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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 tide came in fast; the rock pools disappeared within minutes.
- [ ] B) The tide came in fast, the rock pools disappeared within minutes;
- [ ] C) The tide came in fast; and the rock pools disappeared within minutes.
- [ ] D) The tide; came in fast the rock pools disappeared within minutes.

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

- [ ] A) The tour visited Bath, Somerset, York, North Yorkshire and Chester, Cheshire.
- [ ] B) The tour visited Bath, Somerset; York, North Yorkshire; and Chester, Cheshire.
- [ ] C) The tour visited Bath; Somerset, York; North Yorkshire and Chester, Cheshire.
- [ ] D) The tour visited Bath, Somerset: York, North Yorkshire: and Chester, Cheshire.

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

- [ ] A) The concert was cancelled; the lead singer had lost her voice.
- [ ] B) The concert was cancelled: the lead singer had lost her voice.
- [ ] C) The concert was cancelled, the lead singer had lost her voice:
- [ ] D) The concert; was cancelled the lead singer had lost her voice.

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4 Which tense is used in this sentence?
'Amara is revising for her spelling test.'

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

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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) committee (B) agreed to (C) postpone the (D) tournament until March."

- [ ] A) committee
- [ ] B) agreed
- [ ] C) postpone
- [ ] D) tournament
- [ ] E) No mistake

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6 Which tense is used in this sentence?

'The train had already left when we arrived at the platform.'

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

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7 In the sentence 'The ancient oak tree stood at the edge of the field', what word class is 'ancient'?

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

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8 In the sentence 'Zainab quietly closed the classroom door', what word class is 'quietly'?

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

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9 In the sentence 'The otter slipped beneath the surface of the river', what word class is 'beneath'?

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

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10 In the sentence 'Leon stayed calm even though the alarm was ringing', what word class is 'even though'?

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

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11 In the sentence 'Those are the trainers Grace wore in the race', what word class is 'Those'?

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

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12 Which words form the subordinate clause in this sentence?
'Since the bridge was closed, the bus took a longer route.'

- [ ] A) took a longer route
- [ ] B) the bus took a longer route
- [ ] C) the bus
- [ ] D) Since the bridge was closed

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13 Which words form the subordinate clause in this sentence?
'The scientist who discovered the fossil gave a talk at the museum.'

- [ ] A) at the museum
- [ ] B) The scientist
- [ ] C) who discovered the fossil
- [ ] D) gave a talk

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14 Read the sentence, then choose the underlined word that is spelled incorrectly. If every word is correct, choose E.
"Tariq kept his books in two (A) seperate (B) piles on the (C) shelf above his (D) desk."

- [ ] A) seperate
- [ ] B) piles
- [ ] C) shelf
- [ ] D) desk
- [ ] E) No mistake

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15 Which words form the subordinate clause in this sentence?
'The letter, which had been sitting on the doormat for days, was finally opened.'

- [ ] A) The letter
- [ ] B) was finally opened
- [ ] C) which had been sitting on the doormat for days
- [ ] D) for days

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16 What type of sentence is this?
'Leon packed his kit bag, and he set off for training before six o'clock.'

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

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17 What type of sentence is this?
'Close the gate behind you.'

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

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18 What type of sentence is this?
'Almost there.'

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

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19 Which sentence uses 'their' or 'they're' correctly?

- [ ] A) Their bringing there bags to school.
- [ ] B) They're planning to go to there house.
- [ ] C) Their teacher gave them their homework.
- [ ] D) Theyre going to visit there family.

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20 In 'Those were the dogs we saw', what is 'Those'?

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

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21 Which punctuates correctly? (Tom has many medals.)

- [ ] A) The medal that Tom earned was shiny and new.
- [ ] B) The medal, that Tom earned, is shiny and new.
- [ ] C) The medal that Tom earned, is shiny and new.
- [ ] D) The medal, that Tom earned was shiny and new.

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22 Which spells adding '-ing' to 'sit'?

- [ ] A) siteeing
- [ ] B) siting
- [ ] C) sitting
- [ ] D) sittting

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

- [ ] A) beginnig
- [ ] B) beginnning
- [ ] C) beginning
- [ ] D) begining

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24 What type is this sentence?
'Charlie finished work and then he left early.'

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

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25 What type is this sentence?
'Before the concert began, musicians, who practised long, came stage.'

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

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26 What type is this?
'Bring your books to class tomorrow.'

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

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27 Which sentence correctly rewrites 'Lee writes a detailed report' in the past tense?

- [ ] A) Lee was writing a detailed report.
- [ ] B) Lee writed a detailed report.
- [ ] C) Lee wrote a detailed report.
- [ ] D) Lee has written a detailed report.

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28 Which tense is used in this sentence? 'By the time the race started, the runners had trained for months.'

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

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29 In the sentence 'The runner sprinted swiftly towards the finish line', what word class is 'swiftly'?

- ☐ A) preposition
- ☐ B) adverb
- ☐ C) noun
- ☐ D) adjective

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30 Insert the missing comma: 'After the rain stopped the children ran outside to play.'

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Question 1

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

Answer: A) The tide came in fast; the rock pools disappeared within minutes.

Question 2

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

Answer: B) The tour visited Bath, Somerset; York, North Yorkshire; and Chester, Cheshire.

Question 3

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

Answer: B) The concert was cancelled: the lead singer had lost her voice.

Question 4

D - present continuous - 'is' plus the '-ing' form describes an action happening right now **B1**

Answer: D) present continuous

Question 5

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

Answer: E) No mistake

Question 6

A - past perfect - 'had' plus the past participle describes an action completed before another past action **B1**

Answer: A) past perfect

Question 7

D - adjective - it describes the noun 'tree' **B1**

Answer: D) adjective

Question 8

C - adverb - it describes how the action 'closed' was done **B1**

Answer: C) adverb

Question 9

A - preposition - it shows the relationship in place between 'slipped' and 'the surface of the river' **B1**

Answer: A) preposition

Question 10

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

Answer: D) conjunction

Question 11

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

Answer: A) pronoun

Question 12

D - Since the bridge was closed - cannot stand alone as a complete sentence and depends on the main clause **B1**

Answer: D) Since the bridge was closed

Question 13

C - who discovered the fossil - a relative clause giving essential information about which scientist is meant, and cannot stand alone **B1**

Answer: C) who discovered the fossil

Question 14

A - identifies 'seperate' as the misspelling (correct spelling is 'separate') **B1**

Answer: A) seperate (should be 'separate')

Question 15

C - which had been sitting on the doormat for days - extra information about 'the letter', marked off by commas, that cannot stand alone **B1**

Answer: C) which had been sitting on the doormat for days

Question 16

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

Answer: A) Compound sentence

Question 17

B - Command - it uses the imperative form of the verb to instruct someone to do something **B1**

Answer: B) Command

Question 18

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

Answer: D) Minor sentence

Question 19

C (Their teacher gave them their homework.) cao **B1**

Answer: C) Their teacher gave them their homework.

Question 20

D (pronoun) cao **B1**

Answer: D) pronoun

Question 21

A (The medal that Tom earned was shiny and new.) cao **B1**

Answer: A) The medal that Tom earned was shiny and new.

Question 22

C (sitting) cao **B1**

Answer: C) sitting

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Question 23

C - beginning - the stressed final syllable ends in a single vowel plus a single consonant, so the n is doubled before -ing **B1**

Answer: C) beginning

Question 24

B (Compound sentence) cao **B1**

Answer: B) Compound sentence

Question 25

B (Complex sentence) cao **B1**

Answer: B) Complex sentence

Question 26

D (Command) cao **B1**

Answer: D) Command

Question 27

C (Lee wrote a detailed report.) cao **B1**

Answer: C) Lee wrote a detailed report.

Question 28

D (past perfect) cao **B1**

Answer: D) past perfect

Question 29

B (adverb) cao **B1**

Answer: B) adverb

Question 30

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

Answer: After the rain stopped, the children ran outside to play.

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