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## 11+ SPaG Punctuation Test Paper 2

### Instructions:

1. The time allowed is 20 minutes for 40 questions.
2. Each question carries 1 Mark.
3. Answers should be clearly marked in pencil on the question paper itself. No separate answer sheet is provided.
4. Examples for marking the answers are provided for each type of question.
5. No marks are lost for an incorrect answer.
6. If you have marked the wrong answer, erase it and mark the new one. Make sure that your final answer is clear.

Symbols used:



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**SECTION A**

The following questions are either multiple choice, or 'true or false' style questions. Read the question and each of the answers, carefully, before selecting the correct answer. These questions will test your understanding of the concerned punctuation.

**1 Which of the following is the correct description of how to use a hyphen?**

- A. A hyphen is used to create a pause in a sentence.
- B. A hyphen is used to create compound adjectives and nouns, and to add prefixes and suffixes.
- C. A hyphen is used to link ideas together.
- D. A hyphen is used to create a subordinate clause.

**2 Is the following statement true or false?  
'A hyphen and a dash are the same thing.'**

- A. True
- B. False

**3 Which of the following is not an example of how you may use a dash?**

- A. In place of a colon
- B. Instead of an ellipsis
- C. To create a parenthetical phrase
- D. To create a pause for effect

**4 Which of the following statements is correct?**

- A. An exclamation mark should only be used within quoted speech.
- B. An exclamation mark can be used to show sudden emotion or volume in any writing.





**5 Which of the following is a correct description of how to use brackets?**

- A. Brackets are used to show that information is not important.
- B. Wherever there is a dash, a bracket can be used instead.
- C. Brackets are used to emphasise information.
- D. Brackets are used to add extra information.

**6 Is the following statement true or false? 'Brackets must be used within a sentence, rather than encompassing a standalone sentence.'**

- A. True – they must be used within a sentence.
- B. False – an entire sentence may be encompassed by brackets.

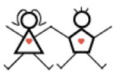
**7 Is the following statement true or false? 'Quotation marks must be used in pairs.'**

- A. True
- B. False

**8 Which punctuation should be used before quotation marks, when mid-sentence?**

- A. A colon
- B. A comma
- C. A colon or a comma
- D. None



**SECTION B**

All of the questions for section B are multiple choice. Read carefully before selecting the correct answer from options A – D.

**9** Which of the following sentences should *not* contain a hyphen?

- A. I saw my ex-boyfriend when I went to Green Park.
- B. Arguably, the most-important thing was that I finished my homework.
- C. There were so many of us, we needed an eleven-seat minivan!
- D. Her brother-in-law drove her to the hospital.

**10** Identify where, in the following sentence, brackets should be placed.  
*No one was happy [1] about the new rules [2] but Mum was definitely the most upset [3].[4]*

- A. At points 1 and 2
- B. At points 1 and 3
- C. At points 2 and 3
- D. At points 2 and 4

**11** Which of the following variations (of this sentence with brackets) is correctly punctuated?

- A. That's it: she has achieved the grades, (A, A, B, at A Level), and now she can go to her first-choice university (Southampton)!
- B. That's it: she has achieved the grades (A, A, B, at A Level), and now she can go to her first-choice university (Southampton)!
- C. That's it: she has achieved the grades (A, A, B, (at A Level)), and now she can go to her first-choice university (Southampton)!
- D. That's it: she has achieved the grades (A, A, B, at A Level), and now she can go to her first-choice university (Southampton)!



**12 Which of the following sentences uses exclamation marks incorrectly?**

- A. Mr Parker told Harry, "Go to the office right now!"
- B. Alison grinned and cried, "I cannot believe that I've won the lottery!"
- C. From inside the building, everyone heard a shout: "Fire! Help!"
- D. At midday, René took a break from work and walked to the shop!

**13 Which of the following variations has correct punctuation?**

- A. Jake's headache had only gotten worse since he went to bed; (he should have listened to his Mum when she told him to drink some water.)
- B. Jake's head-ache had only gotten worse since he went to bed. He should have listened to his Mum when she told him "to drink some water".
- C. Jake's headache had only gotten worse since he went to bed – he should have listened to his Mum when she told him to drink some water!
- D. (Jake's headache had only gotten worse since he went to bed) he should have listened to his Mum when she told him to drink some water.

**14 Identify where, in the following sentence, any dashes may be placed:**  
*I'm sure [1] that I know your face [2] I've definitely seen you around [3] are you from here [4]?*

- A. At point 1 only
- B. At points 1 and 2
- C. At points 2 and 3
- D. At points 2, 3, and 4

**15 Which of the following sentences is missing quotation marks?**

- A. Alyssa told me that she didn't mind, you needn't worry.
- B. I'm constantly ordered around: do this, he tells me; go there, he says.
- C. When Neil Armstrong landed on the moon, he said: one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.
- D. None of the above





**16** Which of the following variations uses correct punctuation?  
(Focus on hyphens, dashes, brackets, and quotation marks.)

- A. Carla looked at her overly protective mother and screamed! "I hate you!" – (She didn't mean it, of course, but she was very upset!)
- B. Carla looked at her overly protective mother and screamed, I hate you! (She didn't mean it – of course – but she was very upset).
- C. Carla looked at her overly-protective mother and screamed: "I hate you!" She didn't mean it (of course) but she was very upset.
- D. Carla looked at her overly protective mother and screamed, "I hate you!" (She didn't mean it, of course, but she was very upset.)

**17** Could any of the following unpunctuated sentences use dashes?

Option 1: *I am so excited to go to the festival this year is going to be the best year yet*

Option 2: *I can be quite sneaky when I need to be*

Option 3: *As the busker started to sing many passers by smiled and gave him money*

- A. Option 1
- B. Options 1 and 2
- C. Options 1 and 3
- D. No dashes are required

**18** Identify where, in the following sentence, a hyphen should be placed.

*The old[1]woman needed a hand to lift the rain[2]soaked[3]bag in[4] to her car.*

- A. Options 1
- B. Options 2
- C. Options 2 and 3
- D. Options 4





**19** Which of the following unpunctuated sentences should use an exclamation mark?

- A. I am so angry at you you would not even believe it
- B. Did you spend three hours at the skatepark
- C. Please pass me the butter quickly
- D. None of the above

**20** Which of the following variations uses correct punctuation?  
(Focus on hyphens and dashes.)

- A. When filling in the diversity form, she proudly checked the Black-British box.
- B. When filling in the diversity form, she proudly checked the Black British box.
- C. When filling in the diversity form, she proudly checked the Black–British box.
- D. When filling in the diversity form, she proudly checked the Black – British box.

**21** Which punctuation should be used in the following space?  
*I know that you don't like him [?] just today, for me, can you please try to be nice?*

- A. –
- B. !
- C. -
- D. No punctuation

**22** Which of the following sentences correctly uses dashes, in place of commas?

- A. They didn't play any of my favourite music: no jazz – no blues – not even any funk!
- B. Mrs. Shah – the school teacher – smiled – she liked it when the children made friends.
- C. It's okay – I'm happy for you to come along – too!
- D. When she sang – and she sang a lot – everyone stopped to listen.





**23** Which of the following is not an acceptable way to use hyphens when listing?

- A. Lara put together a short shopping list, it included the following:
- Apples
  - Pears
  - Flour
  - Cinnamon
  - Sugar
- B. Jasper really didn't like it when his Mum rearranged his room, he couldn't find anything - his laptop - his phone charger - his school-books - his football, where were they?
- C. They had uni-, bi-, and tricycles at the bike shop.
- D. All of the above are acceptable.

**24** Which of the following suffixes is most often preceded by a hyphen?

- A. -ed
- B. -ism
- C. -like
- D. -less

**25** Which of the following cannot be used as parentheses?

- A. ( )
- B. -
- C. ...
- D. [ ]





**26** Which of the following is not an appropriate use of an exclamation mark?

- A. How could you do that!
- B. Wow! I never knew that.
- C. Come here!
- D. All of the above are acceptable.

**27** Which of the following sentences has the correct punctuation at the end?

- A. I hadn't seen her since March, and she had grown so tall!.
- B. I hadn't seen her since March, and she had grown so tall.
- C. I hadn't seen her since March, and she had grown so tall –
- D. I hadn't seen her since March, and she had grown so tall!

**28** Which of the following variations uses correct punctuation?  
(Focus on hyphens, dashes, brackets, and quotation marks.)

- A. Amy knew very well that she was capable (of passing her driving test).
- B. Amy knew very well that she was capable of passing her driving test.
- C. Amy knew very well that she was capable of passing her "driving test".
- D. Amy knew very-well that she was capable of passing (her driving test.)

**29** Do any of the following unpunctuated sentences need quotation marks?

Option 1: *She said she didn't want to go so why did everyone keep bothering her*

Option 2: *Alumni is the plural of alumnus*

Option 3: *Hey Abigail shouted across the road catching the attention of her friend*

- A. Options 1 and 3
- B. Options 2 and 2
- C. Option 3
- D. Options 1, 2, and 3





**30** Identify where, in the following sentence, brackets could be placed.  
*No one [1] and I mean literally [2] no one [3] knew where Mr. Tibbles had been for [4] five [5] days, but we were glad to have him home safe and sound.*

- A. Options 1 and 2
- B. Options 1 and 3
- C. Options 4 and 5
- D. No brackets are required

**31** Which of the following variations uses correct punctuation? (Focus on exclamation marks and quotation marks.)

- A. "You are so clever" Maria's mother was beaming as she congratulated her daughter!
- B. "You are so clever"! Maria's mother was beaming as she "congratulated" her daughter.
- C. "You are so clever!" Maria's mother was beaming as she "congratulated" her daughter.
- D. "You are so clever!" Maria's mother was beaming as she congratulated her daughter.

**32** Which of the following prefixes is most likely to be used with a hyphen?

- A. un-
- B. re-
- C. anti-
- D. self-





**33 Which of the following variations uses correct punctuation? (Focus on hyphens, dashes, exclamation marks, brackets, and quotation marks.)**

- A. (As long as she got a stamp on her hand) she would be allowed to reenter the theme park.
- B. As long as she got a stamp on her hand, she would be allowed to re-enter the theme park.
- C. As long as she got a stamp on her hand, she would be allowed to re–enter the theme park!
- D. As long as she got a stamp (on her hand!), she would be “allowed to re enter the theme park”.

**34 Which of the following variations uses the correct punctuation in relation to brackets?**

- A. “Sure,” he said. (Mr. Thomas never minded the children playing on his driveway).
- B. “Sure,” (he said. Mr. Thomas never minded the children playing on his driveway.)
- C. “Sure,” he said. (Mr. Thomas never minded the children playing on his driveway.)
- D. “Sure,” he said. – (Mr. Thomas never minded the children playing on his driveway).

**35 Which of the following variations is correctly punctuation in relation to quotation marks?**

- A. “Look,” Miss Honey explained to the children. “The caterpillar cocoons itself, in order to transform into a beautiful butterfly.”
- B. “Look” Miss Honey explained to the children: “The caterpillar cocoons itself, in order to transform into a beautiful butterfly.”
- C. “Look.” Miss Honey explained to the children: “The caterpillar cocoons itself, in order to transform into a beautiful butterfly,”.
- D. “Look”, Miss Honey explained to the children, “The caterpillar cocoons itself, in order to transform into a beautiful butterfly”.



**36 Which of the following sentences uses exclamation marks correctly?**

- A. "I am just so tired," he yawned!
- B. I would like to lay down and sleep, please!
- C. The problem is: my bed is ridiculously uncomfortable!
- D. I cannot stand this heat!!!

**37 Which of the following emotional states is likely to be expressed with an exclamation mark?**

- A. Sleepy
- B. Calm
- C. Angry
- D. Confused

**38 Which of the following punctuations can never be replaced by a dash?**

- A. A comma ,
- B. A colon :
- C. Brackets ( )
- D. Quotation marks " "

**39 Which of the following variations uses correct punctuation? (Focus on hyphens, dashes, exclamation marks, brackets, and quotation marks.)**

- A. Luckily, everyone was ready when Jamie entered the room – all at once, his friends shouted: "Surprise"!
- B. Luckily, everyone was ready when Jamie entered the room. All at once, his friends shouted: "Surprise!"
- C. Luckily, everyone was ready when Jamie entered the room. All-at-once, his friends shouted: "Surprise."
- D. Luckily, everyone was ready (when Jamie entered the room). All-at-once, his friends shouted: "Surprise!!!"





**40** Which of the following variations uses correct punctuation? (Focus on hyphens, dashes, exclamation marks, brackets, and quotation marks.)

- A. "Everybody gather-round! It's time to reveal the answers" As soon as he (the Quiz Master) said that, the room went silent.
- B. "Everybody gather round! It's time to reveal the answers". As soon as he – the Quiz Master – said that, the room went silent!
- C. "Everybody gather round! it's time to reveal the answers!" As soon as he, (the Quiz Master), said that, the room went silent.
- D. "Everybody gather round! It's time to reveal the answers." As soon as he (the Quiz Master) said that, the room went silent.

