

Grammar, punctuation and vocabulary



Set Piece

45

minutes

50

marks

First name	
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Instructions

- You have 45 minutes. There are 50 marks.
- Answer every question. Each one is worth 1 mark.
- When it says “Tick one”, put a tick in one box only.
- Some questions ask you to circle, underline, draw lines or add punctuation. Do exactly what each question asks.
- Write your answers in the spaces or boxes.
- Do not use a dictionary or a grammar book.

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Grammar, punctuation and vocabulary: questions

1 Which sentence is a command?

Tick **one**.

Our coach likes us to arrive early. ☐

Pass the ball to Amira. ☐

Did Amira score the winning goal? ☐

What a brilliant save that was! ☐

1 mark

2 Circle all the nouns in the sentence below.

The captain carried the trophy onto the pitch.

1 mark

3 Which sentence must end with a question mark?

Tick **one**.

Ask the coach what time the bus leaves ☐

I wonder who will take the penalty ☐

Is Maya taking the corner ☐

The referee asked if the teams were ready ☐

1 mark

4 In which sentence is the word *kick* a verb?

Tick **one**.

Keira took a long kick at the ball. ☐

Please kick the ball back to me. ☐

That was a lovely kick. ☐

His kick went wide of the post. ☐

1 mark

- 5 Tick one box in each row to show whether the sentence is a statement, a question, a command or an exclamation.

	statement	question	command	exclamation
Maya scored a fantastic goal.	☐	☐	☐	☐
What a fantastic goal that was!	☐	☐	☐	☐
Put your shin pads on before the warm-up.	☐	☐	☐	☐
When does the minibus leave?	☐	☐	☐	☐

1 mark

- 6 Circle the **three** words that need a capital letter but do not have one.

On saturday, maya and priya scored for the under-11s.

1 mark

- 7 An antonym is a word with the opposite meaning.

Draw a line to match each word to its antonym. One word on the right will not be used.

victory	●	●	late
arrive	●	●	defeat
early	●	●	trophy
home	●	●	away
		●	leave

1 mark

- 8 Circle the **two** adjectives in the sentence below.

The muddy pitch was very slippery.

1 mark

- 9 Draw a line to match each prefix to the word it can be added to. Use each prefix once.

un	•	•	obey
dis	•	•	fill
mis	•	•	fair
re	•	•	behave

1 mark

- 10 In which sentence is the word *late* an adverb?

Tick **one**.

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| The minibus was late again. | ☐ |
| We set off for the late match. | ☐ |
| We arrived late for the match. | ☐ |
| The late goal won the game. | ☐ |

1 mark

- 11 Which sentence uses commas correctly in the list?

Tick **one**.

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| We need cones bibs, balls and a pump. | ☐ |
| We need, cones, bibs, balls and a pump. | ☐ |
| We need cones, bibs, balls and a pump. | ☐ |
| We need cones, bibs, balls, and, a pump. | ☐ |

1 mark

- 12 Circle the correct verb in each **bold** pair so that the sentence is written in Standard English.

Jamal and Ryan **was** / **were** late, so they **did** / **done** their warm-up on their own.

1 mark

13 Circle all the determiners in the sentence below.

The coach gave every player a medal.

1 mark

14 Circle the adverb in the sentence below.

The goalkeeper bravely dived at the striker's feet.

1 mark

15 Circle all the prepositions in the sentence below.

The keeper dived across the goalmouth and landed on the grass.

1 mark

16 Change the sentence below into a question. Begin with the word *Does*.

Our coach brings the oranges.

1 mark

17 The crowd gave an enormous cheer when Priya scored.

Tick the word that is closest in meaning to *enormous*.

Tick **one**.

quiet ☐

huge ☐

short ☐

polite ☐

1 mark

18 Which sentence uses apostrophes correctly?

Tick **one**.

The two goalkeepers' gloves were left in the changing room.

☐

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☐

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☐

1 mark

19 Rewrite the underlined verbs in the sentence below so that they are in the simple past.

Kai collects the ball and runs down the wing.

_____ and _____

1 mark

20 Tick one box to show the subject of the sentence below.

After training, the hungry players ate their oranges.

After training

☐

the hungry players

☐

ate

☐

their oranges

☐

1 mark

21 Add a full stop, a question mark and an exclamation mark in the correct places below. Use each one once.

Our match is at ten o'clock Who is bringing the oranges

What a cold morning it is

1 mark

22 What is the word class of the underlined word in the sentence below?

The match was cancelled because the pitch was frozen.

1 mark

- 23** Tick one box in each row to show whether the sentence is in the active or the passive.

	active	passive
The coach picked Priya as captain.	☐	☐
Priya was picked as captain by the coach.	☐	☐
Leo cleaned the muddy boots.	☐	☐
The cones were collected after training.	☐	☐

1 mark

- 24** Which sentence uses a comma correctly?

Tick **one**.

After the final whistle the players shook hands. ☐

After the final whistle, the players shook hands. ☐

After, the final whistle the players shook hands. ☐

After the final, whistle the players shook hands. ☐

1 mark

- 25** Write the contracted form of each pair of underlined words on the lines below.

They have won every game, and they will not stop now.

_____ and _____

1 mark

- 26** What is the grammatical term for the underlined words in the sentence below?

The tall goalkeeper in the green gloves saved the penalty.

Tick **one**.

a relative clause ☐

a noun phrase ☐

a subordinate clause ☐

a fronted adverbial ☐

1 mark

27 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

Mia shouted, "Pass the ball to me"! ☐

Mia shouted, "Pass the ball to me! ☐

Mia shouted, "pass the ball to me!" ☐

Mia shouted, "Pass the ball to me!" ☐

1 mark

28 What is the grammatical term for the underlined part of the word below?

goalless

1 mark

29 Insert a pair of inverted commas in the correct places in the sentence below.

Where is my other boot? asked Leo.

1 mark

30 Circle the possessive pronoun in the sentence below.

We think the red bibs are theirs.

1 mark

31 Circle the modal verb in the sentence below.

We might win the league if we keep training.

1 mark

32 Which **two** words are in the same word family as *defend*?

Tick **two**.

defender ☐

depend ☐

defence ☐

descend ☐

1 mark

33 Insert a hyphen in the correct place in the sentence below.

Dev scored a last minute goal.

1 mark

34 What is the grammatical term for the underlined words in the sentence below?

The girl who scored twice is the club's youngest player.

Tick **one**.

a noun phrase ☐

a main clause ☐

a fronted adverbial ☐

a relative clause ☐

1 mark

35 Insert a pair of brackets in the correct places in the sentence below.

Our minibus a faded blue one broke down outside the services.

1 mark

36 Write the co-ordinating conjunction in the sentence below.

Zara wanted to play in goal, but the coach picked her as a striker.

1 mark

37 Circle the relative pronoun in the sentence below.

The minibus, which was parked outside, was full of kit.

1 mark

38 Look at the underlined pronoun in the sentence below. Write the noun that it refers to.

The coach showed the new players where they could leave their bags.

1 mark

39 Which sentence is the most formal?

Tick **one**.

Tell the club secretary if your kid can't come.

☐

Let the club secretary know if your child can't make it.

☐

Just ring the club secretary if your kid's not coming.

☐

Please inform the club secretary if your child is unable to attend.

☐

1 mark

40 Insert a pair of commas in the correct places in the sentence below.

Coach Patel who has trained the club for ten years retired in May.

1 mark

41 Rewrite the underlined verb so that it is in the past progressive.

The players warmed up when the rain started.

1 mark

42 Underline the subordinate clause in the sentence below.

The match went ahead although it was raining heavily.

1 mark

- 43** Insert a colon and a comma in the correct places in the sentence below.

Please pack these items for the tournament boots shin pads
and a water bottle.

1 mark

- 44** Insert a semi-colon in the correct place in the sentence below.

The home team wore red the visitors wore yellow.

1 mark

- 45** Tick one box in each row to show whether the sentence is in the present perfect or the simple past.

	present perfect	simple past
Aisha has scored in every match this season.	☐	☐
Aisha scored in every match last season.	☐	☐
We trained on the new pitch on Tuesday.	☐	☐
We have won the cup twice.	☐	☐

1 mark

- 46** Underline the main clause in the sentence below.

When the whistle blew, the crowd cheered loudly.

1 mark

- 47** Insert a dash in the correct place in the sentence below.

The team had only one aim to win the cup.

1 mark

48 Which sentence is the most formal?

Tick **one**.

Parents must come and pick the players up when the session ends.

☐

You've got to grab your kids at the end of the session.

☐

Make sure you turn up to get your child once we've finished.

☐

Players must be collected by a parent or carer at the end of the session.

☐

1 mark

49 Which sentence uses the subjunctive form?

Tick **one**.

I will be captain next season.

☐

The coach says I am the captain.

☐

If I am late, the coach will be cross.

☐

If I were captain, I would choose Sam as vice-captain.

☐

1 mark

50 Explain how the commas change the meaning of the second sentence.

1. Sam said the coach was wrong.

2. Sam, said the coach, was wrong.

1 mark

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