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English Grammar
and Punctuation
Test Paper

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Instructions

Questions and Answers

You have 45 minutes to complete this test. There are different types of questions for you to answer in different ways. The space for your answer shows you what type of answer is needed. Write your answer in the space provided.

Multiple-Choice Answers

For some questions, you do not need to do any writing. Read the instructions carefully so that you know how to answer each question.

Short Answers

Some questions are followed by a line or a box. This shows that you need to write a word, a few words or a sentence.

Marks

The number under each line at the side of the page tells you the maximum number of marks for each question.

You should work through the booklet until you are asked to stop.

Work as quickly and as carefully as you can. If you finish before the end, go back and check your work.

You have 45 minutes to answer the questions in this booklet.

1. **Insert commas in the correct places in the sentence below.**

The cottage which had a brown door looked inviting and cosy.

1 mark

2. The prefix *dis-* can be added to the root word *believe* to make the word **disbelieve**.

Tick the meaning of the word **disbelieve**.

Tick **one**.

- to believe again
- to not believe
- to believe before
- to believe strongly

1 mark

3. Tick the correct box to show whether the underlined words are a **noun phrase**, a **prepositional phrase** or a **main clause**.

	noun phrase	prepositional phrase	main clause
The spider scuttled <u>across the living room carpet</u> .			
Class 5 sold the <u>homemade Christmas decorations</u> at the school fair.			
Zia placed his new football trophy <u>beside his bed</u> .			

1 mark

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4. **Circle** the correct **verb form** in each underlined pair to complete the sentences below.

At breakfast club, I noticed that Caleb and Noah was/were eating toast.

During the talent show, there was/were many amazing acts.

The athlete was/were exhausted at the end of the marathon.

1 mark

5. Circle the word in the passage that contains an **apostrophe for possession**.

The concert is due to start at seven o'clock but we can't leave yet because mum's car keys are missing.

1 mark

6. Insert a **suitable punctuation mark** after the **fronted adverbial** in this sentence.

Despite these facts people sometimes choose an unhealthy lifestyle.

1 mark

7. Write a **synonym** in the box to replace the underlined word so that the sentence maintains its meaning.

The accident-prone man tried to dye his own grey hair; the results were disastrous.

1 mark

8. Which of these sentences needs a question mark?
Tick **one**.

Strawberry is my favourite flavour

Get me an ice cream

What a fabulous ice cream this is

This is your favourite, isn't it

1 mark

total for this page

9. **Rewrite** the sentence below so that it is in the **active voice**. Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

The bird food was eaten by the naughty squirrel.

1 mark

10. **Complete** the sentence below by writing the **conjunctions** from the box in the correct places. Use each conjunction only once.

if because until

_____ the alarm rings, you should leave the building immediately
 _____ it may be an emergency and not just a practice fire drill. You
 should stay in the playground _____ it is safe to return indoors.

1 mark

11. Which two sentences use punctuation to show parenthesis?

- From the supermarket, I purchased eggs, margarine and milk.
- My granny's house, a detached bungalow, is at the bottom of Kelham Lane.
- During the swimming lesson, we practised backstroke.
- Many people – including most of his wives – thought Henry VIII was a tyrant.

1 mark

12. Tick the **adverb** in the sentence below. Tick **one**.

The large angelfish swam past the aquarium window in the direction of the food.

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1 mark

13. Draw **lines** to match each sentence to its **grammatical function**.

One has been done for you.

How exciting this term has been ●

What are you doing after school ●

Place your finished homework on my desk ●

History is my favourite school subject ●

question ●

command ●

statement ●

exclamation ●

1 mark

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19. Replace the underlined words in the sentence with the correct **pronoun** to avoid repetition.

On Tuesday, the pupils visited the outdoor activity centre.

The pupils tried all of the activities the centre had to offer.



1 mark

20. Which **word class** is the underlined word in the sentence below?

Beneath the clouds, an eagle swooped down to pounce on its prey.

Tick **one**.

adverb

adjective

determiner

conjunction

1 mark

21. **Rewrite** the sentence below, adding a **subordinate clause**. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The restaurant was closed.

1 mark

22. **Underline** the **object** of the sentence below.

The hilarious clown threw the water.

1 mark

23. **Rewrite** this sentence in the **passive** voice.

The star striker scored the winning penalty.

1 mark

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24. Which sentence uses the **hyphen** correctly?

Tick **one**.

- There are fifty eleven year-olds in Year 6.
- There are fifty eleven-year-olds in Year 6.
- There are fifty-eleven year olds in Year 6.
- There are fifty-eleven-year-olds in Year 6.

1 mark

25. The prefix words in bold in these words are incorrect. **Rewrite** the words with the correct **prefixes** in the spaces provided.

disunderstand



unselect



1 mark

26. Sort the words below into the correct word class columns:

adverb	verb	adjective	noun

inhale

lonely

happiness

vase

richest

anxiously

always

bought

1 mark

27. **Explain** how the placement of the **commas** changes the meaning in both of the sentences.

As the sun shone orange, people looked desperately for shade

As the sun shone, orange people looked desperately for shade.

1 mark

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28. a. What is the name of the **punctuation marks** on either side of the words which was only in July in the sentence below?

Joe's holiday – which was only in July – seemed like a lifetime ago.

1 mark

b. What is the name of a different punctuation mark that could be used correctly in the same places?

1 mark

29. Which option completes the sentence in the present perfect?

Over the past year, the pupils _____ almost £1 million pounds for the local children's charity.

Tick **one**.

- raised
- have raised
- had raised
- are raising

1 mark

30. Explain how the position of the apostrophe changes the meaning of the second sentence.

1. What are your friend's favourite hobbies?
2. What are your friends' favourite hobbies?

1 mark

31. Read the sentence below. **Circle** the **relative pronoun**.

The headteacher, who has worked at the school for almost thirty years, is retiring in the summer term.

1 mark

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32. Draw a **line** to match each word to its correct **antonym**.

Word	Antonym
timid	trustworthy
deceitful	bold
stroll	bellow
whisper	gallop

1 mark

33. Tick the correct boxes to show whether the **modal verbs** in the sentences show **certainty** or **possibility**.

sentence	certainty	possibility
The swimmer <u>may</u> win the race.		
The boy <u>could</u> get the certificate in assembly.		
It <u>might</u> rain on the day of the barbecue.		
Leona <u>will</u> play flute in the school orchestra.		

1 mark

34. Tick **one** box to show where a **semi-colon** should go in the sentence below.

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The barking dog frightened the postman he didn't deliver the parcel.

1 mark

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35. Write **one sentence** that **lists** everything Malik took on his school trip. Make sure you use the **correct punctuation**.

School trip list

- hiking boots
- anorak
- lunchbox
- wallet

1 mark

36. Complete the sentence below so that it uses the **subjunctive form**.
If I _____ to become an inventor when I grow older, I hope I can find a way to travel through time.

1 mark

37. Tick **one** box in each row to show whether the word **before** is used as a **subordinating conjunction** or as a **preposition**.

sentence	subordinating conjunction	preposition
<u>Before</u> lunchtime, we need to tidy up our classroom.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
George ate an entire bucket of popcorn <u>before</u> he tucked into a bag of sweets.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Before</u> she had chance to scream, the mysterious creature suddenly leapt off into the distance.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1 mark

38. Put the **determiners a** and **an** into the text below.
Colin the Clown is ____ very talented performer: he can ride ____ unicycle skilfully and he is also ____ expert in juggling.

1 mark

39. Insert a **colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.
I have three favourite hobbies that I take part in at weekends ice skating, cheerleading and visiting the cinema.

1 mark

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40. Write a **noun phrase** containing at least three words to complete the sentence below. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

_____ were ready to get off the coach and begin their holiday.

1 mark

41. **Circle** each word that should begin with a **capital letter** in the sentence below.

the world's largest continent, asia, is also the home of the world's tallest mountain, everest.

1 mark

42. What is the **word class** of the underlined words in the sentence below?

The boy is waiting for a bus while listening to music.

Tick **one**.

adjectives

adverbs

verbs

nouns

1 mark

43. Complete each sentence below with a word formed from the root word solve.

The sugar began to _____ in the hot cup of tea.

Gina was very proud that she had found the correct _____ to the tricky maths problem.

1 mark

44. **watch**

Use the above word in two different sentences. Once as a noun and once as a verb. All punctuation must be used correctly.

(noun) _____

(verb) _____

1 mark

1 mark

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45. Rewrite the **underlined verb** in the sentence below so it is in the **present progressive**.

Keisha searched for her lost phone.



1 mark

46. **Circle** the **adverb** in the sentence below.

The avoidable accident was caused by people driving fast in icy conditions.

1 mark

47. **Rewrite** the two sentences below as one sentence using an appropriate **co-ordinating conjunction**. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

Henry is allowed to come over to play video games. He can't stay for a sleepover.

1 mark

48. **Underline** the **relative clause** in the sentence below.

The cat that had been missing for three days was found safe and well in a neighbour's shed.

1 mark

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