

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

YEAR

9

2015

45 min

SESSION 1

Time available for students to
complete test: 45 minutes

Use 2B or HB
pencil only



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

1

The orchestra mainly performs traditionel music.

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Dad grew a massive pumkin and entered it in the local show.

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We learned a new dance rootine for the concert.

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The scientist spent many years proving her theary.

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The rocket was launched into orbet.

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We calculated the radias of the coin.

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Tuna and sammon are both good fish to eat.

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My friend tells hillarious jokes.

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The dairy farm was four hundred hectairs in size.

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The music had been downloaded illegaly.

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| 11 | He is <u>absolutly</u> sure that his team will make the finals. | <input type="text"/> | 11 |
| 12 | The corner store is a <u>convenient</u> place to shop. | <input type="text"/> | 12 |
| 13 | They had to <u>quewe</u> for hours to buy tickets. | <input type="text"/> | 13 |
| 14 | I was exhausted after the <u>vigerous</u> training session. | <input type="text"/> | 14 |
| 15 | The new <u>consinement</u> of goods has arrived at the shop. | <input type="text"/> | 15 |
| 16 | I felt light and <u>boyant</u> , floating on the surface of the ocean. | <input type="text"/> | 16 |

**There is one spelling mistake in each sentence.
Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.**

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|----|--|----------------------|----|
| 17 | She had to verify her identety by producing her birth certificate. | <input type="text"/> | 17 |
| 18 | My grandmother said the parachute jump was the most exhilarating expirience of her life. | <input type="text"/> | 18 |
| 19 | A glaciär is a huge mass of compacted snow which moves slowly across land. | <input type="text"/> | 19 |
| 20 | Agreement was acheived through lengthy negotiations. | <input type="text"/> | 20 |

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21	The wreckage of the ship is preserved as a site of historical significance.	21
22	Early adventurers faced many obstacles in their attempts to circumnavigate the globe.	22
23	Early naturalists thought that the platypuss specimens were not genuine.	23
24	Advertisers used a market survey and government census data to target the campaign.	24
25	The conservation group eradicated the noxious weeds from the bushland park.	25
26	The expert became annoyed when confronted with information that contradicted his claims.	26
27	Rainforests are quite dark due to the dense foliage of the canopy.	27
28	The camera is specifically designed for aerial surveillance.	28
29	It is occasionally necessary to liaise with other schools to gain access to their facilities.	29
30	We consulted a veterinarian who recommended surgery for our injured dog.	30

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For questions 31 to 58, shade one bubble to show your answer.

31

Which sentence is correct?

- ☐ The dog eaten my homework.
- ☐ The dog has eaten my homework.
- ☐ The dog eat my homework.
- ☐ The dog has eat my homework.

32

Which option completes this sentence correctly?

Everyone is aware of the need accidents at work.

- ☐ for prevention
- ☐ to prevent
- ☐ prevent
- ☐ preventing

33

Which option completes the sentence correctly?

, I expect to perform well
in the competition.

- ☐ Although the strength of my rivals
- ☐ Once the strength of my rivals
- ☐ Even the strength of my rivals
- ☐ Despite the strength of my rivals

34

Which word completes this sentence correctly?

The final twist in the plot was revealed the last minute of the movie.

- ☐ to
- ☐ in
- ☐ under
- ☐ until

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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ Even if, the weather is fine tomorrow the festival will not go ahead.
- ☐ Considering how much work is involved, the cost is, justified.
- ☐ Although we thought we were well prepared, the debate was disastrous.
- ☐ Having made our lists, together, we did not expect to forget anything.

36

Which sentence uses brackets correctly?

- ☐ The website had an FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) section.
- ☐ The website had an (FAQ) Frequently Asked Questions section.
- ☐ The website had an FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions section).
- ☐ The website had an (FAQ Frequently Asked Questions) section.

37

Which is a complete sentence?

- ☐ As soon as he had finished the meal.
- ☐ The best thing you can say about a place.
- ☐ At times the solution is obvious.
- ☐ Once you feel terrified.

38

What does *It* refer to in this text?

Fear of flying, although a relatively common phobia, can be a serious impediment to an individual's ability to travel for work. It can therefore restrict employment opportunities.

- ☐ fear of flying
- ☐ a relatively common phobia
- ☐ a serious impediment
- ☐ an individual's ability to travel for work

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Which option completes this sentence correctly?

I asked Jack if [redacted] could share the paints.

- ☐ he and I
- ☐ him and I
- ☐ he and me
- ☐ him and me

40

Which option is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ Mt Kosciuszko 2228 m, the highest mountain on mainland Australia, is eclipsed by Mt McClintock 3490 m in the Australian Antarctic Territory.
- ☐ Mt Kosciuszko (2228 m), the highest mountain on mainland Australia, is eclipsed by Mt McClintock (3490 m) in the Australian Antarctic Territory.
- ☐ Mt Kosciuszko (2228 m) the highest mountain on mainland Australia is eclipsed by Mt McClintock (3490 m) in the Australian Antarctic Territory.
- ☐ Mt Kosciuszko 2228 m, the highest mountain on mainland Australia is eclipsed by Mt McClintock 3490 m in the Australian Antarctic Territory.

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Which word has the same meaning as *ought to* in this sentence?

Students ought to do their homework as soon as they get it.

- ☐ must
- ☐ should
- ☐ could
- ☐ will

42

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ The course dealt with some simple coding, creating logos, and planning and building websites.
- ☐ The course dealt with some simple, coding creating logos, and planning, and building websites.
- ☐ The course dealt with some simple, coding creating logos and planning and building websites.
- ☐ The course dealt with some simple coding, creating, logos, and planning, and building websites.

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Which option completes this sentence correctly?

Answering every question without hesitation, [REDACTED]

- ☐ there was a favourable impression.
- ☐ the witness made a favourable impression.
- ☐ was a favourable impression.
- ☐ the witness making a favourable impression.

44

Which suffix, when added to *resent*, makes it into an adjective?

- ☐ -ness
- ☐ -ment
- ☐ -ful
- ☐ -ion

45

Which pair of sentences is correct?

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| ☐ | Who's responsible for putting out the rubbish? | Whose responsibility is it to put out the rubbish? |
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| ☐ | Whose responsible for putting out the rubbish? | Whose responsibility is it to put out the rubbish? |

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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ The capital city of the state of Queensland is Brisbane.
- ☐ The Capital City of the state of Queensland is Brisbane.
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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ The beetle seems ordinary but its in the light that we see its beauty.
- ☐ The beetle seems ordinary but it's in the light that we see its beauty.
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- ☐ The beetle seems ordinary but it's in the light that we see it's beauty.

48

Which is a correct sentence?

- ☐ You can choose between going to camp and you can go to the party.
- ☐ You can choose between going to camp and going to the party.
- ☐ You can choose between going to camp or can go to the party.
- ☐ You can choose between going to camp or go to the party.

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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ Twenty-year-old-Victorian rider Emma Richards will cycle across the continent from north to south, starting from Darwin.
- ☐ Twenty-year-old Victorian rider Emma Richards will cycle across the continent from north to south, starting from Darwin.
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- ☐ Twenty year old-Victorian rider Emma Richards will cycle across the continent from north to south, starting from Darwin.

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Which part of this sentence is the main clause?

Considering the many difficulties she faced, the scientist had extraordinary results without using live animals.

- ☐ Considering the many difficulties
- ☐ she faced
- ☐ the scientist had extraordinary results
- ☐ without using live animals.

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Which option is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ "Tom." the boys called. "You're walking too slowly. Hurry up!"
- ☐ "Tom," the boys called, "You're walking too slowly. Hurry up!"
- ☐ "Tom" the boys called. "you're walking too slowly. Hurry up!"
- ☐ "Tom," the boys called, "you're walking too slowly. Hurry up!"

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Which is a compound sentence?

- ☐ Kangaroos and wallabies are both marsupials.
- ☐ The pouch provides their joeys with food and protection.
- ☐ Joeys spend a surprisingly long time in the pouch.
- ☐ They finally leave but still stay close to their mothers.

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Which is a correct sentence?

- ☐ Covered in blooms, they admired the rose bushes.
- ☐ Taking a long time to decide, the noodle dish was his final choice.
- ☐ Reluctant to concede defeat, the team fought till the final whistle.
- ☐ Crispy on the outside and soft on the inside, kids love these potato wedges.

54

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ I am going to Indonesia; I want to practise my language skills.
- ☐ I was trying to think of everything; and anticipating problems.
- ☐ The weather was perfect; the island was surrounded by a reef.
- ☐ He had been trying to remember where they camped; Palm Cove.

55

In which sentence is the word *research* used as a noun?

- ☐ Recent scientific research supports the idea.
- ☐ The research scientist works in the laboratory.
- ☐ They will research the causes of the disease.
- ☐ He had to apply for more research funding.

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What are *frequently* and *frequent* in this sentence?

Because I frequently forget to make a shopping list, I end up making frequent trips to the shops.

	frequently	frequent
☐	adverb	noun
☐	adjective	adverb
☐	adjective	verb
☐	adverb	adjective

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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ Diverse habitats—such as deserts, wetlands and grasslands, were discovered.
- ☐ Diverse habitats, such as deserts, wetlands and grasslands—were discovered.
- ☐ Diverse habitats such as deserts, wetlands and grasslands, were discovered.
- ☐ Diverse habitats—such as deserts, wetlands and grasslands—were discovered.

58

Which word from this sentence is being used as an adjective?

Although the weather did not look promising, the match started on time, delighting the crowd which filled the stands.

- ☐ promising
- ☐ started
- ☐ delighting
- ☐ filled

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