5.6 Grammar and Punctuation (KS3): 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

The Lighthouse Keeper's Log

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The storm arrived just after midnight. Rain hammered the glass; the wind howled around the tower like a wounded animal. I climbed the spiral stairs, counting each step out of habit: one hundred and eighteen, one hundred and nineteen, one hundred and twenty.

At the top, the great lamp turned steadily, throwing its beam far out across the black water. Somewhere beyond the harbour wall, a fishing boat was fighting its way home. Would it reach the shore before the tide turned? Although the radio crackled with static, I checked the logbook, the chart and the compass, then I waited.

By dawn the storm had passed. The sky, pale and washed clean, promised a calmer day. 'We've made it through another one,' I whispered to no one in particular, and began the long walk back down.

1 Look at this sentence from the source text: 'The great lamp turned steadily, throwing its beam far out across the black water.' Identify the word class of each of the following words as they are used in the sentence.

(a) steadily **(1)**

(b) beam **(1)**

(c) black **(1)**

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2 Which punctuation mark correctly completes this sentence? 'Tomas checked his kit list ___ waterproofs, a torch and spare batteries.'

- ☐ A) semicolon
- ☐ B) colon
- ☐ C) comma
- ☐ D) full stop

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3 'Rain hammered the glass; the wind howled around the tower like a wounded animal.' Explain why a semicolon has been used here rather than a comma.

(2)

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4 Look at the title 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Log' and the line 'We've made it through another one.' State the grammatical function of the apostrophe in EACH example.

(a) Keeper's **(1)**

(b) We've **(1)**

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5 Rewrite the phrase 'the log belonging to the three keepers' using a possessive apostrophe.

(1)

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6 Add the missing punctuation to this sentence so that it correctly shows direct speech: I cant believe we made it said Priya breathlessly

(3)

7 Identify and correct the punctuation error in this sentence: 'The keepers boat's were moored safely in the harbour.'

(2)

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Question 1

(a) adverb **B1**

(a) Answer: **adverb**

(b) noun **B1**

(b) Answer: **noun**

(c) adjective **B1**

(c) Answer: **adjective**

Question 2

B) colon **B1**

Answer: **B**

Question 3

identifies that the semicolon joins two independent (main) clauses that are closely linked in meaning **B1**

explains that a comma alone would create an incorrect comma splice, since both sides could stand as separate sentences (oe) **B1**

Answer: **The semicolon links two independent clauses that are closely related in meaning; a comma alone would create an incorrect comma splice because both halves could stand as complete sentences on their own.**

Question 4

(a) possession (the log belonging to the keeper) **B1**

(a) Answer: **possession**

(b) contraction/omission (apostrophe replaces the missing letters 'ha' in 'have') **B1**

(b) Answer: **contraction (omission of letters)**

Question 5

the three keepers' log (apostrophe placed after the plural 's'), cao **B1**

Answer: **the three keepers' log**

Question 6

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

apostrophe correctly placed in 'can't' **B1**

comma before the reporting clause placed inside the closing inverted comma, with correct final full stop, cao **B1**

Answer: **'I can't believe we made it,' said Priya breathlessly.**

Question 7

identifies that 'keepers' needs a possessive apostrophe and 'boat's' wrongly uses an apostrophe for a simple plural **B1**

correct rewrite: The keeper's boats were moored safely in the harbour, cao (also accept The keepers' boats were moored safely in the harbour, for more than one keeper) **B1**

Answer: **The keeper's boats were moored safely in the harbour.**

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