



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.

A. Warm-up

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- 1 Which is spelled correctly?
- (a) government
 - (b) goverment
 - (c) govenment
 - (d) governmant **(a) government**
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- 2 Which is spelled correctly?
- (a) enviroment
 - (b) environment
 - (c) enviornment
 - (d) envirnoment **(b) environment**
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- 3 Which is spelled correctly?
- (a) persuade
 - (b) persauade
 - (c) persuade
 - (d) perswade **(c) persuade**
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- 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. **(d) There were fewer people than last year.**
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- 5 Choose: *Each of the students* ___ *a laptop*.
- (a) have
 - (b) has **(b) has**
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B. Where you should be now

- 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. **(a) My friend and I 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. **(b) She opened 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. **(c) The teacher who 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. **(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. **(a) The plan was risky; however, it worked.**
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- 11 Which is spelled correctly?
(a) immediatly
(b) immediately
(c) imediately
(d) immediatley **(b) immediately**
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C. Stretch

- 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. **(c) Walking home, I saw the moon rise over the fields.**
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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. **(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 **(a) conscientious**
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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. **(b) 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 **(c) accurate spelling and punctuation, and a range of vocabulary and sentence structures**
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