

2024 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 number of marks available 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

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

1 mark

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.

1 mark



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.

1 mark

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.

1 mark



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.

1 mark

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.

1 mark



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.

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1 mark

8

Tick one box in each row to show whether the underlined word is a **possessive pronoun** or a **relative pronoun**.

Sentence	Possessive pronoun	Relative pronoun
That red cycle helmet is <u>mine</u> .		
I wear it when I ride the new bike <u>which</u> my uncle gave me.		
My bike goes much faster than <u>yours</u> .		

1 mark



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

1 mark

10

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

Tick **one**.

contented

bored

cheerful

miserable

1 mark



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!

1 mark

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.

1 mark



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.

1 mark

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.

1 mark



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.

1 mark

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

1 mark



17

Tick one box in each row to show whether the sentence is written in **Standard** or **non-Standard English**.

Sentence	Standard English	Non-Standard English
"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.		

1 mark

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

1 mark



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!

1 mark

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

1 mark



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.

“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.”

1 mark

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.

1 mark



23

Tick one box in each row to show whether the words are **synonyms** or **antonyms**.

Pair of words	Synonyms	Antonyms
rough, smooth		
courageous, brave		
vivid, dull		

1 mark

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

1 mark



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.

1 mark

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.

1 mark



27

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

happiness

1 mark

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.

1 mark



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.

1 mark

30

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

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

1 mark



31

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

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

1 mark

32

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

Every Saturday, Nadim takes his dog for a walk in the park.

1 mark



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.

_____ **1 mark**

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

_____ **1 mark**



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.

1 mark

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.

1 mark



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

1 mark

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 armchairs.

The teachers' •

• new mug was a present from her class.

The teacher's •

• were taking part in the school play.

1 mark



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.



1 mark

40

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

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

1 mark



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.

1 mark

42

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

If nobody is home, your parcel will not be delivered.

↓

↓

1 mark



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.

1 mark

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.

1 mark



45

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

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

1 mark

46

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

Alexandra walked home.

↓

1 mark



47

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

The noise of the traffic disturbed us.

1 mark

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

1 mark



49

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

We put on our PE kits before the match.

1 mark

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.

1 mark



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