**YEAR 7**

**NATIONAL TRIAL EXAMINATION PAPERS (NTEP)**

2014

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

**Please write your first name and your last name below in capital letters.**

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH:\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_

 0:45

Students are to complete this test in 45 minutes:

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The spelling mistakes in these texts have been underlined. Write the correct spelling for each word on the line provided.

Aloe Vera is a norishin plant that is good for you. Some people chews to rub it over sores to help theheeling process.

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Despite the fact that dinosaws are now extinct, archeaologists have been able to make predichons about the appearance of different speces using fossil records.

 8.

“Name all the colours of the rainboew!” exclaimed Geoff as he ran awkwadly towards the water fountain in the middle of the park.

 9.

There is one spelling mistake in each sentence. Write the correct spelling for each word on the line provided.

10. Stacey ran accross the dimly lit football field.

11. “You need to stop argueing!” demanded Jake.

12. It was a bizzare circumstance.

13. The buisness always opened on time.

14. She was comming out of the gym.

15. She was definate about what he had said.

16. Cats are curious createers.

17. She was embarassed by her mother’s reaction.

18. The lady with the red hat looked familar.

19. It was a special occassion for her.

20. The tree was fourty years old.

21. The security gaurd looked really tough.

22. Dogs are such a treesure to have around the house.

23. They were exciteed to hear about the excursion.

24. The children were all of the same hiegt.

25. It was difficult to determine the villian in the story.

For questions 26 to 28 choose the option that completes each sentence correctly.

Shade

one

 bubble.

26. The equator is an imaginary line \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the Earth’s surface.

 It is equidistant from the North and South Pole.

 on in onto of

27. The sun \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over the equator twice a year, usually

 during the months of March and September.

 pass passing passes past

28. Any place that is located on or near the equator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the

 fastest sunrises and sunsets. It is also hotter near the equator.

 has have hasn’t hadn’t

29. Which word completes this sentence correctly?

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a scarf during winter can minimise the chance of catching

 a cold.

 Kicking Throwing Wearing Putting

30. Which word completes this sentence correctly?

 You’re not serious about going to the zoo at this time of night,

 \_\_\_\_\_\_?

 seriously? promise me? will you? are you?

31. Which pair of words complete this sentence correctly?

Shade

one

 bubble.

 The streets’ cats \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ waiting behind the

 restaurant for some leftover food while the mice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in

 the shadows.

 desperately were hidden

 was desperately hide in

 were desperately were hiding

 were desperately hiding

32. Which word completes this sentence correctly?

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was united at the fundraiser because they all

 believed in a common cause.

 Anyone Everyone All Another

Shade

two

bubbles.

33. Where should the TWO missing apostrophes go?

 Geoffs lips were beginning to turn bright blue after eating many

 blueberry warheads. His mother was worried that hed stain his teeth

 from eating so many.

34. Which word is missing from the sentence?

It is important to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ make the most of every opportunity.

although always either unless

35. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

Shade

one

 bubble.

Flies are a nuisance during summer.

The movie was Thrilling and eventful.

 The computer screen was too Bright for my liking.

 My teacher loves giving out Merit certificates.

36. Choose one of the following words to complete the sentence:

 its it’s its’ it

The echidna shuffled along the ground, \_\_\_\_ snout pointed towards the earth.

37. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

“Make sure you drink lots of water”, said Jacks mum.

 “Make sure you drink lots of water”; said Jack’s mum.

 “Make sure you drink lots of water,” said Jack’s mum.

 “Make sure you drink lots of water” said Jacks mum

38. Choose one of the following punctuation marks to complete the

 sentence.

 “Is your coffee strong enough\_\_\_” asked the barister.

comma

full stop

question mark

exclamation mark

39. Which sentence correctly uses italics?

Shade

one

 bubble.

*Samsung* and *LG* are *Korean* companies.

*Samsung* and *LG* are Korean companies.

*Samsung* and LG are Korean companies.

*Samsung* and LG are *Korean* companies.

40. Which pair of words completes this sentence correctly?

Don’t move \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ books if you think \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be late.

you’ll you

you you’ll

you’re your

 your you’ll

41. Which selection of words are all examples of adverbs?

boldly, quickly, patiently, unfortunately

quickly, unfortunately, patience, boldly

boldly, quickly, patiently, unfortunate

quickly, unfortunate, patiently, boldly

42. Identify the participle in the following sentence:

 We saw the wombat walking slowly towards its burrow.

walking

slowly

towards

the wombat

43. Which word from this text does not indicate time?

Shade

one

 bubble.

While it is difficult to determine the weather tomorrow, we

can make predictions based on the previous day’s weather

before jumping to conclusions.

 while tomorrow previous before

44. Which word in this sentence is a pronoun?

Kangaroos are animals native to Australia; they are important icons.

are they for important

45. Which is not a correct sentence?

Tigers are magnificent creatures.

See the magnificent tiger.

The tiger’s stripes always different.

The tiger is a unique creature, bold and daring.

46. Which words complete this sentence correctly?

 The recent flood of films such as *Snow White and the Huntsmen* and

 *Mirror Mirror* prove how appropriations of fairytale stories

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ increasingly popular.

 will be

 are becoming

 is

 is going to be

47. Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

Shade

one

 bubble.

“Jacqueline, quick! Run and get me the water now!”

“Jacqueline, quick run and get me the water now!”

“Jacqueline, quick! Run and get me the water now”

“Jacqueline, quick! Run and get me the water now.

1. Which sentence contains a contraction?

 Ben’s steak sandwich is always delicious.

 It’s not fair to eat all the steak sandwiches by yourself!

 The best steak sandwiches are yours!

 Utah’s favourite food is Ben’s steak sandwich.

1. What does the pronoun ‘he’ in the last sentence of this paragraph refer to?

The school athletics carnival had many outstanding athletes, including Jamie who ran the 100 metres in just 11 seconds. The teachers were astounded by his performance, likening him to an Australian Usain Bolt. No one thought he’d be that fast, including myself!

Usain Bolt Jamie The narrator The teachers

50. Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

Jacob’s pants were suddenly too short after a sudden growth spurt.

Jacobs’ pants were suddenly too short after a sudden growth spurt,

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Read the text***Amazing Muffins*** to answer question 51 to 53.

Some words and punctuation have been left out. Which words and punctuation complete each sentence?

***Amazing Muffins***

 51

There had been a rumour around town that a new shop selling *Amazing Muffins*. These muffins weren’t normal muffins. They were almost magical making you feel happy on the inside and outside!

 52

 53

Shade

one

 bubble.

51.

was

was and

was an

was a

52.

you

your

you’re

you’ll

53.

full stop

exclamation mark

comma

semi colon

Read the text ***The Bumblebee Bat*** to answer questions 54 to 56. Some words and punctuation have been left out. Which words and punctuation complete each sentence?

***The Bumblebee Bat***

54

The bumblebee bat, or the Kitti s hog-nosed bat is the smallest mammal on earth, stretching just 29 to 33 mm in length. The bat is found in western Thailand and southeast Burma. It is known for its uniquely shaped nose resembles a pig’s snout. The bat is so small that it can fit on the palm of a baby’s hand The bumblebee bat is an endangered species with its habitat being destroyed by fires and human activity.

55

56

Shade

one

 bubble.

54.

apostrophe

comma

full stop

 exclamation mark

55.

whoever

who

whom

which

56.

 exclamation mark

 full stop

 comma

 apostrophe

**END OF TEST**

**PRACTICE QUESTIONS**

**P1 The spelling mistake in this sentence has been underlined.**

 **Write the correct spelling for the word underneath.**

 The spider is dangerous becuse it has poisonous venom.

**P2 The sentence below has one incorrect word.**

 **Write the word with the correct spelling in the box.**

 The plant was dyeing because it had been given no water.

Shade

one

 bubble.

**P3 Which is the correct sentence?**

 It was a happy outcome, despite the frantic changes that had

 to be made along the way.

 it was a happy outcome. Despite the frantic changes that had

 to be made along the way,

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 to be made along the way

**P5 Shade in one bubble to show where the missing comma (,)**

 **should be placed.**

The school camp was an enriching experience especially for the

children who had never been on a camp.