1.26 Punctuation and Grammar Focus: 10-minute Pack

GL ASSESSMENT / CSSE 11+ Entrance English (GL Assessment / CSSE style) · about 10 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

1 Which sentence uses the possessive apostrophe correctly?

- [ ] A) The men's changing room was being refurbished.
- [ ] B) The mens' changing room was being refurbished.
- [ ] C) The mens changing room was being refurbished.
- [ ] D) The men' changing room was being refurbished.

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2 Ibrahim and Saoirse share one football that they bought together. Which sentence shows this joint ownership correctly?

- [ ] A) Ibrahims and Saoirses football was left out in the rain.
- [ ] B) Ibrahim and Saoirse's footballs were left out in the rain.
- [ ] C) Ibrahim and Saoirse's football was left out in the rain.
- [ ] D) Ibrahim's and Saoirse's football was left out in the rain.

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3 Which sentence punctuates the direct speech correctly?

- [ ] A) Mr Farid said line up by the door.
- [ ] B) Mr Farid said, "Line up by the door."
- [ ] C) Mr Farid said, "line up by the door."
- [ ] D) Mr Farid said "Line up by the door".

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4 Punctuate this sentence correctly, adding speech marks: 'Ffion asked is the museum open on bank holidays'

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5 Which sentence correctly punctuates the split speech?

- ☐ A) We should, said Mrs Adeoye, leave before the rain gets heavier.
- ☐ B) "We should," said Mrs Adeoye, "leave before the rain gets heavier."
- ☐ C) "We should" said Mrs Adeoye, "leave before the rain gets heavier".
- ☐ D) "We should," said Mrs Adeoye "leave before the rain gets heavier."

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6 Which sentence uses the semicolon correctly?

- ☐ A) The kettle boiled quickly; Deepak made a pot of tea.
- ☐ B) The kettle boiled quickly, Deepak made a pot of tea;
- ☐ C) The kettle boiled quickly; and Deepak made a pot of tea.
- ☐ D) The kettle; boiled quickly Deepak made a pot of tea.

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7 Insert the missing colon: 'Callum finally understood why the plan had failed no one had checked the tide times.'

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8 In the sentence 'Tomasz picked up his umbrella (a bright yellow one) before leaving the house', which best describes the bracketed words?

- ☐ A) Essential - the sentence would not make sense without them.
- ☐ B) The main clause of the sentence.
- ☐ C) Extra detail - the sentence still makes complete sense if they are removed.
- ☐ D) A separate sentence joined by a semicolon.

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9 Choose the correct word to complete the sentence: 'By the time the bell rings, Connor ___ his entire lunch.'

- ☐ A) eats
- ☐ B) will eat
- ☐ C) will have eaten
- ☐ D) has eaten

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10 This sentence contains a comma splice. Rewrite it correctly, using a semicolon instead of the comma: 'Hamza practised his times tables every evening, his marks improved quickly.'

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Question 1

A - places apostrophe plus s after the irregular plural 'men' **B1**

Answer: A) The men's changing room was being refurbished.

Question 2

C - places the possessive apostrophe + s only on the second name, showing joint ownership of the one football **B1**

Answer: C) Ibrahim and Saoirse's football was left out in the rain.

Question 3

B - uses a comma before the speech marks, a capital letter to start the quotation, and the full stop inside the closing speech mark **B1**

Answer: B) Mr Farid said, "Line up by the door."

Question 4

adds a comma after 'asked' and encloses the spoken words in speech marks, with the question mark placed inside the closing speech mark (cao) **B1**

Answer: Ffion asked, "Is the museum open on bank holidays?"

Question 5

B - closes the speech marks before the reporting clause 'said Mrs Adeoye' and reopens them after it, with a comma on both sides of the reporting clause **B1**

Answer: B) "We should," said Mrs Adeoye, "leave before the rain gets heavier."

Question 6

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

Answer: A) The kettle boiled quickly; Deepak made a pot of tea.

Question 7

places the colon after 'failed', introducing the explanation that follows a complete clause (cao) **B1**

Answer: Callum finally understood why the plan had failed: no one had checked the tide times.

Question 8

C - the bracketed words are extra, non-essential detail **B1**

Answer: C) Extra detail - the sentence still makes complete sense if they are removed.

Question 9

C - will have eaten - future perfect tense, for an action completed before a stated future point in time **B1**

Answer: C) will have eaten

Question 10

replaces the comma with a semicolon, correctly joining the two related complete clauses; accept rewriting as two separate sentences with a full stop instead (oe) **B1**

Answer: Hamza practised his times tables every evening; his marks improved quickly.

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