Progress Report

N ame: $\qquad$ Class: $\qquad$ Class No: $\qquad$

| Paper | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | /11 | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { 1A : } & / 6 \\ \text { 1B : } & / 7 \end{array}$ | /11 | /6 | /7 | /6 | /9 |
| 2 | $\begin{array}{ll} \hline \text { 2A }: & / 17 \\ \text { 2B : } & 16 \end{array}$ | 121 | / 17 | /7 | /20 | 18 | /6 |
| 3 | N.A | N.A | 18 | 122 | 18 | /20 | $/ 17$ |
| Total | /34 | /34 | /36 | /35 | /35 | /34 | /32 |

Speaking (*The total marks of each paper depend on the part chosen by the teacher.)

| Part | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Individual <br> Presentation | $/ 14$ | $/ 14$ | $/ 14$ | $/ 14$ |
| Group <br> Interaction | $/ 6$ | $/ 6$ | $/ 6$ | $/ 6$ |
| *Total | $/$ | $/$ | $/$ | $/ /$ |

Reading

| Paper | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | /9 | 16 | 16 | /10 | 17 | 18 | /10 |
| 2 | /9 | /10 | 16 | /10 | 17 | 19 | 18 |
| 3 | /18 | /16 | 120 | /18 | 120 | 120 | 121 |
| Total | /36 | /35 | /32 | /38 | /34 | /37 | /39 |

Writing

| Paper | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $/ 12$ | $/ 12$ | $/ 12$ | $/ 12$ | $/ 12$ | $/ 12$ | $/ 12$ |

## Notes（1）

－Tear off the cards and bind them with a rope to make handy revision cards．
－You can put the cards in the pockets and take out the cards any time for revision．
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Be familiar with the following vocabulary on countries：

| English | Chinese |
| :--- | :--- |
| Greece | 希臘 |
| Germany | 德國 |
| France | 法國 |
| Italy | 意大利 |
| Holland | 荷蘭 |
| Switzerland | 瑞士 |
| Romania | 羅馬尼亞 |

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## Vocabulary learnt on job titles

Be familiar with the following vocabulary on subjects：

## English

English Literature
Putonghua
Religious Studies
Visual Art
Information Technology
Economics
Tourism
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Chinese
英國文學
普通話
宗教
視覺藝術
資訊科技
經濟
旅遊

## Skill on Individual Presentation

During Individual Presentation，link your ideas by some cohesive devices：

## Linking

－Besides，．．．
Indicating causal relationship
－．．．since ．．．

## Summing up

－To sum up，．．．
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## Skill on Group Interaction

During Group Interaction，use turn－taking strategies to interact with others：

## Making Suggestions

－I suggest（that）．．．

## Agreeing

－I take your point．

## Disagreeing

－I＇m sorry that I don＇t agree with you because ．．．
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Be familiar with the following vocabulary on job titles：

## English

Electronic engineer
Sales manager
Vice president
Secretary
Private tutor
Chairperson

## Chinese

電子工程師
銷售主任
副會長
秘書
私人導師
主席
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## Skill on Group Interaction

During Group Interaction，use turn－taking strategies to interact with others：

## Inviting others to speak

－What do you think？

## Summing up at the end of a sub－topic

－So we agree that ．．．

## Summing up at the end of the discussion

－So finally，we＇ve decided that ．．．
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## Skill on Group Interaction

During Group Interaction，use turn－taking strategies to interact with others：

## Interrupting

－Sorry to interrupt，I think ．．．

## Keeping the discussion on track

－I＇m sorry，but I think we＇re getting off the topic．

## Moving on to the next point

－Shall we move on to the next point？
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## TSA English Mock Exam Papers

## Secondary 3

## Listening 1

## Instructions：

1．There are eight pages in this booklet．
2．Answer all questions．
3．The time allowed is about 20 minutes．
4．The recording will be played continuously until the end of the listening test．
5．Write your answers in this question booklet．
6．Write your Name，Class and Class Number in the spaces below．

## 學生須知：

1．本卷共有八頁。
2．全部題目均須作答。
3．作答時限約為 20 分鐘。
4．話語內容會連續播放，直至完卷為止。
5．請把答案寫在題目簿内。
6．在下面填寫姓名，班別及班號。
Marker＇s Use Only

| Listening |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Part | Marks |
| 1 | $/ 11$ |
| 2 A | $/ 17$ |
| 2 B | $/ 6$ |
| Total | $/ 34$ |

Name
姓名

Class
班別

## Class No．

班號

## TSA English Mock Exam Papers

## Secondary 3

## Reading 1

## Instructions：

1．There are eleven pages in this booklet．
2．Answer all questions．
3．The time allowed is 30 minutes．
4．Write your answers in this question booklet．
5．Write your Name，Class and Class Number in the spaces below．

## 學生須知：

1．本卷共有 11 頁。
2．全部題目均須作答。
3．作答時限為 30 分鐘。
4．請把答案寫在題目簿內。
5．在下面填寫姓名，班別及班號。
Marker＇s Use Only

| Reading |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Part | Marks |
| 1 | $/ 9$ |
| 2 | $/ 9$ |
| 3 | $/ 18$ |
| Total | $/ 36$ |

Name
姓名

Class
班別

Class No．班號

## TSA English Mock Exam Papers

## Secondary 3

## Writing 1

## Instructions：

1．There are three pages in this booklet．
2．Answer all questions．
3．The time allowed is 40 minutes．
4．Write your answers in this question booklet．
5．Write your Name，Class and Class Number in the spaces below．

## 學生須知：

1．本卷共有三頁。
2．全部題目均須作答。
3．作答時限為 40 分鐘。
4．請把答案寫在題目簿內。
5．在下面填寫姓名，班別及班號。
Name
姓名

Class
班別

Class No．班號

# TSA English Mock Exam Papers 

## Secondary 3

Speaking 1

## Individual Presentation <br> Preparation Time: $\mathbf{3}$ minutes <br> Assessment Time: 2 minutes

## Group Interaction <br> Preparation Time: 3 minutes <br> Assessment Time: 3 minutes

## Marker's Use Only

| Speaking |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Part | Marks |
| Individual <br> Presentation | $/ 14$ |
| Group Interaction | 16 |
| $*$ Total | 1 |

*The total marks depend on the part chosen by the teachers, i.e., EITHER Individual Presentation OR Group Interaction.

# TSA English Mock Exam Papers Secondary 3 Answer Key 

## Listening 1

## Part 1 (1 mark each)

1. D
2. A
3. B
4. A
5. A
6. C
7. B
8. C
9. C
10. B
11. C

CD Script
Narrator

Host : Hello Evelyn, welcome to Let's Go Elsewhere. I know you have travelled extensively. Can you tell us the places you have been to?
Evelyn : Oh, I have been to Africa, Asia, Australia.... Well, I actually have set foot on all continents except Antarctica.
Host : You don't like Antarctica?
Evelyn : Oh, I do. I have seen pictures of it. It's a spectacular place! But the only way to get there now is to join one of those expeditionary cruises, and that simply is not my style.
Host : So you are not fond of travelling by sea.
$\left.\begin{array}{ll}\text { Evelyn } & \begin{array}{l}\text { : Oh, yes, I am. It's just that I don't like } \\ \text { anything organized. Another thing is that I } \\ \text { don't feel like travelling with a crowd. }\end{array} \\ \text { Host } & \text { : Have you ever joined a tour? } \\ \text { Evelyn } & \text { : Never. I have always been travelling alone. } \\ \text { Host } & \text { : A girl travelling alone? } \\ \text { Evelyn } & \text { Yes. It's dangerous sometimes. I heard } \\ \text { stories about girls travelling alone being } \\ \text { robbed. Some got beaten and injured. Some } \\ \text { got lost in mountains and forests. But } \\ \text { accidents like this happen to boys travelling }\end{array}\right\}$

