



NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LITERACY AND NUMERACY

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

YEAR

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SESSION 1

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Time available for students to complete test: 45 minutes

Use 2B or HB pencil **only**

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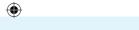


	PRACTICE QUEST	TIONS					
P1	The spelling mistake in this sentence has been circled. Write the correct spelling of the circled word in the box. Our class realy enjoyed the concert.						
P2	This sentence has one word that is incorrect. Write the correct spelling of the word in the box. The crowd was astounded by the skill of the artest.						
P3	Which word correctly The captain is the best	1	ntence? e team.		Shade one bubble.		
	in	by	ove	er	under		
	0	0)			
P4	A comma (,) has been left out of this sentence. Where does the missing comma go? We went hiking canoeing and climbing during the holidays.						
P5	Read <i>Tina</i> and then answer practice question 5. Tina (1) Tina was walking through the park when she noticed something on the grass. (2) She decided to have a look.						
	In sentence (2) the wor	rd <i>She</i> starts with a	a capital letto	er because it	tis		
	a name.a person.easier to read.the beginning of	a sentence.					



	The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been circled. Write the correct spelling of each circled word in the box.	
1	Only one new reckord was set at the athletics carnival.	1
2	The holidays are (severall) weeks away.	2
3	The store manager reduced prices to attract more customors.	3
4	The reporter asked the actor for an opinuin on the movie.	4
5	The family lived in (tempory) accommodation while their house was being built.	5
6	The good news was cerculated to the whole school.	6
7	The tiger snarled (angrerly) at its keeper.	7
8	The cane toads were spotted as they approched the state border.	8
9	Bella chose a carear in the mining industry.	9
10	The captain relied on the navigation device for gidance through the reef.	10





	The spelling mistakes in these sentences had Write the correct spelling of each circled wo	
11	In a democrisy all adults should have the right to vote.	11
12	Being able to speak a forein language is very useful.	12
13	Julia listened to a news (bulliten).	13
14	The defendant declared her (innosense) when the trial began.	14
15	The fisherman exagerrated the number of fish he had caught.	15
	Each sentence has one word that is incorrect Write the correct spelling of the word in the	
16	Humidity is a measure of moysture in the atmosphere.	16
17	Frequent storms and heavy rain are forecarst for the next fortnight.	17
18	High temperatures tipically occur during the summer months.	18
19	The students were randomly alocated to discussion groups to consider some topical issues.	19



	Each sentence has one word that is incorrect Write the correct spelling of the word in the	
20	The raucous diners and loud music made the seafood restaurant the noisyest one in the area.	20
21	Some people passionately believe that herbs have medisinal properties.	21
22	Apprentises are required to regularly attend training sessions.	22
23	The new enterprise was profitible despite fluctuations in the economy.	23
24	The benifet of exercise is acknowledged by most health professionals.	24
25	The journalist submitted his article to a prestigious magizine for publication.	25
26	Funding for a new laboratry at the university was donated by a benevolent citizen.	26
27	Participation in all scheduled rehersals is compulsory.	27
28	The entrepreneur worked ambituosly to further his business.	28
29	Teachers recommend working consistantly on assignments rather than leaving them until the last minute.	29
30	Too many advertisements can interuppt a televised sports broadcast.	30

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31	 Which sentence is correct? It took a long time for the speaker to go to the point. It took a long time for the speaker to reach to the point. It took a long time for the speaker to get to the point. It took a long time for the speaker to complete to the point.
32	Which word is not needed in this sentence? The water has penetrated through the outer layer. penetrated through outer layer
33	 Which of these has correct use of capital letters? "I live in the suburb of kensington," the boy said. "where do you live?" "I live in the suburb of Kensington," the boy said. "Where do you live?" "I live in the suburb of kensington," the boy said. "Where do you live?" "I live in the suburb of Kensington," the boy said. "where do you live?"
34	Which word or words correctly complete this sentence? If I the final, it would have been my best performance. win won had won would win

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35	Which sentence is punctuated correctly? Lee's mother told her to tidy her room. Lee's mother "told her to" tidy her room. Lee's mother told "her to tidy her room." Lee's "mother told her to tidy" her room.					
36	Which word correctly completes this sentence? Australia is drought affected; , we must conserve water. besides however therefore otherwise					
37	Which word or words correctly complete this sentence? On Friday Vanessa been travelling for a month. has would had have will have					
38	 Which sentence has correct use of <i>italics</i>? The film 10 Things I Hate About You is based on Shakespeare's The Taling I Hate About You is based on Shakespeare's The The film 10 Things I Hate About You is based on Shakespeare's The Taling	Taming of the Shrew.				

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39	Which words corre	Shade one bubble.		
	Despite he	s area of the		
	countryside, it is to	broken.		
	the an	a		
	the an	the		
	o an the	an		
	a an	the		
40	Which word or wo	rds correctly complet	e this sentence?	
	That is the bike I	bought if I'd ke	ept saving.	
	would have	would of	having	have
	0	0	0	
	Y. Y. J. J.			
41		tly completes this ser		
	The students must	be on the bus ten mir	nutes prior de	eparture.
	of	to	before	towards
	0	0	0	0
42	What does the pref	ix <i>il</i> in the word <i>illegi</i>	ble mean?	
	o not			
	out			
	withagainst			
	o agamsi			

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43	An apostrophe (') has been left out of this sentence. Where does the missing apostrophe go? Both my parents passports show that they have been to many overseas countries.
44	Which words correctly complete this sentence? Sandra was the of the three sisters. less friendly least friendly more friendly most friendliest
45	Brackets () are needed in this sentence. Which part of the sentence needs brackets? An estimated 37% of children one million did not participate in any organised sport outside school hours in 2009. 37% of children one million school hours
46	 Which sentence tells the reader who performed the action? The State Governor officially opened the building. The new hall was built at the front of the school property. The building was designed to be environmentally friendly. The construction site was fenced off to ensure student safety.



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Read Coffee houses of London and then answer questions 47 to 49.

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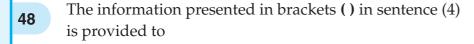
Coffee houses of London

(1) One of the most interesting features of eighteenth-century London was the coffee house. (2) These coffee houses were really clubs for men only, where they could drink coffee and talk. (3) They could also read, write and paint to amuse themselves. (4) The alehouse keepers (hotel owners in today's terms) disliked them because they found they were losing money to them. (5) It is said that because of these places of amusement, English novelists and poets flourished. (6) Consequently, the role of the coffee houses in English literary history cannot be ignored.

47	In sentence	(3)	the	word	themselv	ves	refers	to
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- the coffee houses.
 - the men who visited.
 - the alehouse keepers.
 - the activities available.



- contrast the alehouses with the coffee houses.
- explain the unfamiliar term alehouse keepers.
- highlight that the alehouse keepers were men.
- describe the type of people who worked in alehouses.

In sentence (5) the writer uses the words *places of amusement* to

- introduce a new idea.
- refer back to the alehouses.
- conclude the passage with humour.
- emphasise the activities of the coffee houses.

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Which sentence is correct?	Shade one bubble.
 The teacher drew our attention to the diagram. The teacher fetched our attention to the diagram. The teacher focused our attention to the diagram. The teacher gathered our attention to the diagram. 	
 a verb into a noun. a verb into an adverb. an adverb into a noun. an adjective into an adverb. 	
 The club, of whom Felipe was the president, voted to train on V The club, of which Felipe was the president, voted to train on V 	Vednesdays. Vednesdays.
 Which sentence has correct use of capital letters? Barack obama won the nobel peace prize for strengthening international diplomacy. Barack Obama won the nobel peace prize for strengthening International Diplomacy. Barack Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize for strengthening international diplomacy. Barack Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize for strengthening 	
	 The teacher drew our attention to the diagram. The teacher fetched our attention to the diagram. The teacher focused our attention to the diagram. The teacher gathered our attention to the diagram. How does the suffix er change the word paint in this sentence? Rachel loves to paint and wants to become a famous painter. It changes a verb into a noun. a verb into an adverb. an adverb into a noun. an adjective into an adverb. The club, Felipe was the president of it, voted to train on Wedn The club, of whom Felipe was the president, voted to train on V The club, of which Felipe was the president, voted to train on V The club, voted to train on Wednesdays, of which Felipe was th Which sentence has correct use of capital letters? Barack obama won the nobel peace prize for strengthening international diplomacy. Barack Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize for strengthening International Diplomacy. Barack Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize for strengthening international diplomacy.



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54	Which type The woman	Shade one bubble.					
	verl)	noun	adverb	adjective		
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55	Which sente	ence is correct?	?				
	The teaThe de	acher asked the	e student to sub a Chinese comp	omit a assignment oany visited the m	r event at the camp. at the end of the term. ine in a remote locality. tralian Capital Territory.		
56	 Which sentence is punctuated correctly? Mrs Brown is eighty years old and still wears high heeled-shoes. Mrs Brown is eighty years old and still wears high heeled shoes. Mrs Brown is eighty-years-old and still wears high-heeled shoes. Mrs Brown is eighty years old and still wears high-heeled shoes. 						
57	Which word correctly completes this sentence? profits are affected by many factors. Companys Companies Companies Companie's Companies'						
	STOP – END OF TEST						