

**YEAR 10**

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar for GCSE

Pitched at Pearson Edexcel GCSE English Language. Three parts that get harder: how the paper works, the skills on a real extract, then top-band thinking. These are worth 16 of the 40 marks on each writing task, so every mistake counts.

Name: _____

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Score: _____

A. Warm-up

The words GCSE answers use most, and get wrong most.

1 Which is spelled correctly?

- (a) government
- (b) goverment
- (c) govenment
- (d) governmant

2 Which is spelled correctly?

- (a) enviroment
- (b) environment
- (c) enviornment
- (d) envirnoment

3 Which is spelled correctly?

- (a) persuade
- (b) persauade
- (c) persuade
- (d) perswade

- 4 Which is correct?
- (a) There were less people than last year.
 - (b) There were lesser people than last year.
 - (c) There were fewest people than last year.
 - (d) There were fewer people than last year.
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- 5 Choose: *Each of the students* ___ *a laptop*.
- (a) have
 - (b) has
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B. Where you should be now

Grammar that examiners notice straight away.

- 6 Which sentence is grammatically correct?
- (a) My friend and I went to the cinema.
 - (b) Me and my friend went to the cinema.
 - (c) My friend and me went to the cinema.
 - (d) Myself and my friend went to the cinema.
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- 7 Which sentence keeps the same tense throughout?
- (a) She opens the door and saw a stranger.
 - (b) She opened the door and saw a stranger.
 - (c) She opened the door and sees a stranger.
 - (d) She opening the door and saw a stranger.
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- 8 Which uses *who* or *which* correctly?
- (a) The teacher which helped me has retired.
 - (b) The teacher whom helped me has retired.
 - (c) The teacher who helped me has retired.
 - (d) The teacher what helped me has retired.
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- 9 Which is punctuated correctly?
- (a) However the plan failed.
 - (b) However; the plan failed.
 - (c) However the, plan failed.
 - (d) However, the plan failed.
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- 10 Which joins the ideas correctly?
- (a) The plan was risky; however, it worked.
 - (b) The plan was risky, however, it worked.
 - (c) The plan was risky however it worked.
 - (d) The plan was risky however, it worked.
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- 11 Which is spelled correctly?
- (a) immediatly
 - (b) immediately
 - (c) imediately
 - (d) immediatley
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C. Stretch

Control at sentence level is what lifts writing into the top band.

- 12 Which sentence avoids a dangling modifier?
- (a) Walking home, the moon rose over the fields.
 - (b) Walking home, the fields saw the moon rise.
 - (c) Walking home, I saw the moon rise over the fields.
 - (d) Walking home, the moon was rising over me.
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- 13 Which uses the subjunctive correctly?
- (a) If I am in charge, I would change the timetable.
 - (b) If I were in charge, I will change the timetable.
 - (c) If I be in charge, I would change the timetable.
 - (d) If I were in charge, I would change the timetable.
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- 14 Which is spelled correctly?
- (a) conscientious
 - (b) conscientous
 - (c) consciencious
 - (d) concientious
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- 15 Which sentence is accurate and uses a range of punctuation?
- (a) The town had changed, the shops were shut, the streets were silent.
 - (b) The town had changed: the shops were shut; the streets were silent.
 - (c) The town had changed the shops were shut the streets were silent.
 - (d) The town: had changed the shops; were shut the streets were silent.
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- 16 The 16 marks for sentence control and accuracy reward
- (a) neat handwriting
 - (b) writing as much as possible
 - (c) accurate spelling and punctuation, and a range of vocabulary and sentence structures
 - (d) using the words in the question
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