

# LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

YEAR  
**9**  
2016

Name \_\_\_\_\_

SESSION 1

**45 min**

Time available for students to  
complete test: 45 minutes

Use 2B or HB  
pencil **only**



## YEAR 9 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

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

1 The shop was offerring free gift-wrapping.

1

2 Solar energy is a reneweble resource.

2

3 Farmers sometimes have to improvize when machinery breaks down.

3

4 They cut the wood with a circular saw.

4

5 The rain made the campers misrable.

5

6 We added water to moisen the soil around the plant.

6

7 Eggs provide protene in a diet.

7

8 We gained incite into another culture through our exchange student.

8

9 The library has a rack of broshures about many subjects.

9

10 An optomist is someone who is always positive.

10

## YEAR 9 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

11 The school play was held in the audatorium.  11

12 I knew my brothers would quarel over who should walk the dog.  12

13 My brother is a complete enigmar as I never know what he is thinking.  13

14 The mouse was gnoring at the hard cheese.  14

15 The scary music hightened the suspense in the movie.  15

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

16 The graphick designer is responsible for the layout of the magazine.  16

17 The experienced chef demonstrated cooking techniques to the apprentices.  17

18 The futureistic cars used innovative concepts and materials.  18

19 There was caos on all routes into the city when a hailstorm disrupted transport.  19

20 The guests arrived unanounced but we were delighted to see them.  20

## YEAR 9 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

- 21** There are penalties for motorists caught exceeding the speed limit.  21
- 
- 22** The cyclists were sponsored to raise money for deserving charities.  22
- 
- 23** Some native animals have become vulnerable to extinction because of urban development.  23
- 
- 24** There was widespread acclaim for the amateur production.  24
- 
- 25** The parade featured a large procession of talented performers in magnificent costumes.  25
- 
- 26** Perishable food eventually deteriorates if it is left unrefrigerated.  26
- 
- 27** The deciduous forest became a vivid patchwork of red and orange in autumn.  27
- 
- 28** Global communication is facilitated by satellites orbiting in space.  28
- 
- 29** The celebrated novelist wrote crime stories under a pseudonym to conceal her identity.  29
- 
- 30** Being a national representative is regarded as a privilege by most people.  30

## YEAR 9 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

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

31

Which of the following completes this sentence correctly?

The group was well known [ ] alternative energy solutions.

- develop
- for developing
- to develop
- which develops

32

Which word completes this sentence correctly?

[ ] mountain pygmy possum is an endangered species.

- A
- An
- The
- This

33

Which word completes this sentence correctly?

The boy [ ] brought the model car is waiting outside.

- who
- what
- which
- whose

34

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- He closed the door, before realising, the keys were inside.
- The turtle which was caught in a net, was sent, to a sanctuary.
- A baby echidna, also called a puggle, hatches after ten days.
- The eclipse the first since 2013, promises to be, spectacular.

## YEAR 9 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

35

Which pair of sentences can be joined with the word *whereas*?

- The road is being fixed soon. It is full of potholes.
- Mine is a mountain bike. Hers is a racing bike.
- He wanted to use the iron. I had put it away.
- There was a flash of lightning. The thunder rumbled moments later.

36

Which word completes this sentence correctly?

there were no other volunteers, the job is yours.

- When
- Unless
- Since
- Whether

37

What does the word *each* refer to in this sentence?

The geologists brought specimens of minerals, fossils and petrified wood to show us, and described where each had been found.

- geologists
- specimens
- minerals
- fossils

38

Which of the following completes this sentence correctly?

Who  the bins when your brother is not there?

- put out
- puts out
- putting out
- was putting out

## YEAR 9 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

39

Which sentence is correct?

- The man mistaken my mother for someone he knew.
- The wind blown the papers all over the playground.
- Dad was training for a race and run after work every day.
- It was very cold so we drove to the match.

40

Which word completes this sentence correctly?

I might be late tomorrow but it is                     .

- indefinite
- impossible
- certain
- unlikely

41

Which of the following should be punctuated as two sentences?

- Do not tell me what to do, I like to work things out for myself.
- Although we took part in the working bee, the rain slowed us down.
- Do you think it is likely you will finish the book before the weekend?
- We thought we were ready for the hike, having trained for many months.

42

In which sentence is the meaning clearest?

- I smelled the curry coming into the kitchen.
- He saw the kangaroo driving on the dirt road.
- Throwing my books in my bag, my lift pulled up outside.
- Jumping out of my seat, I ran to answer the knock on the door.

43

Which sentence is correct?

- It was both long and a very close tennis match.
- At the zoo we saw a bird show, polar bears and new baby elephant.
- My problem is that it is unfair and the speed of the decision.
- It was a time for action, not for excuses.

## YEAR 9 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

44

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

- We parked on the street opposite the park.
- The shop is on the opposite corner to the bank.
- Whatever he says, I believe the opposite.
- When you leave the station, the playing field will be directly opposite.

45

Which sentence is correctly completed by the word *its*?

- I think [redacted] going to be our most successful team ever.
- Do you think [redacted] worthwhile booking a seat?
- I can smell the cake cooking so I wonder if [redacted] ready.
- Considering [redacted] potential, the car won fewer races than expected.

46

Which group of words in this sentence is an adverbial phrase of time?

He looked at the clock hanging on the wall, checked the time of his appointment and left the house after a hasty breakfast.

- at the clock
- on the wall
- of his appointment
- after a hasty breakfast

47

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- They crossed Bass Strait in a ferry.
- Mum works at the Bank near the shopping centre.
- We meet at the local Railway Station and travel home together.
- Dad catches a bus to the City.



## YEAR 9 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

48

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- The sunset, glowing with reds and oranges, was spectacular.
- The sunset glowing with reds and oranges, was, spectacular.
- The sunset, glowing with reds and oranges was spectacular.
- The sunset glowing with reds and oranges was, spectacular.

49

Which sentence is correct?

- He tried to disguise his voice so it sounded differently.
- My sister thinks it is a good idea, but I think different.
- We have set up our campsite differently this time.
- Two people can react quite different to the same information.

50

Which sentence is a compound sentence?

- They did not move or make a sound but we found them quickly.
- No-one but my brother would swim on a day like this.
- I packed all my warm clothes as well as a raincoat.
- After all the running and playing the children were worn out.

51

What is the subject of the main clause in this sentence?

After the rain led to the closure of the field, the match had to be cancelled.

- the rain
- the closure
- the field
- the match

52

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- The exciting idea—that we should enter the competition inspired all of us.
- Although we had hardly rehearsed—the concert was entertaining.
- The laptop—he borrowed from the library—was left on the bus.
- Everything they needed—brushes, paints, paper—had been assembled.

## YEAR 9 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

53

Which sentence contains a contraction?

- Tomorrow's general outlook is for rain.
- Jo's coming to my place after school.
- My bike is in the garage so this must be John's.
- The toddler's constant questioning was annoying.

54

Which sentence is correct?

- Her favourite food are apples.
- There are cartoons on television this morning.
- There is books and newspapers in the waiting room.
- The latest news from the research teams are very exciting.

55

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- Since the passing of the new law; the crime rate has dropped dramatically.
- The little lizard is only 6 cm long; and about the thickness of a pencil.
- The results will be released at 8 pm; the tension in the room is mounting.
- Why the performance has been suddenly cancelled; we have no idea.

56

Which sentence is correct?

- The cooler works by collecting hot air, compresses it and then lets it expand.
- Holding the fishing line gently and wiggle it slightly will attract a fish.
- My uncle said he preferred playing on the field with the team to coaching.
- We won today, not because of any one player, but we played as a team.

57

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- The storm clouds piled on the horizon marked the start of the wet season.
- The storm clouds, piled on the horizon marked the start of the wet season.
- The storm clouds piled on the horizon, marked the start of the wet season.
- The storm clouds piled on the horizon marked: the start of the wet season.

## YEAR 9 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

58

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- She bought a twenty four-hour train pass.
- She bought a twenty-four hour train pass.
- She bought a twenty-four-hour train pass.
- She bought a twenty-four-hour-train pass.

**STOP – END OF TEST**

[Click here to access working out paper to help you.](#)

**This page is intentionally blank.**