2023 national curriculum tests



English grammar, punctuation and spelling

Paper 1: questions

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Instructions

Questions and answers

There are different types of question for you to answer in different ways. The space for your answer shows you what type of answer is needed. Write your answer in the space provided. Do not write over any barcodes.

Multiple-choice answers

For some questions, you do not need to do any writing. Read the instructions carefully so that you know how to answer each question.

Short answers

Some questions are followed by a line or a box. This shows that you need to write a word, a few words or a sentence.

Marks

The number under each line at the side of the page tells you the number of marks available for each question.

You should work through the booklet until you are asked to stop.

Work as quickly and as carefully as you can. If you finish before the end, go back and check your work.

You have 45 minutes to answer the questions in this booklet.





Tick one box in each row to show whether the sentence is an **exclamation** or a **question**.

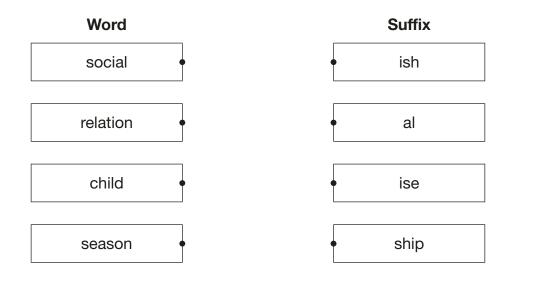
Sentence	Exclamation	Question
How disappointing it was that it rained on sports day		
How many times have you been to the swimming pool this week		
How will you spend your summer holidays		
How kind you are to give me this present		

1 mark



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Draw a line to match each word to a **suffix** to make four different words. Use each suffix only once.



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

We will be planting seeds making a pond and looking for snails.

1 mark

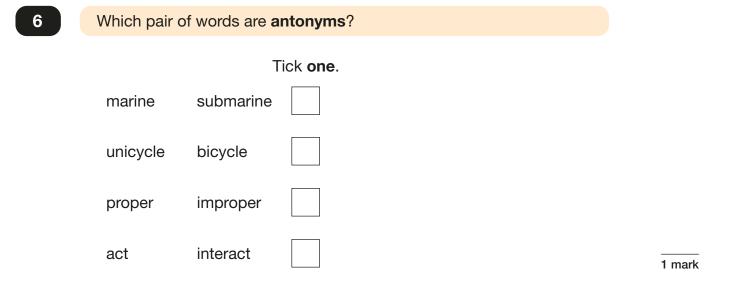


Circle the correct word in each underlined pair to complete the sentences below using **Standard English**.

The autumn leaves <u>was / were</u> crunching beneath our feet as we walked along.

We <u>done / did</u> a great job in picking the juiciest fruit for our pie.

My brother didn't do <u>anything</u> / nothing to help us.





7 Tick the sentence that shows Lara is **most likely** to go swimming on Saturday. Tick **one**.

Lara will go swimming on Saturday.	
Lara should go swimming on Saturday.	
Lara might go swimming on Saturday.	
Lara could go swimming on Saturday.	1 mark

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

Charlotte who usually hated getting wet loved splashing about in the sea.

1 mark



Which sentence is the most formal ?	
-	Tick one .
We can't keep your things here, as there's no room.	
It is essential that you take all your belongings with you.	
Please pack up all your stuff before you leave.	
It's time to get all your bits and pieces together.	

Circle two words in the sentence below that are **synonyms** of each other.

Rita was overjoyed when she won the competition with her

exceptional drawing - her mum was delighted too!

1 mark



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Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

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	Tick one .
Charlie's party, which was at the ice rink was really enjoyable.	
Charlie's party which was at the ice rink, was really enjoyable.	
Charlie's party, which was at the ice rink, was really enjoyable).
Charlie's party which, was at the ice rink, was really enjoyable	e 1 mark

12 In which sentence is plant a verb? Tick one. The recycling plant was closed for the weekend. The children plant beans in the school garden. I remember to water my plant every day. The roses were growing in a plant pot. 1 mark



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

Dipti is keen to practise the drums she wants to play in the school band.

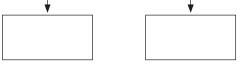
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14 Which sentence is the most formal? Tick one. I asked him to phone me when he got here. I told him to call me as soon as he turned up. I got him to ring me when he came in. I requested that he telephone me on arrival.



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15 Rewrite the underlined verbs so that they are in the simple past. I usually <u>feed</u> my cat before I <u>eat</u> breakfast.



1 mark

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

The house was in need of repair the windows were broken and the roof was leaking.



Tick one box in each row to show whether the apostrophe is used for a **contracted form** or **possession**.

Sentence	Apostrophe for a contracted form	Apostrophe for possession
Let's hope it warms up soon.		
The teachers' coats were hanging in the staffroom.		
The children wear their scarves when it's cold.		

1 mark

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Which option completes the sentence using the **present progressive**?

I ______ the photos to the school website.



1 mark



	Tickers
	Tick one .
She is getting the ball and then she scored the winning goal.	
My friends thought the film was good, but I don't like thrillers.	
When the clock strikes midnight, everyone was in bed.	
Tonight he is playing rounders and she joined in.	

Replace the underlined words in the passage below with the correct **pronouns**. Write one pronoun in each box.

Maggie and Helena wanted to visit the museum. Maggie and Helena

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tried to go after school but the museum was closed.



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Insert **inverted commas** in the correct places in the sentence below.

May I use the computer ? asked Sam .

1 mark



Tick one box in each row to show whether the underlined word is a **verb**, a **noun** or an **adjective**.

Sentence	Verb	Noun	Adjective
There are many <u>magnetic</u> materials.			
Magnets attract some metals.			
We can <u>magnetise</u> the nail.			

1 mark



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Tick all the sentences that have been pu	inctuated correctly.	
Tick all the correct responses.		
When you have tidied your bedroom, you can play in the garden?		
If I tidy my bedroom, can I play in the garden?		
You can play in the garden if you tidy your bedroom?		
Can I play in the garden when I have tidied my bedroom?		- 1 ma

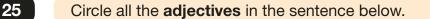
Insert one **apostrophe** in the correct place in the sentence below.

When James plays darts, he uses his

fathers dartboard.

1 mark





Unfortunately, the weather was terrible: cold and wet. 1 mark

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

I am excited and I mean really excited to be going on holiday

next week!

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Rewrite the question below as a **statement**. Use only the words given. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

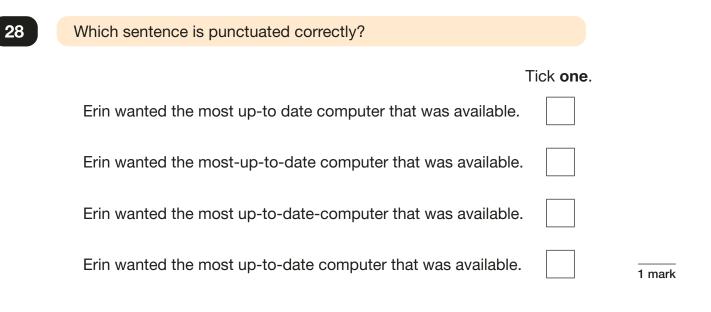
Is art Tariq's favourite subject?

1 mark



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29 Insert a **comma** after the **fronted adverbial** in each sentence.

Luckily for us the ball rolled slowly past the goal.

After three hours of hard work the builders managed to dig out the tree.



Underline the **relative clause** in the sentence below.

The house where I was born has been demolished.

1 mark

31	What could the exclamation mark tell you about the sentence below?	
	"We are going swimming tomorrow!"	
	Tick all the correct responses.	
	It shows that the person feels strongly about going swimming.	
	It shows that the person has not finished speaking.	
	It shows that the person is speaking loudly.	
	It shows that the person is not sure if they are going swimming.	1 mark



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Circle the **subject** of the sentence below.

Josh wrote a letter to his Canadian friend.

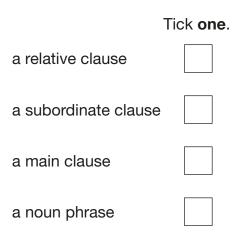
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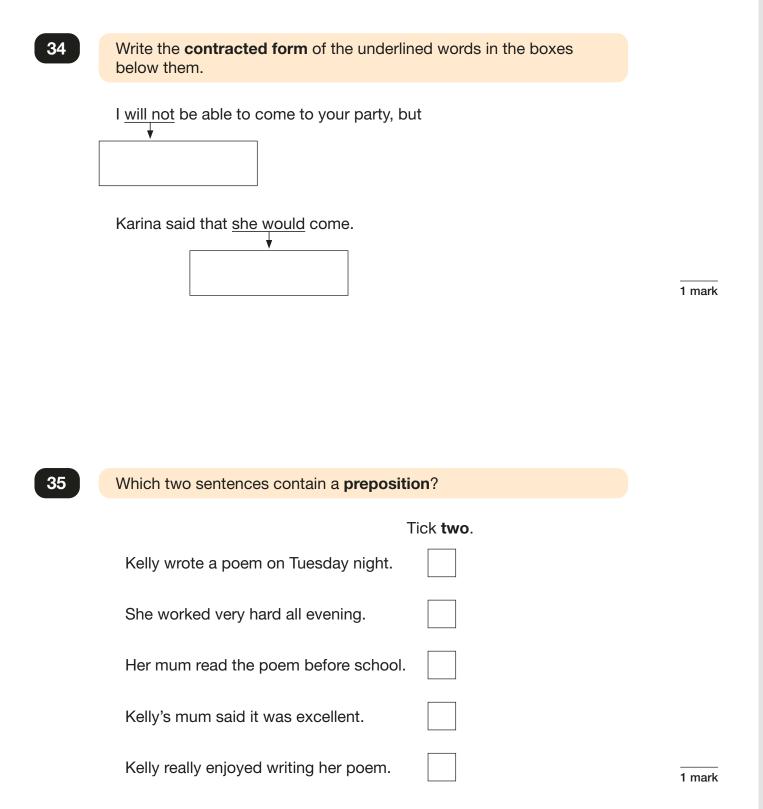
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What are the underlined words in the sentence below?

The girl with curly red hair is in my class.









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Circle the **possessive pronoun** in the sentence below.

She asked to borrow Zak's pencil because hers were all blunt. 1 mark

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Explain how the position of the **comma** changes the meaning of the sentences below.

- 1. As Fred ate the sweet orange, balloons were given to the children.
- 2. As Fred ate the sweet, orange balloons were given to the children.



Which sentence uses a semi-colon correctly?	
-	Fick one .
In the bag we found; five carrots, two cabbages and a large onion.	
The book began with a boy called Tim; climbing a steep hill.	
Jessie went to look for her brother; Bill.	
The wind was howling; the rain was drumming on the roof.	

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Complete the sentence below with an appropriate **subordinating conjunction**.

______football is his favourite sport, James also enjoys 1 mark

watching tennis on TV.



Circle the **adverb** in the sentence below.

The boy had seven brothers, each one quite different from

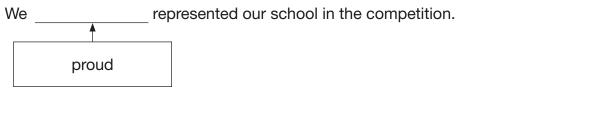
the others.

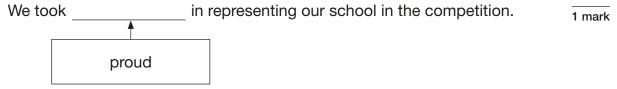
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Complete each sentence with a word from the same **word family** as <u>proud</u>.







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

A large collection of gold and silver, which is known as the Staffordshire Hoard, was discovered in 2009.

Mr Herbert, who made the discovery using his metal detector, received a reward for finding it.

Some of the artefacts that he found are on display in museums.

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

we hope that you enjoy the new school meals the menu will be put on the school website if you have any comments, please send us an email

1 mark



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Circle the **co-ordinating conjunction** in the sentence below.

Although our team was less experienced than the others and nobody expected us to do well, we won the tournament because we had practised regularly.

1 mark

Add a different **prefix** to each word to form its **antonym**.

____honest

_____separable

_____noticeable

1 mark



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

The black kitten licked its paws and curled itself up into

a tight ball.

1 mark

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Rewrite the sentence below in the **active**. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

A song will be sung by the children.

1 mark

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

When my brother visits, we always go to the park so that we can play cricket.

1 mark



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Rewrite the sentence below in the **passive**. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The Romans invaded Britain over two thousand years ago.

1 mark

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Tick one box in each row to show whether <u>once</u> is an **adverb** or a **conjunction**.

Sentence	Adverb	Conjunction
I've only been to France <u>once</u> with my family.		
Once I arrived in Paris, I tried to speak French.		
My accent really improved <u>once</u> we had been there a few days.		



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