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Key stage 2

English grammar, punctuation and spelling test mark schemes

Paper 1: questions

Paper 2: spelling



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1. Introduction

The Standards and Testing Agency (STA) is responsible for the development and delivery of statutory tests and assessments. STA is an executive agency of the Department for Education.

The 2019 tests assess the national curriculum. This test has been developed to meet the specification set out in the <u>test framework</u>¹ for English grammar, punctuation and spelling at key stage 2.

A new test and new mark schemes will be produced each year.

Key stage 2 tests are marked by external markers, who receive training to ensure the published mark schemes are applied consistently and fairly. The mark schemes are provided to show teachers how the tests are marked. The pupil examples are based on responses gathered from the test trialling process.

Scaled score conversion tables are not included in this document. Conversion tables will be produced as part of the standards maintenance process. <u>Scaled score conversion tables</u>² for the 2019 tests will be published in July 2019. The standards confirmation meeting will take place in June 2019.

2. Structure of the test

The key stage 2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test comprises:

- Paper 1: questions (50 marks)
- Paper 2: spelling (20 marks)

3. Content domain coverage

The 2019 test meets the specification in the test framework. Tables 1 and 3 set out the areas of the content domain that are assessed in Paper 1 and Paper 2.

¹ www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-2-english-grammar-punctuation-and-spelling-test-framework

² www.gov.uk/guidance/scaled-scores-at-key-stage-2

4. Paper 1: questions

4.1 Content domain coverage for Paper 1: questions

Table 1 sets out the content domain coverage for questions in Paper 1. Information relating to the codes in Table 1 can be found in the key stage 2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test framework.

Table 1: Content domain coverage for questions in Paper 1

	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	G7
Qu.	Grammatical terms / word classes	Functions of sentences	Combining words, phrases and clauses	Verb forms, tenses and consistency	Punctuation	Vocabulary	Standard English and formality
1					1		
2						1	
3		1					
4					1		
5						1	
6					1		
7							1
8	1						
9	1						
10					1		
11					1		
12						1	
13					1		
14						1	
15							1
16					1		
17	1						
18						1	
19			1				
20					1		
21	1						
22					1		

	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	G 7
Qu.	Grammatical terms / word classes	Functions of sentences	Combining words, phrases and clauses	Verb forms, tenses and consistency	Punctuation	Vocabulary	Standard English and formality
23					1		
24				1			
25							1
26		1					
27	1						
28				1			
29				1			
30	1						
31					1		
32	1						
33	1						
34					1		
35	1						
36			1				
37	1						
38				1			
39				1			
40					1		
41	1						
42				1			
43					1		
44						1	
45			1				
46					1		
47	1						
48					1		
49	1						
50			1				

4.2 General marking guidance for Paper 1: questions

To ensure consistency of marking, the most frequent procedural queries are listed in Table 2, along with the action the marker will take.

Recording marks awarded

Marking takes place on screen, with markers viewing scanned images of pupils' responses. Marks are entered into the marking system in accordance with the guidance for the on-screen marking software.

For each question, markers record the award of 1 or 0 marks as appropriate, according to the mark scheme criteria. There is provision in the software to record questions not attempted. The software aggregates marks automatically.

The following guidance applies to all questions in Paper 1.

Table 2: General marking principles for Paper 1

	Accept	Do not accept
Tick boxes and tables	 any unambiguous indication of the correct answer, e.g. the box is crossed rather than ticked the correct answer is circled rather than ticked 	answers in which more than the required number of boxes have been ticked
Circling or underlining of the answer	any unambiguous indication of the correct answer, such as the answer being enclosed within a box	 answers in which more than the required number of words have been circled / underlined answers in which the correct answer is circled / underlined, together with any surrounding words
Drawing lines to 'match' boxes	lines that do not touch the boxes, provided the intention is clear	multiple lines drawn to / from the same box (unless this is a question requirement)
Labelling	 clear labels, whether they use the full vocabulary required by the question or an unambiguous abbreviation, e.g. 'V' for 'verb' 	ambiguity in labelling, e.g. the use of 'AD' or 'A' where a distinction is required between 'adjective' and 'adverb'

	Accept	Do not accept
Punctuation	correctly formed punctuation that is clear, unambiguous and recognisable as the required punctuation mark	punctuation that is ambiguous, e.g. if it is unclear whether the mark is a comma or full stop
Sentences and capital letters	 a sentence that has an initial capital letter and an appropriate punctuation mark indicating the end of the sentence capital letters that are clear and unambiguous Where letters do not have unique capital letter forms, the height of the capital letter will be equal to, or greater than, that of letters with ascenders. 	answers in which capital letters are omitted or placed inappropriately in a sentence, or where an entire word is capitalised
Spelling	incorrect spellings of the correct response if no specific mark scheme guidance is given	incorrect spellings of answers for which the mark scheme requires correct spelling Correct spelling is required for the award of the mark for the majority of questions in Paper 1, especially for questions assessing contracted forms, verb forms, plurals, prefixes and suffixes.

	Accept	Do not accept
Answers outside the expected space	 a correct answer given somewhere other than the answer space, provided it is not contradicted by another answer written elsewhere correct answers that are written in the 'blank' within a question, rather than in the expected space below it correct answers in which the pupil has written out a word or sentence that is already provided 	answers that are given outside the expected space and contradicted by another answer written elsewhere
More than one answer given	multiple answers that are all correct according to the mark scheme	responses where both the correct and incorrect answers are given
Handwriting	answers that are clear, unambiguous and recognisable, including letters that have been reversed, but which are still clearly identifiable to the marker	answers that are unclear or ambiguous
Crossed-out answers	correct answers that replace a crossed-out attempt	crossed-out answers

4.3 Explanation of the mark schemes for Paper 1: questions

The mark schemes contain the following information for each question:

- the question number
- the question from the test paper
- what is required to answer each question either a correct answer or examples of different types of creditworthy response
- how many marks are available for the question
- any additional guidance that may be relevant
- the content domain reference.

5. Mark schemes for Paper 1: questions

Qu.	Requirement				Mark
1 G5.3 G2.2	Did she play tennis on your team last yea				1m
2 G6.3	Award 1 mark for all four correct.				1m
	Word Suffix				
	accomplish ful				
	forgive ment				
	joy ish				
	fool ness				
3 G2.2	Award 1 mark for a correctly completed t	able.			1m
G2.3	Sentence	Question	Command		
	Do your stretches before you exercise		✓		
	Do you prefer tennis or cricket	✓			
	Do the boys always go running in the morning	✓			
	Do take some water with you to football practice		1		
4 G5.6b G1.6a	Award 1 mark for a correctly placed com- Every night, Dad and my brother take the		-		1m

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
5 G6.2	Award 1 mark for all four correct.	1m
G6.2	Prefix Word	
	inter approval	
	dis circle	
	semi social	
	anti action	
6 G5.4	What is the temperature now ✓	1m
7	Award 1 mark for the correct word circled in each box.	1m
G7.1	them good. did did done	
8 G1.5b	 Award 1 mark for an appropriate relative pronoun written in lower case, i.e. Everyone loved the music <u>that</u> was played last night. Everyone loved the music <u>which</u> was played last night. Do not accept misspellings. 	1m
9 G1.2	Make sure you lock the gate before you leave.	1m
10	Award 1 mark for a correctly placed semi-colon.	1m
G5.11	Frank would like to go to Cornwall next summer; he might also visit France in the spring.	
11	Award 1 mark for a correctly placed pair of brackets.	1m
G5.9	Using public transport (such as buses and trains) can reduce pollution.	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
12 G6.2 G6.4	□ □ many ☑	1m
13 G5.9	I will be running a half marathon – 13 miles – next week! ✓	1m
14 G6.1	easy 🗸	1m
15 G7.2	The team were defeated due to mistakes that they made.	1m
16 G5.13	The class teacher praised the well behaved and helpful group of year six children.	1m
17 G1.5	a pronoun 🗸	1m
18 G6.1	Award 1 mark for the correct words circled. Having queued for over an hour, Sanjit found that his tolerance was being severely tested. Most of the other children had lost patience and gone elsewhere.	1m

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
19 G3.4	Award 1 mark for subordinate clause or an abbreviation that makes the intention clear, e.g. • subordinate • sub clause • subordinating There are no spelling or punctuation requirements for this question.	1m
20 G5.12	Award 1 mark for a correctly placed dash. It was a very exciting lesson – we learnt how parachutes work and designed one of our own.	1m
21 G1.5a	a possessive pronoun 🗸	1m
22 G5.10	Award 1 mark for a correctly placed colon. Joshua had mastered two new skateboarding skills: he could do a perfect aerial jump and execute a complete 180 degree turn.	1m
23 G5.5	Award 1 mark for three correctly placed commas. She wore a dark red skirt, a woollen jumper, a scarf with matching hat, thick socks and black boots.	1m
24 G4.2	We sat and ate our lunch once we had found a sunny picnic spot.	1m
25 G7.3	Award 1 mark for Hope you can make it to my birthday party next week! It's going to be great! The venue is yet to be confirmed. I'm still checking out a couple of places.	1m
26 G2.3	Award 1 mark for the correct word circled. To see pictures of the rugby match, click here.	1m

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Qu.	Requirement	Mark
27 G1.9	Sam baked cakes for charity and he sold them at breaktime. S O S O	1m
28 G4.1a	Award 1 mark for both correct. The sky begins to look darker as the storm approaches. began approached Do not accept misspellings of verbs.	1m
29 G4.1b	My dad has this bike now. ✓	1m
30 G1.3	Award 1 mark for all three correct. He made his way up the cobbled street, striding like the bold and determined man he was.	1m
31 G5.7	Our parents always say, "Work hard and do your best."	1m
32 G1.6 G6.3	The clothes are folded <u>neatly</u> .	1m
33 G1.4	Award 1 mark for conjunction(s). There are no spelling or punctuation requirements for this question.	1m

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
34 G5.6a	Award 1 mark for an explanation that there are three named people in the second sentence, e.g.	1m
	 In the second one there are three people called Jake, Thomas and Lily. There are more people in the second sentence. In the first one, there are two people and in the second one there are three. 	
	1. Two people 2. Three people	
	Also accept responses that demonstrate understanding without referring to the second sentence, e.g.	
	 There are only two people called Jake Thomas and Lily in the first sentence. In the first one, Thomas is Jake's surname and not another person. 	
	Do not accept responses that do not explain specifically how the meaning has changed, e.g.	
	It uses it for a list.	
	It changes the number of people.	
	There are no spelling or punctuation requirements for this question.	
35	Award 1 mark for	1m
G1.6a	Last week, Ruby went swimming and played football.	
36	Award 1 mark for a grammatically correct relative clause, e.g.	1m
G3.1a	 His sister, who is at high school, is learning to speak Polish. 	
	 His sister, <u>whose hair is red</u>, is learning to speak Polish. 	
	His sister, who's called Tara, is learning to speak Polish.	
	His sister, who studied French last year, is learning to speak Polish. His sister, who had always wanted to travel is learning to speak Polish.	
	 His sister, who had always wanted to travel, is learning to speak Polish. His sister, who will be going to Poland soon, is learning to speak Polish. 	
	Do not accept a grammatically incorrect relative clause, e.g.	
	His sister, which is 15, is learning to speak Polish. His sister, that is at a price to be a price to be a price.	
	 His sister, <u>that is at university</u>, is learning to speak Polish. 	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
37 G1.4 G3.4	 Award 1 mark for a response explaining that the conjunction changes how the actions in the sentence are connected to time, e.g. In the second one, the conjunction shows that the actions were happening at the same time. In sentence one, they listened to music when they had finished lunch; in sentence two, they listened to music and ate lunch at the same time. When you add in 'while' it says they are listening to music and having lunch. In the first one, it is talking about what they did after lunch but in the second one, it is talking about what they did during lunch. It means they listened to music while they were eating their lunch. Also accept responses that demonstrate understanding without referring to the second sentence, e.g. In the first one, they ate their lunch and then they listened to the music. Do not accept responses that do not explain how the conjunction changes the meaning of the sentence, e.g. It changes when they did it. There are no spelling or punctuation requirements for this question. 	1m
38	Award 1 mark for the correct word circled.	1m
G4.1c	Kate hoped that she would see goats and sheep at the farm.	
39 G4.4	Award 1 mark for a correctly punctuated sentence using the passive, e.g. • The fence was damaged by the wind. • The fence was damaged by wind. • The fence was damaged. Also accept • The fence got damaged by (the) wind. • The fence got damaged. Do not accept a change to the verb or tense, e.g. • The fence is damaged. • The fence was destroyed. Do not accept misspellings of verb forms.	
40 G5.6b G5.11	Award 1 mark for two commas and a semi-colon in the correct places. Last Wednesday, we performed a play at school; I invited my parents to come and watch. When I first went on stage, I was so nervous that I nearly forgot my lines.	1m

Qu.	Requirement	Mark			
41	Award 1 mark for all three correct.	1m			
G1.1	The fire gave the room a cosy feeling.				
42 G4.4	The issue was discussed at a council meeting.				
43 G5.8	Award 1 mark for	1m			
G5.6	We shall not do that again!				
	shan't				
	Do not accept misspellings.				
44 G6.4	Award 1 mark for two correct words derived from the word <u>music</u> written in lower case, e.g.	1m			
G6.3	Every member of the Jones family was <i>musical</i> ,				
	but only Mr Jones was a professional <u>musician</u> .				
	Do not accept misspellings.				
45 G3.2	Award 1 mark for a correct response, e.g.	1m			
G3.2	 noun phrase(s) expanded noun phrase / extended noun phrase 				
	Also accept the grammatical function, i.e.				
	• subject				
	There are no spelling or punctuation requirements for this question.				
46	Award 1 mark for all five correct.	1m			
G5.1	when we visited the museum in birmingham gareth arranged				
	to travel by train with aunt laura				
47	Award 1 mark for all three correct.	1m			
G1.8	William didn't have any cereal in the house, so he went out to				
	buy some cornflakes.				
48 G5.8	Award 1 mark for a correctly placed apostrophe.	1m			
	Pupils' coats should be hung on the pegs.				

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Qu.	Requirement			
49 G1.7	Award 1 mark for all three correct. After)the game, Omar and Alisha walked home with)their grandparents, who lived across the road.			
50 G3.3	Award 1 mark for the correct word circled. If you want to enter the competition, you can send your idea by email or by post.			

6. Paper 2: spelling

6.1 Content domain coverage for Paper 2: spelling

This information is provided in Table 3.

6.2 General marking guidance for Paper 2: spelling

The following guidance applies to all questions in Paper 2. Please read this carefully before applying the individual mark schemes.

- If the pupil makes more than one attempt, it must be clear which answer the pupil wishes to be marked.
- If the pupil makes two or more attempts and it is not clear which is to be considered, the mark is not awarded.
- The pupil can answer in upper or lower case, or a mixture of the two. The exception to this is
 for days of the week, which must be written in lower-case letters with an initial capital letter
 for the award of the mark.
- If the pupil has answered with the correct sequence of letters but has incorrectly inserted an apostrophe or a hyphen, the mark is not awarded.
- If the pupil has answered with the correct sequence of letters but these have been separated into clearly divided components, with or without a hyphen, the mark is not awarded.

6.3 Pupil version of Paper 2: spelling

Spelling task	
1. The dragon is an imaginary	11. Maria looked at the box.
2. There was food for everyone.	12. She found the to try something new.
3. My little brother is in class.	13. Jade and Jamie had a
4. Playing in the snow made my fingers	14. Our class made a model
5. We learned how to do in mathematics.	15. The school provided an education for its pupils.
6. Charlie with relief.	16 people give to charity.
7 is easier with a compass.	17. Everyone sang theloudly.
8. Khalid was a boy.	18. I burnt my on the hot soup.
9. Gran us a snack when we arrived.	19. Sarah spilled water all over the table.
10. Do your stretches so you don't pull a	20. The criminal tried to the police.
	END OF TEST
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7. Mark schemes for Paper 2: spelling

Information relating to the content domain reference codes in Table 3 can be found in the key stage 2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test framework.

Table 3: Mark schemes and content domain references for Paper 2

Qu.	Spelling	Mark	Content domain reference
1	creature	1	S44 – words with endings sounding like /ʒə/ or /tʃə/
2	enough	1	S59 – words containing the letter string <i>ough</i>
3	reception	1	S47 – endings that sound like /ʃən/, spelt -tion, -sion, -sion, -cian
4	numb	1	S60 – words with 'silent' letters (i.e. letters whose presence cannot be predicted from the pronunciation of the word)
5	division	1	S45 – endings that sound like /ʒən/
6	sighed	1	S61 – homophones and near homophones (Years 3 and 4) homophones and other words that are often confused (Years 5 and 6)
7	navigation	1	S47 – endings that sound like /ʃən/, spelt -tion, -sion, -sion, -cian
8	thoughtful	1	S59 - words containing the letter string <i>ough</i>
9	offered	1	S38 – adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable
10	muscle	1	S51 – words with the /s/ sound spelt sc
11	curiously	1	S46 – the suffix <i>-ous</i> S43 – the suffix <i>-ly</i>
12	courage	1	S40 – the /n/ sound spelt ou
13	disagreement	1	S41 – prefixes
14	pyramid	1	S39 - the /i/ sound spelt y other than at the end of words
15	excellent	1	S55 – words ending in -ant, -ance, -ancy, -ent, -ence, -ency
16	generous	1	S46 – the suffix -ous
17	chorus	1	S48 – words with the /k/ sound spelt ch
18	tongue	1	S50 – words ending with the /g/ sound spelt -gue and the /k/ sound spelt -que
19	accidentally	1	S43 – the suffix -ly
20	deceive	1	S58 – words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c
	Total 20		



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