English tests

Grammar, punctuation and spelling

Paper 1: short answer questions

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Instructions

Questions and answers
In this booklet your grammar, vocabulary and punctuation are tested. There are different types of question for you to answer in different ways. Write your answers in the space provided. Do not write over any barcode.

• **Multiple-choice answers:** for some questions you do not need to do any writing. Tick, draw lines to, or put a circle around your answers. Read the instructions carefully so that you know how to answer each question.

• **Short answers:** some questions have a line or box for your answer. 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.

When you are told to start, turn to page 4. Work through the booklet until you are asked to stop.

You will have 45 minutes to answer the questions in this booklet.
Tick **one** box to complete the sentence below.

The children played _____________ it was time to go inside.

Tick **one**.

- instead
- until
- whereas
- since

1 mark
Draw a line to match each sentence with the most suitable **connective**.

One has been done for you.

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<td>if</td>
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<td>The teacher asked me</td>
<td>before</td>
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<td>I was feeling alright.</td>
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<td>I put on my coat</td>
<td>where</td>
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<td>leaving the house.</td>
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<td>I went to the park</td>
<td>when</td>
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<td>school had finished.</td>
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<td>The bone was exactly</td>
<td>after</td>
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<td>the dog had left it.</td>
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3. Tick one box to complete the sentence below.

Every morning, James turns off his alarm and ____________ out of bed.

Tick one.

had leapt

is leaping

leaps

leapt

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1 mark

4. Tick one box to complete the sentence below.

I haven’t seen my friend ________________ he came back from his holiday.

Tick one.

before

while

since

during

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1 mark
5. Which word in the sentence below describes how Anita crossed the road?

Tick one box.

Anita looked both ways before crossing the road safely.

Tick one.

had leapt
is leaping
leaps
leapt

1 mark

6. Tick the option that must end with a question mark.

Tick one.

Do not run in the corridor
Do let us know if we can help
Do you enjoy reading
Do plenty of exercise

1 mark
7 Which is the correct plural to complete the sentence below?

Both of the ____________ climbed the ladder.

Tick one.

- fireman
- firemans
- firemen
- firemens

1 mark

8 What is the use of an exclamation mark at the end of a sentence most likely to show?

Tick one.

- a detailed description of a setting
- something surprising or exciting
- the end of an opening paragraph
- the continuation of an idea

1 mark
9 Circle the most suitable **connective** to complete the sentence below.

Amrit still managed to smile _______ he was feeling very tired.

- although
- because
- before
- therefore

1 mark

10 In the sentence below, what **word class** is *stand*?

Stand up and put your chairs under the table.

Tick one.

- a verb
- an article
- a connective
- a noun

1 mark
Which two of these sentences are commands?

Tick two.

When does the museum open and close? ☐

Leave the building by the nearest exit. ☐

The dinosaur exhibition is very popular. ☐

Ask at reception for directions to the main hall. ☐

A range of fascinating displays is enjoyed by visitors of all ages. ☐

1 mark

Why have brackets been used in the sentence below?

For further details, see ‘how to draw animals’ (pages 48-50).

Tick one.

to give additional information ☐

to show the writer’s opinion ☐

to introduce a noun phrase ☐

to link two clauses together ☐

1 mark
Tick the sentence below that uses a **question mark** correctly.

Tick one.

“When do the clocks go back.” asked Amber?  
“When do the clocks go back”? asked Amber.  
“When? do the clocks go back” asked Amber.  
“When do the clocks go back?” asked Amber.

1 mark

Which verb agrees with the subject in the sentence below?

The children ______________ flying the kite.

Tick one.

enjoy  
enjoys  
enjoying  
has enjoyed

1 mark
Which sentence is written correctly? 

Tick one.

- They have grown lots of tomatoes this year. 
- We have grown some lettuce in our garden at the moment. 
- The sunflowers have grown very quickly last year. 
- We will be away for a week, so the weeds have grown a lot.

Which sentence uses **capital letters** correctly?

Tick one.

- From april, Swimming Lessons will take place on tuesdays. 
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17  Tick the option that is closest in meaning to *accompany*.

**Tick one.**

- to carry something
- to go with someone
- to make some changes
- to encourage someone

1 mark

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

I gave Zak a magazine two packs of stickers some pens and a drink.

1 mark
19 Write a suitable **question** to fit the answer below.
Remember to use correct punctuation.

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<th>Answer</th>
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<td>_________</td>
<td>He is ten years old.</td>
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1 mark

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20 Tick one box in each row to show how the **commas** are used in each sentence.

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<th>Sentence</th>
<th>Commas are used to separate items in a list</th>
<th>Commas are used to separate clauses</th>
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<td>Butterflies, moths and bees are all winged insects.</td>
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<td>Ana’s class, which is the largest, is usually the quietest.</td>
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<td>When Dad bakes biscuits, Jackie always helps.</td>
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1 mark
21. Write the **contraction** for each of the words below.

The first one has been done for you.

- do not _______ **don't**
- I am ________________
- has not ________________

1 mark

22. Insert a **pair of commas** to clarify the meaning of the sentence below.

- The hotel since it opened has become very popular.

1 mark
23 Write the correct label in each box.

<table>
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<th>verb V</th>
<th>noun N</th>
<th>connective C</th>
<th>adverb A</th>
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The goalkeeper moved quickly and saved the penalty.

24 Circle the **verb** in the sentence below.

The **aeroplane** sped noisily down the runway.
25 Write the *contraction* of the underlined words in each box.


I bet she has seen it.”

26 Insert the missing *full stops* and *capital letters* in the passage below to make two correct sentences.

two people were playing tennis we watched the ball go back and forth over the net
27 Which word is closest in meaning to **sturdy** in the sentence below?

The new playground equipment must be **sturdy** and affordable.

Tick one.

- enjoyable
- strong
- educational
- safe

1 mark

28 Circle all the words in the sentence below that should begin with a **capital letter**.

today we learnt that elephants from asia are smaller than elephants from africa.

1 mark
29. Tick two boxes to show the nouns in the sentence below.

Despite the cloudy sky, the weather was hot and humid.

A: sky
B: weather
C: cloudy
D: hot
E: humid

29 mark

30. Which option is punctuated correctly?

The horses galloped across the field. They were being playful.

They ran towards the herd of sheep. Scattering them in all directions.

The sheep huddled together. In the corner of the field.

After a while. The horse quietened down again

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30 mark
In which sentence is the word light used as a noun?

Tick one.

- The feather was light and drifted in the wind. [ ]
- The bird had light-coloured feathers. [ ]
- He used a match to light the fire. [ ]
- The kitchen light was left on most of the time. [ ]

1 mark

In the sentence below, what word class is before?

Make sure that you come home before six.

Tick one.

- an adjective [ ]
- an article [ ]
- a preposition [ ]
- a verb [ ]

1 mark
Complete each sentence below with I or me.

My mum and _______ watched a film.

My aunt sent some presents for my sister and _______.

Please send the parcel to either Jack or _______.

What does the prefix ‘bi’ mean in this group of words?

bilingual  biannual  bisect  binoculars

Tick one.

- two or twice
- outside or external
- under or below
- through or across
35 Draw a line to match each word with its **synonym**.

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<td>swift</td>
<td>busy</td>
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<td>drab</td>
<td>huge</td>
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<td>bustling</td>
<td>fast</td>
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Circle the **connective** in the sentence below.

As the weather became colder, the sale of coats increased.

1 mark

Circle **all** the **articles** in the sentence below.

Josh longed for a cold drink in the hot weather.

1 mark
39 Which sign uses the **apostrophe** correctly?

Tick one.

- This shop is open on Saturday’s.
- Print photo’s from your camera here.
- The children’s play area is closed.
- Dog’s are not allowed on the beach.

40 Circle the **adjective** in the sentence below.

To make the sauce, chop the onions and add the ground spices.
41 Tick all the boxes that correctly complete the sentence below.

A capital letter must be used to start _____________.

- all proper nouns
- all important verbs
- all pronouns
- all sentences

42 Write out the words from the boxes below to complete the sentence.

You can use the boxes in any order.

Use commas to punctuate your list.

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<td>a small fish</td>
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Jay noticed

1 mark
43 Circle the adjective in the sentence below.

Gareth waited nervously behind the curtains before he walked onto the empty stage.

1 mark

44 Add the missing inverted commas to the passage below.

Maya whispered, I can see a baby hedgehog! Keep quiet so we don’t scare it.

1 mark
Add a prefix to the beginning of each word to form its antonym.

________agree

________legal

________regular

Write a pronoun that could be used to replace the underlined words in the passage below.

Do not change the meaning of the sentence.

The heating in our school comes on in winter. This makes our school nice and warm.

Pronoun: ____________________
47 Circle the **adverb** in the sentence below.

The old dog was still sitting on the sunlit patio.

1 mark

48 Tick one box in each row to show the **word class** of the underlined word.

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<td>They measured the length of the room.</td>
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<td>There was a <strong>measurable</strong> increase in the temperature.</td>
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<td>They took measurements of their heights.</td>
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Write out the words from the boxes below to make one sentence.

You can use the boxes in any order.

Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

went to Spain

who is in my class

over the summer

Ben Green

The good news is that the trip can still go ahead.

The fishermen are repairing the boat.

The number of books available are increasing.
[END OF TEST]

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