

# GPS test tips

Content domain	2016	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023
Grammatical terms or word classes	13	12	12	13	12	
Functions of sentences	3	4	3	2	2	
Combining words, phrases and clauses	5	4	5	4	6	
Verb forms, tenses and consistency	8	5	7	6	8	
Punctuation	15	17	15	16	15	
Vocabulary	5	5	5	6	5	
Standard English and formality	1	2	3	3	2	
Spellings	20	20	20	20	20	
Raw score for 100 scaled score	43	36	38	36	35	

# Punctuation

Must be inserted in the correct place.

Must be clear and unambiguous – if it looks like it could be anything else, the mark is not allowed.

Any other punctuation negates the mark.

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Insert a **pair of commas** in the correct place in the sentence below.

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The African elephant, the largest land mammal in the world,  
can weigh up to 6.6 tonnes!

1 mark

# Written responses

Don't do more than is required.

Don't change, add or omit any lexical words.

35

Rewrite the sentence below in the **active**.  
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The dog was fed by Bill.

**Billy fed the hungry dog.**

1 mark

25

Use the information in the box to complete the sentence below with a **relative clause**.  
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

My grandma, **who loves travelling in Spain**, went on

1 mark

My grandma loves travelling.

holiday to Spain.

# Written responses

Don't change tense unless asked to.

25

Use the information in the box to complete the sentence below with a **relative clause**.

Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

My grandma, **who loved to travel** \_\_\_\_\_, went on

1 mark

My grandma loves travelling.

holiday to Spain.

35

Rewrite the sentence below in the **active**.

Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The dog was fed by Bill.

**Bill feeds the dog.** \_\_\_\_\_

1 mark

# Written responses

Remember basic punctuation.

35

Rewrite the sentence below in the **active**.  
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The dog was fed by Bill.

**Bill was feeding the dog**

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1 mark

# Written responses

Punctuation needs to be accurate.

35

Rewrite the sentence below in the **active**.  
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The dog was fed by Bill.

**Bill was feeding the dog!!**

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1 mark



# Written responses

Don't add any additional punctuation.

25

Use the information in the box to complete the sentence below with a **relative clause**.

Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

My grandma, **who loves travelling,** \_\_\_\_\_, went on

1 mark

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holiday to Spain.

# Written responses

A vocative comma must be used where needed.

32

The teacher wants to write a sign to remind children to turn the lights off.

Write the **command** that the teacher might use on the sign.  
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

**Turn the lights off, children!**

1 mark

# Written responses

Capitalisation requirements - distinct upper case formation needed for A B D E G H I J L N Q R T – these are seen as capital regardless of size relative to lower case.

14

Write the **contracted form** of the underlined words in the boxes below them.

Liam was not completely surprised at the knock on his door that

**wasn't**

morning. In fact, he had been waiting for this particular visitor.

**he'd**

“It is good to see you,” he said, opening the door.

**it's**

1 mark

# Written responses

Capitalisation requirements - distinct upper case formation needed for A B D E G H I J L N Q R T – these are seen as capital regardless of size relative to lower case.

37

Complete the sentence below with an appropriate **subordinating conjunction**.

Although it rained all afternoon, the picnic was a success.

1 mark

# Tick box questions

## Positive indication

36

Which option makes the sentence start with an **adverbial**?

\_\_\_\_\_ we lined up for the class photo.

Tick **one**.

It was noisy and crowded, but

The photographer arrived while

With big smiles on our faces,

The whole class were ready so

1 mark

# Tick box questions

Positive indication/don't mix ticks and crosses

45

Tick one box in each row to show if the statement about the apostrophe is true or false.

Sentence	The apostrophe shows that...	True	False
The boys' lunch was delicious.	there is only one boy.		X
Gina put out the cats' food.	there is more than one cat.	✓	
The girl's party is this afternoon.	there is more than one girl.		X
The trees' leaves were green.	there is only one tree.		X

1 mark

# Circling/underlining

Only circle/underline what is needed

39

Circle the **preposition** in each sentence below.

The bird flew above the trees.

The children sang many songs in their concert.

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1 mark

- Only do what is needed – don't try to show off.
- Use a positive indication and don't mix ticks and crosses for tick boxes.
- Capital letters – use where needed.
- Distinct upper case formation – A B D E G H I J L N Q R T – are seen as capital regardless of size relative to lower case.
- Inverted commas can be single or double.
- If writing own sentence in response, fronted adverbials/subordination **MUST** be followed by a comma and vocative commas must be used where needed.
- Don't put a question mark anywhere unless it is specifically asked for.
- Cross out rather than rub out.

## Spelling test

- There are no capitalisation requirements unless for proper nouns.
- Do not leave exaggerated spaces between syllables/compound words.



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