1.7 Grammar Gap-Fill: Test Pack

GL ASSESSMENT / CSSE 11+ English entrance (GL Assessment / CSSE style) · about 55 minutes

Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

Three Original Passages for 11+ Grammar Practice

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Passage A: The School Trip

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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 correct relative pronoun to complete each sentence.

(a) The man ___ car was blocking the driveway apologised to Mrs Patel. **(1)**

- ☐ A) who
- ☐ B) whom
- ☐ C) whose
- ☐ D) that

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(b) Is he the actor ___ you admire so much? **(1)**

- ☐ A) who
- ☐ B) whom
- ☐ C) whose
- ☐ D) which

(c) The parcel ___ arrived this morning was addressed to my grandmother. **(1)**

- ☐ A) who
- ☐ B) whom
- ☐ C) which
- ☐ D) whose

(d) This is the museum ___ we visited last summer. **(1)**

- ☐ A) whose
- ☐ B) which
- ☐ C) who
- ☐ D) whom

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2 Passage C: The Debate Club

If the weather (1)_____ fine on Saturday, the debate club (2)_____ its practice session in the school garden instead of the hall. Mr Okafor, the club's coordinator, insisted that every member (3)_____ prepared with at least three arguments before the session began. Whoever (4)_____ the strongest evidence would lead the opening round, he explained beforehand, though he privately admitted that he (5)_____ have chosen Priya from the start, since her research on renewable energy was clearly the most thorough.

Choose the correct word to fill each numbered gap.

(a) Gap (1): choose the correct word. **(1)**

- ☐ A) are
- ☐ B) were
- ☐ C) being
- ☐ D) been

(b) Gap (2): choose the correct word. **(1)**

- ☐ A) holds
- ☐ B) has held
- ☐ C) would hold
- ☐ D) held

(c) Gap (3): choose the correct word. **(1)**

- ☐ A) being
- ☐ B) been
- ☐ C) be
- ☐ D) were

(d) Gap (4): choose the correct word. **(1)**

- ☐ A) presented
- ☐ B) presenting
- ☐ C) have presented
- ☐ D) present

(e) Gap (5): choose the correct word. **(1)**

- ☐ A) must
- ☐ B) might
- ☐ C) can
- ☐ D) shall

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3 Rewrite each sentence in reported (indirect) speech, changing tenses, pronouns and time expressions as needed.

(a) Aisha said, 'I am finishing my project tonight.' Rewrite this in reported speech. **(2)**

(b) 'We will visit the museum tomorrow,' said Mr Hussain. Rewrite this in reported speech. **(2)**

(c) Freya asked, 'Have you seen my library book?' Rewrite this in reported speech. **(2)**

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4 Combine each pair of sentences into a single complex sentence, using the subordinating conjunction given and punctuating it correctly.

(a) Combine using 'because': The match was postponed. The pitch was flooded. **(2)**

(b) Combine using 'after': Declan finished his chores early. He went to play football with his friends. **(2)**

(c) Combine using 'although': The bridge is over 100 years old. It is still used by hundreds of cars every day. **(2)**

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5 In each sentence below, one word is shown in CAPITAL LETTERS. Choose the word class of that word from the options given.

(a) Amara ran QUICKLY towards the finish line. **(1)**

- ☐ A) noun
- ☐ B) verb
- ☐ C) adjective
- ☐ D) adverb

(b) The old lighthouse stood on a ROCKY cliff. **(1)**

- ☐ A) adjective
- ☐ B) noun
- ☐ C) verb
- ☐ D) preposition

(c) Callum HID the letter under his pillow. **(1)**

- ☐ A) noun
- ☐ B) verb
- ☐ C) adverb
- ☐ D) adjective

(d) There was a strange NOISE coming from the attic. **(1)**

- ☐ A) verb
- ☐ B) adjective
- ☐ C) noun
- ☐ D) adverb

(e) Ffion walked BENEATH the old stone bridge. **(1)**

- ☐ A) conjunction
- ☐ B) preposition
- ☐ C) adverb
- ☐ D) pronoun

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6 Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

(a) Please put your books over ___ before lunch. **(1)**

- ☐ A) their
- ☐ B) there
- ☐ C) they're

(b) The dog wagged ___ tail happily. **(1)**

- ☐ A) its
- ☐ B) it's

(c) ___ coat is this on the floor? **(1)**

- ☐ A) Whose
- ☐ B) Who's

(d) I would like a ___ of cake, please. **(1)**

- ☐ A) peace
- ☐ B) piece

(e) The weather ___ our plans for the picnic. **(1)**

- ☐ A) affected
- ☐ B) effected

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7 Which sentence makes the best sense?

- ☐ A) We sang loudly so the coach reached the hotel.
- ☐ B) We sang loudly or the coach reached the hotel.
- ☐ C) We sang loudly although the coach reached the hotel.
- ☐ D) We sang loudly because the coach reached the hotel.
- ☐ E) We sang loudly until the coach reached the hotel.

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8 Choose the correct word to complete each sentence, paying attention to irregular plurals and subject-verb agreement.

(a) The ___ played happily in the park. **(1)**

- ☐ A) childs
- ☐ B) children
- ☐ C) childrens

(b) Several ___ were found nesting in the old shed. **(1)**

- ☐ A) mouses
- ☐ B) mice
- ☐ C) mices

(c) The team ___ wearing their new red shirts for the first time. **(1)**

- ☐ A) was
- ☐ B) were

(d) Two ___ of snow fell overnight, closing the village school. **(1)**

- ☐ A) foot
- ☐ B) feet
- ☐ C) foots

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

"The curious sheepdog MARCHED gently."

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

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10 Which sentence makes the best sense?

- ☐ A) We stayed indoors so it was pouring with rain.
- ☐ B) We stayed indoors until it was pouring with rain.
- ☐ C) We stayed indoors although it was pouring with rain.
- ☐ D) We stayed indoors unless it was pouring with rain.
- ☐ E) We stayed indoors because it was pouring with rain.

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11 Choose the verb form that correctly completes the sentence.

"These days, the author of the books _____ a flask of tea."

- [ ] A) brings
- [ ] B) bring
- [ ] C) brought
- [ ] D) bringing

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12 Choose the verb form that correctly completes the sentence.

"The cats in the shed _____ a picture of the harbour at present."

- [ ] A) drawing
- [ ] B) drawn
- [ ] C) draw
- [ ] D) draws
- [ ] E) drew

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

"At present, the caretaker grows tomatoes in a greenhouse."

- [ ] A) At present, the caretaker grow tomatoes in a greenhouse.
- [ ] B) At present, the caretakers growing tomatoes in a greenhouse.
- [ ] C) At present, the caretakers grow tomatoes in a greenhouse.
- [ ] D) At present, the caretakers grew tomatoes in a greenhouse.
- [ ] E) At present, the caretakers grows tomatoes in a greenhouse.

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- ☐ A) make
- ☐ B) makes
- ☐ C) made
- ☐ D) had maked

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- ☐ A) reach
- ☐ B) reached
- ☐ C) has reached
- ☐ D) was reaching

(c) Gap (3): choose the correct word. **(1)**

- ☐ A) break
- ☐ B) has broken
- ☐ C) was breaking
- ☐ D) breaks

(d) Gap (4): choose the correct word. **(1)**

- ☐ A) has
- ☐ B) had
- ☐ C) have
- ☐ D) having

(e) Gap (5): choose the correct word. **(1)**

- ☐ A) was
- ☐ B) is
- ☐ C) has been
- ☐ D) had been

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

"The farmer STUMBLED inside the rusty meadow."

- ☐ A) noun
- ☐ B) pronoun
- ☐ C) preposition
- ☐ D) adjective
- ☐ E) verb

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16 Choose the connective that best completes each sentence.

(a) Ravi practised the piano every evening; ___, his scales still sounded uneven. **(1)**

- ☐ A) therefore
- ☐ B) however
- ☐ C) moreover
- ☐ D) meanwhile

(b) The bridge was closed for repairs; ___, traffic was diverted through the village. **(1)**

- ☐ A) although
- ☐ B) consequently
- ☐ C) whereas
- ☐ D) unless

(c) Aisha enjoys swimming; ___, she is a keen member of the athletics club. **(1)**

- ☐ A) in addition
- ☐ B) on the other hand
- ☐ C) despite
- ☐ D) unless

(d) ___ the forecast predicted heavy rain, the sports day went ahead as planned. **(1)**

- ☐ A) Because
- ☐ B) Although
- ☐ C) Since
- ☐ D) So that

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

"Yesterday, the twins checked the map and TAKE the bus to the village."

- ☐ A) will take
- ☐ B) taking
- ☐ C) taken
- ☐ D) took

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18 Passage B: The Science Fair

Priya, (1)_____ project investigated how quickly ice melts in salt water, spent two weeks recording her results. The judge (2)_____ awarded first prize was impressed by her clear graphs. Oluwaseun, (3)_____ built a model volcano, waited nervously beside his table, (4)_____ his little sister sat in the front row taking photographs. By the end of the afternoon, everyone agreed (5)_____ the results had been worth the effort.

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- ☐ A) who
- ☐ B) which
- ☐ C) whose
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- ☐ A) who
- ☐ B) which
- ☐ C) whom
- ☐ D) whose

(c) Gap (3): choose the correct word. **(1)**

- ☐ A) which
- ☐ B) who
- ☐ C) whom
- ☐ D) whose

(d) Gap (4): choose the correct word. **(1)**

- ☐ A) which
- ☐ B) while
- ☐ C) who
- ☐ D) whom

(e) Gap (5): choose the correct word. **(1)**

- ☐ A) which
- ☐ B) who
- ☐ C) that
- ☐ D) whom

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Mark scheme · 1.7 Grammar Gap-Fill: Test Pack

Question 1

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

(a) Answer: whose

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

(b) Answer: whom

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

(c) Answer: which

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

(d) Answer: which

Question 2

(a) selects 'were' - subjunctive form after 'if' (cao) **B1**

(a) Answer: were

(b) selects 'would hold' - matches the hypothetical conditional (cao) **B1**

(b) Answer: would hold

(c) selects 'be' - subjunctive after 'insisted that' (cao) **B1**

(c) Answer: be

(d) selects 'presented' - past tense matching the reported hypothetical (cao) **B1**

(d) Answer: presented

(e) selects 'might' - modal expressing a past possibility (cao) **B1**

(e) Answer: might

Question 3

(a) correct tense back-shift: 'am finishing' becomes 'was finishing' (oe) **M1**

(a) correct pronoun and time changes: 'I' becomes 'she' and 'tonight' becomes 'that night' (oe) **A1**

(a) Answer: Aisha said (that) she was finishing her project that night.

(b) correct modal back-shift: 'will' becomes 'would' (oe) **M1**

(b) correct pronoun and time changes: 'we' becomes 'they' and 'tomorrow' becomes 'the next day' (oe, accept 'the following day') **A1**

(b) Answer: Mr Hussain said (that) they would visit the museum the next day.

(c) correct tense back-shift and question structure: 'have you seen' becomes 'if/whether ... had seen' (oe) **M1**

(c) correct pronoun changes: 'you' becomes 'I' (or the relevant person) and 'my' becomes 'her' (oe) **A1**

(c) Answer: Freya asked if (or whether) I had seen her library book.

Question 4

(a) uses 'because' to link the two ideas with correct cause-and-effect meaning (oe) **M1**

(a) produces one grammatically complete complex sentence with correct punctuation and no comma splice (oe) **A1**

(a) Answer: The match was postponed because the pitch was flooded.

(b) uses 'after' to show the correct time sequence between the two actions (oe) **M1**

(b) places a comma correctly after the fronted subordinate clause, forming one complete complex sentence (oe) **A1**

(b) Answer: After Declan finished his chores early, he went to play football with his friends.

(c) uses 'although' to show the correct contrast between the bridge's age and its continued use (oe) **M1**

(c) places a comma correctly after the fronted subordinate clause, forming one complete complex sentence (oe) **A1**

(c) Answer: Although the bridge is over 100 years old, it is still used by hundreds of cars every day.

Question 5

(a) identifies 'adverb' (cao) **B1**

(a) Answer: adverb

(b) identifies 'adjective' (cao) **B1**

(b) Answer: adjective

(c) identifies 'verb' (cao) **B1**

(c) Answer: verb

(d) identifies 'noun' (cao) **B1**

(d) Answer: noun

(e) identifies 'preposition' (cao) **B1**

(e) Answer: preposition

Question 6

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

(a) Answer: there

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

(b) Answer: its

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

(c) Answer: Whose

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

(d) Answer: piece

(e) selects 'affected' (cao) **B1**

(e) Answer: affected

Question 7

E) We sang loudly until the coach reached the hotel. - the first action continues up to the moment in the second clause, so the conjunction is 'until' **B1**

Answer: E) We sang loudly until the coach reached the hotel.

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Question 8

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

(a) Answer: children

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

(b) Answer: mice

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

(c) Answer: were

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

(d) Answer: feet

Question 9

E) verb - 'marched' is a verb in this sentence **B1**

Answer: E) verb

Question 10

E) We stayed indoors because it was pouring with rain. - the second clause gives the reason for the first, so the conjunction is 'because' **B1**

Answer: E) We stayed indoors because it was pouring with rain.

Question 11

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

Answer: A) brings

Question 12

C) draw - the subject is plural and the time word needs the present tense, so the verb is 'draw' **B1**

Answer: C) draw

Question 13

C) At present, the caretakers grow tomatoes in a greenhouse. - the subject becomes plural, so the present-tense verb loses its 's' **B1**

Answer: C) At present, the caretakers grow tomatoes in a greenhouse.

Question 14

(a) selects 'made' - correct simple past to match the plural subject and completed action (cao) **B1**

(a) Answer: made

(b) selects 'reached' - simple past as the reference point in the time clause (cao) **B1**

(b) Answer: reached

(c) selects 'was breaking' - past continuous for the ongoing background scene (cao) **B1**

(c) Answer: was breaking

(d) selects 'had' to form the past perfect (cao) **B1**

(d) Answer: had

(e) selects 'had been' - past perfect matching the past narrative (cao) **B1**

(e) Answer: had been

Question 15

E) verb - 'stumbled' is a verb in this sentence **B1**

Answer: E) verb

Question 16

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

(a) Answer: however

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

(b) Answer: consequently

(c) selects 'in addition' (cao) **B1**

(c) Answer: in addition

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

(d) Answer: Although

Question 17

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

Answer: D) took

Question 18

(a) selects 'whose' - possessive relative pronoun (cao) **B1**

(a) Answer: whose

(b) selects 'who' - subject relative pronoun for a person (cao) **B1**

(b) Answer: who

(c) selects 'who' - subject relative pronoun for a person (cao) **B1**

(c) Answer: who

(d) selects 'while' - conjunction for simultaneous actions (cao) **B1**

(d) Answer: while

(e) selects 'that' - introduces the reported clause after 'agreed' (cao) **B1**

(e) Answer: that

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