1.7 Grammar Gap-Fill: 30-minute Pack

GL ASSESSMENT / CSSE 11+ English entrance (GL Assessment / CSSE style) · about 30 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 Which sentence keeps the same tense all the way through?

- ☐ A) Last night, we folded the blanket and singing in the school choir.
- ☐ B) Last night, we folded the blanket and sang in the school choir.
- ☐ C) Last night, we folded the blanket and will sing in the school choir.
- ☐ D) Last night, we folded the blanket and sung in the school choir.
- ☐ E) Last night, we folded the blanket and sing in the school choir.

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2 What is the word class of the word in capitals?

"They stared loudly along the LADDER."

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

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3 The conjunction in capitals does not make sense here. Which conjunction should replace it?

"The ground was soaking wet BECAUSE the match was postponed."

- [ ] A) unless
- [ ] B) so
- [ ] C) although
- [ ] D) or

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4 Which sentence uses the correct pronoun?

- [ ] A) Zoe made the whole cake all by she.
- [ ] B) Zoe made the whole cake all by hers.
- [ ] C) Zoe made the whole cake all by herself.

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5 Rewrite this sentence so that it is about more than one person.

"Currently, the new boy paints pictures of the sea."

- [ ] A) Currently, the new boys painting pictures of the sea.
- [ ] B) Currently, the new boys paints pictures of the sea.
- [ ] C) Currently, the new boys painted pictures of the sea.
- [ ] D) Currently, the new boy paint pictures of the sea.
- [ ] E) Currently, the new boys paint pictures of the sea.

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6 The verb in capitals is in the wrong tense. Which verb should replace it?

"Earlier today, amira grabbed the torch and WILL PAINT pictures of the sea."

- ☐ A) painted
- ☐ B) has painted
- ☐ C) paints
- ☐ D) painting

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7 What is the word class of the word in capitals?

"Gracefully, the gentle guard trembled BENEATH the drawbridge."

- ☐ A) conjunction
- ☐ B) verb
- ☐ C) noun
- ☐ D) preposition
- ☐ E) adverb

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8 Choose the sentence that joins the two ideas correctly, avoiding a comma splice or run-on sentence.

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

- ☐ A) The rain stopped, the sun came out.
- ☐ B) The rain stopped; the sun came out.
- ☐ C) The rain stopped the sun came out.
- ☐ D) The rain stopped: the sun came out.

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

- ☐ A) Declan finished his homework, however he still had chores to do.
- ☐ B) Declan finished his homework; however, he still had chores to do.
- ☐ C) Declan finished his homework however, he still had chores to do.
- ☐ D) Declan finished his homework: however he still had chores to do.

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

- ☐ A) Some pupils prefer football; others prefer netball.
- ☐ B) Some pupils prefer football, others prefer netball.
- ☐ C) Some pupils prefer football others prefer netball.
- ☐ D) Some pupils prefer football: others, prefer netball.

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9 Which sentence uses the correct pronoun?

- [ ] A) My sister and I made a birthday card for Gran.
- [ ] B) My sister and my made a birthday card for Gran.
- [ ] C) My sister and mine made a birthday card for Gran.
- [ ] D) My sister and me made a birthday card for Gran.

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10 Rewrite this sentence so that it is about more than one person.

"Nowadays, my brother sings in the school choir."

- [ ] A) Nowadays, my brothers sang in the school choir.
- [ ] B) Nowadays, my brothers sing in the school choir.
- [ ] C) Nowadays, my brothers singing in the school choir.
- [ ] D) Nowadays, my brothers sings in the school choir.
- [ ] E) Nowadays, my brother sing in the school choir.

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11 Choose the verb that keeps the tense consistent.

"Yesterday, leah took a deep breath and _____ a story at bedtime."

- [ ] A) telling
- [ ] B) tells
- [ ] C) has told
- [ ] D) told
- [ ] E) will tell

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12 Which word in this sentence is a preposition?

"It glanced carefully along the lighthouse."

- [ ] A) carefully
- [ ] B) lighthouse
- [ ] C) along
- [ ] D) glanced
- [ ] E) it

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13 The conjunction in capitals does not make sense here. Which conjunction should replace it?

"The baby started to cry UNLESS she was hungry."

- ☐ A) because
- ☐ B) until
- ☐ C) although
- ☐ D) so

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

"Mrs Khan (A) told (B) the pupils to take (C) theirs (D) coats outside."

- ☐ A) told
- ☐ B) the
- ☐ C) theirs
- ☐ D) coats

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15 Read the sentence. In formal written English, one of the labelled words is wrong. Which one is it?

"At present, neither of my brothers (A) helped (B) with (C) the (D) washing-up."

- ☐ A) helped
- ☐ B) with
- ☐ C) the
- ☐ D) washing

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16 The verb in capitals is in the wrong tense. Which verb should replace it?

"Yesterday, the pupils closed the book and PAINT pictures of the sea."

- ☐ A) painting
- ☐ B) have painted
- ☐ C) will paint
- ☐ D) painted

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17 Which word in this sentence is a preposition?

"The sheepdog wandered beside the peaceful orchard."

- [ ] A) wandered
- [ ] B) sheepdog
- [ ] C) orchard
- [ ] D) peaceful
- [ ] E) beside

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18 Choose the conjunction that makes the best sense.

"Amira sneezed _____ the dust tickled her nose."

- [ ] A) until
- [ ] B) unless
- [ ] C) although
- [ ] D) because
- [ ] E) so

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19 Which sentence uses the correct pronoun?

- [ ] A) Dad says that me am old enough to walk to school alone.
- [ ] B) Dad says that I am old enough to walk to school alone.
- [ ] C) Dad says that my am old enough to walk to school alone.
- [ ] D) Dad says that mine am old enough to walk to school alone.

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20 In formal written English, choose the verb form that correctly completes the sentence.

"These days, either of the twins _____ around the track."

- [ ] A) runs
- [ ] B) run
- [ ] C) running
- [ ] D) ran

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21 The verb in capitals is in the wrong tense. Which verb should replace it?

"Every Saturday, tom takes a deep breath and WILL TELL a story at bedtime."

- [ ] A) told
- [ ] B) telling
- [ ] C) tells
- [ ] D) tell

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22 Which sentence makes the best sense?

- [ ] A) The little boat stayed afloat because the waves were enormous.
- [ ] B) The little boat stayed afloat so the waves were enormous.
- [ ] C) The little boat stayed afloat so that the waves were enormous.
- [ ] D) The little boat stayed afloat although the waves were enormous.

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23 Which sentence uses the correct pronoun?

- [ ] A) These pencils are not mine; they are their.
- [ ] B) These pencils are not mine; they are they.
- [ ] C) These pencils are not mine; they are theirs.
- [ ] D) These pencils are not mine; they are them.
- [ ] E) These pencils are not mine; they are themselves.

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24 Which sentence is correct?

- ☐ A) Last night, the runners from the club does the washing-up.
- ☐ B) Last night, the runners from the club do the washing-up.
- ☐ C) Last night, the runners from the club doing the washing-up.
- ☐ D) Last night, the runners from the club done the washing-up.
- ☐ E) Last night, the runners from the club did the washing-up.

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25 Choose the correct preposition to complete each sentence.

(a) The keys are hidden ___ the flowerpot by the back door. **(1)**

- ☐ A) between
- ☐ B) among
- ☐ C) beneath
- ☐ D) opposite

(b) Ionut divided the sweets ___ his three cousins. **(1)**

- ☐ A) between
- ☐ B) among
- ☐ C) beneath
- ☐ D) besides

(c) The library is situated ___ the town hall and the post office. **(1)**

- ☐ A) among
- ☐ B) between
- ☐ C) opposite
- ☐ D) beneath

(d) Freya sat ___ her best friend during the assembly. **(1)**

- ☐ A) besides
- ☐ B) beside
- ☐ C) beneath
- ☐ D) between

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Question 1

B) Last night, we folded the blanket and sang in the school choir. - the second verb must be in the same tense as the first (past) **B1**

Answer: B) Last night, we folded the blanket and sang in the school choir.

Question 2

E) noun - 'ladder' is a noun in this sentence **B1**

Answer: E) noun

Question 3

B) so - the first clause is the cause and the second its result, so the conjunction is 'so' **B1**

Answer: B) so

Question 4

C) Zoe made the whole cake all by herself. - the gap needs the reflexive form: 'herself' **B1**

Answer: C) Zoe made the whole cake all by herself.

Question 5

E) Currently, the new boys paint pictures of the sea. - the subject becomes plural, so the present-tense verb loses its 's' **B1**

Answer: E) Currently, the new boys paint pictures of the sea.

Question 6

A) painted - the second verb must be in the same tense as the first (past) **B1**

Answer: A) painted

Question 7

D) preposition - 'beneath' is a preposition in this sentence **B1**

Answer: D) preposition

Question 8

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

(a) Answer: B

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

(b) Answer: B

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

(c) Answer: A

Question 9

A) My sister and I made a birthday card for Gran. - the gap needs the subject form: 'I' **B1**

Answer: A) My sister and I made a birthday card for Gran.

Question 10

B) Nowadays, my brothers sing in the school choir. - the subject becomes plural, so the present-tense verb loses its 's' **B1**

Answer: B) Nowadays, my brothers sing in the school choir.

Question 11

D) told - the second verb must be in the same tense as the first (past) **B1**

Answer: D) told

Question 12

C) along - 'along' is a preposition in this sentence **B1**

Answer: C) along

Question 13

A) because - the second clause gives the reason for the first, so the conjunction is 'because' **B1**

Answer: A) because

Question 14

C) theirs - 'theirs' is wrong here; the correct word is 'their' **B1**

Answer: C) theirs

Question 15

A) helped - 'helped' is wrong here; the correct word is 'helps' **B1**

Answer: A) helped

Question 16

D) painted - the second verb must be in the same tense as the first (past) **B1**

Answer: D) painted

Question 17

E) beside - 'beside' is a preposition in this sentence **B1**

Answer: E) beside

Question 18

D) because - the second clause gives the reason for the first, so the conjunction is 'because' **B1**

Answer: D) because

Question 19

B) Dad says that I am old enough to walk to school alone. - the gap needs the subject form: 'I' **B1**

Answer: B) Dad says that I am old enough to walk to school alone.

Question 20

A) runs - the subject is singular and the time word needs the present tense, so the verb is 'runs' **B1**

Answer: A) runs

Question 21

C) tells - the second verb must be in the same tense as the first (present) **B1**

Answer: C) tells

Question 22

D) The little boat stayed afloat although the waves were enormous. - the second clause contrasts with the first, so the conjunction is 'although' **B1**

Answer: D) The little boat stayed afloat although the waves were enormous.

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Question 23

C) These pencils are not mine; they are theirs. - the gap needs the possessive pronoun form: 'theirs' **B1**

Answer: C) These pencils are not mine; they are theirs.

Question 24

E) Last night, the runners from the club did the washing-up. - the time word shows the past, so the verb is 'did' **B1**

Answer: E) Last night, the runners from the club did the washing-up.

Question 25

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

(a) Answer: beneath

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

(b) Answer: among

(c) selects 'between' (cao) **B1**

(c) Answer: between

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

(d) Answer: beside

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