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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 suddenly; the market stalls began to shake.
- [ ] B) The wind picked up suddenly, the market stalls began to shake;
- [ ] C) The wind picked up suddenly; and the market stalls began to shake.
- [ ] D) The wind; picked up suddenly the market stalls began to shake.

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

- [ ] A) The choir toured Leeds, West Yorkshire, Durham, County Durham and Truro, Cornwall.
- [ ] B) The choir toured Leeds, West Yorkshire; Durham, County Durham; and Truro, Cornwall.
- [ ] C) The choir toured Leeds; West Yorkshire, Durham; County Durham and Truro, Cornwall.
- [ ] D) The choir toured Leeds, West Yorkshire: Durham, County Durham: and Truro, Cornwall.

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

- [ ] A) The match was postponed; the pitch had flooded overnight.
- [ ] B) The match was postponed: the pitch had flooded overnight.
- [ ] C) The match was postponed, the pitch had flooded overnight:
- [ ] D) The match; was postponed the pitch had flooded overnight.

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4 Which tense is used in this sentence?
'Osei is rehearsing his lines for the school play.'

- [ ] A) present continuous
- [ ] B) present perfect
- [ ] C) present simple
- [ ] D) past 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 school (A) orchestra practised the tricky (B) rhythm until the (C) twelfth run-through finally sounded (D) confident."

- [ ] A) orchestra
- [ ] B) rhythm
- [ ] C) twelfth
- [ ] D) confident
- [ ] E) No mistake

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6 Which tense is used in this sentence?
'The post had already arrived when Vikram got home from school.'

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

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7 In the sentence 'The narrow lane led down to the harbour', what word class is 'narrow'?

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

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

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

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9 In the sentence 'The kayak drifted beyond the buoy marking the finish line', what word class is 'beyond'?

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

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10 In the sentence 'Taye kept practising his serve until his arm ached', what word class is 'until'?

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

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11 In the sentence 'This is the essay Bethan submitted last week', what word class is 'This'?

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

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12 Which words form the subordinate clause in this sentence?
'Because the ferry was delayed, the passengers waited on the quayside.'

- [ ] A) Because the ferry was delayed
- [ ] B) the passengers
- [ ] C) waited on the quayside
- [ ] D) the passengers waited on the quayside

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13 Which words form the subordinate clause in this sentence?
'The engineer who designed the bridge attended the opening ceremony.'

- [ ] A) the opening ceremony
- [ ] B) The engineer
- [ ] C) who designed the bridge
- [ ] D) attended the ceremony

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14 Read the sentence, then choose the underlined word that is spelled incorrectly. If every word is correct, choose E.
"The magician made the coin (A) dissapear before the (B) audience could (C) blink or (D) applaud."

- [ ] A) dissapear
- [ ] B) audience
- [ ] C) blink
- [ ] D) applaud
- [ ] E) No mistake

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15 Which words form the subordinate clause in this sentence?
'The parcel, which had been delayed at the depot, finally arrived on Saturday.'

- [ ] A) which had been delayed at the depot
- [ ] B) The parcel
- [ ] C) finally arrived
- [ ] D) at the depot

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16 What type of sentence is this?
'Harun tightened his skates, and he glided onto the ice rink.'

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

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17 What type of sentence is this?
'Could you pass the recycling bin, please?'

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

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18 What type of sentence is this?
'No entry.'

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

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19 What type of sentence is this?
'When does the library close today?'

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

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20 Which sentence correctly uses a colon to introduce an explanation?

- [ ] A) The project failed: the team lacked proper planning.
- [ ] B) The project failed, the team lacked proper planning:
- [ ] C) The project failed. The team; lacked proper planning.
- [ ] D) The project failed; the team lacked proper planning.

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21 In the sentence 'Although the day was cold, the children played outside happily', what word class is 'although'?

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

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22 In the sentence 'The music played softly in the background throughout the meal', what word class is 'softly'?

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

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

- [ ] A) prefered
- [ ] B) preferrred
- [ ] C) preferred
- [ ] D) preferrd

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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 acrobat (A) performed an amazing (B) routein in front of a large (C) crowd with (D) enthusiasm."

- [ ] A) performed
- [ ] B) routein
- [ ] C) crowd
- [ ] D) enthusiasm
- [ ] E) No mistake

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25 Which sentence correctly punctuates a list of places with regions?

- [ ] A) The tour visited Barcelona, Spain: Venice, Italy: and Vienna, Austria.
- [ ] B) The tour visited Barcelona, Spain; Venice, Italy; Vienna, Austria.
- [ ] C) The tour visited Barcelona, Spain, Venice, Italy, and Vienna, Austria.
- [ ] D) The tour visited Barcelona, Spain; Venice, Italy; and Vienna, Austria.

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26 Which words form the subordinate clause in this sentence?
'The house where they lived was painted white.'

- [ ] A) where they lived
- [ ] B) they lived
- [ ] C) where they
- [ ] D) was painted white

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27 Which sentence punctuates the warning correctly?

- [ ] A) The sign declared, "Caution"!
- [ ] B) The sign declared, "caution!"
- [ ] C) The sign declared, "Caution!"
- [ ] D) The sign declared "Caution!".

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28 Which sentence correctly uses a colon to introduce an explanation?

- [ ] A) The store was busy, holiday shopping had begun:
- [ ] B) The store was busy. Holiday; shopping had begun.
- [ ] C) The store was busy: holiday shopping had begun.
- [ ] D) The store was busy; holiday shopping had begun.

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

"The manager (A) accomodate the (B) visitors with great (C) hospitality and (D) professionalism."

- ☐ A) accomodate
- ☐ B) visitors
- ☐ C) hospitality
- ☐ D) professionalism
- ☐ E) No mistake

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30 Insert the missing comma: 'Before the shop opened the queue had already stretched around the corner.'

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Question 1

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

Answer: A) The wind picked up suddenly; the market stalls began to shake.

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; Durham, County Durham; and Truro, Cornwall.

Question 3

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

Answer: B) The match was postponed: the pitch had flooded overnight.

Question 4

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

Answer: A) present continuous

Question 5

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

Answer: E) No mistake

Question 6

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

Answer: C) past perfect

Question 7

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

Answer: D) adjective

Question 8

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

Answer: C) adverb

Question 9

C - preposition - it shows the relationship in place between 'drifted' and 'the buoy marking the finish line' **B1**

Answer: C) preposition

Question 10

A - conjunction (subordinating) - it joins the two clauses and shows when the first action stopped **B1**

Answer: A) conjunction

Question 11

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

Answer: D) pronoun

Question 12

A - Because the ferry was delayed - cannot stand alone as a complete sentence and depends on the main clause **B1**

Answer: A) Because the ferry was delayed

Question 13

C - who designed the bridge - a relative clause giving essential information about which engineer is meant, and cannot stand alone **B1**

Answer: C) who designed the bridge

Question 14

A - identifies 'dissapear' as the misspelling (correct spelling is 'disappear') **B1**

Answer: A) dissapear (should be 'disappear')

Question 15

A - which had been delayed at the depot - extra information about 'the parcel', marked off by commas, that cannot stand alone **B1**

Answer: A) which had been delayed at the depot

Question 16

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

Answer: B) Compound sentence

Question 17

C - Question - the auxiliary verb 'Could' comes before the subject 'you', and the sentence ends with a question mark **B1**

Answer: C) Question

Question 18

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

Answer: B) Minor sentence

Question 19

D (Question) cao **B1**

Answer: D) Question

Question 20

A (The project failed: the team lacked proper planning.) cao **B1**

Answer: A) The project failed: the team lacked proper planning.

Question 21

D (conjunction) cao **B1**

Answer: D) conjunction

Question 22

A (adverb) cao **B1**

Answer: A) adverb

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Question 23

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

Answer: C) preferred

Question 24

B (routein) cao **B1**

Answer: B) routein

Question 25

D (The tour visited Barcelona, Spain; Venice, Italy; and Vienna, Austria.) cao **B1**

Answer: D) The tour visited Barcelona, Spain; Venice, Italy; and Vienna, Austria.

Question 26

A (where they lived) cao **B1**

Answer: A) where they lived

Question 27

C (The sign declared, "Caution!") cao **B1**

Answer: C) The sign declared, "Caution!"

Question 28

C (The store was busy: holiday shopping had begun.) cao **B1**

Answer: C) The store was busy: holiday shopping had begun.

Question 29

A (accomodate) cao **B1**

Answer: A) accomodate

Question 30

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

Answer: Before the shop opened, the queue had already stretched around the corner.

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