1.7 Grammar Gap-Fill: 10-minute Pack

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

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

Three Original Passages for 11+ Grammar Practice

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Passage A: The School Trip

Last Tuesday, the Year 6 pupils made an early start for the coach journey to Conwy Castle. By the time the coach reached the car park, the rain had almost stopped and a pale sun was breaking through the clouds. Nasreen, who had never visited a castle before, gripped her notebook tightly and grinned at her partner, David. 'I can't wait to climb the towers,' she said, though she had been scared of heights ever since the school residential trip to Snowdonia.

Passage B: The Science Fair

Priya, whose project investigated how quickly ice melts in salt water, spent two weeks recording her results. The judge who awarded first prize was impressed by her clear graphs. Oluwaseun, who built a model volcano, waited nervously beside his table, while his little sister sat in the front row taking photographs. By the end of the afternoon, everyone agreed that the results had been worth the effort.

Passage C: The Debate Club

If the weather were fine on Saturday, the debate club would hold its practice session in the school garden instead of the hall. Mr Okafor, the club's coordinator, insisted that every member be prepared with at least three arguments before the session began. Whoever presented the strongest evidence would lead the opening round, he explained beforehand, though he privately admitted that he might have chosen Priya from the start, since her research on renewable energy was clearly the most thorough.

1 Choose the sentence that is correctly punctuated for direct or reported speech.

(a) Which sentence is correctly punctuated? **(1)**

- ☐ A) Mrs Adeyemi said, 'Please line up quietly.'
- ☐ B) Mrs Adeyemi said 'Please line up quietly'.
- ☐ C) Mrs Adeyemi said, 'please line up quietly.'
- ☐ D) 'Mrs Adeyemi said, Please line up quietly.'

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(b) Which sentence is correctly punctuated? **(1)**

- ☐ A) 'Watch out!' shouted Ravi, 'there is ice on the path.'
- ☐ B) 'Watch out! shouted Ravi, There is ice on the path.'
- ☐ C) 'Watch out!' Shouted Ravi, 'There is ice on the path.'
- ☐ D) 'Watch out!' shouted Ravi. 'There is ice on the path.'

(c) Which sentence is correctly punctuated? **(1)**

- ☐ A) 'Where,' asked Freya 'did you put my pencil case?'
- ☐ B) 'Where,' asked Freya, 'did you put my pencil case?'
- ☐ C) 'Where' asked Freya, 'did you put my pencil case?'
- ☐ D) 'Where,' asked Freya, 'Did you put my pencil case?'

(d) Which sentence is correctly punctuated? **(1)**

- ☐ A) The teacher explained that, 'homework was due on Friday.'
- ☐ B) The teacher explained that homework was due on Friday.
- ☐ C) The teacher explained, that homework was due on Friday.
- ☐ D) The teacher explained 'that homework was due on Friday'.

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2 Read the sentence. One of the labelled words is wrong. Which one is it?

"My family (A) and I are happy because (B) ours are (C) moving (D) house."

- ☐ A) and
- ☐ B) ours
- ☐ C) moving
- ☐ D) house

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3 Which sentence is correct?

- ☐ A) The girl next to the twins climbing the hill behind the school nowadays.
- ☐ B) The girl next to the twins climb the hill behind the school nowadays.
- ☐ C) The girl next to the twins climbed the hill behind the school nowadays.
- ☐ D) The girl next to the twins climbs the hill behind the school nowadays.

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4 Choose the modal verb that best completes each sentence.

(a) The lights are off and the car has gone, so Grandma ___ be out. **(1)**

- ☐ A) must
- ☐ B) might
- ☐ C) can't

(b) It's cloudy, so it ___ rain later, but I'm not certain. **(1)**

- ☐ A) must
- ☐ B) might
- ☐ C) can't

(c) He said he was in London all day, so he ___ have taken my bike, it's impossible. **(1)**

- ☐ A) must
- ☐ B) might
- ☐ C) can't

(d) You ___ apologise to your sister for breaking her toy. **(1)**

- ☐ A) mustn't
- ☐ B) should
- ☐ C) might

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Mark scheme · 1.7 Grammar Gap-Fill: 10-minute Pack

Question 1

(a) identifies option A (cao) **B1**

(a) Answer: A

(b) identifies option D (cao) **B1**

(b) Answer: D

(c) identifies option B (cao) **B1**

(c) Answer: B

(d) identifies option B (cao) **B1**

(d) Answer: B

Question 2

B) ours - 'ours' is wrong here; the correct word is 'we' **B1**

Answer: B) ours

Question 3

D) The girl next to the twins climbs the hill behind the school nowadays. - the subject is singular and the time word needs the present tense, so the verb is 'climbs' **B1**

Answer: D) The girl next to the twins climbs the hill behind the school nowadays.

Question 4

(a) selects 'must' (cao) **B1**

(a) Answer: must

(b) selects 'might' (cao) **B1**

(b) Answer: might

(c) selects 'can't' (cao) **B1**

(c) Answer: can't

(d) selects 'should' (cao) **B1**

(d) Answer: should

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