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GL ASSESSMENT / CSSE 11+ Entrance English (GL Assessment / CSSE style) · about 30 minutes

Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

1 Which sentence uses the semicolon correctly?

- [ ] A) The wind picked up; the kites soared higher into the sky.
- [ ] B) The wind picked up, the kites soared higher into the sky;
- [ ] C) The wind picked up; and the kites soared higher into the sky.
- [ ] D) The wind; picked up the kites soared higher into the sky.

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2 Which sentence correctly punctuates a list whose items already contain commas?

- [ ] A) For the sponsored walk we visited Ilkley, West Yorkshire, Buxton, Derbyshire and Ambleside, Cumbria.
- [ ] B) For the sponsored walk we visited Ilkley, West Yorkshire; Buxton, Derbyshire; and Ambleside, Cumbria.
- [ ] C) For the sponsored walk we visited Ilkley; West Yorkshire, Buxton; Derbyshire and Ambleside, Cumbria.
- [ ] D) For the sponsored walk we visited Ilkley, West Yorkshire: Buxton, Derbyshire: and Ambleside, Cumbria.

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3 Which sentence correctly uses a colon, rather than a semicolon, to introduce an explanation?

- [ ] A) The lesson finished early; the fire alarm had gone off.
- [ ] B) The lesson finished early: the fire alarm had gone off.
- [ ] C) The lesson finished early, the fire alarm had gone off:
- [ ] D) The lesson; finished early the fire alarm had gone off.

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4 Which tense is used in this sentence?
'Ruben cycles to school every day.'

- [ ] A) present perfect
- [ ] B) present continuous
- [ ] C) past simple
- [ ] D) present simple

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5 Read the sentence, then choose the underlined word that is spelled incorrectly. If every word is correct, choose E.

"The (A) restaurant on the (B) high street serves a (C) delicious (D) breakfast."

- [ ] A) restaurant
- [ ] B) high street
- [ ] C) delicious
- [ ] D) breakfast
- [ ] E) No mistake

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6 Which tense is used in this sentence?

'Saoirse has played the cello since she was six.'

- [ ] A) present continuous
- [ ] B) past simple
- [ ] C) past perfect
- [ ] D) present perfect

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7 In the sentence 'The enormous whale surfaced near the boat', what word class is 'enormous'?

- [ ] A) noun
- [ ] B) verb
- [ ] C) adjective
- [ ] D) adverb

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8 In the sentence 'Bilal carefully balanced the tray of drinks', what word class is 'carefully'?

- [ ] A) adverb
- [ ] B) noun
- [ ] C) adjective
- [ ] D) preposition

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9 In the sentence 'The squirrel darted between the fence posts', what word class is 'between'?

- [ ] A) adverb
- [ ] B) verb
- [ ] C) conjunction
- [ ] D) preposition

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10 In the sentence 'Poppy stayed indoors although the rain had stopped', what word class is 'although'?

- [ ] A) conjunction
- [ ] B) preposition
- [ ] C) adverb
- [ ] D) pronoun

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11 In the sentence 'That is the trophy Aled won last year', what word class is 'That'?

- [ ] A) determiner
- [ ] B) conjunction
- [ ] C) pronoun
- [ ] D) adjective

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12 Which words form the subordinate clause in this sentence?
'Because the rain was heavy, the sports day was postponed.'

- [ ] A) was postponed
- [ ] B) the sports day was postponed
- [ ] C) Because the rain was heavy
- [ ] D) the sports day

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13 Which words form the subordinate clause in this sentence?
'The coach who trains our team used to play professionally.'

- [ ] A) used to play
- [ ] B) The coach
- [ ] C) professionally
- [ ] D) who trains our team

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14 Read the sentence, then choose the underlined word that is spelled incorrectly. If every word is correct, choose E.
"Our (A) neighbour's (B) garden had a (C) beatiful display of (D) tulips this spring."

- [ ] A) neighbour's
- [ ] B) garden
- [ ] C) beatiful
- [ ] D) tulips
- [ ] E) No mistake

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15 Which words form the subordinate clause in this sentence?
'The trophy, which had been polished that morning, gleamed under the lights.'

- [ ] A) that morning
- [ ] B) The trophy
- [ ] C) which had been polished that morning
- [ ] D) gleamed under the lights

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16 What type of sentence is this?
'Farida packed her bag, and she caught the early train before seven o'clock.'

- [ ] A) Simple sentence
- [ ] B) Compound-complex sentence
- [ ] C) Complex sentence
- [ ] D) Compound sentence

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17 What type of sentence is this?
'I can't believe how far the team has come this season!'

- [ ] A) Command
- [ ] B) Exclamation
- [ ] C) Question
- [ ] D) Statement

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18 What type of sentence is this?
'Not yet.'

- [ ] A) Minor sentence
- [ ] B) Statement
- [ ] C) Compound sentence
- [ ] D) Command

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19 What type of sentence is this?
'What a spectacular goal that was!'

- [ ] A) Command
- [ ] B) Exclamation
- [ ] C) Statement
- [ ] D) Question

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20 Choose the correct word to complete the sentence: 'By lunchtime, the children ___ their classroom.'

- [ ] A) tidied
- [ ] B) tidy
- [ ] C) had tidied
- [ ] D) have tidied

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21 In the sentence 'I will help you if you ask nicely', what word class is 'if'?

- [ ] A) pronoun
- [ ] B) conjunction
- [ ] C) preposition
- [ ] D) adverb

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22 What type of sentence is this?
'What an incredible performance by the orchestra!'

- [ ] A) Statement
- [ ] B) Question
- [ ] C) Command
- [ ] D) Exclamation

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23 Which is the correct spelling of the word formed by adding '-ed' to the verb 'occur'?

- [ ] A) occured
- [ ] B) occurring
- [ ] C) occurred
- [ ] D) ocurred

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24 Read the sentence, then choose the underlined word that is spelled incorrectly. If every word is correct, choose E.
"The (A) relavent documents were filed (B) carefully in the office (C) drawer on (D) Monday."

- [ ] A) relavent
- [ ] B) carefully
- [ ] C) drawer
- [ ] D) Monday
- [ ] E) No mistake

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25 Read the sentence, then choose the underlined word that is spelled incorrectly. If every word is correct, choose E.
"The (A) librarian ordered (B) diferent books for the (C) children's (D) section."

- [ ] A) librarian
- [ ] B) diferent
- [ ] C) children's
- [ ] D) section

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26 Which tense is used in this sentence?
'They have lived in this house for five years.'

- [ ] A) present continuous
- [ ] B) past perfect
- [ ] C) present perfect
- [ ] D) past simple

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27 Which tense is used in this sentence?
'The children play in the garden every afternoon.'

- [ ] A) present simple
- [ ] B) past simple
- [ ] C) present perfect
- [ ] D) present continuous

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28 In the sentence 'She walked slowly through the museum', what word class is 'slowly'?

- [ ] A) noun
- [ ] B) adverb
- [ ] C) adjective
- [ ] D) preposition

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29 Which words form the subordinate clause in this sentence?
'When the sun sets, the birds stop singing.'

- ☐ A) When the sun sets
- ☐ B) the birds
- ☐ C) stop singing
- ☐ D) the birds stop singing

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30 Insert the missing comma: 'Before the bell rang the pupils lined up outside their classroom.'

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Question 1

A - joins two complete, closely related clauses with a semicolon alone **B1**

Answer: A) The wind picked up; the kites soared higher into the sky.

Question 2

B - semicolons separate the three main list items, each of which already contains a comma, avoiding confusion **B1**

Answer: B) For the sponsored walk we visited Ilkley, West Yorkshire; Buxton, Derbyshire; and Ambleside, Cumbria.

Question 3

B - uses a colon to introduce the explanation that follows a complete clause **B1**

Answer: B) The lesson finished early: the fire alarm had gone off.

Question 4

D - present simple - the base verb plus s is used for a habitual, repeated action **B1**

Answer: D) present simple

Question 5

E - correctly identifies that every underlined word is spelled correctly **B1**

Answer: E) No mistake

Question 6

D - present perfect - 'has' plus the past participle describes a state continuing from the past to now **B1**

Answer: D) present perfect

Question 7

C - adjective - it describes the noun 'whale' **B1**

Answer: C) adjective

Question 8

A - adverb - it describes how the action 'balanced' was done **B1**

Answer: A) adverb

Question 9

D - preposition - it shows the relationship in place between 'darted' and 'the fence posts' **B1**

Answer: D) preposition

Question 10

A - conjunction (subordinating) - it joins the two clauses and shows a contrast with the first **B1**

Answer: A) conjunction

Question 11

C - pronoun - it stands alone as the subject of the sentence, not describing a following noun **B1**

Answer: C) pronoun

Question 12

C - Because the rain was heavy - cannot stand alone as a complete sentence and depends on the main clause **B1**

Answer: C) Because the rain was heavy

Question 13

D - who trains our team - a relative clause giving extra information about 'the coach' that cannot stand alone **B1**

Answer: D) who trains our team

Question 14

C - identifies 'beatiful' as the misspelling (correct spelling is 'beautiful') **B1**

Answer: C) beatiful

Question 15

C - which had been polished that morning - extra information about 'the trophy', marked off by commas, that cannot stand alone **B1**

Answer: C) which had been polished that morning

Question 16

D - Compound sentence - two main clauses are joined by the coordinating conjunction 'and' **B1**

Answer: D) Compound sentence

Question 17

B - Exclamation - it expresses strong feeling and ends with an exclamation mark **B1**

Answer: B) Exclamation

Question 18

A - Minor sentence - a grammatically incomplete but meaningful phrase with no main verb **B1**

Answer: A) Minor sentence

Question 19

B (Exclamation) cao **B1**

Answer: B) Exclamation

Question 20

C (had tidied) cao **B1**

Answer: C) had tidied

Question 21

B (conjunction) cao **B1**

Answer: B) conjunction

Question 22

D (Exclamation) cao **B1**

Answer: D) Exclamation

Question 23

C - occurred - the stressed final syllable ends in a single vowel plus a single consonant, so the r is doubled before -ed **B1**

Answer: C) occurred

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Question 24

A (relavent) cao **B1**

Answer: A) relavent

Question 25

B (diferent) cao **B1**

Answer: B) diferent

Question 26

C (present perfect) cao **B1**

Answer: C) present perfect

Question 27

A (present simple) cao **B1**

Answer: A) present simple

Question 28

B (adverb) cao **B1**

Answer: B) adverb

Question 29

A (When the sun sets) cao **B1**

Answer: A) When the sun sets

Question 30

places a comma immediately after 'rang', marking the end of the fronted adverbial clause (cao) **B1**

Answer: Before the bell rang, the pupils lined up outside their classroom.

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