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and Vocabulary

Paper 1

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Year 6 English Grammar and Punctuation Test Paper

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.

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. a) Circle the **three** words in the sentence that need an **apostrophe**.

Since the accident, my Grans dog now only has three legs, so he cant run very quickly and doesnt chase squirrels anymore.

b) Pick **one** of the words that you have circled. Explain why it needs an **apostrophe**.

Word chosen _____

1 mark

1 mark

2. Read the sentences below and underline **all** the **co-ordinating conjunctions**.

I have a headache and I feel quite dizzy.

Hazim needed to eat his brocolli or he would not be allowed any dessert.

Charlie loved to dance but he didn't have the confidence to perform on stage.

1 mark

3. Which pair of **verbs** correctly completes the sentence below? **Tick one**.

The snarling beast _____ escaped and it _____ running menacingly towards them.

had were have were

is was had was

1 mark

4. The **prefix words** in bold in these sentences are **incorrect**.

Rewrite the words with the correct prefix words in the spaces provided.

The smashed vase was **unreplaceable** and the gallery owner was **disconsolable**.

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1 mark

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5. Which sentence below is written in **present progressive tense**? **Tick one.**

Vicki and Sam are running for the bus.

Mum was reading the newspaper.

Ryan has drawn a picture of his house.

The athletes were taking part in the long jump.

1 mark

6. Tick the sentences that must end in a **question mark**. **Tick two.**

Tomorrow, I'll invite my friends for tea

Do you prefer pizza or pasta

I went to the shop, but they were sold out

You'll be at my house for 5pm, won't you

1 mark

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

Ben's boss, who was called Mr. Newman, was often very demanding.

as a main clause

as a noun phrase

as a prepositional phrase

as a relative clause

1 mark

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8. a) **Underline** the words which show that the sentences below are written in **Non-Standard English**.

Nick should of done more practice for the marathon.

He couldn't go on no more.

b) **Rewrite** the sentences above in **Standard English**.

9. Sort the words below into the correct word class columns:

wept	beside	lovely	healthy
yesterday	into	nervously	take

Verb	Adverb	Adjective	Preposition

10. Write down whether each sentence is a **statement**, **question** or **command**:

Put your coats on. _____

In the winter, the sun goes down earlier. _____

When it gets dark, turn on the lights. _____

1 mark

1 mark

2 marks

1 mark

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11. Draw **lines** to match each **phrase** to its correct type.

the vast, blue ocean

Adverbial phrase

under the sea

Prepositional phrase

as quick as a flash

Noun phrase

1 mark

12. **Circle** the **two** words in the sentences below that are **antonyms** of each other.

Unfortunately, the presentation that Tom gave was disastrous. In his rehearsal, his performance had been much more successful.

1 mark

13. Read the sentence below. **Underline** the **pronoun** the writer uses to refer back to the aliens, adding cohesion to his sentence.

Running from the spaceship, James sped away from the aliens but there was no way he would be able to outrun them.

1 mark

14. Read the sentence below and **underline** the **subordinate clause**.

As they were busy, they completely forgot to take the cake out of the oven.

1 mark

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

Rome which is the capital city of Italy is home to some very famous landmarks.

1 mark

16. The words below are part of a **word family**.

Write one other word that belongs to this word family in the box.

bypass

surpass

passive

1 mark

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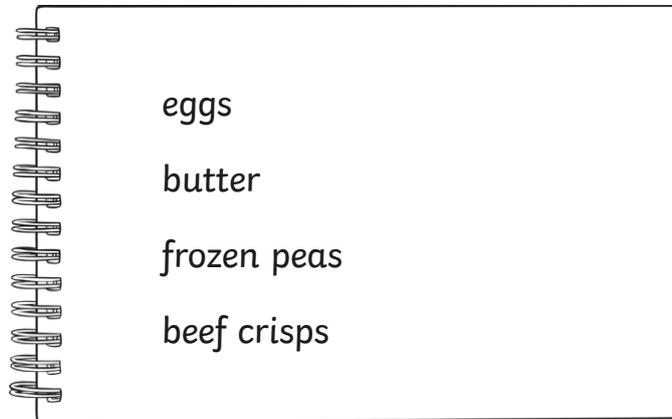
17. Re-write these **active** sentences using the **passive voice**.

Chris is eating a ripe banana.

In the tree, the sparrow was building a nest.

18. Look at Sheila's shopping list in the box below.

Write **one sentence** that lists everything Sheila bought from the shop.
Make sure you use the **correct punctuation**.



19. **Circle** the **subject** and **underline** the **object** in each sentence below.

The lion attacked the helpless gazelle.

My Grandpa watches snooker.

The trees were blown by the wind.

2 marks

1 mark

2 marks

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20. Read the two sentences below. **Explain** how the **comma** changes the meaning.

Don't forget to pay, Ken.

Don't forget to pay Ken.

1 mark

21. Tick **one box** in each row to show whether the word **before** is used as a **subordinating conjunction** or as a **preposition**.

Sentence	before used as a subordinating conjunction	before used as a preposition
The train fares were cheaper before 7am.		
Before eating her lunch, Joanne washed her hands.		
She gave everyone a hug before she set off on her journey.		

1 mark

22. **Circle** all the **determiners** in the passage below.

Rita bought a carnival outfit from the market. It had many sequins on it and several large feathers. It certainly was an extraordinary costume.

1 mark

23. **Tick** the correct boxes to show whether the **modal verbs** in the sentences show **certainty** or **possibility**.

Sentence	Certainty	Possibility
We may go to the shopping centre today.		
Billy can see Paul through the window.		
Dennis will get full marks on his test.		
It might snow over the weekend.		

1 mark

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28. What is the name of the **punctuation mark** used within the **underlined word** in the sentence below?

At the film premiere, the children looked on in awe as the **well-known** actress walked down the red carpet.

1 mark

29. Tick one box in each row to show if the underlined clause is a **main clause** or **subordinate clause**.

Sentence	Subordinate Clause	Main Clause
Polar Bears, <u>which are native to the Arctic</u> , are fierce predators.		
<u>Queen Victoria is one of England's longest-serving monarchs</u> because she reigned for 63 years.		
<u>As the volcano erupts</u> , scorching-hot lava escapes from the crater at the top of the magma chamber.		

1 mark

30. **Complete** the sentence below so that it uses the **subjunctive form**.

I wish I _____ able to fly.

1 mark

31. **Tick** the sentence that uses both **possessive apostrophes** correctly.

The farmers' wife cut off the mice's tails.

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32. Tick one box in each row to show whether the underlined word is being used as a **verb** or a **noun**.

Sentence	Verb	Noun
Ellie had bought the ingredients to <u>cook</u> a three-course meal.		
Primrose Primary wanted to hire a new school <u>cook</u> .		
Tickets for the new Star Wars movie were in high <u>demand</u> .		
I <u>demand</u> to see the manager right away!		
Zoe began to gently <u>stroke</u> her new pet guinea pig.		
Class 7 were taught a new <u>stroke</u> in their swimming lesson.		

2 marks

33. Replace the underlined words in each of the sentences with a synonym from the list.

- beneficial

self-centred

substantial

affluent

determined

The ice-cream sundae was such a generous size that the children couldn't finish it.

Scrooge was a selfish man, who expected his staff to work through Christmas.

At least thirty minutes of vigorous exercise per day is good for your health.

The wealthy businesswoman bought a new flat with a view of the river.

The strong-willed knight stormed into battle with dogged bravery.

1 mark

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34. Read the passages below. Change all the underlined **verbs** from the **present tense** to the **past tense**.

The first one has been done for you.

Our dog chases the postman.

He runs down the road after him.

He leaps at him until I whistle.

When he is well-behaved, I buy him a bone.

35. Underline the **verb form** that is in the **past perfect progressive** in the passage below.

Riley felt excited about the school bake-off competition. He was eager to win a certificate for undertaking his favourite hobby. He was feeling exhausted as he had been baking all day.

36. Read the sentences below. **Tick** the sentence that uses **dashes** correctly.

My pet parrot - a Scarlet Macaw - loves to imitate voices.

My pet - parrot - a Scarlet Macaw loves to imitate voices.

My pet parrot a Scarlet Macaw - loves to - imitate voices.

2 marks

1 mark

1 mark

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37. In the spaces, write the **word class** of each of the **underlined words** in the paragraph below. Use the terms from the given list. The first one has been done for you.

- modal verb
- adverb
- determiner
- preposition
- pronoun

Even though destroying rainforest causes climate change, people continue to do it (**pronoun**). We must () stop the deforestation and save the () planet. Amazingly (), an area of forest the size of forty-eight football fields is cut down every hour. Before () long, there will be none left.

1 mark

38. **Rewrite** the sentence below with the **adverbial** at the front of the sentence. Make sure you use the same words and the correct punctuation.

You should tidy your bedroom when you've finished washing the pots.

1 mark

39. **Rewrite** these spoken sentences, adding **inverted commas** and the **correct punctuation**.

a) Bobby screamed loudly I've trapped my finger.

b) Would you mind if I took your picture asked the photographer

1 mark

1 mark

40. Complete the sentence below with a **reflexive pronoun**

Belinda taught _____ to play the guitar in just a few months.

1 mark

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