

## THE TEN-MINUTE TEST - GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION - TEST 5

1. Choose the appropriate **connectives** to complete the sentences below.

..... it started to rain, we continued playing the match. We stopped, ....., .....  
lightning started to flash across the sky.

- (a) as soon as                      (b) although                      (c) however                      **1 mark**

2. Change the underlined nouns to the **plural** form.

- (a) I saw the wolf in the forest.                      (b) I can see the child over there.  
(c) Don't touch the tomato.                      (d) Please peel the potato for me.                      **2 marks**

3. Place the **commas** in the correct places in these sentences.

- (a) Please answer the phone for me Sally.                      **1 mark**  
(b) I'd like chips an egg sausages but no peas.                      **1 mark**  
(c) Fortunately Liverpool scored in the last minute and won the match.                      **1 mark**  
(d) It's rather chilly today isn't it?                      **1 mark**

4. You are looking over your work and you decide to replace the word  
'yummy' in the sentence: The cupcakes were absolutely *yummy*.

\_\_\_\_\_ **1 mark**

5. Underline the **subordinate clauses** in these sentences.

- (a) I've lost the book you wanted to borrow from me.                      **1 mark**  
(b) Because Jon felt so ill, he stayed at home for the day.                      **1 mark**  
(c) No one knows whom to blame for disaster.                      **1 mark**  
(d) My cat, who is ten years old now, can still catch mice.                      **1 mark**

6. What kind of **nouns** are used in the sentence below:  
common - proper - collective - abstract?

**2 marks**

Miss **Smith** always told the **class** that a little **knowledge** is a dangerous **thing**.

7. Insert the missing **inverted commas** in the sentences below.

- (a) Please sit down he told the children.                      **1 mark**  
(b) The nurse said, I'm going to take your temperature.                      **1 mark**  
(c) I'm not sure, said David, but I think I know the answer.                      **1 mark**  
(d) May I go now? asked Suzan.                      **1 mark**

8. Which word is **furthest** in meaning to **'sensible'** in the sentence below?  
I think you've made a very **sensible** decision.  
(a) foolish      (b) wise      (c) reasonable      (d) sound      **1 mark**
9. Choose the correct form of the **verb** to complete the sentence below.  
Both children \_\_\_\_\_ absent from school yesterday.  
(a) was      (b) are      (c) is      (d) were      **1 mark**
10. Change the sentence below from a command to a **polite request**.  
Get my coat now!      **1 mark**

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11. Complete this sentence correctly.  
Please give the money to ..... it belongs.  
(a) whomever      (b) whoever      **1 mark**
12. Underline the **subject** of the sentence below.  
'Singing in the Rain' is one my favourite movies.      **1 mark**
13. Underline the **error** in the sentence below.  
Let's share the money between you and I.      **1 mark**
14. Underline **all** the **adverbs** in the sentence below.  
Bravely, our troops fought as hard as they could,  
and eventually triumphed even better than expected.      **2 marks**
15. Which of these sentences is grammatically correct?  
(a) None of the children is here.  
(b) None of the children are here.      **1 mark**