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Key stage 2

English grammar, punctuation and spelling

Paper 1: questions

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Instructions

Questions and answers

You have 45 minutes, plus your additional time allowance, to complete this test.

There are different types of question for you to answer in different ways.

The space for your answer shows you what type of answer is needed.

- **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

Each question has one mark.

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.

1. Which sentence must end with a question mark?

Tick one.

☐

Do you know how long it took for the trees to grow

☐

We have planted rose bushes around the trees

☐

How beautiful the flowers will be

☐

I will ask my teacher if I can show you

2. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick one.

☐

After he ate the lion lay down, and slept for many hours.

☐

After he ate the lion, lay down and slept for many hours.

☐

After he ate, the lion lay down and slept for many hours.

☐

After he ate the lion lay down and slept, for many hours.

3. Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

It was raining heavily she had lost her umbrella the week before.

4. Which sentence uses a **comma correctly?**

Tick one.

☐

Sadly, the match had to be cancelled.

☐

However, talented she will still need to work hard.

☐

Therefore the answer, is obvious.

☐

Before next weekend all our packing, must be finished.

5. Which sentence is a **command?**

Tick one.

☐

The nurse will bandage your sprained ankle.

☐

You have been told to stay at home and rest.

☐

Putting an ice pack on it should help.

☐

Hold the handrail to keep yourself steady.

6. Which sentence uses an apostrophe correctly?

Tick one.

☐

The car's horn beeps loudly.

☐

The cars' horn beeps loudly.

☐

The cars horn beep's loudly.

☐

The cars horn beeps' loudly.

7. Rewrite the underlined verbs in the sentence below so that they are in the **simple past**.

Oliver feels proud when he collects his



medal after he wins the race.



8. For each sentence below, show whether the underlined word is a **possessive pronoun** or a **relative pronoun**.

Write either **A** for possessive pronoun or **B** for relative pronoun in each box.

That red cycle helmet is mine.

I wear it when I ride the new bike which my uncle gave me.

My bike goes much faster than yours.

9. Tick one sentence that must end with a question mark.

Tick one.

☐

If you don't mind, I'd rather stay at home today

☐

He asked why his parents wanted to move house

☐

If you finish your homework, are you able to stay

☐

She wondered if she would ever find the answer to her question

10. Tick the word that is an **antonym** of happy.

Tick **one**.

☐

contented

☐

bored

☐

cheerful

☐

miserable

11. Which sentence is the most formal?

Tick one.

☐

The school would save so much money, wouldn't it?

☐

The school could end up better off financially.

☐

The school would benefit from the financial savings.

☐

It's a great idea to save school funds!

12. Insert a dash in the correct place in the sentence below.

I will not tell you any more about the film you'll have to see it for yourself.

13. Which sentence uses **capital letters** correctly?

Tick one.

☐

In July, I will visit my grandparents in newcastle.

☐

In July, I will visit my Grandparents in Newcastle.

☐

In July, I will visit my grandparents in Newcastle.

☐

In july, I will visit my grandparents in Newcastle.

- 14. Insert a pair of brackets in the correct place in the sentence below.**

The players both former world champions waited at the side of the court.

15. Look at the underlined **pronoun** in the sentence below.

Circle the **noun** that it refers to.

Early bicycles did not have
pedals, so riders had to push
themselves along using their
feet.

16. What is the grammatical term for the underlined words in the sentence below?

The cat that was stuck in the tree belongs to my sister.

Tick one.

☐

a noun phrase

☐

a relative clause

☐

a co-ordinating conjunction

☐

a main clause

17. For each sentence below, show whether it is written in **Standard English or **non-Standard English**.**

Write either **A for Standard English or **B** for non-Standard English in each box.**

☐

“You haven’t done a bad job!” she told us.

☐

“You ain’t done a bad job!” she told us.

☐

“You’ve done an excellent job!” she told us.

☐

“You done an excellent job!” she told us.

18. Insert a full stop, a question mark and an exclamation mark in the correct places in the sentence below.

“ Did you see that goal I thought it was incredible ” exclaimed Elle

19. Which sentence is the most formal?

Tick one.

☐

We'd appreciate it if you could put your litter in the bin outside.

☐

Please pick up your litter and put it in the bin.

☐

We request that you put any litter in the bins provided.

☐

Don't forget – litter goes in the bin!

20. What is the grammatical term for the underlined words in the sentence below?

We discovered the dusty, narrow pathway behind the house.

Tick one.

☐

a noun phrase

☐

a relative clause

☐

a main clause

☐

an adverbial

21. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick one.

☐

“Please take out your books, said the teacher calmly, and finish your poems.”

☐

“Please take out your books,” said the teacher calmly, and finish your poems.

☐

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22. Insert a colon and a comma in the correct places in the sentence below.

We are pleased to announce the three winners of the art competition Samir Ben and Ella.

23. For each pair of words below, show whether the words are **antonyms** or **synonyms**.

Write either **A** for antonyms or **B** for synonyms in each box.

rough, smooth

courageous, brave

vivid, dull

24. What is the grammatical term for the underlined words in the sentence below?

**If you get tired on the cycle ride, stop
and have a break.**

Tick one.

☐

a relative clause

☐

a noun phrase

☐

a subordinate clause

☐

a preposition phrase

25. Insert a pair of commas in the correct place in the sentence below.

One of the world's most interesting plants the Venus flytrap catches its prey by snapping its leaves shut.

26. Which sentence is in the passive?

Tick one.

☐

The manager has sent you an email.

☐

Our dog lost her new collar.

☐

The weather was very cold this winter.

☐

The meal was enjoyed by everyone.

27. What is the grammatical term for the underlined part of the word below?

happiness

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

Although the battery on her phone was low, Amy managed to call her mum when she knew she would be late.

29. Explain how the **COMMA changes the meaning of the second sentence.**

1. We have cooked chicken soup and fresh bread.

2. We have cooked chicken, soup and fresh bread.

30. Circle the modal verb in the sentence below.




Hannah said I could share her snack because I had forgotten mine.

31. Circle the four **nouns in the sentence below.**


The successful athletes were full of pride when they accepted their medals from the judges.

32. Tick one box to show the **subject** of the sentence below.

Every Saturday, Nadim takes his dog

☐☐☐

for a walk in the park.

☐

33. Add a **prefix** to the word charge in the sentence below to show that the waiter did not charge too much.

The waiter was careful not to
_____charge the customer.

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

We had a drink after our swim in the pool.

Tick **one**.

☐

adjectives

☐

adverbs

☐

nouns

☐

verbs

35. Insert a hyphen in the correct place in the sentence below.

There was a build up of litter around the bins in the school playground.

36. Circle the co-ordinating conjunction in the sentence below.

The journey proved difficult as they had to travel by night, but they made good time once the stars came out to guide them.

37. Which word class is hand-operated in the sentence below?

One person turned the hand-operated wheel while the other steered the boat.

Tick one.

☐

a verb

☐

an adjective

☐

a noun

☐

an adverb

- 38. Draw a line to match the first part of each sentence to the second part so that each sentence is correct.**

The teachers

**staffroom was
full of books
and old chairs.**

The teachers'

**new mug was
a present from
her class.**


The teacher's

**were taking
part in the
school play.**

39. Add a **prefix** to the underlined word to make its antonym.

Write the whole word in the box.

Aisha had a very mature attitude to life.



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

After school, Jack takes his little brother to the park.

41. In which sentence is dance a verb?

Tick one.

☐

Our class took part in an Irish dance workshop.

☐

After he sprained his ankle, he could not dance.

☐

The dance involved moving very quickly.

☐

Ballet and hip-hop are my favourite types of dance.

42. Write the **contracted form** of the underlined words in the boxes below.

If nobody is home, your parcel



will not be delivered.



43. In which sentence is fast an adverb?

Tick one.

☐

Although he ran fast, Tom did not win the race.

☐

Although he was a fast runner, Tom did not win the race.

☐

Tom did not win the race, despite his fast time.

☐

Tom's time was fast, but he did not win.

44. Rewrite the underlined verbs in the simple past.

Joseph hurriedly draws the man's



portrait, but then tears the page out of




his sketchbook.

45. Circle the two **prepositions** in the sentence below.

After playtime, you must stay
inside the classroom until it is
lunchtime.

46. Rewrite the underlined verb so that it is in the **past progressive**.

Alexandra walked home.



47. Rewrite the sentence below in the passive.

Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The noise of the traffic disturbed us.

48. Which sentence is an exclamation?

Tick one.

☐

It's surprising how little is known about deep-sea creatures

☐

It amazes me that anything can live so far under the sea

☐

How do they survive without sunlight

☐

How strange some deep-sea creatures look

49. **Underline the adverbial in the sentence below.**

We put on our PE kits before the match.

50. **Circle the two adjectives that are synonyms in the sentence below.**

The street was lined with grand houses; the modest cottage stood out amongst its imposing neighbours.

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