



NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
LITERACY AND NUMERACY

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

YEAR

5
2009



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SESSION 1

Time available for students
to complete test: 40 minutes

Use 2B or HB
pencil only



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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.

P1

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

P2

We bought fresh bred.

P2

P3

Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Shade one bubble.



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 P4
they like dogs.

- more
- more best
- more than
- more better

P5

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

Shade two bubbles.



We are having a party It will be fun



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The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been circled.
Write the correct spelling for each circled word in the box.

1 The baby was crying (becos) he was hungry.

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2 She (thort) about the problem for a long time.

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3 Rick measured the (lenth) of the string before he cut it.

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4 My sister (gos) to dance classes.

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5 Some spiders are very (dangerus).

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6 We (finaly) finished our project.

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7 The teacher drew a (kerved) line.

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8 You must always exercise (cortion) when swimming in new places.

8

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The spelling mistakes in these labels have been circled.
Write the correct spelling for each circled word in the box.

Book cover

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publishor 11

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

13 The ovarnight rainstorm flooded the oval. 13

14 Jake sumtimes surprises his family by making biscuits for them. 14

15 A nurse helpes sick people. 15

16 The scientist was an expert in the feild of dinosaurs. 16

17 The bus stoped and the children got on. 17

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

18 I offen visit my uncle at the weekend.

18

19 My aunt was nitting a scarf.

19

20 Last week we went on an eckscursion.

20

21 The pirates found the presious jewels.

21

22 We could see the sails on the tall marsts from the shore.

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23 There was great exitement before the fireworks commenced.

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24 The school will hold its annuel swimming carnival next week.

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25 The runners were exorsted after the race.

25

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Read the text *Shooting goals*. The text has some gaps.
Choose the correct word or words to fill each gap.

Shooting goals



Shade one
bubble.



First, Jess holds the ball high
above her head. Jess stands
with her feet **26** apart.

- slight
- slightly
- slighter
- slightest

Jess bends her knees
before **27** shoots.

- she
- she's
- her
- hers

28 stretches upward
and takes her shot.

- Finally, Jess
- Finally, jess
- finally, Jess
- finally, jess

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29 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- When did the last show begin?
- When the whistle blew the game was over?
- When Lucy was running I saw her trip over?
- When I have finished this book I will lend it to you?

Shade one bubble.



30 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- “Do you know where my shoes are?” John called from his room.
- “Do you know where my shoes are? John called from his room.
- “Do you know where my shoes are,” John called from his room.
- “Do you know where my shoes are.” John called from his room.

31 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Jo likes to listen to music she is cleaning her room.

even

after

while

during

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32 Where do the **two** missing speech marks (“ and ”) go?



Come quickly! called my friend who was hurt.

Shade two
bubbles.



33 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Sam his homework before he went to soccer training.

did

done

does

doing

Shade one
bubble.



34 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

I think I prefer shoes.

this

that

them

those

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Read the text *Mum's compost heap*. The text has some gaps. Choose the correct word or words to fill each gap.

Mum's compost heap

Shade one bubble.



Mum has a compost heap in her garden. She adds kitchen scraps and lawn clippings **35** the compost. My uncle, who owns a farm, **36** over whenever he can to deliver horse manure to add to the compost.

The compost heap involves plenty of work for Mum. **37** must turn the heap over with a fork. This has to be done **38** three times a week.

Mum does not seem to **39** her compost heap has made her quite popular. Her friends keep coming over to get some compost.

35

to of at by

36

came come comes could come

37

I She You They

38

while during at least in between

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mind since; mind since, mind. Since mind, since

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Read the text *Oil slick*. The text has some gaps.
Choose the correct word or words to fill each gap.

Oil slick

The oil slick spread very **40**. It could have done a great deal of damage.

- quick
- quicker
- quickly
- quickest

Shade one bubble.



However, actions **41** taken to make sure no beaches were polluted.

- is
- was
- were
- will be

42 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

The book was **42** from the shelf by my mum.

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43 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

43 turn is it to do the washing up?

- | | | | |
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44 Which word or words correctly complete the sentence?

In the race, Aliya had a faster time than Karl,
but Rob was of them all.

fast

faster

the faster

the fastest

Shade one
bubble.



45 Which word describes how the children ate their meal?

After the children finally arrived home, they quickly devoured their hot meal



before running outside to play.



46 Which of the following should end with a question mark?

- How amazing to see a comet
- How to make a kite
- How we did it is not important
- How will you make it

47 Which option correctly completes the sentence?

Miriam packed her into her school bag.

- lunch book and pencil case
- lunch, book and pencil case
- lunch, book and pencil case,
- lunch, book and, pencil case

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48 Which words correctly complete the sentence?

Shade one bubble.



The driver avoided the highway because there .

- is an accident
- has been an accident
- had been an accident
- would be an accident

49 Where does the missing comma (,) go?

Having finished the teacher quickly gathered up all of her equipment.



50 Which sentence correctly uses the apostrophe (')?

- Pams dogs sometimes play with toys'.
- Pams' dogs sometimes play with toys.
- Pams dogs' sometimes play with toys.
- Pam's dogs sometimes play with toys.

END OF TEST