

THE TEN-MINUTE TEST - GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION - TEST 4

1. 'oliver twist was written by charles dickens.'

(a) Which **four** words in the sentence above should start with a **capital letter**?

_____ nouns _____ nouns _____ nouns _____ nouns **2 marks**

(b) What is the correct name for these kinds of **nouns**? _____ nouns **1 mark**

(c) Is the sentence written in the **active** or **passive** voice? _____ voice **1 mark**

2. An **exclamation mark** is often used to

(a) end a statement (b) indicate a question (c) add emphasis (d) none of these **1 mark**

3. Complete the sentence below with appropriate **connectives**.

(a) We missed the train _____ we ran all the way to the station. **1 mark**

(b) We missed the train _____ running all the way to the station. **1 mark**

4. Which pair of **pronouns** best complete this sentence?

After _____ finished playing, Dad took _____ home in the car.

(a) I/we (b) we/us (c) us/we (d) I/we **1 mark**

5. Which **two** sentences use the correct form of the plural?

(a) The dog chased both **sheeps** into the farmyard.

(b) Our cat loves hunting for **mice**.

(c) Mum bought two **loaves** of fresh bread at the bakers.

(d) It's time to put both **babys** to bed.

2 marks

6. Look at the sentence below. Then **explain** why two **commas** have been used.

Liverpool, Manchester United, Chelsea and Arsenal have reached the semi-finals.

1 mark

7. You are looking over your work and you decide to replace the word '**ran**' in the sentence below. Write a more suitable word in the space below.

The dog grabbed the juicy bone and ~~ran~~ off with it. **1 mark**

8. Complete the sentence below in your own words.

How often _____? **1 mark**

9. Look at the example: happy - **un**happy

Add a **prefix** to the word below to turn each word into its opposite meaning.

(a) ____possible (b) ____equal (c) ____correct **1 mark each**

10. Add a **subordinate clause** in the space between the commas.

The 2012 Olympics, _____, were a huge success.

1 mark

Challenging questions!

11. Choose the correct form to complete the sentence.

Between _____, I wouldn't like to be in his shoes.

(a) ourselves (b) our selves (c) ours elfs (d) ourselves **1 mark**

12. Add both a **prefix** and a **suffix** to the word **happy** to create an **abstract noun**. **1 mark**

13. Identify the **common**, **proper**, **abstract** and **collective** nouns in the sentence below.

There was great **excitement** amongst the **crowd** when **Gerard** scored the winning **goal**.

2 marks

14. Name the **adverb** in this sentence: I hope we all do well in SATS! **1 mark**

15. The teacher's book is on the desk.

Does the apostrophe in the sentence above contain

an apostrophe of **omission** or an apostrophe of **possession**?

1 mark