LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

SESSION 1

Time available for students to complete test: 45 minutes

Use 2B or HB pencil only
The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been circled. Write the correct spelling of each circled word in the box.

1. They drove on the new **hiway** to the coast.

2. I hurt my left **sholder** when I fell off my bike.

3. The orchestra mainly performs **traditional** music.

4. I fried **onyon** rings on the barbecue.

5. The hungry lion stalked its **pray**.

6. We use an empty milk **craite** to carry the books.

7. Dad grew a massive **pumkin** and entered it in the local show.

8. We intended to buy flowers but we **bort** fresh vegetables instead.

9. The **pengwin** is a flightless bird.

10. They **wayed** each ingredient for the recipe.
11 Bees make (honeycomb) from wax.

12 The beach was patrolled by (lifeguards).

13 The rocket was launched into (orbital).

14 Like rain, snow is a form of (precipitation).

15 Tuna and (salmon) are both good fish to eat.

16 They had to (queue) for hours to buy tickets.

There is one spelling mistake in each sentence. Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

17 The detective movie was boring because the plot was totally predictable.

18 The helicopter was hovering above the rugged landscape.

19 My grandmother said the parachute jump was the most exhilarating experience of her life.
Nothing could interfere with the happiness of the occasion.

Chemical reactions can be classified into different categories.

It was a successful attempt to raise awareness about excessive water consumption.

By the time we had scrambled to the summit we were breathing heavily.

Agreement was achieved through lengthy negotiations.

There was a detailed explanation of how the robot operated.

Only arguments that were considered relevant to the topic were included.

The conservation group eradicated the noxious weeds from the bushland park.

The expert became annoyed when confronted with information that contradicted his claims.

Rainforests are quite dark due to the dense foliage of the canopy.

Our maritime history includes accounts of early explorers and their intrepid voyages.
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For questions 31 to 58, shade one bubble to show your answer.

31 Which sentence needs a question mark?
- Whichever flavour I choose will be great
- Where they are going is a mystery
- When he arrives we can all leave together
- What colour are you painting your room

32 Which option completes this sentence correctly?
If I had known that it was going to rain, I would never
to the beach.
- have gone
- be going
- go
- gone

33 Which is a correct sentence?
- We are catching a bus of the city today.
- The bus stop is near the end of our street.
- The bus is already to the bus stop.
- We will have to run for making the bus.

34 In which sentence is the pencil case described?
- Last week I lost my pencil case for two days.
- I usually carry my pencil case home in my backpack.
- I needed a pen so I emptied my bag looking for my pencil case.
- I found my battered old plastic pencil case under my desk.
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35. Which option completes this sentence correctly?
   Everyone is aware of the need ______ accidents at work.
   - for prevention
   - to prevent
   - prevent
   - preventing

36. Which clause completes this sentence correctly?
   Having completed the obstacle course, ______
   - cheering for our teammates.
   - before the finals were run.
   - so the finalists were chosen.
   - we all had a drink and a rest.

37. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?
   - “Are you going to see the fireworks tonight, Matt asked?”
   - “Are you going to see the fireworks tonight?” Matt asked.
   - “Are you going to see the fireworks tonight Matt asked?”
   - “Are you going to see the fireworks tonight”? Matt asked.

38. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?
   - Even if, the weather is fine tomorrow the festival will not go ahead.
   - Considering how much work is involved, the cost is, justified.
   - Although we thought we were well prepared, the debate was disastrous.
   - Having made our lists, together, we did not expect to forget anything.
39 Which option correctly combines this information into one sentence?
Some Australian mammals lay eggs. The echidna is an Australian mammal that lays eggs.
- Australian mammals, including the echidna, lay eggs.
- Some echidnas are Australian mammals that lay eggs.
- Some Australian mammals, such as the echidna, lay eggs.
- The echidna is an Australian mammal laying eggs.

40 Which sentence uses brackets correctly?
- The website had an FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) section.
- The website had an (FAQ) Frequently Asked Questions section.
- The website had an FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions section).
- The website had an (FAQ Frequently Asked Questions) section.

41 Which pair of sentences shows a correct contraction of She’s?

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<td>She goes on holidays soon.</td>
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42 Which sentence contains an adjective?
- I watered the plants before school.
- The sudden rain sent us running for cover.
- The tickets are going on sale on Monday.
- I am knitting a jumper for winter.
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43 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?
- When moving day finally came, I was excited, nervous and a bit sad.
- When moving day finally came I was excited, nervous and a bit sad.
- When moving day finally came, I was excited nervous, and a bit sad.
- When moving day finally came I was excited nervous, and a bit sad.

44 Which sentence is a command?
- He told her to hurry up or they would be late.
- If you are late we will start without you.
- We need to check the timetable so we arrive on time.
- Make sure you lock the door when you leave.

45 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?
- The Grand Canyon is a national park in Arizona.
- The farmer directed us to turn North at the intersection.
- I have my annual visit to the Dentist next week.
- The Nile is an important River in Africa.

46 The sign in the hospital said: We look after our patient's by washing our hands often.
This sentence has a mistake in the use of
- a full stop.
- a capital letter.
- an apostrophe.
- a colon.

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47 Which word has the same meaning as *ought to* in this sentence?
Students ought to do their homework as soon as they get it.

- must
- should
- could
- will

48 Which suffix, when added to *resent*, makes it into an adjective?

- -ness
- -ment
- -ful
- -ion

49 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- Tom the captain, of the team was injured.
- Tom, the captain of the team, was injured.
- Tom, the captain of the team was injured.
- Tom the captain of the team, was injured.

50 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- Twenty-year-old-Victorian rider Emma Richards will cycle across the continent from north to south, starting from Darwin.
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#### 51 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?
- Zoe said that we should take a water bottle.
- Zoe said, “That we should take a water bottle.”
- Zoe said that we should, “Take a water bottle.”
- Zoe said that “We should take a water bottle.”

#### 52 Which is a compound sentence?
- Kangaroos and wallabies are both marsupials.
- The pouch provides their joeys with food and protection.
- Joeys spend a surprisingly long time in the pouch.
- They finally leave but still stay close to their mothers.

#### 53 Which sentence uses tense correctly?
- The weather forecast for yesterday is rain and hail.
- I think that tomorrow was the last day to enter the race.
- She usually goes to town on Friday, but this week she goes on Thursday.
- I thought the movie was going to start this week but it isn’t.

#### 54 Which is a correct sentence?
- The new car runs very smooth.
- Sami tried very hard to improve.
- Sue was calling loud but no one heard her.
- Our team did fantastic in the game.
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55 Which sentence is incorrect?
- When students are late, you have to get a note at the office.
- The boys tidied the room and then they emptied the bins.
- As part of the project, you have to make a poster.
- I went shopping with them and we all took our own bags.

56 What are *frequently* and *frequent* in this sentence?
Because I frequently forget to make a shopping list, I end up making frequent trips to the shops.

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57 Which word is a noun?
- pure
- purity
- purify
- purely

58 Which sentence is punctuated correctly?
- Diverse habitats—such as deserts, wetlands and grasslands—were discovered.
- Diverse habitats, such as deserts, wetlands and grasslands—were discovered.
- Diverse habitats such as deserts, wetlands and grasslands, were discovered.
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