SESSION 1

Time available for students to complete test: 45 minutes

Use 2B or HB pencil only

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

P1 The spelling mistake in this sentence has been circled. Write the correct spelling for the circled word in the box.

Our class (really) enjoyed the concert.

P2 This sentence has one word that is incorrect. Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

The crowd was astounded by the skill of the artest.

P3 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

My friends asked me __________ was the best player in the team.

☐ that
☐ who
☐ what
☐ whom

P4 A comma (, ) has been left out of this sentence. Where does the missing comma go?

Early in the day, before the crowd arrived we enjoyed the peaceful silence.

P5 Read the text Vin’s party. Some words and punctuation have been left out. Which words and punctuation correctly complete the sentence?

Vin’s party

“James cannot come to my __________ said.

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<td>The <strong>environemnt</strong> needs to be protected for the future.</td>
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<td>Geoffrey <strong>recieved</strong> his exam results by email.</td>
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<td>Our school <strong>libary</strong> has plenty of new books.</td>
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<td>The rain put an end to the <strong>drout</strong>.</td>
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<td>Mia loved shopping for <strong>bargins</strong> at the markets.</td>
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<td>The caterpillar was <strong>camouflaged</strong> against the leaf.</td>
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<td>Some modern plastics are <strong>biodigradible</strong>.</td>
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Read *Pacific rat*.
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<td>The Pacific rat <strong>original</strong> in Southeast Asia.</td>
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<td>It was accidentally or <strong>deliberately</strong> introduced to the islands of the Pacific by human migration.</td>
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<td>The rat <strong>accompany</strong>ed early Polynesian immigrants to every major archipelago in the Pacific.</td>
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<td>The species is <strong>omniver</strong>us, consuming a diet of insects, spiders, worms, fruit, seeds and roots.</td>
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<td>The rat is blamed for the <strong>extinction</strong> of some Pacific island birds and insects.</td>
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<td>The clothing label warned that the synthetic fabric was highly flammable.</td>
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**Read Film editing.**
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**Film editing**

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<td>The competent and skilful editing of a film is important to its audience appeal and comercial success.</td>
<td><strong>comercial</strong></td>
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<td>The process of professional editing involves choosing shots to facilatate the best progression of scenes.</td>
<td><strong>facilitate</strong></td>
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<td>A wipe is selected where there is a noticable and sometimes contrasting change between successive shots.</td>
<td><strong>noticeable</strong></td>
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<td>Where there are similarities between two shots, gradually dissolving one shot into another works very effectavly.</td>
<td><strong>effectively</strong></td>
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<td>The most commonly used editing device is the cut shot, which provides an instantaneous transition between scenes.</td>
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<td><strong>declare</strong></td>
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<td>People crowded through the narrow aile between the rows of chairs.</td>
<td><strong>aisle</strong></td>
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<td>The athletes were soaked with persperation after the marathon.</td>
<td><strong>perspiration</strong></td>
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### YEAR 9 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

#### 27 Which is the correct beginning for this sentence?

**Jayne studied hard, she still found Japanese difficult.**

- Since
- Despite
- Although
- In spite of

#### 28 Which sentence says who was responsible for the new rule?

- The grass is protected from students walking across it.
- Students have been prohibited from walking across the grass.
- A new rule was introduced that prohibits students walking across the grass.
- The gardener introduced a new rule that prohibits students walking across the grass.

#### 29 Which group of words from this sentence refers to time?

Despite heated opposition to the proposal and lukewarm support for the alternative, a vote was called on the matter near the end of the annual meeting.

- Despite heated opposition to the proposal
- lukewarm support for the alternative
- a vote was called on the matter
- near the end of the annual meeting

#### 30 Which sentence correctly uses italics?

- The *Macquarie* Dictionary calls itself Australia’s national dictionary.
- On 15 April 1912, the Titanic hit an iceberg and sank almost three hours later.
- The students studied William Golding’s *Lord of the Flies* in their English class.
- The old Parliament House has been retained as a museum of *Australian Democracy*. 
### YEAR 9 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

#### 31 Who is said to be responsible for what happened at the stadium in this sentence?

The Police Commissioner was quoted in the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper article by Loraine Mitchell as saying that the stadium had been left in a mess after the post-match antics by supporters celebrating the victory of the local football team in the grand final.

- the Police Commissioner
- Loraine Mitchell
- supporters
- the local football team

#### 32 A stroke or slash (/) has been used in these sentences. Which sentence correctly uses the stroke or slash?

- Newspapers are usually only printed in black/white.
- It is useful to anticipate how he/she is likely to react.
- The Hawke/Keating/Labor Government floated the dollar.
- The storm swept in from the south/east bringing widespread rain.

#### 33 Which is the correct order of the four missing words?

The [ ] team has a great international reputation.

- strong African long-distance running
- African running long-distance strong
- long-distance African strong running
- running strong long-distance African

#### 34 Which word is missing from the second sentence?

The party invitations failed to arrive. [ ], the evening was a success because we phoned everyone to let them know.

- While
- Whereas
- However
- Although
### Year 9 Language Conventions

#### 35
Which sentence correctly uses brackets ( )?
- Dr Williams claims the project (is the cleverest solution) to the problem soil erosion and salinity that she has considered.
- Dr Williams claims the project is the cleverest solution (to the problem) soil erosion and salinity that she has considered.
- Dr Williams claims the project is the cleverest solution to the problem (soil erosion and salinity) that she has considered.
- Dr Williams claims the project is the cleverest solution to the problem soil erosion and salinity that (she has) considered.

#### 36
Which sentence is correct?
- Neither sheep and cattle were found on the farm.
- Neither a letter but a fax was able to get through.
- Neither the students or the teachers were at the school.
- Neither the team nor the fans were happy with the result.

#### 37
Which pair of words correctly completes this sentence?
The dog stopped chasing ___ tail and ran into ___ kennel.
- its its
- it’s its
- its it’s
- it’s it’s

#### 38
What punctuation is missing from the end of this sentence?
Is it not ironic, given the current preoccupation with global warming and Australia’s position as the world’s leading coal exporter, that more is not being done in this country to reduce our dependency on carbon fuels ____________
- full stop ( . )
- question mark ( ? )
- ellipsis points ( … )
- exclamation mark ( ! )
### YEAR 9 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

**39.** An apostrophe (‘’) has been left out of this sentence. Where does the missing apostrophe go?

Tamara’s parents coin collections are kept in special cases in bank vaults.

**Read Australian animals at risk. Some words and punctuation have been left out. Which words and punctuation correctly complete each sentence?**

**Australian animals at risk**

As polar regions of the world, media is increasingly full of stories outlining the impact of global warming. A 2009 Australian report by Dr Tammie Matson examined the impact of climate change on ten of the world’s most appealing species.

“Australia has the worst record of mammal conservation in the world,” she added.

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2. melt, the
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1. worlds most appealing
2. worlds most-appealing
3. worlds’ most appealing
4. world’s most appealing

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2. “Thats, something
3. “Thats’ something
4. “That’s something
## YEAR 9 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

### 44 Which is the correct way to combine the following sentences into one?

Vin went to work. Vin went to a shop. Vin went to the soccer game.

- Vin went to work, shopping and the soccer game.
- Vin went working, to a shop and the soccer game.
- Vin went to work, to a shop and to the soccer game.
- Vin went working, to shopping and to the soccer game.

### 45 Which words correctly complete this sentence?

What about going to the football match instead of the concert, **?**

- whether it will be as interesting
- however, it will not be as interesting
- in any case it will not be as interesting
- even though it will not be as interesting

### 46 Which group of underlined words can be left out of this sentence?

Australia **controlled the game** in the first half; New Zealand **controlled the game** in the second half.

### 47 Which sentence correctly uses square brackets [ and ] to show an insertion by an editor that clarifies meaning.

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### YEAR 9 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

**48** Which sentence is correctly punctuated?
- To get the latest updates for weather, surf conditions and UV readings phone 123 456.
- To get the latest updates, for weather, surf conditions and UV readings phone 123 456.
- To get the latest updates for weather, surf conditions and UV readings, phone 123 456.
- To get the latest updates for weather, surf conditions and UV readings phone, 123 456.

**49** Which sentence uses conjunctions correctly?
- The friends agreed, after a brief discussion, not only to visit the zoo and the aquarium.
- You must not only choose between the options and also choose quickly or you will lose the chance.
- The field was affected not only by the heavy overnight downpour but also by the recent football matches.
- Of the alternatives, not only was the first option impractical but since the second option was impossible.

**50** Which words are all adverbs?
- distantly, loudly, sweetly, harshly
- falling, swimming, running, walking
- therefore, whenever, because, however
- glamorous, important, widespread, unexpected

**51** Which word correctly completes this sentence?
Crude oil, **which plastics are made**, is always in high demand in industrialised societies.
- from
- to
- on
- by
52 Which words correctly complete this sentence?
We went to the game early ______.
- even though we can afford it
- although it was inconvenient
- even if we decide to go elsewhere
- though there was nothing else to do

53 Which of the following words have quotation marks (‘ and ’) to tell the reader not to take them literally?
- Garry ‘Charles’ Peterson is a man with a strong will.
- Newbook Gallery say they are ‘giving away’ bestsellers for only $20.
- The biographer described the subject as ‘an eccentric, harmless old man’.
- Great movies such as ‘Star Wars’ often appeal to people of all generations.

54 Some sentences below include a cause and effect. Which sentence contains only an effect?
- This is due to the popularity of laptops.
- The traffic on the highway was congested.
- Owing to the high demand, supplies sold out.
- On account of the poor service, people walked out.

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