

# **SHARING ON NEW PSLE FORMAT (2017)**

# ***Rationale***

Background:

2011 Mother Tongue Languages Review  
Committee recommendations:

1. Specific learning of the languages.
2. Emphasis on spoken & written interaction skills.
3. Greater use of Information & Communication Technology (ICT) to enhance teaching & learning of MTL.

# Changes in Examinations

- Assessment of interaction skills (both spoken and written).
- E-Oral to replace the present Oral examination.

# Mother Tongue Language

	2017
Composition	No change.
Comprehension & Language Use	Fine-tuned paper 2: some new items testing interaction skills.
E-Oral	On-screen Reading Aloud and use of short video clip as stimulus for Conversation.
Listening	Fine-tuned with graphics options and rejoinder items to assess spoken interaction.

# Foundation Mother Tongue Language

## New in 2017

Reading  
Comprehension

Language Use to assess basic language knowledge (aligned with more explicit teaching of language knowledge).

Fill in Blanks questions to test basic understanding of functional texts to better align with syllabus.

E-Oral

On-screen Reading Aloud and use of short video clip as stimulus for Conversation

Listening

Fine-tuned with graphics options and rejoinder items to assess spoken interaction.

# Higher Mother Tongue Language

	New in 2017
Paper 1 Composition	No Change
Paper 2 Comprehension & Language Use	Include 2 new question type in comprehension .