

**Q1.**

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

**Q2.**

Tick the option that correctly completes the sentence below.

\_\_\_\_\_ an official Olympic sport at the Winter Olympics in Japan.

Tick **one**.

In 1998 snowboarding became,

In 1998 snowboarding, became

In, 1998 snowboarding became

In 1998, snowboarding became

1 mark

**Q3.**

Which sentence uses **capital letters** correctly?

Tick **one**.

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

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

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

1 mark

**Q4.**

Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Come and see me tomorrow I will not have  
time to see you today.

1 mark

**Q5.**

Rewrite the sentence below as **direct speech**.  
Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

I asked her if she needed any help.

I asked, \_\_\_\_\_

1 mark

**Q6.**

Tick one box in each row to show whether the underlined noun is  
**singular** or **plural**.

	Singular	Plural
The <u>customers'</u> hunger was satisfied by the pizza.		
The <u>princess's</u> slippers were made of glass.		
Those are the <u>boys'</u> books.		

1 mark

**Q7.**

Explain how the position of the **apostrophe** changes the meaning of the second sentence.

1. What are your brother's favourite toys?
2. What are your brothers' favourite toys?

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1 mark

**Q8.**

Which **two** sentences use punctuation to show **parenthesis**?

Tick **two**.

There are some books – including story books – in the cupboard.

To make space, we moved the chairs, tables and the boxes of games.

Our classroom, at the end of the corridor, has a red door.

On Tuesday, we will be selling cakes for charity.

1 mark

**Q9.**

Insert one **hyphen** and one **comma** in the correct places in the sentence below.

*My grandmother is a ballroom dancing champion poet and singer.*

1 mark

**Q10.**

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Lately, the days have been growing noticeably longer and, warmer.

Lately the days, have been growing noticeably longer and warmer.

Lately the days, have been growing noticeably longer, and warmer.

Lately, the days have been growing noticeably longer and warmer.

1 mark

**Q11.**

Write the name of punctuation that could be used instead of commas in the sentence below.

Somehow, after much swaying and rocking, the tightrope walker managed to regain his balance.

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1 mark

**Q12.**

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.

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1 mark

**Q13.**

Insert a **pair of commas** in the correct place in the sentence below.

My father who works at the museum gave my class a guided tour.

1 mark

**Q14.**

Tick the sentence that uses a **dash** correctly.

Tick **one**.

I find baking tricky – there are too many things to go wrong.

I find baking tricky there are too many things – to go wrong.

I find baking – tricky there are too many things to go wrong.

I find baking tricky there are – too many things to go wrong.

1 mark

**Q15.**

Insert a **colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

There are two places that I have always wanted to visit the Arctic and Antarctica.

1 mark

**Q16.**

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

**Q17.**

Insert an **apostrophe** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Pupils coats should be hung on the pegs.

1 mark

**Q18.**

Add two **commas** to the sentence below to make it clear that Ana has four favourite things.

Ana's favourite things are camping holidays cycling and swimming.

**Q19.**Which sentence must end with a **question mark**?Tick **one**.

What happened that day might never be known

What really happened that day

Someone must know what really happened that day

I'd like to know what happened that day

1 mark

**Q20.**Insert a **comma** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Although he was the youngest Tom was one of the tallest.

1 mark

**Q21.**

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Our parents always say "work hard and do your best."

Our parents always say, "work hard and do your best."

Our parents always say, "Work hard and do your best."

Our parents always say "Work hard and do your best."

1 mark

**Q22.**Circle each word that should begin with a **capital letter** in the sentence below.

when we visited the museum in birmingham, gareth arranged to travel by train with aunt laura.

1 mark

**Q23.**

Write the **contracted form** of the underlined words in the box below.

We shall not do that again!



1 mark

**Q24.**

Insert **two commas** and a **semi-colon** in the correct places in the passage below.

Last Wednesday we performed a play at school I invited my parents to come and watch. When I first went on stage I was so nervous that I nearly forgot my lines.

1 mark

**Q25.**

Explain how the **comma** changes the meaning of the second sentence.

1. I asked if Jake Thomas and Lily were coming to the barbecue.
2. I asked if Jake, Thomas and Lily were coming to the barbecue.

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1 mark

**Q26.**

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

Tick **one**.

The teacher asked them what they were doing

I wonder what time the next train arrives

Did she play tennis on your team last year

He asked if he could use my pen

1 mark

**Q27.**

Add three **commas** in the correct places in the sentence below.

She wore a dark red skirt a woollen jumper a scarf with matching hat thick socks and black boots.

1 mark

**Q28.**

Insert a **colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Joshua had mastered two new skateboarding skills he could do a perfect aerial jump and execute a complete 180 degree turn.

1 mark

**Q29.**

Insert a **dash** in the correct place in the sentence below.

It was a very exciting lesson we learnt how parachutes work and designed one of our own.

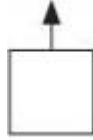
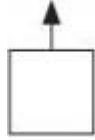
1 mark

**Q30.**

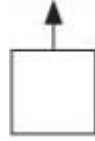
Tick one box to show where a **hyphen** is needed in the sentence below.

The class teacher praised the well behaved and helpful group of





year six children.



1 mark

**Q31.**

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

I will be running – a half marathon 13 miles  
next week!

I will be – running a half marathon – 13  
miles next week!

I will be running a half marathon 13 – miles  
– next week!

I will be running a half marathon – 13 miles  
– next week!

1 mark

**Q32.**

Insert a **pair of brackets** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Using public transport such as buses and trains can reduce  
pollution.

1 mark

**Q33.**

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

Tick **one**.

You really must wear a coat

What a dreadful day I had

What is the temperature now

The wind is very strong today

1 mark

**Q34.**

Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Frank would like to go to Cornwall next summer he might also  
visit France in the spring.

1 mark

**Q35.**

Insert one **comma** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Every night Dad and my brother take the dog for a walk.

1 mark

## Mark schemes

Q1.

**Award 1 mark** for all five correct.

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

1 mark

Q2.

In 1998, snowboarding became

1 mark

Q3.

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

1 mark

Q4.

**Award 1 mark** for a correctly placed semi-colon.

Come and see me tomorrow; I will not have time to see you today.

1 mark

Q5.

**Award 1 mark** for an appropriate, grammatically correct and accurately punctuated sentence in direct speech, e.g.

- I asked, "Do you need any help?"
- I asked, 'Do you need me to help you?'
- I asked, "Is any help needed?"
- I asked, "Would you like me to help you?"
- I asked, "Do you need any help with that?"
- I asked, 'Rosie, do you need me to help you?'

1 mark

Q6.

**Award 1 mark** for a correctly completed table.

	Singular	Plural
The <u>customers'</u> hunger was satisfied by the pizza.		✓
The <u>princess's</u> slippers were made of	✓	

glass.		
Those are the <u>boys'</u> books.		✓

1 mark

**Q7.**

**Award 1 mark** for a response that demonstrates understanding of the plural possessive apostrophe, e.g.

- *In the second sentence, it means that there is more than one brother.*
  - *In the second one, it shows plural possession.*
    - *1. One brother. 2. Two brothers.*

**Also accept** responses that demonstrate understanding without referring to the second sentence, e.g.

*In the first sentence, there is only one brother.*

**There are no spelling or punctuation requirements for this question.**

1 mark

**Q8.**

**Award 1 mark** for **two** correct sentences ticked.

There are some books – including story books – in the cupboard.

Our classroom, at the end of the corridor, has a red door.

1 mark

**Q9.**

**Award 1 mark** for a hyphen and comma correctly inserted.

My grandmother is a ballroom–dancing champion, poet and singer.

1 mark

**Q10.**

Lately, the days have been growing noticeably longer and warmer.

1 mark

**Q11.**

**Award 1 mark** for a correct response, e.g.

- *Dash/dashes/pair of dashes*
- *Brackets/pair of brackets*

**There are no spelling or punctuation requirements for this question.**

1 mark

**Q12.**

**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**

**Q13.**

**Award 1 mark** for a correctly placed pair of commas.

My father, who works at the museum, gave my class a guided tour.

**1 mark**

**Q14.**

I find baking tricky – there are too many things to go wrong.

**1 mark**

**Q15.**

**Award 1 mark** for a correctly placed colon.

There are two places that I have always wanted to visit: the Arctic and Antarctica.

**1 mark**

**Q16.**

Was the ending funny

**1 mark**

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**Award 1 mark** for a correctly placed apostrophe.

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**1 mark**

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Ana's favourite things are camping, holidays, cycling and swimming.

**1 mark**

**Q19.**

What really happened that day

**1 mark**

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**Award 1 mark** for a correctly placed comma.

Although he was the youngest, Tom was one of the tallest.

**1 mark**

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Our parents always say, "Work hard and do your best."

**1 mark**

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**Award 1 mark** for all five correct.

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to travel by train with aunt laura

**1 mark**

**Q23.**

**Award 1 mark** for

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**Do not accept** misspellings.

**1 mark**

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**Award 1 mark** for two commas and a semi-colon in the correct places.

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parents to come and watch. When I first went on stage, I was  
so nervous that I nearly forgot my lines.

**1 mark**

**Q25.**

**Award 1 mark** for an explanation that there are three named people in the second sentence, e.g.

- *In the second one there are three people called Jake, Thomas and Lily.*
  - *There are more people in the second sentence.*
- *In the first one, there are two people and in the second one there are three.*
  - *1. Two people 2. Three people*

**Also accept** responses that demonstrate understanding without referring to the second sentence, e.g.

- *There are only two people called Jake Thomas and Lily in the first sentence.*
- *In the first one, Thomas is Jake's surname and not another person.*

**Do not accept** responses that do not explain specifically how the meaning has changed, e.g.

- *It uses it for a list.*
- *It changes the number of people.*

**There are no spelling or punctuation requirements for this question.**

**1 mark**

**Q26.**

**Award 1 mark** for the correct box ticked.

Did she play tennis on your team last year

**1 mark**

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matching hat, thick socks and black boots.

**1 mark**

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Joshua had mastered two new skateboarding skills: he could do a  
perfect aerial jump and execute a complete 180 degree turn.

**1 mark**

**Q29.**

**Award 1 mark** for a correctly placed dash.

*It was a very exciting lesson – we learnt how parachutes  
work and designed one of our own.*

**1 mark**

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**Award 1 mark** for the one correct box ticked.

The class teacher praised the well behaved and helpful group of year six children.

1 mark

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I will be running a half marathon – 13 miles – next week!

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