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Year 6 English Grammar and Punctuation Test 1

total marks 10

1. Circle the object in this sentence.

I stroked the cat carefully.

1 mark

2. Fill in the gaps in the sentence below using the passive form of the verb in the boxes.

After he his breakfast, the dog by his owner.

to give to walk

1 mark

3. Add a comma to this sentence in the correct place.

Although she had left on time she was late for school.

1 mark

4. Read this sentence. Which punctuation mark is missing from the box? Circle one.

It's very hot today you'd better put on some sunscreen.

colon semi colon comma question mark

1 mark

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5. Which sentence is punctuated correctly? **Tick one.**

I have two hobbies; painting and hockey.

I have two hobbies painting and hockey.

I have two hobbies: painting and hockey.

1 mark

6. What does the word 'swiftly' mean in this sentence? **Tick one.**

The owl flew **swiftly** towards its prey.

gradually

quickly

slowly

casually

1 mark

7. **Circle** the subject in this sentence.

On Thursday, Millie played at her friend's house.

1 mark

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8. Replace the verb in this sentence with the correct Standard English form.

I **were** first to arrive at the park.

↑

1 mark

9. Read the passage below. Tick the pair of **pronouns** which best completes the sentence.

My brother and I love ice-skating and both have a pair of skates.
 are much better than the skates you hire from the ice-rink.

us / We

me / It

we / They

me / Them

1 mark

10. Circle the **relative pronoun** in the sentence below.

It's too rainy for the picnic today, which is a shame.

1 mark

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Answers:

<p>1 I stroked the <u>cat</u> carefully.</p>	1 mark	<p>6 gradually <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>quickly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>slowly <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>casually <input type="checkbox"/></p>	1 mark
<p>2 After he <u>was given</u> his breakfast, the dog <u>was walked</u> by his owner.</p>	1 mark	<p>7 On Thursday, <u>Millie</u> played at her friend's house.</p>	1 mark
<p>3 Although she had left on time, she was late for school.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	1 mark	<p>8 <u>was</u></p>	1 mark
<p>4 <u>colon semi colon comma question mark</u></p>	1 mark	<p>9 us / We <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>me / It <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>we / They <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>me / Them <input type="checkbox"/></p>	1 mark
<p>5 I have two hobbies; painting and hockey. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I have two hobbies painting and hockey. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I have two hobbies: painting and hockey. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	1 mark	<p>10 It's too rainy for the picnic today, <u>which</u> is a shame.</p>	1 mark

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Year 6 English Grammar and Punctuation Test 2

total marks

1. **Fill in the gaps** to create a present perfect sentence using the correct verb form.

In today's Design and Technology lesson, the pupils in Class 10
cereal bars.

↑
to bake

1 mark

2. **Add brackets** to this sentence in the correct place.

The children who were very excited couldn't wait to meet the Queen.

1 mark

3. **Circle** the relative pronoun in this sentence.

This is the girl who helps out at the weekends.

1 mark

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4. Which sentence is the most likely to happen? **Tick one.**

We could go to the swimming pool today.

He can come to my party today.

She will buy some new shoes today.

They might have fish fingers for tea today.

1 mark

5. Alligators in Florida have been known to attack and eat humans. Bearing this in mind, **tick** the sentence below which has been **punctuated correctly**.

Beware of the man eating alligators - if you travel by boat in Florida.

Beware of the man-eating alligators if you travel by boat in Florida.

Beware of the man eating-alligators if you travel by boat in Florida.

1 mark

6. **Draw lines** to match the informal words to their formal synonym.

find out

request

go in

discover

ask for

prepare

get ready

enter

1 mark

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7. **Rewrite** the sentence below so that it begins with the adverbial. Use only the same words and remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

1 mark

The wizard mixed up a new spell late at night.

8. In a café, a waiter is very busy taking orders. He has lots of customers. Bearing this in mind, which sentence is correctly punctuated? **Tick one.**

1 mark

The waiter took the customers order's.

The waiter took the customer's orders.

The waiter took the customers' orders.

9. **Circle all the determiners** in the sentence below.

1 mark

The man's hair was very long, so my uncle cut it using a pair of the clippers he owns.

10. **Underline** the subordinate clause in this sentence.

1 mark

I don't need a school dinner today because I have brought sandwiches.

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Answers:

<p>1 In today's Design and Technology lesson, the pupils in Class 10 have baked cereal bars.</p>	1 mark	<p>6</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> find out go in ask for get ready </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> request discover prepare enter </div> </div>	1 mark
<p>2 The children (who were very excited) couldn't wait to meet the Queen.</p>	1 mark	<p>7</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> Late at night, the wizard mixed up a new spell. </div>	1 mark
<p>3 This is the girl who helps out at the weekends.</p>	1 mark	<p>8 The waiter took the customers order's. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The waiter took the customer's orders. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The waiter took the customers' orders. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	1 mark
<p>4 We could go to the swimming pool today. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>He can come to my party today. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>She will buy some new shoes today. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>They might have fish fingers for tea today. <input type="checkbox"/></p>	1 mark	<p>9 The man's hair was very long, so my uncle cut it using a pair of the clippers he owns.</p>	1 mark
<p>5 Beware of the man eating alligators - if you travel by boat in Florida. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Beware of the man-eating alligators if you travel by boat in Florida. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Beware of the man eating-alligators if you travel by boat in Florida. <input type="checkbox"/></p>	1 mark	<p>10 I don't need a school dinner today <u>because</u> <u>I have brought sandwiches.</u></p>	1 mark

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Year 6 English Grammar and Punctuation Test 3

total marks

1. Fill in the gap in the sentence below using the present perfect form of the verb in the box.

You since I last saw you.

↑

1 mark

2. Circle the word or words that make this sentence a question.

You went to Ireland for your holiday, didn't you?

1 mark

3. Which sentence uses inverted commas correctly? **Tick one.**

“Harry! Come quickly! shouted Mum”.

“Harry!” Come quickly!” shouted Mum.

“Harry! Come quickly!” shouted Mum.

1 mark

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4. What type of word is underlined in this sentence? **Tick one.**

1 mark

Alex said that we could go to his house to play.

noun

verb

determiner

5. Which box shows where a comma should be used? **Tick one.**

1 mark

Since moving to the city, Tanya had struggled to make new friends.

6. **Circle** the modal verbs in this sentence.

1 mark

If I can leave early, I would like to meet Anna at the park, as she said she might be there.

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7. Complete the sentence below using the correct conjunctions. Use each conjunction once only.

You can have butter jam marmalade on your toast, we don't have any honey.

and but or

1 mark

8. Read this sentence. Which words in the table below show a synonym and an antonym for the word 'considerate'? Tick one pair.

Cinderella was nothing like her sisters - she was sweet and considerate.

synonym	antonym	Tick one pair
kind	naughty	
thoughtful	selfish	
generous	uncaring	

1 mark

9. Add the correct possessive determiner to the sentence below.

Gran smiled slowly and reached out hand.

1 mark

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10. Tick **one box** to show whether the word 'before' is used as a preposition or a subordinating conjunction.

1 mark

Sentence	'before' used as a subordinating conjunction	'before' used as a preposition
We left the cinema before the film had ended.		
Simon finished before Paul in the race.		
Train tickets are often cheaper before 9am.		

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Answers:

1 You since I last saw you. 1 mark

2 You went to Ireland for your holiday, 1 mark

3 "Harry! Come quickly!" shouted Mum.
 "Harry!" "Come quickly!" shouted Mum.
 "Harry! Come quickly!" shouted Mum. 1 mark

4 noun
 verb
 determiner 1 mark

5 Since moving to the city Tanya had
 struggled to make new friends. 1 mark

6 If I leave early, I like to meet Anna at the park, as she said she be there. 1 mark

7 You can have butter jam marmalade on your toast, we don't have any honey. 1 mark

8

synonym	antonym	Tick one pair
kind	naughty	
thoughtful	selfish	x
generous	incaring	

9 Gran smiled slowly and reached out hand. 1 mark

10

Sentence	'before' used as a subordinating conjunction	'before' used as a preposition
We left the cinema before the film had ended.	x	
Simon finished before Paul in the race.		x
Train tickets are often cheaper before 9am.		x

1 mark

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Prepositions:

- 1 Circle the four **prepositions** in the sentence below.

On a mountain bike, you can cycle across rocky ground, along muddy paths and over harsh terrain.

1 mark

- 2 Which two sentences contain a **preposition**?

Tick **two**.

He walked really quickly.

The horse munched his hay happily.

She ran around the games field.

The old man walked past the door.

1 mark

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3

Which preposition would be best to complete **both** sentences?

The boy took a sandwich _____ his lunchbox.

The postcard was _____ my uncle.

Tick **one**.

with

beside

near

from

1 mark

4

Circle the **preposition** in each of the sentences below.

We were exhausted because our flight arrived at 4am.

Despite similar opportunities, we are successful in different ways.

1 mark

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5

Which sentence contains a **preposition** to indicate **time**?

Tick **one**.

I watched the show on television last night.

I have to stay in bed today because I am ill.

We used to live behind the supermarket.

It rained heavily during the night.

1 mark

6

In the sentence below, what **word class** is before?

Make sure that you come home before six.

Tick **one**.

an adjective

an article

a preposition

a verb

1 mark

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Tick **all** the sentences that contain a **preposition**.

Ali locked the door before he left.

The shops are beyond the main road.

My brother is behind me in the race.

Barry is below Andrew in the register.

1 mark

8

Circle all the **prepositions** in the sentence below.

He walked through the doorway and sat behind the desk.

1 mark

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Answers:

1

Award 1 mark for all four correct.

On a mountain bike, you can cycle across rocky ground, along muddy paths and over harsh terrain.

1 mark

2

Award 1 mark for two correct sentences ticked.

She ran around the games field.

The old man walked past the door.

1 mark

3

from

1 mark

4

We were exhausted because our flight arrived at 4am.

Despite similar opportunities, we are successful in different ways.

Award 1 mark for both correct.

1 mark

5

It rained heavily during the night

1 mark

6

a preposition

1 mark

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7

Award 1 mark for three correct sentences ticked.

Ali locked the door before he left.

The shops are beyond the main road.

My brother is behind me in the race.

Barry is below Andrew in the register.

1 mark

8

Award 1 mark for both words encircled.

He walked through the doorway and sat behind the desk.

1 mark

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Full Stops, Capital Letters, Questions and Exclamation Marks

- 1 Circle each word that should begin with a **capital letter** in the sentence below.

the island called zanzibar is in the indian ocean off the coast of africa.

1 mark

- 2 Which sentence uses **capital letters** correctly?

Tick **one**.

We are going to see a Play by Shakespeare.

There is a new Doctor at the local Hospital.

There is a Class Visit to the museum next week.

He is trying to swim the English Channel.

1 mark

- 3 Insert the missing **full stops** and **capital letters** in the passage below to make two correct sentences.

two people were playing tennis we watched the ball go

back and forth over the net

1 mark

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4

Tick **all** the boxes that correctly complete the sentence below.

A capital letter must be used to start _____ .

all proper nouns

all important verbs

all pronouns

all sentences

1 mark

5

Which option is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Learning to juggle is fun. I found it hard at first but I'm quite good now.

Learning to juggle is fun. I found it hard. At first but I'm quite good now.

Learning to juggle is fun I found it hard at first. But I'm quite good now.

Learning to juggle is fun I found it hard at first but I'm quite good now.

1 mark

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Copy the sentence below. Add any missing full stops or capital letters.

it went into the water and made a terrible splash

1 mark

7

Add the **two** missing exclamation marks to the text below.

Tariq yelled excitedly, " I've won I've won "

1 mark

8

You are helping a friend to correct the punctuation in the box below.
Which **two** pieces of advice should you give to correct the punctuation?

"Surprise" shouted the children!

Tick **two**.

There should be an exclamation mark after the word 'surprise'.

There should be an exclamation mark after the inverted commas.

The sentence should end with a full stop instead of an exclamation mark.

There should be an exclamation mark after the word 'shouted'.

More exclamation marks after the word 'children' would help to show they shouted loudly.

1 mark

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Which sentence must **not** end with an **exclamation mark**?

Tick **one**.

What a hilarious film that was

I loved the opening scene

Was the ending funny

I have never laughed so much

1 mark

10

Where should the **full stop** go to separate the sentences below?

Tick **one** box.

Spain is in Europe Madrid is its capital city although Barcelona

is also popular for holidays.

1 mark

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Which sentence uses **capital letters** correctly?

Tick **one**.

We went to manchester for Kajal and Jamal's party.

we went to Manchester for Kajal and Jamal's party.

We went to Manchester for Kajal and Jamal's party.

We went to Manchester for Kajal and Jamal's Party.

1 mark

12

Insert **full stops** and **capital letters** in the passage below so it is punctuated correctly.

Declan has always been fascinated by animals
he has read many books about exotic creatures
jellyfish interest him the most and he would
would like to study them when he is older

1 mark

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Tick the sentence below that uses a **question mark** correctly.

Tick **one**.

"When do the clocks go back." asked Amber?

"When do the clocks go back"? asked Amber.

"When? do the clocks go back" asked Amber.

"When do the clocks go back?" asked Amber.

1 mark

14

Tick **one** box to show where the missing question mark should go.

"How are you feeling today" asked the nurse.

↑

↑

↑

↑

1 mark

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Tick the option that must end with a **question mark**.

Tick **one**.

Do not run in the corridor

Do let us know if we can help

Do you enjoy reading

Do plenty of exercise

1 mark

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Jane wants to know if the band is playing at the festival.

Write the **question** she could ask to find out.

Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

1 mark

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Answers:

- 1** Award 1 mark for all five correct.
the island called zanzibar is in the indian ocean off the coast of africa
1 mark
- 2** He is trying to swim the English Channel.
1 mark
- 3** Award 1 mark for two full stops and two capital letters correctly placed.
Two people were playing tennis. We watched the ball go back and forth over the net.
1 mark
- 4**
all proper nouns

all sentences
1 mark
- 5** Learning to juggle is fun. I found it hard at first but I'm quite good now.

1 mark
- 6** It went into the water and made a terrible splash.
1 mark
- 7** Award 1 mark for an exclamation mark placed correctly at the end of each sentence.
Tariq yelled excitedly, "I've won! I've won!"
For the award of the mark, the second exclamation mark must be within the inverted commas.
1 mark

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There should be an exclamation mark after the word 'surprise'.

The sentence should end with a full stop instead of an exclamation mark.

1 mark

9

Was the ending funny

1 mark

10

Spain is in Europe Madrid is its capital city although Barcelona is also

popular for holidays.

1 mark

11

We went to Manchester for Kajal and Jamal's party.

1 mark

12

Award 1 mark for capital letters and full stops correctly inserted.

Declan has always been fascinated by animals. He has read many books about exotic creatures. Jellyfish interest him the most and he would like to study them when he is older.

1 mark

13

"When do the clocks go back?" asked Amber.

1 mark

14

"How are you feeling today" asked the nurse.

1 mark

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Do you enjoy reading

1 mark

16

Award 1 mark for a grammatically correct and accurately punctuated question, e.g.

- *Is the band playing at the festival?*
- *Do you know if the band is playing at the festival?*
- *Are Busted playing at the festival?*
- *Are the band playing Leeds this year?*

Also accept a correctly constructed and punctuated question that is enclosed in inverted commas, e.g.

"Is the band going to be playing at the festival?"

Do not accept the addition of a reporting clause resulting in a question contained within a statement, e.g.

Jane asked, "Is the band playing at the festival?"

1 mark

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Determiners

1 Which **word class** is the underlined word in the sentence below?

My brother thinks that football is an amazing game.

Tick **one**.

adverb

adjective

determiner

conjunction

1 mark

2 Draw a line to match each sentence to the correct **determiner**.
Use each determiner only **once**.

Sentence	Determiner
At the zoo we saw _____ owl.	a
There was also _____ cute baby penguin.	the
I thought it was _____ best day ever.	an

1 mark

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3

Complete the passage below with the correct **articles**.

It was _____ enormous castle. It had a lake and
_____ tall tower with _____ most amazing views of
the garden.

1 mark

4

Circle **all** the **articles** in the sentence below.

Josh longed for a cold drink in the hot weather.

1 mark

5

Circle all the **determiners** in the sentence below.

Two apple trees screened the open windows on one side.

1 mark

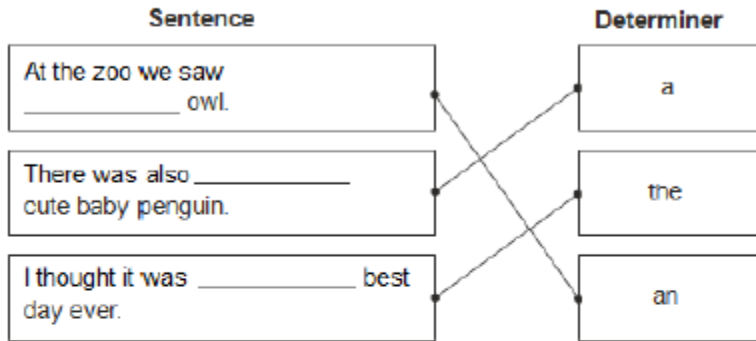
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Answers

1 determiner

1 mark

2 Award 1 mark for all three correct.



1 mark

3 Award 1 mark for three articles inserted correctly, eg:

It was an / the enormous castle. It had a lake and a / the tall tower with the most amazing views of the garden.

1 mark

4 Award 1 mark for both articles encircled.

Josh longed for a cold drink in the hot weather.

1 mark

5 Award 1 mark for all three determiners encircled.

Two apple trees screened the open windows on one side.

1 mark

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Writing

Narrative Writing

Using the narrative VIPs, watch the clip and write the narrative in your own words. Remember you need to ensure you write to suit the purpose and audience and thoroughly engage the reader consistently throughout.

<https://vimeo.com/36833415>



Narrative VIPs:

- Effective and purposeful language choices - e.g. adjectives, adverbs
- Figurative language - a range
- Expanded noun phrases (add concise detail) inc. prepositional phrases
- Consistent / maintained style - showing awareness of the reader
- Cohesive devices (pronouns, adverbials, conjunctions etc.)
- A range of sentence structures for impact
- Appropriate atmosphere created
- Dialogue
- A variety of punctuation ; : - ...

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What kind of creature is this? What is its species?

- Research griffins and hippogriffs. Could it be either of these?
- What do you think this creature eats? Where does it live? What is its personality/temperament like? Do they live alone or in groups?
- Write an entry for 'Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them' about this creature.
- Explore the world of Fantastic Beasts (<http://magicalmaps.fantasticbeasts.com/map/>) – you can visit locations from the film – perfect for setting descriptions and bringing your story to life.

Using this, create your own story where your creature is the main character.

- What does 'nemesis' mean? Have you heard that word before? What does it make you think of?
- Is this creature someone's nemesis? Whose?