SESSION 1
Time available for students to complete test: 45 minutes
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).

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

P2 We bought fresh bred.

P3 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Do you have pet?

a if he she

Read the text Cats and dogs. The text has a gap.
Choose the correct word or words to fill the gap.

Cats and dogs

Some people like cats they like dogs.

P4 more

P5 Where do the two missing full stops (.) go?

We are having a party It will be fun
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<th>The nineteenth-century <strong>billing</strong> was heritage listed.</th>
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<td>The <strong>bravery</strong> of our lifesavers at the beach is legendary.</td>
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<td>Doing daily sit-ups is an excellent way to strengthen the <strong>stummick</strong> muscles.</td>
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<td>It was the <strong>begining</strong> of the school year.</td>
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<td>Tiny <strong>particals</strong> of dust were floating in the sunlight.</td>
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<td>When Kim saw the <strong>advertismen</strong> on television, she knew what she wanted for her birthday.</td>
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<td>The hostel was not big enough to <strong>accommidate</strong> all the backpackers.</td>
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<td>All donations to charities are <strong>greatfully</strong> received.</td>
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<td>Nurses take a <strong>consientous</strong> approach to patient care.</td>
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<td>Tourists visit the island for the red crabs’ <strong>anuell</strong> migration to the sea to spawn.</td>
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<td>At the peak of the migration season, the crabs cover the island so <strong>denssley</strong> that they can be seen from the air.</td>
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**Read the text *Sun protection.***
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<td>I <strong>occasionly</strong> wonder about some of my friends.</td>
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<td>They still go out into the sun without the <strong>appropriet</strong> protection.</td>
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<td>They know that this <strong>inevitibly</strong> causes skin damage.</td>
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<td>Why do people do this when the damage is <strong>preventibel</strong>?</td>
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Why do we yawn?

Imagine you are at a meeting in a crowded
and poorly ventilated room.

If someone starts yawning, so do you, because
yawning is an infectious and involuntary action.

One suggestion as to why people yawn is
that it elevates the amount of oxygen in their
bloodstream.

Extra oxygen might help to alleviate fatigue.

The coach made the team watch a video of
the previous game.

The chemical structure of many plastics makes
them flexible.

The detective was certain of the identity of
the suspect.

The volcanic eruption spread lava across the
region.
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<td>The catastrophic storm and subsequent flooding cost billions.</td>
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<td>The perimeter of a circle is its circumference.</td>
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<td>The author has created an admirable character who has intelligents and curiosity.</td>
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<td>The survey committee was asked to exclude any irrelevant data.</td>
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<td>The persistent winds and associated downpour caused havoc.</td>
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<td>For our health project, we had to record our kilojul intake for an entire week.</td>
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<td>Where do the <strong>two</strong> missing commas (**, **) go?</td>
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<td>The computers which were donated by local businesses are located in the library.</td>
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<td>Which sentence is correct?</td>
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Shanaka Fernando

In 2007, Melbourne’s Shanaka Fernando was awarded the Australia’s Local Hero Award of his work as the founder of the not-for-profit restaurants, Lentil as Anything.

Shanaka made a speech when he accepted his award. His comments on the meaning of being Australian.

“I didn’t know the answer to the question of what it means to be Australian until quite recently,” said Shanaka.

“I went out into country Victoria with refugees for a tree planting weekend, and I came into contact with who I considered an amazing spirit of community and openness.

To be Australian is welcoming of others. It is to encourage each other to shine and to reach our full potential.”
38 Where should the missing apostrophe (’) go?

The cross-section of a fallen tree shows its growth rings, which indicate

the tree’s age.

39 Which option correctly completes the sentence?

running out of oil—the backbone of modern economies

and the fuel of western civilisation.

Were  We’re  Where  We’re

40 Which sentence uses speech marks (“ and ”) correctly?

○ “Quietly he asked,” Where did you leave it?”

○ Quietly he asked, “Where did you leave it?”

○ “Quietly he asked, where did you leave it?”

○ Quietly he asked”, where did you leave it?”
### 41 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

The first of Tim Winton’s novels that I read is **Blueback**.

- am
- are
- was
- were

### 42 Which sentence is correct?

- Regarding Nell, my tennis skills are quite basic.
- In regards to Nell, my tennis skills are quite basic.
- Comparing with Nell’s, my tennis skills are quite basic.
- In comparison with Nell’s, my tennis skills are quite basic.

### 43 How could this sentence be rewritten correctly with the same meaning?

“Does Jacinta want to use the computer this morning?” Ben asked his dad.

- Ben asked his dad did Jacinta want to use the computer this morning.
- Ben asked Jacinta if she wanted to use the computer this morning.
- Ben asked Jacinta that she wants to use the computer this morning.
- Ben asked his dad whether Jacinta wanted to use the computer this morning.

### 44 Which words correctly complete the sentence?

Digital cameras, **are now widely used**.

- since considering expensive technology
- once considered expensive technology
- which once considered expensive technology
- in spite of considering expensive technology
Aaron

Walking over a hill, Aaron saw that the thin bitumen road levelled out below to wind through the low land like a struggling eel. He stood for a minute, taking it all in: grey cloud, green ground, patches of sunlight, the lake.

In the first sentence, the word struggling is used as

☐ a verb.
☐ a noun.
☐ an adverb.
☐ an adjective.

In the second sentence, a colon (:) is used to

☐ introduce an idea.
☐ introduce a list.
☐ separate items in a list.
☐ separate two complete ideas.

Which word in this sentence is a pronoun?

They stayed away for a while, blunted and dormant.

48. Which word correctly completes the sentence?

The ten warmest years have all occurred [ ] 1990.

- within
- since
- about
- during

49. Which sentence is correct?

- The packaging of the boxes has to be strong enough to protect the goods that is being transported.
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50. Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Plucking the strings of a guitar makes [ ] vibrate, and each produces a different range of notes.

- it
- them
- that
- those

51. Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- “Sorry I’m late, he apologised, but my car wouldn’t start.”
- “Sorry I’m late” he apologised “but my car wouldn’t start.”
- “Sorry I’m late,” he apologised, “but my car wouldn’t start.”
- “Sorry I’m late,” he apologised, “But my car wouldn’t start.”
Which words correctly complete the sentence?

sustained, a rainforest requires a rainfall of at least 1500 millimetres a year.

- If they have
- In order to be
- So that they can
- Therefore being

Which option correctly completes the sentence?

Council plans for the new pool were approved on Monday.

- last Friday: work will begin
- last Friday, work will begin
- last Friday; work will begin
- last Friday! work will begin

Which punctuation mark should be used in both spaces in this sentence?

The three sports cricket, netball and tennis were played enthusiastically by the family.

- (dash)
- (colon)
- (ellipsis)
- (semicolon)

END OF TEST