## National curriculum tests

## Key stage 2

## Questions: practice paper ANSWERS

English grammar, punctuation and spelling

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## Instructions

## Questions and answers

You have 45 minutes 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. 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. In the table below, put a tick in the box to show whether each underlined word in the sentence is a verb or adjective.

The dress was expensive and she knew it would take her a long time to save enough money to buy it.

| Word | Verb | Adjective |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| expensive |  | $\checkmark$ |
| would | $\checkmark$ |  |
| buy | $\checkmark$ |  |

2. Circle the noun in each of the phrases below.

The computer roke
An oldman
A quiet village
Chocolate nelting quickly
3. Read the sentence below. Circle the most suitable conjunction to complete the sentence.

They watched the football game $\qquad$ it ended.
unless

or whereas
4. Which sentence contains two verbs?

Tick one.
I send a letter to my gran every week. $\square$

I take a packed lunch to school.

I threw the ball for the dog and went for a walk.


I think this will be a warm summer. $\square$
5. Complete the table below to show the plural form of each word.

One has been done for you.

| Singular | Plural |
| :--- | :--- |
| goose | geese |
| donkey | donkeys |
| baby | babies |
| desk | desks |

6. The verb in bold is in the wrong tense. Write the correct version in the box.

Sophie will gave her brother a hug.
give
7. Match the most appropriate adverb to each sentence.

One has already been done for you.

8. Put a tick in the boxes next to the sentences below which are commands.

Bring me my dinner.


She is so funny! $\square$

Turn off the light.


Are you entering the competition?

9. Tick one box below to complete the following sentence so that it is grammatically correct.

Mr Orchard $\qquad$ his car to school every day after $\qquad$ a large breakfast.

|  |  |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | Tick one. |
| driving | eat |
| drove | eats |
| drives | $\square$ |
| drive | eating |
|  |  |

10. Tick one box to show which part of the sentence is a relative clause.

We've missed our train which means we may be late.

11. Tick the option that shows how the underlined words are used in the sentence.

We walked along the long, windy road until we reached the lake.

12. Read the passage below.

To paint the picture, you will need a paintbrush, pots of paint and a pot of water.

The underlined part of the sentence can be written as a bullet point list. Rewrite the list, using the spaces below.

To paint the picture, you will need:
Award 1 mark for all three bullet points given correctly.

- a paintbrush
- pots of paint
- a pot of water

Do not award a mark if the word "and" is used before "a pot of water". The punctuation must be consistent across all three bullet points. e.g. The use of capital letters at the start of the bullet, or the use of a full stop at the end of each bullet.
13. Circle all of the pronouns in the sentence below.

Karen anc Played in the park, butweforgot ourcoats and were freezing.
14. Which word fits both of the sentences below?

I can $\qquad$ at a speed of 30 words per minute.

Painting is just not my $\qquad$ of hobby.

## Tick one.

write

best $\square$
type

run

15. Which of the below uses commas correctly?

Tick one.
Her, favourite meal is sausages, mashed potato and gravy. $\square$

Her favourite meal is sausages, mashed potato, and gravy. $\square$

Her favourite meal is sausages, mashed potato and gravy.


Her favourite meal is sausages, mashed potato, and, gravy. $\square$
16. Join each noun to the most suitable adjective below.

One has been done for you already.

17. Put a tick in each row to show whether the word is a noun or a verb.

One has been done for you.

| Word | Noun | Verb |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| kettle | $\checkmark$ |  |
| thrown |  | $\checkmark$ |
| put |  | $\checkmark$ |
| child |  |  |

18. Which sentence uses commas correctly?

Tick one.
As, it was sunny we went to the beach.


As it was sunny we went, to the beach. $\square$

As it was sunny, we went to the beach.


As it was sunny, we went, to the beach. $\square$
19. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick one.
You are the - friend the only friend - who offered to help me.


You are the friend - the only friend - who offered to help me.


You are the friend the only friend - who offered - to help me. $\square$

You are the friend - the only friend who - offered to help me. $\square$
20. Each of the sentences below is missing a verb. Draw a line to match each sentence with the correct verb.

One has been done for you.

21. Read the sentences below. Which one should be written as two separate sentences?

Tick one.
Ramesh is ten and I am eleven.

We have a small snack before swimming so we don't get hungry.


Daniel likes Fiona but she does not like him.

I eat an apple every day I like how they taste.
$\square$

22. Insert three commas in the correct places in the sentence below. My favourite sports are football, tennis, rugby, squash and hockey.
23. Tick one box to show where a dash should go in the sentence below.

The beach looked like the moon full of craters from the storm.

24. Complete the sentences below with an exclamation mark or question mark.

Stop being so noisy $\qquad$ $!$

Do you work in that office $\qquad$ ?

Did you buy that jumper $\qquad$ ?

Bring it to me, now $\qquad$ !
25. The word match has more than one meaning.

Write two sentences to show two different meanings.
Answers will vary - for example:
1).

I was happy when my team won the match.
2). My shoes did not match my trousers.
26. There is a bracket missing from the sentence below. Add the missing bracket to one of the boxes to show where it should go.

We cooked our own breakfast Mum didn't help) and it was very tasty.

27. Which two of these sentences are statements?

I want you to pick it up.


Are you ready to leave? $\square$

You are my best friend.


Clean the floor.

Which film shall we watch?
$\square$
$\square$
28. Tick to show which sentence uses the past progressive.

Tick one.
She enjoyed the play and clapped loudly. $\square$

She ran around the field. $\square$

He was winning the race.

She slammed the door shut.

29. In the box below, write the adverb that best describes the phrase. Choose a different adverb for each phrase.
loudly quietly snugly

| Children reading... | Playing music... | Shoes fitting... |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| quietly | loudly | snugly |

30. You decide to replace the word 'unhappy' in the sentence below.

The unending rain during summer made me unhappy.

Choose another word with a similar meaning and write it in the box.
Answers may vary, for example:
$\qquad$
31. Tick the box if the underlined word in the following sentences is a preposition.

We went before it got dark.


He travelled all over the world.


They buried the treasure. $\square$
32. Tick one box in each row to show if the underlined conjunction is a subordinating conjunction or a co-ordinating conjunction.

| Sentence | Subordinating <br> conjunction | Co-ordinating <br> conjunction |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Sarah is very tall, although she is not as tall <br> as her sister. | $\checkmark$ |  |
| My grandma's tomato soup is thick and <br> delicious. |  | $\checkmark$ |
| You can eat your cake with a spoon or fork. |  | $\checkmark$ |

33. Tick the sentence which uses inverted commas correctly.

Tick one.
Francis moaned, "There is no point in playing". "You win every time."


Francis moaned, "There is no point in playing. You win every time."


Francis moaned, "There is no point in playing." You win every time. $\square$
34. Put a tick in the box next to all of the sentences that have used apostrophes correctly.

He is the football team's best player.


There were five cat's in the basket.


It's cold outside.

The children's slide is broken.

35. Circle the two words in the sentence below that are antonyms of each other.

I wonder if the ancient civilizations of the Mediterranean ate a healthy diet like they do in in these nodern tmes.
36. Insert capital letters and full stops in the passage below so that it is punctuated correctly.

One has been done for you.

L I I I
Yast year $\mathbb{i}$ went travelling with my family to india "it was a trip that I will never forget.
37. Draw lines to match each sentence with their most likely final punctuation. Use each punctuation mark once.

Sentence

38. Write a contraction to replace the underlined words in each sentence below.
a) It is almost the end of the school term.
b) $\qquad$ almost the end of the school term.
c) We had not eaten any lunch so our stomachs were grumbling.

We hadn't eaten any lunch so our stomachs were grumbling.
39. A suffix is a group of letters added to the end of a word to make a new word.

For example: playful
Make two new words for each root word below, by adding a suffix. One has been done for you. Answer may vary, for example:

|  | new word | new word |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| help | helpless | helping |
| accept | accepting | acceptable |
| care | careless | careful |
| colour | colouring | colourful |

40. Which word is closest in meaning to 'examine' in the sentence below? He broke down the door to examine the empty property.

## Tick one.

collect $\square$
dealt $\square$
fixed
inspect

41. In each pair below, tick the sentence that is written in formal language.

Tick one.
She has decided to accept the job.


She's decided to accept the job. $\square$

Tick one.
Who have they chosen for the position?

Whom have they chosen for the position?

42. Read the words below. Which ending would make this word an adverb?

## Tick one.

slowest

slowness $\square$
slower

slowly

43. Rewrite the sentence below so that it is written in the passive voice. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

Susan changed the flat battery.
Accept answers written in the passive voice, e.g. The flat battery was changed by Susan.
44. Tick one box to show where the missing colon should go.

Harry won the competition the prize was a new computer.

45. Write a sentence that lists all the information given in the box below. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

| Swimming kit |
| :--- |
| swimming costume |
| goggles |
| flippers |
| towel |

Accept answers that include all the items and use commas correctly, e.g.

My swimming kit consists of a swimming costume, goggles, flippers and a towel.
46. Underline the subordinate clause in each of the sentences.

One has been done for you.

The wind, which was bitterly cold, howled around the trees.
Ali snored loudly while he was asleep.
Her brother, who is very tall, is always teasing us.
If I win the race, we can have a party to celebrate.

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