1.4 Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: 2-hour Pack

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This pack builds technical accuracy for the ISEB Common Entrance English paper. Short spelling and punctuation questions come first, building to grammar, sentence construction and Standard English, and finishing with two questions on the effect of punctuation choices and a longer editing task. Write your answers clearly, using full sentences where asked.

1 Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

"The hiker was _____ to learn that the last bus had already left, and she faced a six-mile walk."

- [ ] A) indifferent
- [ ] B) amused
- [ ] C) delighted
- [ ] D) reassured
- [ ] E) dismayed

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2 Which sentence means the same as this one?

"The banknote was sham, so the shop refused it."

- [ ] A) The banknote was counterfeit, so the shop refused it.
- [ ] B) The banknote was legitimate, so the shop refused it.
- [ ] C) The banknote was intentional, so the shop refused it.
- [ ] D) The banknote was abundant, so the shop refused it.
- [ ] E) The banknote was unplanned, so the shop refused it.

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3 Which word means "to invent something false in order to deceive"?

- [ ] A) reduce
- [ ] B) contrive
- [ ] C) hoard
- [ ] D) ridicule
- [ ] E) abscond

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4 Which two words are closest in meaning?

- [ ] A) get - obstruct
- [ ] B) waver - censure
- [ ] C) ramble - understate
- [ ] D) obtain - repeal
- [ ] E) obtain - get

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5 Which sentence is in the past perfect tense?

- [ ] A) She had finished the book before the film began.
- [ ] B) She finished the book before the film began.
- [ ] C) She has finished the book before the film began.
- [ ] D) She will have finished the book before the film began.

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6 Which sentence is the passive version of this sentence?

"The team will paint the fence."

- [ ] A) The fence is painted by the team.
- [ ] B) The team will be painted by the fence.
- [ ] C) The fence will be painted by the team.
- [ ] D) The fence will be paint by the team.
- [ ] E) The fence is painted the team.

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7 Choose the correct pronoun to complete the sentence.

"Mrs Khan told the pupils to take _____ coats outside."

- [ ] A) their
- [ ] B) they
- [ ] C) them
- [ ] D) themselves
- [ ] E) theirs

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

"These days, the runners from the (A) club (B) tells a (C) story at (D) bedtime."

- [ ] A) club
- [ ] B) tells
- [ ] C) story
- [ ] D) bedtime

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

"Loudly, the weary sailor glanced along the HARBOUR."

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

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10 Which of these sentences uses the correct word?

- [ ] A) The family decided to insur their jewellery against theft.
- [ ] B) The family decided to inshure their jewellery against theft.
- [ ] C) The family decided to ensure their jewellery against theft.
- [ ] D) The family decided to insore their jewellery against theft.
- [ ] E) The family decided to insure their jewellery against theft.

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11 Which words are the fronted adverbial in this sentence?

"With a loud cheer, Priya put her coat on."

- [ ] A) Priya put her coat on
- [ ] B) Priya
- [ ] C) With a loud cheer Priya
- [ ] D) Priya put
- [ ] E) With a loud cheer

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12 Which punctuation mark should go in the gap to join the two main clauses?

"Summer is hot and dry _____ winter is cold and wet."

- ☐ A) no punctuation mark
- ☐ B) ,
- ☐ C) .
- ☐ D) ;
- ☐ E) !

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13 Which of these sentences has every word spelled correctly?

- ☐ A) The soverign waved to the crowds from the balcony.
- ☐ B) The sovereign waved to the crowds from the balcony.
- ☐ C) The soveriegn waved to the crowds from the balcony.
- ☐ D) The soverreign waved to the crowds from the balcony.
- ☐ E) The soverein waved to the crowds from the balcony.

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14 Which of these words is spelled correctly?

- ☐ A) omitted
- ☐ B) desperrate
- ☐ C) conveniance
- ☐ D) humorus
- ☐ E) nesessarily

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15 Which of these sentences contains a spelling mistake?

- ☐ A) Long journeys can exhaust even the fittest walkers.
- ☐ B) A shop on the corner is a great convenience.
- ☐ C) The dress was perfect for the occasion.
- ☐ D) We were fortunete to find shelter before the storm.
- ☐ E) He dismissed the rumour as complete nonsense.

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16 The word in capitals does not make sense in the sentence. Which word should replace it?

"The council ABANDONED a ban on cars in the town centre to cut pollution."

- ☐ A) rejected
- ☐ B) forgot
- ☐ C) imposed

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17 What does the word in capitals mean in this sentence?

"The tired baby was CROTCHETY all afternoon."

- ☐ A) easily annoyed
- ☐ B) easy to do or understand
- ☐ C) not meaning what you say or show
- ☐ D) enough in amount or quality for a purpose
- ☐ E) existing in large quantities

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18 Which word means "free from disturbance"?

- ☐ A) archaic
- ☐ B) serene
- ☐ C) philanthropic
- ☐ D) defiant
- ☐ E) effervescent

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19 Four of these words are close in meaning. Which word does not belong with the others?

- ☐ A) placate
- ☐ B) plead
- ☐ C) mollify
- ☐ D) soothe
- ☐ E) appease

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20 Which word does NOT mean the same as INFREQUENTLY?

- ☐ A) luckily
- ☐ B) rarely
- ☐ C) seldom

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21 Which sentence is grammatically correct in formal written English?

- [ ] A) Neither of the boys have been ready.
- [ ] B) Neither of the boys is were ready.
- [ ] C) Neither of the boys were ready.
- [ ] D) Neither of the boys was ready.
- [ ] E) Neither of the boys are ready.

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22 Choose the correct pronoun to complete the sentence.

"The secret is just between you and _____."

- [ ] A) my
- [ ] B) mine
- [ ] C) me
- [ ] D) I

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

"By next June, the (A) pupils in the class (B) will have (C) bring a flask of (D) tea."

- [ ] A) pupils
- [ ] B) will
- [ ] C) bring
- [ ] D) tea

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

"Loudly, the mysterious PRINCE stared across the castle."

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

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25 Which of these sentences uses the correct word?

- [ ] A) The birthe of the foal was watched by the whole farm.
- [ ] B) The burthe of the foal was watched by the whole farm.
- [ ] C) The birth of the foal was watched by the whole farm.
- [ ] D) The berth of the foal was watched by the whole farm.
- [ ] E) The burth of the foal was watched by the whole farm.

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26 Which sentence uses the contraction correctly?

- [ ] A) It mightnt rain after all.
- [ ] B) It mightnt' rain after all.
- [ ] C) It m'ightnt rain after all.
- [ ] D) It mightn't rain after all.
- [ ] E) It might'nt rain after all.

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27 Which sentence has its comma correctly placed after the fronted adverbial?

- [ ] A) Early one morning: the bus pulled away.
- [ ] B) Early one morning the bus pulled away.
- [ ] C) Early one morning the bus, pulled away.
- [ ] D) Early one morning the, bus pulled away.
- [ ] E) Early one morning, the bus pulled away.

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28 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- [ ] A) "The shop closes at five", explained Amira.
- [ ] B) "the shop closes at five," explained Amira.
- [ ] C) "The shop closes at five" explained Amira.
- [ ] D) "The shop closes at five," explained Amira.
- [ ] E) The shop closes at five, explained Amira.

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29 Which of these sentences has every word spelled correctly?

- [ ] A) Learning an instrument requires patience and disciplin.
- [ ] B) Learning an instrument requires patience and discipline.
- [ ] C) Learning an instrument requires patience and disipline.

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30 One of these words is spelled incorrectly. Which one?

- [ ] A) correspondence
- [ ] B) occurrence
- [ ] C) scarcity
- [ ] D) phenomenon
- [ ] E) forword

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31 Read the sentence, then choose the labelled word that is spelled incorrectly. If every word is correct, choose E.

"We (A) must (B) elliminate plastic (C) waste (D) from the canteen."

- [ ] A) must
- [ ] B) elliminate
- [ ] C) waste
- [ ] D) from
- [ ] E) No mistake

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32 Which word could replace the word in capitals so that the sentence means the opposite?

"The villagers were FRIENDLY and welcomed us warmly."

- [ ] A) hostile
- [ ] B) cordial
- [ ] C) convivial
- [ ] D) economical
- [ ] E) ambiguous

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33 Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

"The boy's _____ excuse fooled nobody, as everyone knew he had been at the match."

- [ ] A) genuine
- [ ] B) honest
- [ ] C) implausible
- [ ] D) credible

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34 Which sentence means the same as this one?

"The referee must stay objective, whichever team he supports."

- [ ] A) The referee must stay unbiased, whichever team he supports.
- [ ] B) The referee must stay slanted, whichever team he supports.
- [ ] C) The referee must stay bashful, whichever team he supports.
- [ ] D) The referee must stay obstinate, whichever team he supports.
- [ ] E) The referee must stay painstaking, whichever team he supports.

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35 Four of these words mean "a story passed around that may not be true". Which word does not belong with the others?

- [ ] A) hearsay
- [ ] B) rumour
- [ ] C) innuendo
- [ ] D) gossip
- [ ] E) load

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36 Which sentence uses brackets correctly to add extra information?

- [ ] A) My aunt who (is a pilot) lives in Dubai.
- [ ] B) My aunt (who is a) pilot lives in Dubai.
- [ ] C) My aunt (who is a pilot lives) in Dubai.
- [ ] D) My (aunt who is a pilot) lives in Dubai.
- [ ] E) My aunt (who is a pilot) lives in Dubai.

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37 Which word is closest in meaning to ROUSE?

- [ ] A) fabricate
- [ ] B) disband
- [ ] C) loathe
- [ ] D) galvanise
- [ ] E) recollect

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38 Which sentence is the active version of this sentence?

"The broken gearbox was fixed by the mechanic."

- [ ] A) The broken gearbox was fixed by the mechanic.
- [ ] B) The mechanic was fixed the broken gearbox.
- [ ] C) The mechanic fixes the broken gearbox.
- [ ] D) The broken gearbox fixed the mechanic.
- [ ] E) The mechanic fixed the broken gearbox.

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

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

- [ ] A) family
- [ ] B) because
- [ ] C) our
- [ ] D) house

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40 The verb in capitals does not fit the sentence. Which verb form should replace it?

"By this time next year, the children at the back will have WEARING a red scarf."

- [ ] A) wear
- [ ] B) worn
- [ ] C) wears
- [ ] D) wore

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41 Choose the word that correctly completes the sentence.

"The first _____ of the sea made everyone cheer."

- [ ] A) cite
- [ ] B) site
- [ ] C) syte
- [ ] D) sihgt
- [ ] E) sight

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42 Choose the correctly written contraction to complete the sentence.

"Do you know _____ coming tomorrow?"

- ☐ A) who's'
- ☐ B) w'hos
- ☐ C) who s
- ☐ D) who's
- ☐ E) whos'

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43 Which sentence has its comma correctly placed after the fronted adverbial?

- ☐ A) Early one morning everyone sat, down to listen.
- ☐ B) Early one morning, everyone sat down to listen.
- ☐ C) Early, one morning everyone sat down to listen.
- ☐ D) Early one morning everyone, sat down to listen.
- ☐ E) Early one morning everyone sat down to listen.

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44 Which punctuation mark should go in the gap to join the two main clauses?

"The tickets sold out _____ we watched it online."

- ☐ A) !
- ☐ B) no punctuation mark
- ☐ C) ;
- ☐ D) ,
- ☐ E) .

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45 Which sentence is the active version of this sentence?

"The greenhouse has been destroyed by the storm."

- ☐ A) The greenhouse has been destroyed by the storm.
- ☐ B) The storm destroy the greenhouse.
- ☐ C) The storm has destroyed the greenhouse.
- ☐ D) The storm has been destroyed the greenhouse.
- ☐ E) The greenhouse has destroyed the storm.

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46 Which words should go inside inverted commas in this sentence?

"Mrs Patel whispered Please close the window."

- [ ] A) Please close the window
- [ ] B) Mrs Patel whispered
- [ ] C) Mrs Patel whispered Please
- [ ] D) close the window
- [ ] E) Please close the

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47 Which of these sentences has every word spelled correctly?

- [ ] A) The bus usualy arrives at eight o'clock.
- [ ] B) The bus ussually arrives at eight o'clock.
- [ ] C) The bus usually arrives at eight o'clock.
- [ ] D) The bus usally arrives at eight o'clock.

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48 Which of these sentences contains a spelling mistake?

- [ ] A) The bureaucracy of the council slowed the project down.
- [ ] B) A vicios wind tore at the tents.
- [ ] C) The sovereign waved to the crowds from the balcony.
- [ ] D) Studying abroad was a great privilege.
- [ ] E) The horse has a calm temperament.

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49 Which word is opposite in meaning to OMINOUS?

- [ ] A) foreboding
- [ ] B) outdated
- [ ] C) captivating
- [ ] D) obstinate
- [ ] E) promising

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50 Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

"The shop owner _____ the price when no one bought the coats, and soon they were all sold."

- ☐ A) inflated
- ☐ B) doubled
- ☐ C) raised
- ☐ D) reduced
- ☐ E) withheld

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51 Which sentence means the same as this one?

"Her report was compact, and fitted on a single page."

- ☐ A) Her report was concise, and fitted on a single page.
- ☐ B) Her report was outspoken, and fitted on a single page.
- ☐ C) Her report was pliable, and fitted on a single page.
- ☐ D) Her report was rugged, and fitted on a single page.
- ☐ E) Her report was rambling, and fitted on a single page.

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52 Which word does NOT mean "feeling or showing great joy, especially after success"?

- ☐ A) triumphant
- ☐ B) overjoyed
- ☐ C) rigid
- ☐ D) exultant
- ☐ E) jubilant

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53 Four of these words are close in meaning and one means the opposite. Which word means the opposite of the others?

- ☐ A) obedient
- ☐ B) docile
- ☐ C) biddable
- ☐ D) compliant
- ☐ E) disobedient

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54 Which two words are closest in meaning?

- [ ] A) turbulent - loath
- [ ] B) negligent - careless
- [ ] C) negligent - copious
- [ ] D) careless - coherent
- [ ] E) overjoyed - unfriendly

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55 Which sentence uses the subjunctive mood correctly?

- [ ] A) The teacher insisted that he is on time.
- [ ] B) The teacher insisted that he was be on time.
- [ ] C) The teacher insisted that he being on time.
- [ ] D) The teacher insisted that he be on time.
- [ ] E) The teacher insisted that he been on time.

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56 Which sentence is the active version of this sentence?

"The sculpture has been sold by the artist."

- [ ] A) The artist has been sold the sculpture.
- [ ] B) The artist sold the sculpture.
- [ ] C) The sculpture has been sold by the artist.
- [ ] D) The sculpture has sold the artist.
- [ ] E) The artist has sold the sculpture.

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

"The (A) teacher spoke to (B) ours all (C) about (D) road safety."

- [ ] A) teacher
- [ ] B) ours
- [ ] C) about
- [ ] D) road

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58 The verb in capitals does not fit the sentence. Which verb form should replace it?

"These days, the teacher of the older classes RODE a bike along the canal."

- [ ] A) ride
- [ ] B) ridden
- [ ] C) riding
- [ ] D) rides

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

"The pupil WAITED towards the library although the enormous cloakroom was nearby."

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

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60 Which of these sentences uses the correct word?

- [ ] A) The new regulations will affect every business in the town.
- [ ] B) The new regulations will afect every business in the town.
- [ ] C) The new regulations will affects every business in the town.
- [ ] D) The new regulations will effects every business in the town.
- [ ] E) The new regulations will effect every business in the town.

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61 Choose the correctly written contraction to complete the sentence.

"_____ your grandmother feeling today?"

- [ ] A) hows'
- [ ] B) ho'ws
- [ ] C) how's
- [ ] D) how's'
- [ ] E) how s

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62 Which sentence is NOT punctuated correctly?

- [ ] A) Summer is hot and dry; winter is cold and wet.
- [ ] B) Leah loves painting; Omar prefers music.
- [ ] C) The rain had stopped; the match could finally begin.
- [ ] D) The garden was silent; not a leaf moved.
- [ ] E) Some pupils prefer maths, others prefer English.

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63 Which punctuation mark is missing from the gap?

"I have finished my homework_____" whispered Tom.

- [ ] A) ,
- [ ] B) :
- [ ] C) .
- [ ] D) ?
- [ ] E) ;

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64 The verb in capitals does not fit the sentence. Which verb form should replace it?

"Either of the twins will have BRING a flask of tea by next June."

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

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65 The word 'disciplin' is spelled incorrectly. Which is the correct spelling?

- [ ] A) discipline
- [ ] B) disipline
- [ ] C) disciplin

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66 One word in this sentence is spelled incorrectly. What is the correct spelling of that word?

"We must elliminate plastic waste from the canteen."

- ☐ A) eliminnate
- ☐ B) eliminate
- ☐ C) elimanate
- ☐ D) elimminate
- ☐ E) elliminate

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67 Which word could replace the word in capitals so that the sentence means the opposite?

"My brother was UNWILLING to leave the warm house on such a cold morning."

- ☐ A) gregarious
- ☐ B) jubilant
- ☐ C) disinclined
- ☐ D) unambiguous
- ☐ E) eager

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68 What does the word in capitals mean in this sentence?

"He was HEARTFELT when he said he was sorry."

- ☐ A) able to be touched or clearly felt
- ☐ B) lasting for a very short time
- ☐ C) very strange or unusual
- ☐ D) honest and not pretending
- ☐ E) having an exaggerated sense of one's own importance

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69 What does the word DISINCLINED mean?

- ☐ A) showing steady and careful effort
- ☐ B) not meaning what you say or show
- ☐ C) done naturally and without planning
- ☐ D) of the present time or recent times
- ☐ E) unwilling and hesitant to do something

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70 Four of these words are close in meaning and one means the opposite. Which word means the opposite of the others?

- [ ] A) companionable
- [ ] B) outgoing
- [ ] C) solitary
- [ ] D) sociable
- [ ] E) convivial

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71 Which word is closest in meaning to COMPLICATED?

- [ ] A) coherent
- [ ] B) intricate
- [ ] C) simple
- [ ] D) extensive
- [ ] E) ample

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72 Which sentence uses the correct form of the verb?

- [ ] A) The bell had rang before anyone noticed.
- [ ] B) The bell had ringed before anyone noticed.
- [ ] C) The bell has rang before anyone noticed.
- [ ] D) The bell had rung before anyone noticed.

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73 Which of these words is a verb?

- [ ] A) castle
- [ ] B) nervously
- [ ] C) she
- [ ] D) curious
- [ ] E) whispered

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74 The word in capitals is the wrong one for this sentence. Which word should replace it?

"It took the HOLE afternoon to sort the books."

- [ ] A) whoal
- [ ] B) wholle
- [ ] C) hoal
- [ ] D) whole

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75 Which words are the fronted adverbial in this sentence?

"All of a sudden, the bus pulled away."

- ☐ A) All of a sudden the
- ☐ B) the bus pulled away
- ☐ C) the
- ☐ D) the bus
- ☐ E) All of a sudden

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76 Which punctuation mark should go in the gap to join the two main clauses?

"The wind rose _____ the washing flapped wildly."

- ☐ A) no punctuation mark
- ☐ B) .
- ☐ C) ,
- ☐ D) !
- ☐ E) ;

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77 Which punctuation mark is missing from the gap?

"I left my bag on the bus_____" announced Leah.

- ☐ A) ;
- ☐ B) ?
- ☐ C) ,
- ☐ D) :
- ☐ E) .

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78 Which of these sentences has every word spelled correctly?

- ☐ A) The crow showed remarkable inteligence in solving the puzzle.
- ☐ B) The crow showed remarkable intelliggence in solving the puzzle.
- ☐ C) The crow showed remarkable intelligance in solving the puzzle.
- ☐ D) The crow showed remarkable intelligence in solving the puzzle.
- ☐ E) The crow showed remarkable intelligense in solving the puzzle.

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79 The word 'tommorrow' is spelled incorrectly. Which is the correct spelling?

- [ ] A) tomorrow
- [ ] B) tommorrow
- [ ] C) tomorow

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80 Read the sentence, then choose the labelled word that is spelled incorrectly. If every word is correct, choose E.

"The stranded (A) climbers (B) sent a (C) desperrate message for (D) help."

- [ ] A) climbers
- [ ] B) sent
- [ ] C) desperrate
- [ ] D) help
- [ ] E) No mistake

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81 Which word could replace the word in capitals so that the sentence means the opposite?

"The restorer was METICULOUS in her work and checked every tiny detail."

- [ ] A) genuine
- [ ] B) bogus
- [ ] C) slapdash
- [ ] D) thorough
- [ ] E) neutral

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82 What does the word in capitals mean in this sentence?

"The glass ornament was FRAIL and had to be handled with care."

- [ ] A) refusing to do what you are told
- [ ] B) easily broken or damaged
- [ ] C) made up of many connected parts and hard to understand
- [ ] D) absolutely necessary
- [ ] E) careful and sensible about what may happen in future

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83 Which word means "existing in large quantities"?

- [ ] A) partial
- [ ] B) perpetual
- [ ] C) restful
- [ ] D) copious
- [ ] E) compassionate

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84 Four of these words are close in meaning. Which word does not belong with the others?

- [ ] A) turbulent
- [ ] B) tempestuous
- [ ] C) chaotic
- [ ] D) riotous
- [ ] E) premeditated

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85 Which word is closest in meaning to HOARD?

- [ ] A) stalk
- [ ] B) dissipate
- [ ] C) accumulate
- [ ] D) scurry
- [ ] E) implore

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86 Which sentence uses 'between' or 'among' correctly?

- [ ] A) The path runs against the lake and the wood.
- [ ] B) The path runs amid the lake and the wood.
- [ ] C) The path runs amongst the lake and the wood.
- [ ] D) The path runs between the lake and the wood.
- [ ] E) The path runs among the lake and the wood.

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87 Which sentence is the active version of this sentence?

"The prescription will be filled by the chemist."

- [ ] A) The chemist will fill the prescription.
- [ ] B) The prescription will be filled by the chemist.
- [ ] C) The prescription will fill the chemist.
- [ ] D) The chemist will be filled the prescription.
- [ ] E) The chemist fill the prescription.

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88 Which sentence uses the correct pronoun?

- [ ] A) The teacher spoke to ours all about road safety.
- [ ] B) The teacher spoke to us all about road safety.
- [ ] C) The teacher spoke to our all about road safety.
- [ ] D) The teacher spoke to we all about road safety.

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89 Which of these words is a verb?

- [ ] A) beyond
- [ ] B) although
- [ ] C) nervously
- [ ] D) he
- [ ] E) hurried

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90 The word in capitals is the wrong one for this sentence. Which word should replace it?

"The first SITE of the sea made everyone cheer."

- [ ] A) cite
- [ ] B) syte
- [ ] C) sihgt
- [ ] D) sight

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91 Which sentence uses the contraction correctly?

- [ ] A) H'eres the book you asked for.
- [ ] B) Her'es the book you asked for.
- [ ] C) Heres' the book you asked for.
- [ ] D) Here s the book you asked for.
- [ ] E) Here's the book you asked for.

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92 Which sentence is NOT punctuated correctly?

- [ ] A) The shop was closed, we went home.
- [ ] B) The sea was calm; the boats rocked gently.
- [ ] C) Night fell quickly; the stars came out.
- [ ] D) The bell rang; the corridor filled with pupils.
- [ ] E) Summer is hot and dry; winter is cold and wet.

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93 Which words should go inside inverted commas in this sentence?

"Dad announced I would like another slice of cake."

- [ ] A) Dad announced
- [ ] B) I would like another slice of
- [ ] C) would like another slice of cake
- [ ] D) I would like another slice of cake
- [ ] E) Dad announced I

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94 Choose the correct spelling to complete the sentence.

"The _____ gave the order to advance."

- [ ] A) lieutenent
- [ ] B) lieuttenant
- [ ] C) leutenant
- [ ] D) leiutenant
- [ ] E) lieutenant

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95 Read the sentence, then choose the labelled word that is spelled incorrectly. If every word is correct, choose E.

"The (A) play (B) opens on (C) Wenesday (D) evening."

- [ ] A) play
- [ ] B) opens
- [ ] C) Wenesday
- [ ] D) evening
- [ ] E) No mistake

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96 Which word is opposite in meaning to DISPERSE?

- [ ] A) accumulate
- [ ] B) scatter
- [ ] C) disband
- [ ] D) loiter
- [ ] E) facilitate

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97 Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

"The lawyer's _____ argument convinced the jury, since every claim was supported by evidence."

- [ ] A) ambiguous
- [ ] B) feeble
- [ ] C) muddled
- [ ] D) irrelevant
- [ ] E) cogent

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98 Which sentence means the same as this one?

"The class was muted after hearing the sad news."

- [ ] A) The class was subdued after hearing the sad news.
- [ ] B) The class was auspicious after hearing the sad news.
- [ ] C) The class was buoyant after hearing the sad news.
- [ ] D) The class was expansive after hearing the sad news.
- [ ] E) The class was bashful after hearing the sad news.

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99 Which word means "of the present time or recent times"?

- [ ] A) wanting
- [ ] B) pliable
- [ ] C) current
- [ ] D) despairing
- [ ] E) wayward

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100 Four of these words are close in meaning. Which word does not belong with the others?

- [ ] A) pompous
- [ ] B) slothful
- [ ] C) supercilious
- [ ] D) conceited
- [ ] E) arrogant

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101 Which word does NOT mean the same as CONTEMPLATE?

- [ ] A) ponder
- [ ] B) meditate
- [ ] C) reflect
- [ ] D) tremble
- [ ] E) ruminate

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102 Which sentence is the passive version of this sentence?

"Grandad washed the muddy car."

- [ ] A) The muddy car washed by Grandad.
- [ ] B) Grandad was washed by the muddy car.
- [ ] C) The muddy car was washed by Grandad.
- [ ] D) Grandad washed by the muddy car.
- [ ] E) The muddy car is washed by Grandad.

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

"Dad (A) says that (B) me am (C) old enough to walk to school (D) alone."

- [ ] A) says
- [ ] B) me
- [ ] C) old
- [ ] D) alone

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104 The verb in capitals does not fit the sentence. Which verb form should replace it?

"Currently, the cats in the shed SPEAKING quietly to the class."

- [ ] A) spoke
- [ ] B) speak
- [ ] C) spoken
- [ ] D) speaks

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105 Which of these words is a verb?

- [ ] A) because
- [ ] B) carefully
- [ ] C) beyond
- [ ] D) they
- [ ] E) wandered

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106 Choose the word that correctly completes the sentence.

"She had a bowl of _____ for breakfast."

- [ ] A) ceral
- [ ] B) cerial
- [ ] C) serial
- [ ] D) cereel
- [ ] E) cereal

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107 Choose the correctly written contraction to complete the sentence.

"I _____ brought an umbrella."

- [ ] A) should've'
- [ ] B) shoul'dve
- [ ] C) shouldve
- [ ] D) should've
- [ ] E) s'houldve

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108 Which words are the fronted adverbial in this sentence?

"Beside the pond, the bus pulled away."

- [ ] A) Beside the pond the
- [ ] B) Beside the pond
- [ ] C) the bus
- [ ] D) the bus pulled away
- [ ] E) the

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109 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- [ ] A) "Watch out for the puddle! yelled Omar.
- [ ] B) "Watch out for the puddle!" Yelled Omar.
- [ ] C) "Watch out for the puddle" yelled Omar.
- [ ] D) "Watch out for the puddle!" yelled Omar.
- [ ] E) "watch out for the puddle!" yelled Omar.

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110 Choose the correct spelling to complete the sentence.

"I will return the book _____."

- [ ] A) tommorrow
- [ ] B) tomorow
- [ ] C) tomorrow

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111 The word 'suffficient' is spelled incorrectly. Which is the correct spelling?

- [ ] A) sufficient
- [ ] B) suffficient
- [ ] C) suffisient
- [ ] D) sufficeint
- [ ] E) sufficiant

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112 Read the sentence, then choose the labelled word that is spelled incorrectly. If every word is correct, choose E.

"A low (A) stone (B) wall marked the (C) boundery of the (D) field."

- [ ] A) stone
- [ ] B) wall
- [ ] C) boundery
- [ ] D) field
- [ ] E) No mistake

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113 Which two words are opposite in meaning?

- [ ] A) seldom - infrequently
- [ ] B) regrettably - manifestly
- [ ] C) frequently - seldom
- [ ] D) frequently - often
- [ ] E) unwittingly - rigorously

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114 Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

"Despite weeks of rain, the farmers were _____ about the harvest and expected a good yield."

- [ ] A) pessimistic
- [ ] B) optimistic
- [ ] C) resentful
- [ ] D) apathetic
- [ ] E) despondent

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115 What does the word in capitals mean in this sentence?

"The professor's explanation was COMPREHENSIBLE, and everybody understood it."

- [ ] A) easily annoyed
- [ ] B) able to be touched or clearly felt
- [ ] C) quiet and rather sad or restrained
- [ ] D) too ready to believe what people tell you
- [ ] E) expressed clearly and easy to understand

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116 Four of these words mean "very keen and enthusiastic". Which word does not belong with the others?

- [ ] A) unnecessary
- [ ] B) ardent
- [ ] C) avid
- [ ] D) zealous
- [ ] E) keen

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117 Which two words are closest in meaning?

- [ ] A) plainly - unluckily
- [ ] B) seldom - rarely
- [ ] C) seldom - accidentally
- [ ] D) rarely - knowingly
- [ ] E) gradually - grudgingly

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118 Which sentence avoids a double negative?

- [ ] A) I couldn't find nothing in the cupboard.
- [ ] B) I haven't got nothing in the cupboard.
- [ ] C) I could find nothing in the cupboard.
- [ ] D) I couldn't find no thing in the cupboard.
- [ ] E) I could not find nothing in the cupboard.

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119 Which sentence is the active version of this sentence?

"The restaurant is run by a famous chef."

- [ ] A) A famous chef ran the restaurant.
- [ ] B) A famous chef run the restaurant.
- [ ] C) The restaurant runs a famous chef.
- [ ] D) A famous chef runs the restaurant.
- [ ] E) The restaurant is run by a famous chef.

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120 Which sentence uses the correct pronoun?

- [ ] A) The secret is just between you and mine.
- [ ] B) The secret is just between you and I.
- [ ] C) The secret is just between you and me.
- [ ] D) The secret is just between you and my.

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121 Choose the verb form that correctly completes the sentence.

"Currently, the girls in the choir _____ with a quick stretch."

- [ ] A) begins
- [ ] B) begun
- [ ] C) beginning
- [ ] D) began
- [ ] E) begin

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122 Which of these words is a verb?

- [ ] A) because
- [ ] B) waited
- [ ] C) the
- [ ] D) they
- [ ] E) muddy

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123 Which sentence uses the contraction correctly?

- [ ] A) I'd' like a glass of water, please.
- [ ] B) Id like a glass of water, please.
- [ ] C) I d like a glass of water, please.
- [ ] D) Id' like a glass of water, please.
- [ ] E) I'd like a glass of water, please.

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124 Which sentence has its comma correctly placed after the fronted adverbial?

- [ ] A) Before breakfast, the bus pulled away.
- [ ] B) Before breakfast; the bus pulled away.
- [ ] C) Before breakfast the bus, pulled away.
- [ ] D) Before, breakfast the bus pulled away.
- [ ] E) Before breakfast the bus pulled away.

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125 Which sentence joins the two main clauses correctly?

- [ ] A) The path was icy we walked with great care.
- [ ] B) The path was icy; we walked with great care.
- [ ] C) The path was icy; and we walked with great care.
- [ ] D) The path was icy; We walked with great care.
- [ ] E) The path was icy, we walked with great care.

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126 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- [ ] A) "Come inside and", said Mum, "wash your hands."
- [ ] B) "Come inside and," said Mum, "Wash your hands."
- [ ] C) "Come inside and," said Mum, "wash your hands."
- [ ] D) "Come inside and," said Mum "wash your hands."
- [ ] E) "Come inside and said Mum, wash your hands."

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127 Which of these sentences has every word spelled correctly?

- [ ] A) The stranded climbers sent a desperrate message for help.
- [ ] B) The stranded climbers sent a desperate message for help.
- [ ] C) The stranded climbers sent a desparate message for help.

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128 The word 'ussually' is spelled incorrectly. Which is the correct spelling?

- [ ] A) usualy
- [ ] B) usally
- [ ] C) ussually
- [ ] D) usually

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Question 1

E) dismayed - 'dismayed' is the only word that fits the clue in the sentence **B1**

Answer: E) dismayed

Question 2

A) The banknote was counterfeit, so the shop refused it. - 'counterfeit' has almost the same meaning as 'sham' here **B1**

Answer: A) The banknote was counterfeit, so the shop refused it.

Question 3

B) contrive - 'contrive' means to invent something false in order to deceive **B1**

Answer: B) contrive

Question 4

E) obtain - get - 'get' and 'obtain' mean almost the same (to get something by effort) **B1**

Answer: E) obtain - get

Question 5

A) She had finished the book before the film began. - it is the only option that is correct in punctuation and grammar **B1**

Answer: A) She had finished the book before the film began.

Question 6

C) The fence will be painted by the team. - in the passive the object becomes the subject, the verb is a form of 'be' plus the past participle, and the doer follows 'by' **B1**

Answer: C) The fence will be painted by the team.

Question 7

A) their - the gap needs the possessive determiner form: 'their' **B1**

Answer: A) their

Question 8

B) tells - 'tells' is wrong here; the correct word is 'tell' **B1**

Answer: B) tells

Question 9

C) noun - 'harbour' is a noun in this sentence **B1**

Answer: C) noun

Question 10

E) The family decided to insure their jewellery against theft. - 'insure' is the word that fits the meaning and grammar of the sentence **B1**

Answer: E) The family decided to insure their jewellery against theft.

Question 11

E) With a loud cheer - the fronted adverbial is the opening phrase that says when, where or how, followed by a comma **B1**

Answer: E) With a loud cheer

Question 12

D) ; - a semicolon can join two closely related main clauses without a conjunction or capital letter **B1**

Answer: D) ;

Question 13

B) The sovereign waved to the crowds from the balcony. - 'sovereign' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: B) The sovereign waved to the crowds from the balcony.

Question 14

A) omitted - 'omitted' is spelled correctly; the other four words each contain a spelling error **B1**

Answer: A) omitted

Question 15

D) We were fortunete to find shelter before the storm. - 'fortunete' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'fortunate'; every other sentence is spelled correctly **B1**

Answer: D) We were fortunete to find shelter before the storm.

Question 16

C) imposed - 'imposed' is the only word that fits the clue in the sentence **B1**

Answer: C) imposed

Question 17

A) easily annoyed - 'crotchety' means easily annoyed **B1**

Answer: A) easily annoyed

Question 18

B) serene - 'serene' means free from disturbance **B1**

Answer: B) serene

Question 19

B) plead - the other four words all mean something like 'to make someone calm and less angry' **B1**

Answer: B) plead

Question 20

A) luckily - 'luckily' does not mean 'not often'; the other words do **B1**

Answer: A) luckily

Question 21

D) Neither of the boys was ready. - it is the only option that is correct in punctuation and grammar **B1**

Answer: D) Neither of the boys was ready.

Question 22

C) me - the gap needs the object form: 'me' **B1**

Answer: C) me

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Question 23

C) bring - 'bring' is wrong here; the correct word is 'brought' **B1**

Answer: C) bring

Question 24

B) noun - 'prince' is a noun in this sentence **B1**

Answer: B) noun

Question 25

C) The birth of the foal was watched by the whole farm. - 'birth' is the word that fits the meaning and grammar of the sentence **B1**

Answer: C) The birth of the foal was watched by the whole farm.

Question 26

D) It mightn't rain after all. - 'mightn't' is the contraction of 'might not', with the apostrophe where the letters are missing **B1**

Answer: D) It mightn't rain after all.

Question 27

E) Early one morning, the bus pulled away. - a comma follows a fronted adverbial at the start of a sentence **B1**

Answer: E) Early one morning, the bus pulled away.

Question 28

D) "The shop closes at five," explained Amira. - spoken words go inside inverted commas, with the punctuation inside the closing mark and a lower-case reporting verb **B1**

Answer: D) "The shop closes at five," explained Amira.

Question 29

B) Learning an instrument requires patience and discipline. - 'discipline' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: B) Learning an instrument requires patience and discipline.

Question 30

E) forword - 'forword' should be spelled 'foreword'; the other words are correct **B1**

Answer: E) forword

Question 31

B) elliminate - 'elliminate' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'eliminate' **B1**

Answer: B) elliminate

Question 32

A) hostile - 'hostile' is the opposite of 'friendly' **B1**

Answer: A) hostile

Question 33

C) implausible - 'implausible' is the only word that fits the clue in the sentence **B1**

Answer: C) implausible

Question 34

A) The referee must stay unbiased, whichever team he supports. - 'unbiased' has almost the same meaning as 'objective' here **B1**

Answer: A) The referee must stay unbiased, whichever team he supports.

Question 35

E) load - the other four words all mean 'a story passed around that may not be true' **B1**

Answer: E) load

Question 36

E) My aunt (who is a pilot) lives in Dubai. - it is the only option that is correct in punctuation and grammar **B1**

Answer: E) My aunt (who is a pilot) lives in Dubai.

Question 37

D) galvanise - 'galvanise' means almost the same as 'rouse' (to make something more active or lively) **B1**

Answer: D) galvanise

Question 38

E) The mechanic fixed the broken gearbox. - in the active voice the doer is the subject and the verb keeps the same tense, with no 'be' plus participle **B1**

Answer: E) The mechanic fixed the broken gearbox.

Question 39

C) our - 'our' is wrong here; the correct word is 'we' **B1**

Answer: C) our

Question 40

B) worn - 'will have' needs the past participle, so the verb is 'worn' **B1**

Answer: B) worn

Question 41

E) sight - 'sight' is the word that fits the meaning and grammar of the sentence **B1**

Answer: E) sight

Question 42

D) who's - 'who's' is the contraction of 'who is', with the apostrophe where the letters are missing **B1**

Answer: D) who's

Question 43

B) Early one morning, everyone sat down to listen. - a comma follows a fronted adverbial at the start of a sentence **B1**

Answer: B) Early one morning, everyone sat down to listen.

Question 44

C) ; - a semicolon can join two closely related main clauses without a conjunction or capital letter **B1**

Answer: C) ;

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Question 45

C) The storm has destroyed the greenhouse. - in the active voice the doer is the subject and the verb keeps the same tense, with no 'be' plus participle **B1**

Answer: C) The storm has destroyed the greenhouse.

Question 46

A) Please close the window - inverted commas go round the exact words that are spoken, and nothing else **B1**

Answer: A) Please close the window

Question 47

C) The bus usually arrives at eight o'clock. - 'usually' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: C) The bus usually arrives at eight o'clock.

Question 48

B) A vicios wind tore at the tents. - 'vicios' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'vicious'; every other sentence is spelled correctly **B1**

Answer: B) A vicios wind tore at the tents.

Question 49

E) promising - 'promising' is the opposite of 'ominous' **B1**

Answer: E) promising

Question 50

D) reduced - 'reduced' is the only word that fits the clue in the sentence **B1**

Answer: D) reduced

Question 51

A) Her report was concise, and fitted on a single page. - 'concise' has almost the same meaning as 'compact' here **B1**

Answer: A) Her report was concise, and fitted on a single page.

Question 52

C) rigid - 'rigid' does not mean feeling or showing great joy, especially after success; the other words do **B1**

Answer: C) rigid

Question 53

E) disobedient - the other four words all mean something like 'doing what you are told'; 'disobedient' means the opposite **B1**

Answer: E) disobedient

Question 54

B) negligent - careless - 'negligent' and 'careless' mean almost the same (not giving enough attention to avoid mistakes) **B1**

Answer: B) negligent - careless

Question 55

D) The teacher insisted that he be on time. - it is the only option that is correct in punctuation and grammar **B1**

Answer: D) The teacher insisted that he be on time.

Question 56

E) The artist has sold the sculpture. - in the active voice the doer is the subject and the verb keeps the same tense, with no 'be' plus participle **B1**

Answer: E) The artist has sold the sculpture.

Question 57

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

Answer: B) ours

Question 58

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

Answer: D) rides

Question 59

B) verb - 'waited' is a verb in this sentence **B1**

Answer: B) verb

Question 60

A) The new regulations will affect every business in the town. - 'affect' is the word that fits the meaning and grammar of the sentence **B1**

Answer: A) The new regulations will affect every business in the town.

Question 61

C) how's - 'how's' is the contraction of 'how is', with the apostrophe where the letters are missing **B1**

Answer: C) how's

Question 62

E) Some pupils prefer maths, others prefer English. - a comma cannot join two main clauses on its own (a comma splice); a semicolon can **B1**

Answer: E) Some pupils prefer maths, others prefer English.

Question 63

A) , - a comma ends spoken words that are followed by the reporting clause **B1**

Answer: A) ,

Question 64

B) brought - 'will have' needs the past participle, so the verb is 'brought' **B1**

Answer: B) brought

Question 65

A) discipline - 'disciplin' should be spelled 'discipline' **B1**

Answer: A) discipline

Question 66

B) eliminate - 'elliminate' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'eliminate' **B1**

Answer: B) eliminate

Question 67

E) eager - 'eager' is the opposite of 'unwilling' **B1**

Answer: E) eager

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Question 68

D) honest and not pretending - 'heartfelt' means honest and not pretending **B1**

Answer: D) honest and not pretending

Question 69

E) unwilling and hesitant to do something - 'disinclined' means unwilling and hesitant to do something **B1**

Answer: E) unwilling and hesitant to do something

Question 70

C) solitary - the other four words all mean something like 'enjoying the company of other people'; 'solitary' means the opposite **B1**

Answer: C) solitary

Question 71

B) intricate - 'intricate' means almost the same as 'complicated' (made up of many connected parts and hard to understand) **B1**

Answer: B) intricate

Question 72

D) The bell had rung before anyone noticed. - it is the only option that is correct in punctuation and grammar **B1**

Answer: D) The bell had rung before anyone noticed.

Question 73

E) whispered - 'whispered' is a verb **B1**

Answer: E) whispered

Question 74

D) whole - 'whole' is the word that fits the meaning and grammar of the sentence **B1**

Answer: D) whole

Question 75

E) All of a sudden - the fronted adverbial is the opening phrase that says when, where or how, followed by a comma **B1**

Answer: E) All of a sudden

Question 76

E) ; - a semicolon can join two closely related main clauses without a conjunction or capital letter **B1**

Answer: E) ;

Question 77

C) , - a comma ends spoken words that are followed by the reporting clause **B1**

Answer: C) ,

Question 78

D) The crow showed remarkable intelligence in solving the puzzle. - 'intelligence' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: D) The crow showed remarkable intelligence in solving the puzzle.

Question 79

A) tomorrow - 'tommorrow' should be spelled 'tomorrow' **B1**

Answer: A) tomorrow

Question 80

C) desperrate - 'desperrate' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'desperate' **B1**

Answer: C) desperrate

Question 81

C) slapdash - 'slapdash' is the opposite of 'meticulous' **B1**

Answer: C) slapdash

Question 82

B) easily broken or damaged - 'frail' means easily broken or damaged **B1**

Answer: B) easily broken or damaged

Question 83

D) copious - 'copious' means existing in large quantities **B1**

Answer: D) copious

Question 84

E) premeditated - the other four words all mean something like 'full of violent or confused movement' **B1**

Answer: E) premeditated

Question 85

C) accumulate - 'accumulate' means almost the same as 'hoard' (to gather together a large amount over time) **B1**

Answer: C) accumulate

Question 86

D) The path runs between the lake and the wood. - it is the only option that is correct in punctuation and grammar **B1**

Answer: D) The path runs between the lake and the wood.

Question 87

A) The chemist will fill the prescription. - in the active voice the doer is the subject and the verb keeps the same tense, with no 'be' plus participle **B1**

Answer: A) The chemist will fill the prescription.

Question 88

B) The teacher spoke to us all about road safety. - the gap needs the object form: 'us' **B1**

Answer: B) The teacher spoke to us all about road safety.

Question 89

E) hurried - 'hurried' is a verb **B1**

Answer: E) hurried

Question 90

D) sight - 'sight' is the word that fits the meaning and grammar of the sentence **B1**

Answer: D) sight

Question 91

E) Here's the book you asked for. - 'here's' is the contraction of 'here is', with the apostrophe where the letters are missing **B1**

Answer: E) Here's the book you asked for.

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Question 92

A) The shop was closed, we went home. - a comma cannot join two main clauses on its own (a comma splice); a semicolon can **B1**

Answer: A) The shop was closed, we went home.

Question 93

D) I would like another slice of cake - inverted commas go round the exact words that are spoken, and nothing else **B1**

Answer: D) I would like another slice of cake

Question 94

E) lieutenant - 'lieutenant' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: E) lieutenant

Question 95

C) Wenesday - 'Wenesday' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'Wednesday' **B1**

Answer: C) Wenesday

Question 96

A) accumulate - 'accumulate' is the opposite of 'disperse' **B1**

Answer: A) accumulate

Question 97

E) cogent - 'cogent' is the only word that fits the clue in the sentence **B1**

Answer: E) cogent

Question 98

A) The class was subdued after hearing the sad news. - 'subdued' has almost the same meaning as 'muted' here **B1**

Answer: A) The class was subdued after hearing the sad news.

Question 99

C) current - 'current' means of the present time or recent times **B1**

Answer: C) current

Question 100

B) slothful - the other four words all mean something like 'having an exaggerated sense of one's own importance' **B1**

Answer: B) slothful

Question 101

D) tremble - 'tremble' does not mean 'to think about something carefully for a long time'; the other words do **B1**

Answer: D) tremble

Question 102

C) The muddy car was washed by Grandad. - in the passive the object becomes the subject, the verb is a form of 'be' plus the past participle, and the doer follows 'by' **B1**

Answer: C) The muddy car was washed by Grandad.

Question 103

B) me - 'me' is wrong here; the correct word is 'I' **B1**

Answer: B) me

Question 104

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

Answer: B) speak

Question 105

E) wandered - 'wandered' is a verb **B1**

Answer: E) wandered

Question 106

E) cereal - 'cereal' is the word that fits the meaning and grammar of the sentence **B1**

Answer: E) cereal

Question 107

D) should've - 'should've' is the contraction of 'should have', with the apostrophe where the letters are missing **B1**

Answer: D) should've

Question 108

B) Beside the pond - the fronted adverbial is the opening phrase that says when, where or how, followed by a comma **B1**

Answer: B) Beside the pond

Question 109

D) "Watch out for the puddle!" yelled Omar. - spoken words go inside inverted commas, with the punctuation inside the closing mark and a lower-case reporting verb **B1**

Answer: D) "Watch out for the puddle!" yelled Omar.

Question 110

C) tomorrow - 'tomorrow' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: C) tomorrow

Question 111

A) sufficient - 'suffficient' should be spelled 'sufficient' **B1**

Answer: A) sufficient

Question 112

C) boundery - 'boundery' is a misspelling; the correct spelling is 'boundary' **B1**

Answer: C) boundery

Question 113

C) frequently - seldom - 'frequently' and 'seldom' are opposites **B1**

Answer: C) frequently - seldom

Question 114

B) optimistic - 'optimistic' is the only word that fits the clue in the sentence **B1**

Answer: B) optimistic

Question 115

E) expressed clearly and easy to understand - 'comprehensible' means expressed clearly and easy to understand **B1**

Answer: E) expressed clearly and easy to understand

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Question 116

A) unnecessary - the other four words all mean 'very keen and enthusiastic' **B1**

Answer: A) unnecessary

Question 117

B) seldom - rarely - 'rarely' and 'seldom' mean almost the same (not often) **B1**

Answer: B) seldom - rarely

Question 118

C) I could find nothing in the cupboard. - it is the only option that is correct in punctuation and grammar **B1**

Answer: C) I could find nothing in the cupboard.

Question 119

D) A famous chef runs the restaurant. - in the active voice the doer is the subject and the verb keeps the same tense, with no 'be' plus participle **B1**

Answer: D) A famous chef runs the restaurant.

Question 120

C) The secret is just between you and me. - the gap needs the object form: 'me' **B1**

Answer: C) The secret is just between you and me.

Question 121

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

Answer: E) begin

Question 122

B) waited - 'waited' is a verb **B1**

Answer: B) waited

Question 123

E) I'd like a glass of water, please. - 'I'd' is the contraction of 'I would', with the apostrophe where the letters are missing **B1**

Answer: E) I'd like a glass of water, please.

Question 124

A) Before breakfast, the bus pulled away. - a comma follows a fronted adverbial at the start of a sentence **B1**

Answer: A) Before breakfast, the bus pulled away.

Question 125

B) The path was icy; we walked with great care. - a semicolon can join two closely related main clauses without a conjunction or capital letter **B1**

Answer: B) The path was icy; we walked with great care.

Question 126

C) "Come inside and," said Mum, "wash your hands." - spoken words go inside inverted commas, with the punctuation inside the closing mark and a lower-case reporting verb **B1**

Answer: C) "Come inside and," said Mum, "wash your hands."

Question 127

B) The stranded climbers sent a desperate message for help. - 'desperate' is the correct spelling; the other options contain common spelling errors **B1**

Answer: B) The stranded climbers sent a desperate message for help.

Question 128

D) usually - 'ussually' should be spelled 'usually' **B1**

Answer: D) usually

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