3.7 GCSE Exam Style Grammar Questions: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions. This paper mixes grammar, punctuation, register, vocabulary and technical-accuracy questions in exam style, drawing together everything covered across the Year 10-11 grammar series. In this pack, where a dash is needed to mark off extra information in a sentence, it is printed as a hyphen with a space on each side (-), in line with house style.

1 State the grammatical function of the apostrophe in EACH of the following sentences.

(a) 'The student's essay impressed the examiner.' **(1)**

(b) 'The students' essays impressed the examiner.' **(1)**

(c) 'I'll finish the essay tonight.' **(1)**

(Total for Question 1 is 3 marks)

2 Add the missing punctuation to this sentence so that it correctly shows direct speech: are you ready to go asked leah checking her watch

(Total for Question 2 is 3 marks)

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3 Rewrite this passage, correcting the three tense errors so that the verbs are consistently in the past tense: 'Yesterday, Sam walks to school and meets his friend Tom. They talked about the match and eat their lunch together.'

(Total for Question 3 is 3 marks)

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4 Rewrite each sentence below in Standard English.

(a) 'I never done nothing wrong.' **(1)**

(b) 'They was late again.' **(1)**

(c) 'Me and him went to the shop.' **(1)**

(Total for Question 4 is 3 marks)

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Question 1

(a) singular possession (the essay belongs to one student) **B1**

(a) Answer: singular possession

(b) plural possession (the essays belong to more than one student) **B1**

(b) Answer: plural possession

(c) contraction/omission (apostrophe replaces the missing letters in 'I will') **B1**

(c) Answer: contraction (of 'I will')

Question 2

inverted commas correctly opened and closed around the spoken words only **B1**

capital letter for the first word of the spoken sentence, with the question mark placed inside the closing inverted comma **B1**

capital letter for the proper noun 'Leah' and a comma placed correctly before the participle phrase, with a full stop at the very end, cao **B1**

Answer: 'Are you ready to go?' asked Leah, checking her watch.

Question 3

'walks' corrected to 'walked' **B1**

'meets' corrected to 'met' **B1**

'eat' corrected to 'ate', cao **B1**

Answer: Yesterday, Sam walked to school and met his friend Tom. They talked about the match and ate their lunch together.

Question 4

(a) removes the double negative, e.g. 'I never did anything wrong.' or 'I did nothing wrong.' (oe) **B1**

(a) Answer: I never did anything wrong. (Also correct: I did nothing wrong.)

(b) 'They were late again.' (cao) **B1**

(b) Answer: They were late again.

(c) 'He and I went to the shop.' (cao) **B1**

(c) Answer: He and I went to the shop.

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