

2017 national curriculum tests

Key stage 2

English grammar, punctuation and spelling

Paper 1: questions

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Instructions

Questions and answers

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. Write your answer in the space provided. Do not write over any barcodes.

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

Tick the sentence that must end with a **question mark**.

Tick **one**.

Why he went there was a mystery

☐

What he thinks about the problem is
anyone's guess

☐

When are your cousins expected to
arrive

☐

How they would get to the match was
unclear

☐

1 mark

2

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

Come and see me tomorrow I will not have time to see
you today.

1 mark



3

Which sentence uses **capital letters** correctly?

Tick **one**.

We went to manchester for Kajal and Jamal's party.

☐

we went to Manchester for Kajal and Jamal's party.

☐

We went to Manchester for Kajal and Jamal's party.

☐

We went to Manchester for Kajal and Jamal's Party.

☐

1 mark

4

The **prefix** mis- can be added to the word read to make the word misread.

What does the word **misread** mean?

Tick **one**.

to read quickly

☐

to read incorrectly

☐

to read again

☐

to read before

☐

1 mark



5

Which **verb form** completes the sentence?

After Disha _____ her medal, she gave a television interview.

Tick **one**.

is collecting

☐

had collected

☐

has collected

☐

was collecting

☐

1 mark

6

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

The last place I saw Jack and Gwen was / were in the playground.

At the museum, there was / were many interesting exhibits.

The bikes was / were lined up for the start of the race.

1 mark



7

Tick the option that correctly completes the sentence below.

_____ an official Olympic sport at the Winter Olympics in Japan.

Tick **one**.

In 1998 snowboarding became, ☐

In 1998 snowboarding, became ☐

In, 1998 snowboarding became ☐

In 1998, snowboarding became ☐

1 mark

8

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Joe went upstairs, turned on his computer
took out his homework and started. ☐

Joe went upstairs turned on his computer,
took out his homework, and started. ☐

Joe went, upstairs turned on his computer,
took out his homework, and started. ☐

Joe went upstairs, turned on his computer,
took out his homework and started. ☐

1 mark



9

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

The alarm rang and Jamal immediately jumped out of bed.

Tick **one**.

conjunction

☐

adverb

☐

verb

☐

determiner

☐

1 mark

10

Tick one box to show the correct place for a **colon** in the sentence below.

Tom needed to think carefully about his homework it

☐
☐
☐

looked very difficult.

☐

1 mark



11

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

The girl brought a sandwich and an apple to eat for lunch.

Tick **one**.

adjectives ☐

adverbs ☐

determiners ☐

nouns ☐

1 mark

12

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

The man grabbed his coat – it looked cold and windy outside. ☐

The man grabbed his coat it looked cold – and windy outside. ☐

The man grabbed his coat it looked cold and windy – outside. ☐

The man grabbed his coat it looked – cold and windy outside. ☐

1 mark



13

Which sentence uses the word round as an **adjective**?

Tick **one**.

The dog ran round in circles.

☐

There was a round of applause.

☐

The castle had a round tower.

☐

The team has already made the final round.

☐

1 mark

14

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

The town is ten miles (16 kilometres) away.

☐

The town is ten miles (16 kilometres away.)

☐

The town is ten miles (16) kilometres away.

☐

The town is ten miles (16 kilometres away).

☐

1 mark



15

Which sentence uses **capital letters** correctly?

Tick **one**.

We are going to see a Play by Shakespeare.

☐

There is a new Doctor at the local Hospital.

☐

There is a Class Visit to the museum next week.

☐

He is trying to swim the English Channel.

☐

1 mark

16

Complete the sentence with an appropriate **subordinating conjunction**.

Tracey decided to walk _____ it was a lovely day.

1 mark



17

Which sentence is an **exclamation**?

Tick **one**.

What time did the sun set last night

☐

She said the sunset was particularly beautiful

☐

What a spectacular sunset that is

☐

The sunsets are lovely at this time of year

☐

1 mark

18

Which sentence uses the word book as a **verb**?

Tick **one**.

We decided to book tickets for the football match.

☐

Arin wrote a book review for the school magazine.

☐

The scientist's ideas are explained in his latest book.

☐

Book club meets every Wednesday in the library.

☐

1 mark



19

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

I enjoy sitting in my bedroom even though it is quite small
and listening to music.

1 mark

20

Replace the underlined word or words in the sentence below with
the correct **pronouns**.

For his ninth birthday, James visited his grandparents
and his grandparents took James to the cinema.

Two empty rectangular boxes for writing pronouns. The first box is positioned below the underlined phrase "his grandparents" and the second box is positioned below the underlined name "James".

1 mark



21

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Abdul called out, "will you come and help me?" ☐

Abdul called out "Will you come and help me" ☐

Abdul called out, "Will you come and help me"? ☐

Abdul called out, "Will you come and help me?" ☐

1 mark

22

Which sentence is the most **formal**?

Tick **one**.

Your presence is requested at the wedding of our daughter. ☐

You would like to come to our daughter's wedding,
wouldn't you? ☐

We'd love you to join us for our daughter's wedding. ☐

Our daughter's getting married – please come! ☐

1 mark



23

Which underlined group of words is a **subordinate clause**?

Tick **one**.

If you want to, you can walk with us.

☐

This is the best fishing spot we have found.

☐

We change places when the bell rings.

☐

We planted the parsley next to the mint.

☐

1 mark

24

Circle the two words that are **antonyms** in the sentence below.

What looked like a worthless collection of rusty metal turned out to include ancient coins and valuable jewellery.

1 mark



25

Tick one box in each row to show whether the apostrophe is used for a **contracted form** or **possession**.

Sentence	Apostrophe for a contracted form	Apostrophe for possession
Where is Karen's pen?		
Joshua's hungry.		
Please get the dog's dinner.		
The cat's outside.		

1 mark

26

Which sentence contains a **relative clause**?

Tick **one**.

The boy who I met at the park is in my class.

☐

The team is going to play a match tomorrow.

☐

Sue said that she wanted to learn to play the drums.

☐

Whenever they have time, they like to go cycling.

☐

1 mark



27

Which sentence is a **statement**?

Tick **one**.

You can copy the pattern from a book

☐

Be careful when you use the glue

☐

Do you use glitter to decorate the edges

☐

Do not touch the paint until it is dry

☐

1 mark

28

Insert **full stops** and **capital letters** in the passage below so it is punctuated correctly.

Declan has always been fascinated by animals he has read many books about exotic creatures jellyfish interest him the most and he would like to study them when he is older

1 mark



29

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

Jenna a very gifted singer won the talent competition
that was held in her local theatre.

1 mark

30

Rewrite the verbs in the boxes to complete the sentences with the correct choice of **tense**.

The visitors left after they _____ their coffee.

to finish

Jo usually _____ up early on Saturday morning and

to wake

goes swimming before breakfast.

1 mark



31

Write a **command** which could be the first step in the instructions for making a sandwich.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

1 mark

32

Label each of the clauses in the sentence below as either **main (M)** or **subordinate (S)**.

When the bell rang, we dashed into the playground and

we started a game of football.

1 mark



33

Circle the **conjunction** in each sentence.

We like to eat popcorn when we go to the cinema.

Although my sister likes salted popcorn, I prefer sweet popcorn.

My brother doesn't like popcorn at all, so he buys sweets instead.

1 mark

34

Which two sentences contain a **preposition**?

Tick **two**.

He walked really quickly.

☐

The horse munched his hay happily.

☐

She ran around the games field.

☐

The old man walked past the door.

☐

1 mark



35

What is the **subject** of the sentence below?

On Tuesday, Mary plans to meet Aidan in Liverpool.

Tick **one**.Tuesday ☐Mary ☐Aidan ☐Liverpool ☐

1 mark

36

Insert a **comma** and a **dash** in the correct places in the sentence below.

Before we leave school our class wants to start a
vegetable garden the first in our school's history.

1 mark



37

Circle the **relative pronoun** in the sentence below.

The mountain, which could be seen in the distance, had snow
on top of it.

1 mark

38

Complete the sentence below with the **simple past tense** of the
verbs in the boxes.

I _____ netball last weekend, but I only _____

↑
to play

↑
to know

where the match _____ the day before.

↑
to be

1 mark



39

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

The highest mountain in Great Britain is Ben Nevis 1,344 metres
in Scotland.

1 mark

40

Which one **prefix** can be added to all three words below to make
their antonyms?
Write the prefix in the box.

secure

active

complete

1 mark

41

Circle the two words that are **synonyms** in the passage below.

The café serves delicious snacks and cakes until noon.

After midday, you can also order hot lunches, sandwiches
or soup.

1 mark



42

Circle the **possessive pronoun** in the passage below.

The boy showed me around the school. He took me to the music room and pointed out which classroom was his.

1 mark

43

Which punctuation mark should be used in the place indicated by the arrow?

Josh was excellent at languages, he spoke French and Spanish.

Tick **one**.

comma

☐

hyphen

☐

full stop

☐

semi-colon

☐

1 mark



44

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

Olisa was a very _____ girl.

The children looked _____ at the poster on the wall.

1 mark

45

Complete the sentence below with a **noun** formed from the verb encourage.

My friends offered me lots of _____ to meet my targets.

1 mark

46

Insert two **hyphens** in the correct places in the sentence below.

The children have been busy cooking some healthy
sugar free snacks and learning some well known traditional
songs for visitors to enjoy.

1 mark



47

Rewrite the sentence below in the **active**.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The vital clues were discovered by the detective.

1 mark

48

Rewrite the underlined verbs in the sentence below so that they are
in the **present progressive** form.

Jim learns French at school. He plans to ski in the Alps in the spring.



1 mark

49

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

_____ was preparing
for an important athletics competition.

1 mark

50

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

Of all the toys in his large collection, Karl's little brother liked
the cuddly rabbit best.

1 mark





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