

## Higher Level Punctuation Quiz

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Time: **21 minutes**

Marks: **21 marks**

Comments: **This quiz includes questions about the use of semi colons, colons, a single dash and hyphens. Please revise these pieces of punctuation before completing the quiz.**

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Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

There are Roman ruins near our village they are  
being excavated next week.

1 mark

2

What is the name of the **punctuation mark** used between the two main clauses below?

My sister loves team sports; my brother, on the other hand, prefers individual sports – such as athletics.

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1 mark

3

Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Frank would like to go to Cornwall next summer he might also visit France in the spring.

1 mark

4

Which punctuation mark should be used in the place indicated by the arrow?

Josh was excellent at languages he spoke French and Spanish.



Tick **one**.

comma

☐

hyphen

☐

full stop

☐

semi-colon

☐

1 mark

5

Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Come and see me tomorrow I will not have  
time to see you today.

1 mark

6

Insert **two commas** and a **semi-colon** in the correct places in the passage below.

Last Wednesday we performed a play at school I invited my  
parents to come and watch. When I first went on stage I was  
so nervous that I nearly forgot my lines.

1 mark

7

Insert a **colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Joshua had mastered two new skateboarding skills he could do a perfect aerial jump and execute a complete 180 degree turn.

1 mark

8

Which sentence uses the **colon** correctly?

Tick **one**.

I bought several beach toys a bucket: a spade a ball and a kite.

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I bought several beach toys a: bucket, a spade, a ball and a kite.

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I bought several beach toys: a bucket, a spade, a ball and a kite.

☐

I bought several: beach toys, a bucket, a spade, a ball and a kite.

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1 mark

9

Insert a **colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

The school offered three clubs for its pupils art and craft, dance and chess.

1 mark

10

Tick one box to show the correct place for a **colon** in the sentence below.

Tom needed to think carefully about his homework it

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looked very difficult.

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1 mark

11

Insert a **colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

There are two places that I have always wanted to visit the  
Arctic and Antarctica.

1 mark

12

Tick the sentence that uses a **dash** correctly.

Tick **one**.

I find baking tricky – there are too many things to go wrong.

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I find baking tricky there are too many things – to go wrong.

☐

I find baking – tricky there are too many things to go wrong.

☐

I find baking tricky there are – too many things to go wrong.

☐

1 mark

13

Tick one box to show where a **dash** should go in the sentence below.

African elephants are the largest animals in the world they

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can weigh up to 10 tonnes.

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1 mark

14

Insert a **comma** and a **dash** in the correct places in the sentence below.

Before we leave school our class wants to start

a vegetable garden the first in our school's history.

1 mark

15

Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Tick **one**.

The man grabbed his coat – it looked cold and windy outside.

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The man grabbed his coat it looked cold – and windy outside.

☐

The man grabbed his coat it looked cold and windy – outside.

☐

The man grabbed his coat it looked – cold and windy outside.

☐

1 mark

**16** Insert a **dash** in the correct place in the sentence below.

It was a very exciting lesson we learnt how parachutes  
work and designed one of our own.

1 mark

**17** Tick one box to show where a **hyphen** is needed in the sentence below.

The class teacher praised the well behaved and helpful group of

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year six children.

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1 mark

**18** Insert one **hyphen** and one **comma** in the correct places in the sentence below.

My grandmother is a ballroom dancing champion poet and singer.

1 mark

19

Which sentence uses the **hyphen** correctly?

Tick **one**.

There are thirty seven year-olds in Class 2.

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There are thirty seven-year-olds in Class 2.

☐

There are thirty-seven year olds in Class 2.

☐

There are thirty-seven-year-olds in Class 2.

☐

1 mark

20

Which sentence uses the **hyphen** correctly?

Tick **one**.

The sugar-free lollies are available in three flavours.

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The sugar-free-lollies are available in three flavours.

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The sugar-free lollies are available in three-flavours.

☐

The sugar free-lollies are available in three flavours.

☐

1 mark



21

Insert two **hyphens** in the correct places in the sentence below.

The children have been busy cooking some healthy  
sugar free snacks and learning some well known traditional  
songs for visitors to enjoy.

1 mark