Key Stage 2 example test paper

1. Circle the adjective in the sentence below.

   Heavy rain fell through the night.

2. Circle all the words that should have a capital letter in the sentence below.

   the duke of normandy, known as william the conqueror, landed at hastings in october 1066.

3. Draw lines to show which sentence is a question, a command or a statement.

   The letters are on the table. Question
   Put the letters on the table. Command
   Are the letters on the table? Statement

   1 mark
Underline the **determiner** in the sentence below.

I ate an orange this morning.

Which of the sentences is an **exclamation**?

Tick one

- What a mess!
- How did you make this mess?
- You need to clean up now.

1 mark
Circle the **noun** in the sentence below.

I painted a picture.

1 mark

Which sentence uses the correct **pronoun**?

Tick one

The children wanted to cook so he made muffins.

The children wanted to cook so they made muffins.

1 mark
8 What is the name of the **punctuation mark** that is missing from the sentence below?

Can I have a biscuit please

1 mark

9 Turn this **statement** into a **question**.

He is crying.

1 mark
10. Which of these sentences contains a **relative pronoun**?

Tick one

- Kailash found a card to give to his mum.
- Rachel had a pencil case which she took everywhere with her.

1 mark

11. Circle the correct **verb** in the underlined pair to complete the sentence.

Find the book and **bring / brought** it to me.

1 mark
Circle the verb in the sentence below.

The dog dashed across the playground.

Underline the adverbial in the sentence below.

I met him very recently.
14. Draw a line to match each contraction with the correct pair of words.

- who’ll ❌ who is
- they’re ❌ they have
- who’s ❌ who will
- they’ve ❌ who would
- who’d ❌ they are

1 mark

15. Which of these sentences is punctuated correctly?

Tick one

I shall need a bag (a big one) for all my books. ❌

I shall need a bag a big, one for all my books. ❌

I shall need a bag, a big one for, all my books. ❌

1 mark
16 Insert a colon in the correct place in each sentence below.

Several people were present at the meeting Mrs Clarke, Mr Green, Miss Down and Mr Good.

You must bring these things to class a pen, a pencil, a ruler and a notebook.

17 Which sentence has been punctuated correctly?

Pushing, through the crowd Anna searched for her sister.

Pushing through the crowd, Anna searched for her sister.

Pushing through the crowd Anna, searched for her sister.

Tick one

1 mark
Tick two boxes to show where the dashes should go in the sentence below.

Lots of fruits like oranges contain vitamin C.

Which sentence has been punctuated correctly?

“"I hate spiders?" Carl shouted.

“"I hate spiders." Carl shouted.

“"I hate spiders!" Carl shouted.

Tick one
20 Which sentence is more appropriate to a **formal** piece of writing? 

Tick one

I’m writing to ask about the job as it’s right up my street. 

I am writing to enquire about the job, as I am interested in this area of work. 

1 mark

21 Which of the events in the sentences below is most likely to happen? 

Tick one

The train might arrive in 10 minutes. 

They will go to the park after school. 

It should be sunny tomorrow. 

1 mark
22. Underline the longest possible **noun phrase** in the sentence below.

Can you see those strange-looking plants?

1 mark

23. Which sentence is written in the **passive voice**?

Tick one

The tree was brought down by the wind.

The wind brought the tree down.

1 mark
24 Underline the **perfect tense** verb in the sentence below.

He has mended the vase that the cat knocked off the table.

1 mark

25 Underline the **possessive pronoun** in this sentence.

This book is mine.

1 mark
26 Tick all the sentences that contain a **preposition**.

The path went between two trees.

The cat is asleep under the table.

The bird has white feathers.

I bumped into the desk.

Tick one

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

Do you know the boy whose mother is a doctor?

1 mark
28 Which sentence has been punctuated correctly?

Tick one

I like books, my favourites are science fiction books.

I like books; my favourites are science fiction books.

29 Underline the main clause in the sentence below.

After sports day had finished, the children were very tired.
Circle the **simple past tense** verbs in the box below.

- shopped
- see
- looked
- was walking
- yelled
- have
- smiled
- jumped

31 Underline two mistakes in the sentence below.

Them flowers was beautiful.
Tick one box in each row to choose the most suitable **subordinating conjunction** for each sentence.

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33 Draw a line to match each word to a **suffix** to form an **adjective**.

- child
- danger
- wood

- en
- ish
- ous

1 mark
Tick one box in each row to choose the best **synonym** for the word **said** in each sentence.

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Rewrite the sentence below using **bullet points** to form a list.

The members of the cat family are: lions, tigers and cheetahs.

- lions
- tigers
- cheetahs
36 Circle the odd one out in the box below.

expected expectation unexpected unusual

1 mark

37 Underline the two main clauses in the sentence below.

The TV programme was interesting but I didn’t see the end.

1 mark
38 Use a prefix from the box to make the opposite of each word.

- dis
- un

decided

respect

trust

true

1 mark

39 Fill in the gaps in the sentence below, using the present progressive form of the verbs in the boxes.

- to read

I ____________________ this book while

- to have

the twins ____________________ their tea.

1 mark
Insert a **colon** and two **semi-colons** so that the sentence below is correctly punctuated.

There are three things we must do before your cousins arrive change the beds buy the food fill the car with petrol.

1 mark

Rewrite the phrases using an apostrophe.

the lead belonging to the dog

the hat belonging to the woman

the car belonging to the man

1 mark
42. Insert the correct punctuation to the **direct speech** sentence below.

When the wind gets up, said Dad, we will go out and fly the kite.

43. Write the correct **conjunction** from the box to complete the sentence below.

I agreed to meet my friend __________ I was very tired.
44 Join the two sentences using a **co-ordinating conjunction**.

Can you come to the party? Do you have to be at home?

________________________________________________________________________

1 mark

45 Underline the **adverbs** in the sentence below.

She stayed behind to tidy up, as she often did.

1 mark
Tick the sentence with the correct word.

Are you recovering from your cold?

Are you re-covering from your cold?

Tick one

1 mark

Explain how the comma changes the meaning in the two sentences below.

Sally, thinks John, is nosey!
Sally thinks John is nosey!

2 marks
48. Explain why **commas** are used in the sentence below.

For the school trip you will need: suncream, a raincoat, pens, pencils and a packed lunch.

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1 mark

49. Tick the option that completes the sentence below so that it uses the **subjunctive mood**.

It is important that everyone ________________ for the concert.

Tick one

- is on time
- be on time
- could be on time
- was on time

1 mark