

Year 9 Literacy

Language Conventions Test 2

Writing time: 45 minutes

Use 2B pencil only

Instructions

- Write your **student name** in the space provided.
- You must be silent during the test.
- If you need to speak to the teacher, raise your hand. Do not speak to other students.
- Answer all questions using a 2B pencil.
- If you wish to change your answer, erase it very thoroughly and then write your new answer.

Student name:

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



WRITE YOUR OWN ANSWER

- 1 The mayre of the city was given the task
of opening the oprah season. She arrived
dramatically in a helicopta.

mayor

opera

helicopter



WRITE YOUR OWN ANSWER

- 2 When we celerbrate national days at our school
we invite the appropriate ambasador to attend.
They usually manage to fit us into their busy shedules.
In general they find such visits most plesurable.

celebrate

ambassador

schedules

pleasurable



WRITE YOUR OWN ANSWER

- 3 There are many ocupations to consider if you wish
to help people. The work an attorney does is varied
and of great importance in the community.

occupations

attorney

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



WRITE YOUR OWN ANSWER

- 4 Our appreciation of language is enriched when we know
the origins of words.
- 5 It is best to use a local provider if you want promt delivery.
- 6 We watched the primary students play in order to recroot
some of them into our team.
- 7 The rythms of South American music are very lively.
- 8 Lether is a long-wearing material if you care for it properly.
- 9 The enginear was called in to assess the safety of the bridge.
- 10 The students sent a delagation to speak to the deputy principal.
- 11 The flavour of dark chocolate is particularly intens.

origins

prompt

recruit

rhythms

leather

engineer

delegation

intense

**WRITE YOUR OWN ANSWER**

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

12 The controversie was reported in the daily papers.

controversy

13 It is so good to breath fresh mountain air.

breathe

14 When you study another language you also learn about cultuerall aspects of countries.

cultural

15 You have to have the aproval of your parents or guardian to attend the camp.

approval

16 In order to acess the school network you need a password.

access

17 A secret balot was held to elect the captain.

ballot

18 Circut training is an excellent way to develop different muscle groups.

circuit

19 Sereal is good to eat if you want a sustaining breakfast.

cereal

20 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

SHADE ONE BOX



Mia felt that she spent more time with her grandmother.

☐ should've ☒ should've ☐ should of ☐ shouldve

21 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

SHADE ONE BOX



Hamish has if it is possible to attend the concert with his friends.

☐ ask ☒ asked ☐ asks ☐ will ask

22 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

SHADE ONE BOX



David, likely to be chosen as the school's representative, is a very thoughtful person.

☒ who's ☐ whose' ☐ whos ☐ whose

23 Which of the following has the correct punctuation?

SHADE ONE BOX



☐ Golding says, 'thinking skills are at the very core of academic success'
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24 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

SHADE ONE BOX



Lily prefers to be known as she calls a 'fashionista'.

☐ when ☐ who ☒ what ☐ why

25 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

SHADE ONE BOX



John gladly driven the girls home if they had asked him.

☐ would of ☒ would've ☐ would ☐ would've

26 Shade one box to show where the missing apostrophe (') should go.

SHADE ONE BOX



The two buildings ☒ doors, ☐ windows, ☐ blinds and ☐ were damaged in the blast.

27 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

SHADE ONE BOX



I could tell from the tone of her voice
that she was taking things .

☐ really serious ☐ real serious ☒ really seriously ☐ real seriously

28 Which of the following has the correct punctuation?

SHADE ONE BOX



☐ Spain is a beautiful country; the beache's are warm, sandy and spotlessly clean.

☒ Spain is a beautiful country; the beaches are warm, sandy and spotlessly clean.

☐ Spain is a beautiful country, the beaches are warm, sandy and spotlessly clean.

☐ Spain is a beautiful country; the beaches are warm sandy and spotlessly clean.

29 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

SHADE ONE BOX



The hockey team played with an commitment.

☐ fierce ☐ savage ☐ relentless ☒ intense

30 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- ☐ 'The culprit' Nicky said, 'has never been found.'
- ☐ 'The culprit, Nicky said, has never been found.'
- ☒ 'The culprit,' Nicky said, 'has never been found.'
- ☐ 'The culprit,' Nicky said. 'Has never been found.'

SHADE ONE BOX



31 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- ☐ After stealing Anitas car, the thief lost his way and was apprehended by the police.
- ☒ After stealing Anita's car, the thief lost his way and was apprehended by the police.
- ☐ After stealing Anita's car the thief, lost his way. and was apprehended by the police.
- ☐ After stealing Anita's car the thief lost his way and was apprehended by the police

SHADE ONE BOX



32 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

The raw materials storerooms is in the next street.

- ☐ factorys ☐ factories ☒ factory's ☐ factorie's

SHADE ONE BOX



33 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- ☒ 'Well,' she said, 'you certainly didn't waste any time.'
- ☐ 'Well,' she said, 'You certainly didn't waste any time.'
- ☐ 'Well,' she said, 'you certainly didn't waste any time'.
- ☐ 'Well, she said, you certainly didn't waste any time.'

SHADE ONE BOX



34 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- ☒ The tennis coach said to try a different stroke, so I tried to hit a flat forehand.
- ☐ The tennis coach said, to try a different stroke so I tried to hit a flat forehand.
- ☐ The tennis coach said, 'to try a different stroke. So I tried to hit a flat forehand'
- ☐ The tennis coach said, 'To try a different stroke, so I tried to hit a flat forehand.'

SHADE ONE BOX



35 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- ☐ My favorite teacher, who happens to be my mothers best friend, is moving to a new school next term
- ☒ My favorite teacher, who happens to be my mother's best friend, is moving to a new school next term.

SHADE ONE BOX



- ☐ My favorite teacher who happens to be my mothers best friend, is moving to a new school next term.
- ☐ My favorite teacher, who happens to be my mothers' best friend, is moving to a new school, next term.

36 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- ☐ She always enjoyed: sweets, chocolate, marshmallows and nougat.
- ☒ She always enjoyed sweets, chocolate, marshmallows and nougat.
- ☐ She always enjoyed sweet's, chocolate, marshmallows and nougat.
- ☐ She always enjoyed sweets chocolate marshmallows and nougat.

SHADE ONE BOX



Read the following text and answer the questions below.

The Australian Mist: Our Very Own Moggie

The Australian Mist is a breed developed in Australia from the cross-breeding of Burmese, Abyssinian and Australian domestic shorthair cats. It is a medium sized cat and is very people-oriented. The short coat has a pattern of spots or marbling against a darker background. The legs and tail are barred and the face is lined. Accepted colours include brown, blue, chocolate, lilac, gold and peach.



37 The text is written in the

- ☐ past tense.
- ☒ present tense.
- ☐ future tense.

SHADE ONE BOX



38 In this text the words Burmese and Abyssinian are capitalised because

- ☐ they are not of Australian origin.
- ☐ the author wants to draw attention to them.
- ☒ they are proper nouns.
- ☐ they are difficult to pronounce.

SHADE ONE BOX



Read the following text and answer the questions below.

Zines

A zine (pronounced 'zeen' and short for magazine or fanzine) is a self-published, not for profit periodical put out by someone who has some ideas or something to say, a copy machine, and a stapler.

Electronic zines (called E-Zines) have become extremely popular because of the ease of publication, the lack of associated printing costs and the potential for wide exposure. Most sites for E-Zines are accessible to millions of people, literally.

39 In the first sentence the word 'periodical' is used as

- ☐ a verb.
- ☒ a noun.
- ☐ an adjective.
- ☐ an adverb.

SHADE ONE BOX



40 This text has been written in the

- ☐ first person.
- ☐ second person.
- ☒ third person.

SHADE ONE BOX



41 In the final sentence the word 'literally' is used as

- ☐ a verb.
- ☐ a noun.
- ☐ an adjective.
- ☒ an adverb.

SHADE ONE BOX

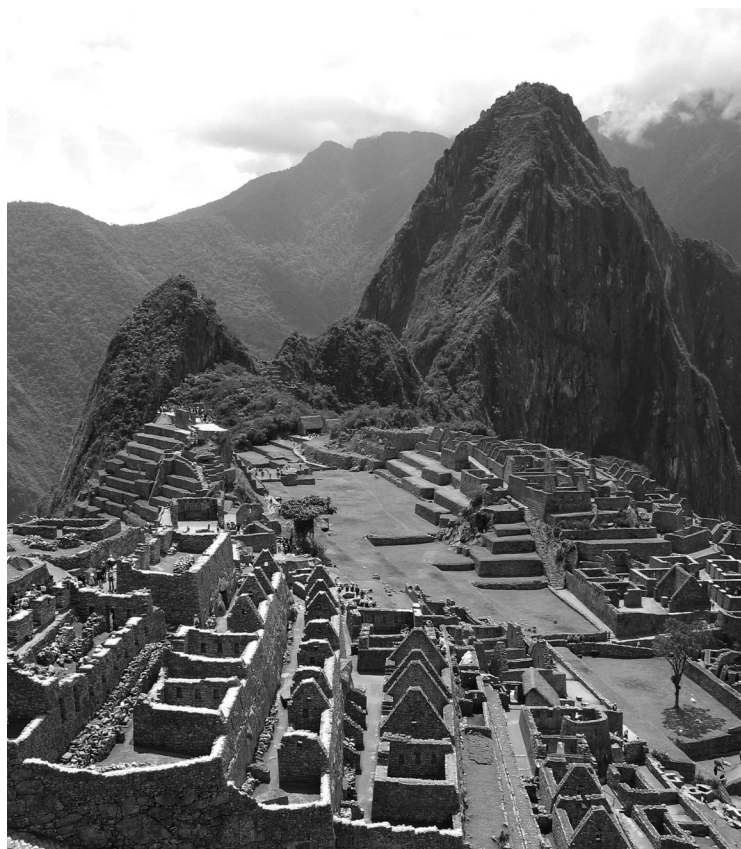


Read the following text and answer the questions below.

Marvellous Mystical Machu Picchu

In the 15th century, the Incan Emperor Pachacútec built a city in the clouds on a mountain in the Peruvian Andes known as Machu Picchu ('old mountain'). It is situated at a height of 9060 feet, 2430 metres above sea-level. It is Peru's most famous tourist attraction and also a UN World Heritage site.

It was probably abandoned by the Incas because of a smallpox outbreak and, after the Spanish defeated the Incan Empire, the city remained 'lost' for over three centuries. It was rediscovered by Hiram Bingham in 1911.



- 42 In the first sentence, the words 'old mountain' are placed in inverted commas because

- ☐ they are a title.
- ☐ they are technical words.
- ☐ they are an actual quote.
- ☒ they are a translation from another language.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 43 In the title, *Marvellous Mystical* is an example of

- ☐ a rhyme.
- ☐ a simile.
- ☒ alliteration.
- ☐ exaggeration.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 44 In the second last sentence, the word 'Incan' is used as

- ☐ a verb.
- ☐ a noun.
- ☒ an adjective.
- ☐ an adverb.

SHADE ONE BOX

