

# LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

YEAR

9

Example test

**0:45**

Time available for students to  
complete test: 45 minutes

Use 2B or HB  
pencil only

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## YEAR 9 LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

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.  1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Read the text *The Christmas Island red crab*.  
The spelling mistakes have been circled.  
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### 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.  10
- 11** Tourists visit the island for the red crabs' anuell migration to the sea to spawn.  11
- 12** At the peak of the migration season, the crabs cover the island so denssley that they can be seen from the air.  12

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.  13
- 14** They still go out into the sun without the appropriet protection.  14
- 15** They know that this inevitably causes skin damage.  15
- 16** Why do people do this when the damage is preventibel?  16

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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.  17
- 18** If someone starts yawning, so do you, because yawning is an infectious and involuntary action.  18
- 19** One suggestion as to why people yawn is that it elevates the amount of oxygen in their bloodstream.  19
- 20** Extra oxygen might help to alleviate fatigue.  20

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Write the correct spelling of the word in the box.

- 21** The coach made the team watch a video of the previous game.  21
- 22** The chemical structure of many plastics makes them flexible.  22
- 23** The detective was certain of the identity of the suspect.  23
- 24** The volcanic eruption spread lava across the region.  24

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- 25** The catastrophic storm and subseqent flooding cost billions.  25
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- 26** The perimeter of a circle is its circumfrance.  26
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- 27** The author has created an admirable character who has intelligents and curiosity.  27
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- 28** The survey committee was asked to exclude any irelevant data.  28
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- 29** The persistant winds and associated downpour caused havoc.  29
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- 30** For our health project, we had to record our kilojul intake for an entire week.  30

For questions 31 to 57 shade one bubble to show your answer.

- 31** Shade one bubble to show where the missing apostrophe ( ' ) should go.



Peoples ideas about animals in zoos make me angry.

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Read the text *Shanaka Fernando*. The text has some gaps.  
Choose the correct option to fill each gap.

### Shanaka Fernando


- 32** In 2007, Melbourne's Shanaka Fernando was awarded the Australia's Local Hero Award [REDACTED] of his work as the founder of the not-for-profit restaurants, Lentil as Anything.
- for recognising
  - in recognising
  - for recognition
  - in recognition
- 
- 33** Shanaka made a speech when he accepted his award. His comments on the meaning of being Australian [REDACTED].
- is interesting
  - were interesting
  - was interesting
  - will be interesting
- 
- 34** "I didn't know the answer to the question of what it means to be Australian until quite [REDACTED]," said Shanaka.
- recently
  - before
  - now
  - soon
- 
- 35** "I went out into country Victoria with refugees for a tree planting weekend, and I came into contact [REDACTED] I considered an amazing spirit of community and openness.
- with who
  - with which
  - with what
  - with where
- 
- 36** To be Australian [REDACTED] 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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**37** Which sentence is correct?

- 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.

**38** Where should the missing apostrophe ( ' ) go?




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.

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**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?

The first of Tim Winton's novels that I read [redacted] *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.

**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.

**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.

**47** Which word in this sentence is a pronoun?

They stayed away for a while, blunted and dormant.



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**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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**50** Which word correctly completes the sentence?

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

it

them

that

those

**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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**52** Which words correctly complete the sentence?

\_\_\_\_\_ 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

**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)
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**END OF TEST**