**YEAR 9**

**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:\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_

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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.

Papirus is an ancient paper made from the pith of a plant. The ancient Egyptiens

cultivatied the plant along the Nile River.

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After spending two days in the wildernes, the lost dog was ravenous. It had been franticaly searching for its home, trying to reconise familiar scents and soundes.

The mural was beautifool and bright, dedicated to the people who contributede to the fundraiser which raised money for neglected animals.

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

10. Latisha was a beautiful African princes.

11. The murderer was lurking in the shadoows.

12. His response was quite aloofe and improper.

13. It is allways wrong to slander.

14. He had a pugnaciouse spirit about him.

15. The debators had excellent rebuttals.

16. It is always important to be rationale.

17. Concentration is neccessary during exams.

18. The animal sancturary is always open.

19. The Killer Whale is carnivoreus.

20. “Make it a prieority!” screeched Mrs Wheelan.

21. The antagoniste was like a superhero.

22. Jazz, the cat, was sleeping peacefuly.

23. “The burglar was very petiete,” reported the bank teller.

24. She was infuraited by the poor service.

25. The cars were mergeing into one lane.

Read the text ***Mad Cow Disease***. Each paragraph has one word that is spelt incorrectly. Write the correct spelling in the box.

**Mad Cow Disease**

Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) is the sceintific term for ‘mad cow disease’, which is a degenerative disease that affects the brain of a cow.

The danger to humans lies in the disease’s ability to transfer itself into the human system, eventually causing the same detrimentale effect in the human brain. It is believed that cattle contract the disease through contaminated feed.

A big problem with this disease is that it can only be detected after the cattle has been slaughtered, making it a risky campaigne to control.

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29. Which one of the sentences is correct?

Violet admonished her younger sister for running away

Violet admonshed, her younger sister, for running away.

Violet admonished her younger sister for running away.

Violet, admonisher her younger sister, for running away.

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30. Where should the TWO missing apostrophes go?

His heart palpitated at the thought of using Erics precious stones to trigger a response from the dragons lair.

31. Which word is missing from the sentence?

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He was in a complete state of oblivion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he had been struck on the head by a cricket bat.

however

underneath

although

because

32. Which group of words from the paragraph gives an indication of the

text’s setting?

It was as if the town of Nihilo had become mute. There was complete silence in the streets. The shops had ‘CLOSED’ signs posted on their front doors. There were no people. No animals. Not even a fly on the wall.

It was as if the town of Nihilo had become mute.

There were no people.

No animals.

Not even a fly on the wall.

33. Choose one of the following words to complete the sentence.

Its It’s Its’ It

“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not fair!” cried the child as she was taken away from the playground.

34. Choose one of the following words to complete

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the sentence.

Although Despite However On the one hand

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the warnings, the tourists continued to violate the laws.

35. Choose one of the following punctuation marks to complete the sentence.

“Don’t ever think that it’s okay to walk off without permission, okay \_\_”

warned the child’s mother.

comma

full stop

question mark

exclamation mark

36. Which sentence correctly uses italics?

The Blind Side is a movie based on a *true* story.

Titus Andronicus is one of *Shakespeare’s* most violent plays.

The television series *Rising Stars* has been very successful.

*Monet* is a famous impressionist painter.

37. Identify the preposition in the following sentence:

*Benjamin was leaning against the kitchen bench top.*

was leaning

against

Benjamin

the kitchen

38. Which selection of words are all examples

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of adverbs?

trembling, eating, snoring, delightfully

firmly, delightfully, excitedly, sorrowfully

hurriedly, obstructively, readily, trembling

windy, protectedly, readily, trembling

39. Identify the participle in the following sentence:

Hannah was terminating the production line for she knew there had been a mistake.

terminating

she knew

had been a mistake

the production line

40. Identify the interjection in the following sentence:

Jack ran after the lady screaming out, ‘Hey! Excuse me, miss!’

Jack ran

screaming out

‘Hey! Excuse me, miss!’

ran after the lady

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

team’s team teams

The coach was appalled by the footy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ performance in the finals.

42. Which one of the sentences correctly uses brackets ()?

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The poem (written by Esther Howard) had been annotated thoroughly.

(The poem) written by Esther Howard had been annotated thoroughly.

The poem written by Esther Howard had been (annotated thoroughly).

The poem written by (Esther Howard) had been annotated (thoroughly).

1. Which of the following could be left out of this sentence?

The renown fishmonger was famous for his fresh produce.

renown

fishmonger

was famous

fresh produce

44. Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

“That’s the will of my deceased aunt!” retorted the man.

That’s the will of my deceased aunt! Retorted the man.

“That’s the will of my deceased aunt!”, retorted the man.

“That’s the will of my deceased aunt!”. Retorted the man.

1. Which phrase correctly completes the sentence?

The carpenter’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ marked years of hard work.

large, wrinkly hands and cracked

large and wrinkly

large, wrinkly cracked and hands

wrinkly hands, cracked and large,

1. The pronoun ‘he’ in the last sentence of this

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paragraph refers to:

He was instructed by Thomas to clean up the rubbish in the backyard. Thomas was adamant that he had made a mess the previous night with their pet dog, Buddy. For Thomas, the last thing he wanted to do was clean up after his big brother.

Buddy

little brother

big brother

Thomas

47. Which one of the sentences has correct punctuation?

The plaque had been created to show the charity’s appreciation of the school’s generous contributions.

The plaque had been created to show the charities appreciation of the school’s generous contributions.

The plaque had been created to show the charitys’ appreciation of the schools’ generous contributions.

The plaque had been created to show the charitys appreciation of the schools generous contributions.

Read the text***The Incredible Discovery***.

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

***The Incredible Discovery***

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It incredible discovery. They had embarked in search of treasure a handful of batteries and a torch. Nervin had told them where to go. He had even instructed them using an detailed map. Paul wasn’t too sure about the trek at first, but now he was aware that the choice he had made was a good one.

**The House of Special Purpose**

The *House of Special Purpose*  the infamous Romanov family was detained meeting their fatal end at the hands of the Russian revolutionaries. The whole royal family, Emperor Nicholas II, four daughters and son were executed mercilessly.

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intricated

intricately

intricative

Read the text ***How Gravity Works*** and answer questions 51-54.

***How Gravity Works***

Albert Einstein provided an explanation of how gravity works in the early 1900s. This gave physicists the ability to understand the behaviour of large objects such as planets and stars. According to his theory, planets of the solar system, including Earth, orbit the sun because they are unable to escape its overpowering gravitational pull. A scientific way to explain gravity is to use the term ‘space-time’, which is a mathematical concept that combines length, width and height (the three dimensions of space).

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51. Albert Einstein had made his discovery in the

21st century.

19th century.

18th century.

20th century.

52. The text is

factual and descriptive.

colloquial and informative.

figurative and imaginative.

imaginative and literal.

53. The terms *solar, Einstein* and *mathematical* are examples of

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verbs.

nouns.

adverbs.

adjectives.

54. What verb tense is the passage written in?

past

present

future

future continuous

**END OF TEST**

**PRACTICE QUESTIONS**

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

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

The jaket was very comfortable and warm.

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

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

The dictionary had many accurete descriptions.

**P3** **Choose one of the following words to complete**

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**the sentence:**

was going to were by

The plant was beginning to wither, its leaves \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ turning pale green with hints of brown.

**P4 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,

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 thad

to be made along the way

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**P5 Shade 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.