

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
LITERACY AND NUMERACY

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

24

YEAR

9

2009

STUDENT TO COMPLETE

Please print your first name and last name below.
Write in capital letters.

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

Are you a boy or girl?

boy

girl

What is your date of birth?

____/____/_____

What is the name of your school?

TEACHER TO COMPLETE

Is this student Aboriginal?

yes

no

Is this student a Torres Strait Islander?

yes

no

Does this student have a language background other than English?

yes

no

School Code _____

SESSION 1

0:45

Time available for students to
complete test: 45 minutes

Use 2B or HB
pencil **only**



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PRACTICE QUESTIONS

The spelling mistake in this sentence has been circled.
Write the correct spelling for the circled word in the box.

P1 We went to scool.

This sentence has one word that is incorrect.
Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

P2 We bought fresh bred.

P3 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Do you have pet?

a

if

he

she

**Shade one
bubble.**



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PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Read the text ***Cats and dogs***. The text has a gap.
Choose the correct word or words to fill the gap.

Cats and dogs

Some people like cats

they like dogs.

P4

- more
- more best
- more than
- more better

P5 Where do the **two** missing full stops (.) go?

Shade two bubbles.



We are having a party It will be fun



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The spelling mistakes in these sentences have been circled. Write the correct spelling for each circled word in the box.

1 The nineteenth-century **bilding** was heritage listed.

2 The **bravary** of our lifesavers at the beach is legendary.

3 Doing daily sit-ups is an excellent way to strengthen the **stummick** muscles.

4 It was the **begining** of the school year.

5 Tiny **particals** of dust were floating in the sunlight.

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6 When Kim saw the **advertisement** on television, she knew what she wanted for her birthday.

7 The hostel was not big enough to **acommidate** all the backpackers.

8 All donations to charities are **greatfully** received.

9 Nurses take a **consientous** approach to patient care.

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Read the text *The Christmas Island red crab*.
The spelling mistakes have been circled.
Write the correct spelling for each circled
word in the box.

The Christmas Island red crab

10 Christmas Island is home to many unique speacies. The most famous of these is the Christmas Island red crab.

11 Tourists visit the island for the red crabs' anuell migration to the sea to spawn.

12 At the peak of the migration season, the crabs cover the island so denssley that they can be seen from the air.

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Read the text *Sun protection*.
The spelling mistakes have been circled.
Write the correct spelling for each circled word in the box.

Sun protection

13 I occasionally wonder about some of my friends.

14 They still go out into the sun without the appropriat protection.

15 They know that this inevitably causes skin damage.

16 Why do people do this when the damage is preventibel ?

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Read the text *Why do we yawn?*

Each sentence has one word that is incorrect.

Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

Why do we yawn?

17 Imagine you are at a meeting in a crowded and poorly ventilated room.

18 If someone starts yawning, so do you, because yawning is an infectious and involuntary action.

19 One suggestion as to why people yawn is that it elevates the amount of oxygen in their bloodstream.

20 Extra oxygen might help to alleviate fatigue.

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**Each sentence has one word that is incorrect.
Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.**

21 The coach made the team watch a vidio of the previous game.

22 The chemical structure of many plastics makes them flexable.

23 The detective was sertain of the identity of the suspect.

24 The volcanic eruption spread lava across the region.

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**Each sentence has one word that is incorrect.
Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.**

25 The catastrophic storm and subsequent flooding cost billions.

26 The perimeter of a circle is its circumfrance.

27 The author has created an admirable character who has intelligents and curiosity.

28 The survey committee was asked to exclude any irelevant data.

29 The persistant winds and associated downpour caused havoc.

30 For our health project, we had to record our kilojul intake for an entire week.

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31 Where do the **two** missing commas (,) go?

Shade two bubbles.



The computers which were donated by local businesses are



located in the library.



32 Which sentence is correct?

Shade one bubble.



- Helen paid for that tickets with my money.
- Helen paid for this tickets with my money.
- Helen paid for them tickets with my money.
- Helen paid for those tickets with my money.

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Read the text *Shanaka Fernando*.

The text has some gaps.

Choose the correct option to fill each gap.

Shanaka Fernando

Shade one bubble. 

In 2007, Melbourne's Shanaka

Fernando was awarded the

Australia's Local Hero Award

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of his work as the founder

of the not-for-profit restaurants,

Lentil as Anything.

- for recognising
- in recognising
- for recognition
- in recognition

Shanaka made a speech when he

accepted his award. His comments

on the meaning of being Australian

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.

- is interesting
- were interesting
- was interesting
- will be interesting

“I didn't know the answer to the

question of what it means to be

Australian until quite **35**,”

said Shanaka.

- recently
- before
- now
- soon

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“I went out into country Victoria
with refugees for a tree planting
weekend, and I came into contact
36 I considered an amazing
spirit of community and openness.

- with who
 - with which
 - with what
 - with where
-

To be Australian **37** welcoming
of others. It is to encourage each
other to shine and to reach our full
potential.”

- is I think to be,
 - is, I think to be
 - is I think, to be
 - is, I think, to be
-

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38 Where should the missing apostrophe (') go?

Shade one bubble. 

The cross-section of a fallen tree shows its growth rings,

which indicate the trees age.

39 Which option correctly completes the sentence?

 running out of oil—the backbone of modern economies and the fuel of western civilisation.

Were

We're

Where

We're

40 Which sentence uses speech marks (“ and ”) correctly?

“Quietly he asked,” Where did you leave it?”

Quietly he asked, “Where did you leave it?”

“Quietly he asked, where did you leave it?”

Quietly he asked”, where did you leave it?”

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41 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Shade one bubble. 

The first of Tim Winton's novels that I read  *Blueback*.

am

are

was

were

42 Which sentence is correct?

- Regarding Nell, my tennis skills are quite basic.
- In regards to Nell, my tennis skills are quite basic.
- Comparing with Nell's, my tennis skills are quite basic.
- In comparison with Nell's, my tennis skills are quite basic.

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Shade one bubble. 

43 How could this sentence be rewritten correctly with the same meaning?

“Does Jacinta want to use the computer this morning?”
Ben asked his dad.

- Ben asked his dad did Jacinta want to use the computer this morning.
- Ben asked Jacinta if she wanted to use the computer this morning.
- Ben asked Jacinta that she wants to use the computer this morning.
- Ben asked his dad whether Jacinta wanted to use the computer this morning.

44 Which words correctly complete the sentence?

Digital cameras, [REDACTED], are now widely used.

- since considering expensive technology
- once considered expensive technology
- which once considered expensive technology
- in spite of considering expensive technology

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Read the text *Aaron* and answer questions 45 and 46.

Aaron

Walking over a hill, Aaron saw that the thin bitumen road levelled out below to wind through the low land like a struggling eel. He stood for a minute, taking it all in: grey cloud, green ground, patches of sunlight, the lake.

45 In the first sentence, the word *struggling* is used as

- a verb.
- a noun.
- an adverb.
- an adjective.

Shade one bubble. 

46 In the second sentence, a colon (:) is used to

- introduce an idea.
- introduce a list.
- separate items in a list.
- separate two complete ideas.

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47 Which word in this sentence is a pronoun?

Shade one bubble. 

They stayed away for a while, blunted and dormant.



48 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

The ten warmest years have all occurred  1990.

within

since

about

during




49 Which sentence is correct?

- The packaging of the boxes has to be strong enough to protect the goods that is being transported.
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Shade one bubble. 

50 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

Plucking the strings of a guitar makes  vibrate, and each produces a different range of notes.

- | | | | |
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51 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?


- “Sorry I’m late, he apologised, but my car wouldn’t start.”
- “Sorry I’m late” he apologised “but my car wouldn’t start.”
- “Sorry I’m late,” he apologised, “but my car wouldn’t start.”
- “Sorry I’m late,” he apologised, “But my car wouldn’t start.”

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Which words correctly complete the sentence?

Shade one bubble. 

 sustained, a rainforest requires a rainfall of at least 1500 millimetres a year.

- If they have
- In order to be
- So that they can
- Therefore being

53 Which option correctly completes the sentence?

Council plans for the new pool were approved  on Monday.

- last Friday: work will begin
- last Friday, work will begin
- last Friday; work will begin
- last Friday! work will begin

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54 Which punctuation mark should be used in **both** spaces in this sentence?

The three sports [] cricket, netball and tennis [] were played enthusiastically by the family.

— (dash)

: (colon)

... (ellipsis) ; (semicolon)

END OF TEST