

# Year 9 Literacy

## Language Conventions Test 1

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.

- 1 The accomodation provided at the school camp is quite luxurius. In the past we have stayed in apalling conditions.



WRITE YOUR OWN ANSWER

accommodation

luxurious

appalling

- 2 We decided to visit the new portrate gallery. The presentation of each painting is spectacular. The lighting is impressive and emfasises the unique aspects of each piece. Gallery personel are available to provide additional information about the exibition.



WRITE YOUR OWN ANSWER

portrait

emphasises

personnel

exhibition

- 3 Regular daily exercise is vitle for our health now and in the future. Walk at a pace that increases your heart rate. Enjoy what your local enviroment has to offer.



WRITE YOUR OWN ANSWER

vital

environment

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



WRITE YOUR OWN ANSWER

- 4 The average tempratures have been higher than usual this summer.
- 5 A rather grand vesel is anchored in the bay.
- 6 Chocolate pudding is one of my top ten deserts.
- 7 Good rainfall at the right time results in a high crop yeeld.
- 8 It is a requirment of the club that you wear the correct uniform when playing.
- 9 Putting long hair into plats is no longer fashionable.
- 10 Next Saturday is open day at the navil base.
- 11 Once a committee agrees on a course of action they then have to impliment it.

temperatures

vessel

desserts

yield

requirement

plaits

naval

implement

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



WRITE YOUR OWN ANSWER

12 Alcohol should be taken in moderation.

alcohol

13 It was a great coop to have the celebrity visit the school.

coup

14 That teacher is very good at giving clear explanations.

explanations

15 There is secret ingreadient in that spaghetti sauce that makes it delicious.

ingredient

16 Parlimentary procedures are quite complex.

parliamentary

17 The main character in that text has some severe psychological problems.

psychological

18 The climb to the summit of Mount Everest is treacherous.

summit

19 The tennis tornament will take the form of a round robin.

tournament

20 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

SHADE ONE BOX



Mark felt that he  to the charity concert.

- ☐ should've gone   ☒ should've gone   ☐ should of gone   ☐ shouldve gone

21 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

SHADE ONE BOX



Ricky has  the drum kit he wants to get for his band at the local music shop.

- ☐ see   ☐ saw   ☒ seen   ☐ will see

22 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

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Aisha,  one of the best athletes on the team, will represent the state in the national championships.

- ☐ whose   ☐ whose'   ☐ whos   ☒ who's

23 Which of the following has the correct punctuation?

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- ☐ Mary pleaded Jose. 'When am I going to see you?'  
☒ Mary pleaded, 'Jose, when am I going to see you?'  
☐ Mary pleaded, 'Jose when am I going to see you.'  
☐ Mary pleaded, Jose when am I going to see you?

24 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

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Toan likes to ask teachers  he calls 'curly' questions.

- ☐ when    ☐ who    ☒ what    ☐ why

25 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

SHADE ONE BOX



Rowena said that she  waited for him if he had sent her a text message.

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

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

SHADE ONE BOX



Only members of clubs are allowed to use the members entrance to the grounds.

27 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

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She examined the diamond ring .

- ☐ really careful    ☐ real careful    ☒ really carefully    ☐ real carefully

28 Which of the following has the correct punctuation?

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☐ Without the help, of our neighbours we wouldn't have had the house ready for inspection by Saturday.

☒ Without the help of our neighbours, we wouldn't have had the house ready for inspection by Saturday.

☐ Without the help of our neighbours, we wouldn't have had the house, ready for inspection by Saturday.

☐ Without the help of our neighbours we wouldn't have had the house ready for inspection, by Saturday.

29 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

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The drama group provided the audience with an  performance.

- ☐ strenuous    ☐ brilliant    ☒ exceptional    ☐ stunning

30 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- ☐ 'I went skiing with the school' Nicky grinned. 'It was fantastic but really cold.'
- ☐ 'I went skiing with the school.' Nicky grinned, 'It was fantastic.' 'But really cold.'
- ☒ 'I went skiing with the school,' Nicky grinned. 'It was fantastic but really cold.'
- ☐ 'I went skiing with the school, Nicky grinned. It was fantastic but really cold.'

SHADE ONE BOX



31 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- ☒ So many students were late to school today; there must have been a traffic problem.
- ☐ So many students were late to school, today, there must have been a traffic problem.
- ☐ So many students were late to school today; there must have been a traffic problem?
- ☐ So many students were late to school today, there must have been a traffic problem?

SHADE ONE BOX



38. Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

The  offices are located in Mitchell Street.

- ☒ company's
- ☐ companies'
- ☐ companie's
- ☐ companies

SHADE ONE BOX



32 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- ☐ 'Oh really, said Mum, just get on with it!'
- ☐ 'Oh really,' said Mum. 'just get on with it!'
- ☐ 'Oh really,' said mum, 'just get on with it!'
- ☒ 'Oh really,' said Mum, 'just get on with it!'

SHADE ONE BOX



33 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- ☒ Mrs Rice said to try another method of solving the problem, so we used Peter's approach.
- ☐ Mrs Rice said, to try another method of solving the problem so we used Peter's approach.
- ☐ Mrs Rice said, 'to try another method of solving the problem, so we used Peter's approach.'
- ☐ Mrs Rice said, 'To try another method of solving the problem so we used Peter's approach.'

SHADE ONE BOX



34 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

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- ☐ He never enjoyed learning the violin, at school now he's the best in the orchestra.
- ☐ He never enjoyed learning the violin at school! now he's the best in the orchestra.
- ☒ He never enjoyed learning the violin at school; now he's the best in the orchestra.
- ☐ He never enjoyed learning the violin at school; now hes the best in the orchestra.

35 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

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- ☐ 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.

Read the following text and answer the questions below.

## The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel



The ancestry of the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel can be traced back to the royal courts of England. King Charles II was devoted to his dogs – almost to the point of addiction. They travelled with him everywhere and the sign 'Beware of the Dog' originated in his court, meaning not that they were dangerous, but rather *don't tread on them*.

36 The text is written in the

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

37 In this text the words 'Beware of the Dog' are in inverted commas because

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- ☐ they are a title.
- ☐ they are technical words.
- ☒ they are an actual quote.
- ☐ they are difficult to pronounce.

Read the following text and answer the questions below.

## Olive Oil

Olive oil comes as plain olive oil, virgin olive oil, and extra-virgin olive oil. 'Virgin' refers to the quality of the olive oil; the more virgin it is, the better it is for you. Standard olive oil is darker in color, thicker, and burns less easily. Extra-virgin olive oil is clearer in color, has a distinct taste and is well suited for salad dressings.



38 In the first sentence the word 'olive' is used as

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

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39 This text has been written in the

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

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40 In the third sentence the word 'easily' is used as

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

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Read the following text and answer the questions below.

## Community Gardens

A community garden is a green space cultivated on common land by a group of people. Community gardens come in all shapes, sizes and situations. They can grow flowers, veggies, fruits or trees. They can be used as sustainable food resources, or just to look pretty. They can be on any kind of land in any city.

Australia's first community garden was built in Melbourne in 1977. Since then, the gardening bug has caught on, and now there are dozens of gardens in every state. Community gardens are supported by a variety of larger organisations, including the Australian Community Gardens network, GreenThumb, and in some states, even the department of housing.



41 In the second paragraph, 'the gardening bug' is an example of

- ☐ a simile.
- ☒ a metaphor.
- ☐ alliteration.
- ☐ personification.

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42 In the second sentence, 'shapes, sizes and situations' is an example of

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

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43 In the opening sentence, the word 'community' is used as

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

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