1.26 Punctuation and Grammar Focus: Test Pack

GL ASSESSMENT / CSSE 11+ Entrance English (GL Assessment / CSSE style) · about 20 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

1 Insert the missing comma: 'Before the bell rang the pupils lined up quietly outside.'

(1)

2 Punctuate this sentence correctly, adding speech marks and a comma: 'Niamh shouted duck under the branch'

(1)

3 This sentence has two punctuation errors in the speech. Identify and correct them: Rajesh whispered "the torch battery is dying"

(1)

4 Insert the missing colon: 'Poppy needed three things for art class a sketchbook, a pencil and an eraser.'

(1)

5 This sentence is missing its closing bracket. Rewrite it correctly: 'Bethan's science project (which took three weekends to build won first prize at the school fair.'

(1)

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6 In the sentence 'Rhian revised every evening so that she would feel prepared', what word class is 'so that'?

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

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7 Which sentence correctly rewrites 'Sian writes a letter to her pen pal' in the past tense?

- [ ] A) Sian wrote a letter to her pen pal.
- [ ] B) Sian writed a letter to her pen pal.
- [ ] C) Sian has written a letter to her pen pal.
- [ ] D) Sian was writing a letter to her pen pal.

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8 Choose the correct verb to complete the sentence: 'The list of ingredients for the cake ___ pinned to the noticeboard.'

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

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9 Which words form the main clause in this sentence?
'Even though the ferry was delayed, the passengers stayed remarkably calm.'

- [ ] A) the passengers stayed remarkably calm
- [ ] B) Even though the ferry was delayed
- [ ] C) remarkably calm
- [ ] D) Even though the ferry

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10 What type of sentence is this?
'Although the wind picked up, Kofi launched his kite, and it soared above the beach within seconds.'

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

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11 Marcus and Sofia share one flat that they rent together. Which sentence shows this joint ownership correctly?

- [ ] A) Marcuss and Sofia flat is near the train station.
- [ ] B) Marcus's and Sofia's flat is near the train station.
- [ ] C) Marcus and Sofias flat is near the train station.
- [ ] D) Marcus and Sofia's flat is near the train station.

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12 Choose the correct verb to complete the sentence, treating the group as one unit: 'The group of musicians ___ performing at the concert tonight.'

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

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13 In the sentence 'Who gave you this book?', what word class is 'Who'?

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

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14 Which tense is used in this sentence?
'The sun rises in the east.'

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

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15 Priya and David share one business that they started together. Which sentence shows this joint ownership correctly?

- [ ] A) Priya's and David's business is thriving.
- [ ] B) Priya and Davids' business is thriving.
- [ ] C) Priyas and David business is thriving.
- [ ] D) Priya and David's business is thriving.

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16 Which words form the subordinate clause in this sentence?
'The teacher, who had won several awards, spoke about her research today.'

- [ ] A) who had won several awards
- [ ] B) had won
- [ ] C) spoke about her research today
- [ ] D) The teacher

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17 Which words form the subordinate clause in this sentence?
'The cake that she baked was delicious and moist.'

- [ ] A) that she baked
- [ ] B) was delicious and moist
- [ ] C) was delicious
- [ ] D) she baked

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18 What type of sentence is this?
'She finished her homework, and then she watched a film.'

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

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Question 1

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 quietly outside.

Question 2

adds a comma after 'shouted' and encloses the spoken words in speech marks, with the final punctuation placed inside the closing speech mark: an exclamation mark (as in the model answer) or a full stop is accepted (cao) **B1**

Answer: Niamh shouted, "Duck under the branch!"

Question 3

adds the missing comma before the opening speech mark and capitalises 'the' to 'The' to start the quotation (cao, both corrections required) **B1**

Answer: Rajesh whispered, "The torch battery is dying."

Question 4

places the colon after 'class', introducing the list after a complete clause (cao) **B1**

Answer: Poppy needed three things for art class: a sketchbook, a pencil and an eraser.

Question 5

closes the bracket after 'build', immediately before the main clause resumes with 'won' (cao) **B1**

Answer: Bethan's science project (which took three weekends to build) won first prize at the school fair.

Question 6

C - conjunction (subordinating) - it joins the two clauses and shows purpose **B1**

Answer: C) conjunction

Question 7

A - wrote - the correct irregular simple past form of 'write' **B1**

Answer: A) Sian wrote a letter to her pen pal.

Question 8

A - is - agrees with the singular true subject 'list', not the plural noun inside the prepositional phrase **B1**

Answer: A) is

Question 9

A - the passengers stayed remarkably calm - can stand alone as a complete sentence **B1**

Answer: A) the passengers stayed remarkably calm

Question 10

A - Compound-complex sentence - two main clauses joined by 'and', plus a subordinate clause **B1**

Answer: A) Compound-complex sentence

Question 11

D (Marcus and Sofia's flat is near the train station.) cao **B1**

Answer: D) Marcus and Sofia's flat is near the train station.

Question 12

B (is) cao **B1**

Answer: B) is

Question 13

B (pronoun) cao **B1**

Answer: B) pronoun

Question 14

D (present simple) cao **B1**

Answer: D) present simple

Question 15

D (Priya and David's business is thriving.) cao **B1**

Answer: D) Priya and David's business is thriving.

Question 16

A (who had won several awards) cao **B1**

Answer: A) who had won several awards

Question 17

A (that she baked) cao **B1**

Answer: A) that she baked

Question 18

A (Compound sentence) cao **B1**

Answer: A) Compound sentence

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