1.26 Punctuation and Grammar Focus: 30-minute Pack

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 punctuates the list correctly?

- ☐ A) For the bake sale, Chloe made flapjacks brownies and a lemon drizzle cake.
- ☐ B) For the bake sale, Chloe made flapjacks, brownies and a lemon drizzle cake.
- ☐ C) For the bake sale Chloe made flapjacks, brownies, and a lemon drizzle cake.
- ☐ D) For the bake sale, Chloe made flapjacks brownies, and a lemon drizzle cake.

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

- ☐ A) The choir toured Leeds, West Yorkshire, Hull, East Yorkshire and Selby, North Yorkshire.
- ☐ B) The choir toured Leeds, West Yorkshire; Hull, East Yorkshire; and Selby, North Yorkshire.
- ☐ C) The choir toured Leeds; West Yorkshire, Hull; East Yorkshire and Selby, North Yorkshire.
- ☐ D) The choir toured Leeds, West Yorkshire: Hull, East Yorkshire: and Selby, North Yorkshire.

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3 Which sentence correctly uses brackets to add extra, non-essential information?

- ☐ A) The recipe (which Grandma wrote in 1985 needs) three eggs.
- ☐ B) The recipe, which Grandma wrote in 1985, (needs three eggs).
- ☐ C) The recipe (which Grandma wrote in 1985) needs three eggs.
- ☐ D) The (recipe which Grandma wrote in 1985) needs three eggs.

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4 Add a pair of brackets around the extra information in this sentence: 'The trip cost £45 per pupil which included lunch and entry to the museum.'

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5 In the sentence 'The narrow footpath wound along the cliff edge', what word class is 'narrow'?

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

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6 In the sentence 'Ngozi carefully balanced the test tube on its stand', what word class is 'carefully'?

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

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7 In the sentence 'The kayak drifted past the old jetty', what word class is 'past'?

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

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8 In the sentence 'Which is your coat?', what word class is 'Which'?

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

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9 Insert the missing comma: 'Could you pass the scissors Mr Osei?'

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10 Which tense is used in this sentence?
'Idris trains at the swimming pool every Tuesday.'

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

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11 Which sentence uses the present perfect tense correctly?

- [ ] A) Isla visits Edinburgh Castle three times.
- [ ] B) Isla had visited Edinburgh Castle three times.
- [ ] C) Isla was visiting Edinburgh Castle three times.
- [ ] D) Isla has visited Edinburgh Castle three times.

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12 Which tense is used in this sentence?
'Malachy has been practising the trumpet for two years.'

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

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13 Choose the correct verb to complete the sentence: 'Each of the runners ___ a number pinned to their vest.'

- [ ] A) has
- [ ] B) have
- [ ] C) having
- [ ] D) have had

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14 Choose the correct verb to complete the sentence: 'Aaliyah and her brother ___ walking to school together this term.'

- [ ] A) is
- [ ] B) are
- [ ] C) was
- [ ] D) has been

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15 Choose the correct verb to complete the sentence, treating the orchestra as separate players: 'The orchestra ___ tuning their instruments before the concert began.'

- [ ] A) was
- [ ] B) has been
- [ ] C) were
- [ ] D) is

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16 Choose the correct verb to complete the sentence: 'Neither the coach nor the players ___ satisfied with the result.'

- [ ] A) has been
- [ ] B) is
- [ ] C) were
- [ ] D) was

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17 Which sentence correctly punctuates the extra information about Elowen's house? (Note: Elowen has only one house, so the extra detail is not needed to identify it.)

- [ ] A) Elowen's house, which has a bright red door is at the end of the lane.
- [ ] B) Elowen's house which has a bright red door is at the end of the lane.
- [ ] C) Elowen's house which has a bright red door, is at the end of the lane.
- [ ] D) Elowen's house, which has a bright red door, is at the end of the lane.

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18 Which words form the subordinate clause in this sentence?
'Because the tide was rising fast, the fishermen packed up early.'

- [ ] A) the fishermen packed up early
- [ ] B) Because the tide was rising fast
- [ ] C) the fishermen
- [ ] D) packed up early

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19 Which words form the subordinate clause in this sentence?
'The photograph that won the competition was taken in the Lake District.'

- [ ] A) in the Lake District
- [ ] B) was taken
- [ ] C) The photograph
- [ ] D) that won the competition

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20 Which words form the subordinate clause in this sentence?
'The bridge, which had stood for over a century, was finally closed for repairs.'

- [ ] A) for repairs
- [ ] B) The bridge
- [ ] C) which had stood for over a century
- [ ] D) was finally closed

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21 What type of sentence is this?
'Meera packed her bag, and she checked the timetable twice.'

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

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22 What type of sentence is this?
'Since the museum was closed for renovation, Ade and Wiktoria visited the art gallery instead.'

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

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23 What type of sentence is this?
'What a relief it was to finally see the finish line!'

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

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24 Choose the correct verb to complete the sentence: 'The collection of photographs ___ displayed in the gallery.'

- [ ] A) have been
- [ ] B) is
- [ ] C) were
- [ ] D) are

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25 What type of sentence is this?
'Although we arrived early, the show had already started.'

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

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26 Which words form the subordinate clause in this sentence?
'The books that the teacher recommended were written by local authors.'

- [ ] A) were written by local authors
- [ ] B) were written
- [ ] C) that the teacher recommended
- [ ] D) the teacher recommended

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

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

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28 What type of sentence is this?
'How wonderful to finally visit the seaside!'

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

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29 Which words form the subordinate clause in this sentence?
'The building, which was constructed in 1950, requires significant renovation work.'

- [ ] A) requires significant renovation work
- [ ] B) The building
- [ ] C) was constructed
- [ ] D) which was constructed in 1950

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30 Which words form the main clause in this sentence?
'If the weather improves tomorrow, we shall go to the beach for the day.'

- [ ] A) we shall go to the beach for the day
- [ ] B) If the weather
- [ ] C) the weather improves tomorrow
- [ ] D) If the weather improves tomorrow

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Mark scheme · 1.26 Punctuation and Grammar Focus: 30-minute Pack

Question 1

B - places a comma after the fronted phrase and separates each list item with a comma **B1**

Answer: B) For the bake sale, Chloe made flapjacks, brownies and a lemon drizzle cake.

Question 2

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

Answer: B) The choir toured Leeds, West Yorkshire; Hull, East Yorkshire; and Selby, North Yorkshire.

Question 3

C - brackets open right after 'recipe' and close right before 'needs', leaving the main clause intact **B1**

Answer: C) The recipe (which Grandma wrote in 1985) needs three eggs.

Question 4

places brackets around the non-essential clause 'which included lunch and entry to the museum' (cao) **B1**

Answer: The trip cost £45 per pupil (which included lunch and entry to the museum).

Question 5

A - adjective - it describes the noun 'footpath' **B1**

Answer: A) adjective

Question 6

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

Answer: D) adverb

Question 7

A - preposition - it shows the relationship in place between 'drifted' and 'the old jetty' **B1**

Answer: A) preposition

Question 8

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

Answer: D) pronoun

Question 9

places a comma before the name of the person directly addressed (cao) **B1**

Answer: Could you pass the scissors, Mr Osei?

Question 10

B - present simple - describes a regular, habitual action **B1**

Answer: B) present simple

Question 11

D - has visited - links a completed action to the present moment **B1**

Answer: D) Isla has visited Edinburgh Castle three times.

Question 12

D - present perfect continuous - 'has been' plus the '-ing' form describes an action that started in the past and is still continuing **B1**

Answer: D) present perfect continuous

Question 13

A - has - agrees with the singular indefinite pronoun 'Each' **B1**

Answer: A) has

Question 14

B - are - agrees with the plural compound subject joined by 'and' **B1**

Answer: B) are

Question 15

C - were - agrees with the collective noun 'orchestra' treated as individual members, matching the plural pronoun 'their' **B1**

Answer: C) were

Question 16

C - were - with 'neither...nor', the verb agrees with the nearer subject, the plural 'players' **B1**

Answer: C) were

Question 17

D - marks the non-defining clause 'which has a bright red door' with a comma on both sides **B1**

Answer: D) Elowen's house, which has a bright red door, is at the end of the lane.

Question 18

B - Because the tide was rising fast - cannot stand alone as a complete sentence and depends on the main clause **B1**

Answer: B) Because the tide was rising fast

Question 19

D - that won the competition - a relative clause giving essential information about which photograph is meant, and cannot stand alone **B1**

Answer: D) that won the competition

Question 20

C - which had stood for over a century - extra information about 'the bridge', marked off by commas, that cannot stand alone **B1**

Answer: C) which had stood for over a century

Question 21

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

Answer: D) Compound sentence

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Question 22

B - Complex sentence - one main clause plus a subordinate clause, with no coordinating conjunction joining two main clauses **B1**

Answer: B) Complex sentence

Question 23

D - Exclamation - it begins with 'What' to express strong feeling and ends with an exclamation mark **B1**

Answer: D) Exclamation

Question 24

B (is) cao **B1**

Answer: B) is

Question 25

C (Complex sentence) cao **B1**

Answer: C) Complex sentence

Question 26

C (that the teacher recommended) cao **B1**

Answer: C) that the teacher recommended

Question 27

B (adverb) cao **B1**

Answer: B) adverb

Question 28

A (Exclamation) cao **B1**

Answer: A) Exclamation

Question 29

D (which was constructed in 1950) cao **B1**

Answer: D) which was constructed in 1950

Question 30

A (we shall go to the beach for the day) cao **B1**

Answer: A) we shall go to the beach for the day

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