



## PSLE MATHEMATICS SUMMARY SHEET



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Mathematical Heuristics			
Heuristic #1: Use a Diagram/Model	Step 1: Draw a diagram/model to represent given	Heuristic #8: Restate the Problem	Step 1: Rephrase/paraphrase the problem in another
1 <sup>st</sup> Pole 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pole 3 <sup>st</sup> Pole 4 <sup>th</sup> Pole 5 <sup>th</sup> Pole 6 <sup>th</sup> Pole 7 <sup>th</sup> Pole	information	Eg: The shop has 2 more tables than	way
Entrance	Step 2: Use diagram/model to obtain further	sofas. $ ightarrow$ If we add two more sofas, the	Step 2: Modify the criteria (eg: total number)
	information	number of tables and sofas will be the	accordingly
2 m 2 m 2 m 2 m	Step 3: Solve problem using new information	same	Step 3: Solve the problem with the modified criteria
? m	from diagram/model		
Heuristic #2: Guess-and-Check	Step 1: Obtain key information from problem	Heuristic #9: Simplify the Problem	Step 1: Modify the Diagram/Simplify the Problem
Number of Chickens         Total Number Chickens         Number Of Chickens         Total Number of Legs         Total Number of Cow Legs         Total Number of Chickens and Cows	Step 2: Construct a table for Guess-and-Check	South .	Step 2: Solve the simplified problem
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Step 3: Stop when criteria from problem is met		
4         8         4         16         24         8           5         10         5         20         10         10           6         12         6         24         36         12           7         14         7         74         14	Step 4: Conclude	20 22	
j         L3         L4         16           8         16         8         32         43         16           9         18         9         36         54         18			
Heuristic #3: Make a Systematic List	Step 1: Narrow down Options	Heuristic #10: Solve Part of the Problem	Step 1: Obtain information from the given problem
Numbers Marting with 8 with 9 \$402 0418	Step 2: List down all possibilities	Eg: The area of a square is 16 cm <sup>2</sup> , find its	Step 2: Use new information obtained to solve the rest
8439 9483	Step 3: Conclude	perimeter. $\rightarrow$ First find the length and	of the question
8394 9348 9042 0842		then use it to find the perimeter.	
0745 2045 8934 9834			
Heuristic #4: Look for Patterns	Step 1: Search for a Pattern	Heuristic #11: Think of a Related	Step 1: Recall a similar/related problem
98 94 90	Step 2: Use pattern to predict subsequent figures		Step 2: Recall the method used to solve the
			similar/related problem
		Problem	Step 3: Modify the approach to solve the given problem
Heuristic #5: Work Backwards	Step 1: Start from the result/the final value	Heuristic #12: Use Equations	Step 1: Represent given information using Algebraic
mediatic #5. Work backwards	Step 1: Start from the result/ the final value	Fig: There are twice as many sandals as	terms and assigning variables
	subtracting, multiplying instead of dividing and	shoes and there are a total of 30 shoes	Step 2: Form equations using given information
	vice versa	and sandals. $\rightarrow$ Let x be the number of	Step 3: Solve the equations to solve the problem
		shoes.	······································
	A110	Number of sandals = $2x$ and $2x + x = 30$ .	
Heuristic #6: Use Before-and-After	Step 1: Compare values before and after a change	Heuristic #13: Spatial Visualisation	Step 1: Draw/modify Diagrams to link to existing
Concept	Step 2: Look out for any quantity that remains the	Observe that by drawing some lines to the octagon, we can split it into triangles.	knowledge
Jamie ; Krishna ; Total	same		Step 2: Use New/Modified Diagrams to solve the
2 : 5 : 7	Step 3: Solve the Problem		problem
Step 2: After	rour muullun		
2 : 1 : 3		Notice that the sum of all the angles in all the triangle will be the same as the sum of all the angles in the octagon.	
Heuristic #7: Make Suppositions	Step 1: Make a Supposition	Heuristic #14: Act It Out*	Step 1: Physically act out what
<b>GOL</b>	Step 2: Find Big Difference	Sin	is taking place in a word problem
	Step 3: Find Small Difference	Action!	Step 2: Understand the question better through acting
	Step 4: Big Difference ÷ Small Difference		
		*Not applicable during exams	