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SESSION 1

Time available for students
to complete test: 45 minutes

Use 2B or HB
pencil only



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PRACTICE QUESTIONS

The spelling mistake in this sentence has been circled.
Write the correct spelling for the circled word in the box.

P1 We went to (scool).

P1

This sentence has one word that is incorrect.
Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

P2 We bought fresh bred.

P2

P3 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Do you have pet?

a

if

he

she

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Shade one bubble.



Read the text *Cats and dogs*. The text has a gap.
Choose the correct word or words to fill the gap.

Cats and dogs

Some people like cats
they like dogs.

P4

- ☐ more
- ☐ more best
- ☐ more than
- ☐ more better

P5 Where do the **two** missing full stops (.) go?

We are having a party It will be fun



Shade two bubbles.



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Read the text *Tiger*.

The spelling mistakes have been circled.

Write the correct spelling for each circled word in the box.

Tiger



A tiger uses its long tail for (balance).

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It has sharp (claus) on all four feet.

 2

Its stripes are helpful for (hidding) in long grass.

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A tiger has (sensative) ears.

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The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been circled.
Write the correct spelling for each circled word in the box.

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Doing daily sit-ups is an excellent way to strengthen the (stummick) muscles.

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It was the (begining) of the school year.

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Tiny (particals) of dust were floating in the sunlight.

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When Kim saw the (advertisment) on television, she knew what she wanted for her birthday.

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She (thort) about the problem for a long time.

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Rick measured the (lenth) of the string before he cut it.

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Some spiders are very (dangerus).

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We (finaly) finished our project.

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Read the text *Holidays*.

The spelling mistakes have been circled.

Write the correct spelling for each circled word in the box.

Holidays

My favourite holiday place is not very
acesable by car.

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We go by four-wheel drive veehicel.

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It is a pieceful place by a river.

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There is always a variety of things to do.

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Each sentence has one word that is incorrect.

Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

17 The ovarnight rainstorm flooded the oval.

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18 The man was very greatful for the assistance
he received.

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19 After expending a lot of energy during the
marathon, everyone felt very fatiged.

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20 All the books in the cubbord need to be sorted
and returned to their owners.

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**Each sentence has one word that is incorrect.
Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.**

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The author has created an admirable character who has intelligents and curiosity.

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The task seemed impossable until we had planned our approach.

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The atmosphire in the room was suffocating so we opened the windows.

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People have to be a certain hight before they are allowed to go on the ride.

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For our health project, we had to record our kilojul intake for an entire week.

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There was great exitement before the fireworks commenced.

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The child's shreik of laughter echoed across the playground.

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Belinda was reluctant to enrol in the course because she was anxious about the workload.

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Members of the Antartic mission had to prepare thoroughly before departing.

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The best thing about living near a railway station is the convenients of commuting to the city by train.

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31 Which word or words correctly complete the sentence?

I was in Brisbane last week. If I'd known you were living there,
I caught up with you.

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Shade one
bubble.



32 Which comma (,) should be replaced by a colon (:)?

There are five things you need to bring to the camp, a sleeping bag,



a water bottle, a torch, some batteries and a change of clothes.



**Read the text *Oil slick*. The text has some gaps.
Choose the correct word or words to fill each gap.**

Oil slick

The oil slick spread very **33** . It could
have done a great deal of damage.

- ☐ quick
- ☐ quicker
- ☐ quickly
- ☐ quickest

However, actions **34** taken to make sure
no beaches were polluted.

- ☐ is
- ☐ was
- ☐ were
- ☐ will be

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35 Which word or words correctly complete the sentence?

Shade one bubble.



Tranh was always a player than Con.

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good

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more better

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36 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

 turn is it to do the washing up?

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Whom

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Which

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37 Which one of these sentences indicates that the tasks are completed?

- ☐ I will complete all the assigned tasks.
- ☐ I am completing all the assigned tasks.
- ☐ I have completed all the assigned tasks.
- ☐ I will have completed all the assigned tasks.

38 Which of the following should end with a question mark?

- ☐ How amazing to see a comet
- ☐ How to make a kite
- ☐ How we did it is not important
- ☐ How will you make it

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- 39** Where does the missing comma (,) go?

Shade one bubble.



Having finished the teacher quickly gathered up all of her equipment.



Read the text *Louis Pasteur*. The text has some gaps. Choose the correct word to fill each gap.

Louis Pasteur

The French scientist, Louis Pasteur, made one of his most significant discoveries after **40** age of sixty. He turned his attention **41** a strange disease called rabies. It affected human beings if **42** were bitten by a dog that had rabies. Many people died as a result of this disease.

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- 43** Which sentence uses speech marks (“ and ”) correctly?

- ☐ “Quietly he asked,” Where did you leave it?”
- ☐ Quietly he asked, “Where did you leave it?”
- ☐ “Quietly he asked, where did you leave it?”
- ☐ Quietly he asked”, where did you leave it?”

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- 44** Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Shade one bubble.



The first of Tim Winton's novels that I read *Blueback*.

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was

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were

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- 45** Which punctuation mark is missing from this sentence?

As she looked through the telescope, Annie exclaimed,

"I think I can see the Oh, no, I can't!"

, (comma)

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: (colon)

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. (full stop)

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... (ellipsis)

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- 46** How is this sentence expressed correctly in direct speech?

Carrie said that Rita had taken her book.

☐ "Rita took my book," said Carrie.

☐ "Carrie took my book," said Rita.

☐ Rita accused Carrie of taking her book.

☐ Carrie accused Rita of taking her book.

- 47** Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Today like to speak to you about a special person – my sister Lan.

I'm

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I'd

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I've

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48 Which sentence is correct?

Shade one bubble.



- ☐ The coach and my brother is late for the match last week.
- ☐ The coach and my brother are late for the match last week.
- ☐ The coach and my brother was late for the match last week.
- ☐ The coach and my brother were late for the match last week.

49 Which sentence is correct?

- ☐ There's two brightly coloured parcels on the bench.
- ☐ There is two brightly coloured parcels on the bench.
- ☐ There are two brightly coloured parcels on the bench.
- ☐ There was two brightly coloured parcels on the bench.

50 Which words correctly complete the sentence?

My aunt gave me some money I bought a book.

of which

in which

for which

with which

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51 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- ☐ I'm so hot! exclaimed Tim.
- ☐ "I'm so hot!" exclaimed Tim.
- ☐ "I'm so hot"! exclaimed Tim.
- ☐ "I'm so hot" exclaimed Tim!

52 Where do the **two** missing speech marks (" and ") go?

Shade two bubbles.



All the guests shouted, Congratulations! as Jess walked into the room.

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Read the text *Shanaka Fernando*. The text has some gaps. Choose the correct option to fill each gap.

Shanaka Fernando

Shade one bubble.



In 2007, Melbourne's Shanaka Fernando was awarded the Australia's Local Hero Award **53** of his work as the founder of the not-for-profit restaurants, Lentil as Anything.

- ☐ for recognising
- ☐ in recognising
- ☐ for recognition
- ☐ in recognition

Shanaka made a speech when he accepted his award. His comments on the meaning of being Australian **54**.

- ☐ is interesting
- ☐ were interesting
- ☐ was interesting
- ☐ will be interesting

"I didn't know the answer to the question of what it means to be Australian until quite **55**," said Shanaka.

- ☐ recently
- ☐ before
- ☐ now
- ☐ soon

"I went out into country Victoria with refugees for a tree planting weekend, and I came into contact **56** I considered an amazing spirit of community and openness.

- ☐ with who
- ☐ with which
- ☐ with what
- ☐ with where

To be Australian **57** welcoming of others. It is to encourage each other to shine and to reach our full potential."

- ☐ is I think to be,
- ☐ is, I think to be
- ☐ is I think, to be
- ☐ is, I think, to be

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