



NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
LITERACY AND NUMERACY

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

YEAR

9

2008

TEST INSTRUCTIONS

1. You must do your own work.
2. Do not speak to other students during the test.
3. Raise your hand if you need to speak to the teacher.
4. Follow all directions given to you by the teacher.
5. All questions must be answered using the pencil you have been given. If you need to change an answer, carefully erase it and write another answer.
6. To confirm you have the correct booklet, print your name below.

Print your name here:

0:45

Time available for students to complete
test: 45 minutes

Use 2B
pencil **only**



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

Our new comunity hospital is

 1

equipped with an operating theatre.

Previusly patients had to travel

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to the city for sergary.

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Marcia had always wanted to go to Africa.

It was an acheivment when she had

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saved suficent money for the trip.

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Africa had seemed so exsotic in her

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imaganaton but now she wondered

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whether she should buy a car instead.

Many athletes have found that regular

training can make a substaintal difference

 8

to their level of performence.

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

10 Jupiter is the largest planet in our solar sistem.

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11 The guests at the party consumed all the food.

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12 The siren sounded and we had to avacuate
the building.

12

13 Unfortunately the space mission ended in falure.

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14 The natural environment is a great place
for recreasional activities.

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15 He was overwhelmed by the amount of work.

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16 The clock was anteak and very valuable.

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17 The audience aplorded at the end of the show.

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

18 The recipients waited to be handed their trophies.

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19 Rabbits are vulnerable to attack from predators.

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20 The announcement was made over the radio.

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21 The accident was caused by my negligence.

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22 The satellite is in orbit around Earth.

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23 Zebras have stripes for camouflage.

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24 The correspondence was so faint
it was barely visible.

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25 The government is responsible for funding
various services.

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26 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

George to the movies if his mother had let him.

have gone will have gone would not gone would have gone

Shade one bubble.



27 Which of the following has the correct punctuation?

- “Who dropped that.” nobody said a word.
- “Who dropped that.” Nobody said a word.
- “Who dropped that?” Nobody said a word.
- “Who dropped that? nobody,” said a word.

28 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

Andrew has he likes to call *a great talent!*

why when who what

29 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

She knew she the perfect dress the minute she saw it.

finds will find has found had found

30 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

The girl likely to win is a genius.

whos who’s whose whose’

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31 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

The fireworks were so exciting I watched them all night.

couldve

could've

could of

could've

Shade one bubble.



32 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- Mum said, No swimming without an adult.
- Mum said "No swimming without an adult."
- "Mum said" No swimming without an adult.
- Mum said, "No swimming without an adult."

33 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

He looked at the photos .

real close

real closely

really close

really closely

34 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

It was a beautifully printed picture book with an front cover.

colourful

lovely

exquisite

gorgeous

35 Shade one bubble to show where the missing apostrophe (') should go.



Peoples ideas about animals in zoos make me angry.

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36 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

Shade one bubble.



- The train was really crowded today; I have no idea why.
- The train was really crowded, today, I have no idea, why.
- The train was really crowded today; I have no idea why?
- The train was really crowded today, I have no idea why?

37 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- “We need to start rehearsing, said Ms Peters so get your skates on.”
- “We need to start rehearsing” said Ms Peters “so get your skates on.”
- “We need to start rehearsing,” said Ms Peters, “so get your skates on.”
- “We need to start rehearsing,” said Ms Peters, “So get your skates on.”

38 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

The sign on the door said it was for only.

- performer's performers performers' performers's
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39 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- Mum said to obey all the signs, so we went the other way.
- Mum said, to obey all the signs, so we went the other way.
- Mum said, “to obey all the signs, so we went the other way.”
- Mum said “To obey all the signs, so we went the other way.”

40 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- My little brother Joe is the only one who hasn't started school yet.
- My little brother Joe, is the only one who, hasn't started school yet.
- My little brother, Joe is the only one, who hasn't started school yet.
- My little brother Joe is the only one who hasn't, started school, yet.

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41 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- The man, got out of the car before it burst into flames and ran away.
- The man got out of the car before, it burst into flames and ran away.
- The man got out of the car, before it burst into flames, and ran away.
- The man, got out of the car, before it burst into flames, and ran away.

Shade one bubble.



42 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- I remember her, when she was a baby now she's a company director.
- I remember her, when she was a baby, now she's a company director.
- I remember her when she was a baby; now she's a company director.
- I remember her when she was a baby! now she's a company director.

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Read *Word origins* and answer questions 43 and 44.



WORD ORIGINS

Many of the words in today's dictionaries have Greek origins. The word *kratia* means power or rule. The word ending **-cracy** denotes a particular type of government. **Autocracy** refers to rule by one independent power, and **democracy** means, literally, people power. A **plutocracy** is government by the wealthy, and the word is derived from the name of the Greek god of riches, Plutos.

43 This text is written in the

- past tense.
- present tense.
- future tense.

Shade one bubble.



44 In this text, the word *kratia* is in *italics* because it is

- a title.
- a technical word.
- difficult to pronounce.
- a word from another language.

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Read *Jacques Cousteau* and answer questions 45 to 47.

Jacques Cousteau

French diver Jacques Cousteau was influential in making the general public aware of the underwater world. Through his documentaries featuring sunken



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wrecks and those featuring the natural marine environment, Cousteau's film work captivated people worldwide. His films allowed audiences to glimpse a new world.

45 In the first sentence, the word *French* is used as

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

Shade one bubble.



46 This text has been written in the

- first person.
- second person.
- third person.

47 In the last sentence, the word *allowed* is used as

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

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Read *Advertising* and answer questions 48 to 50.

ADVERTISING

Advertising is an integral part of our lives because we are all consumers of products, services and ideas. It is so much a part of our lives that we can't imagine a world without it. It has become the air we breathe.

Influential advertisers invade our personal space through our computers, televisions and radios. Free gifts are offered to entice and persuade.

Canny consumers can read between the lines, and so avoid being conned by the hype.

48 In the opening sentence, the word *Advertising* is used as

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

Shade one bubble.



49 In the third sentence, *the air we breathe* is an example of

- a simile.
- a metaphor.
- alliteration.
- personification.

50 In the last sentence, *Canny consumers* is an example of

- a rhyme.
- a simile.
- alliteration.
- exaggeration.

END OF TEST

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YEAR 9 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS 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.

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

P2

We bought sum bread.

P3

Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

Do you have pet?

a

if

he

she

Shade one
bubble.



P4

Which sentence is correct?

- Some people like cats best than dogs.
- Some people like cats better than dogs.
- Some people like cats more best than dogs.
- Some people like cats more better than dogs.

P5

Shade one bubble to show where the missing full stop (.) should go.

We arrived at school on time

