



Pi Academy

11+ SPaG Punctuation Test Paper 3

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:



Go to the next page.



Do not turn the page until told to do so.



Stop working and await instructions.

piacademy.co.uk

**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 when to use capital letters?

- A. At the beginning of a sentence and for people's names
- B. At the beginning of a sentence and for people's first names
- C. At the beginning of a sentence and for proper nouns
- D. At the beginning of a sentence, for proper nouns, and after a semicolon

2 Is the following statement true or false?
'A proper noun always has a capital letter.'

- A. True
- B. False

3 Is the following statement true or false?
'A full-stop is the only way to end a sentence.'

- A. True
- B. False

4 Which of the following punctuation marks is called an 'ellipsis'?

- A. *
- B. ...
- C. -
- D. :





5 Which of the following is a correct description of how to use an ellipsis?

- A. To build suspense
- B. To show that time has passed
- C. To show information is missing
- D. All of the above

6 Is the following statement true or false?
'Round brackets and square brackets are interchangeable.'

- A. True – they are interchangeable
- B. False – they have different uses

7 Which of the following is not an instance in which square brackets may be used?

- A. To avoid nesting round brackets
- B. To replace or explain something within a quotation
- C. To add extra information to a sentence
- D. With an ellipsis to show omission within a quotation

8 Is the following statement true or false?
'A full-stop can be used (optionally) after an abbreviation such as "Prof." or "e.g.".'

- A. True
- B. False



**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 is missing a capital letter?

- A. I feed my cat at 5pm.
- B. My favourite place is the park around the corner.
- C. Mr Joel said he doesn't like teaching about gravity.
- D. Every monday, she goes to the gym.

10 In the following sentence, identify which words and letters should be capitalised.

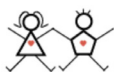
When an sos signal was sent out by a nearby ship, the maiden had to be ready to go; if another boat was in danger, it was their duty to help.

- A. SOS, Signal, The Maiden, If, Duty
- B. Sos, Ship, Maiden, If
- C. SOS, Maiden
- D. An, SOS, Signal, If, Their

11 Which of the following variations features an appropriate use of an ellipsis?

- A. As the seconds ticked by... the situation only became more urgent. Allison had to do something!
- B. As the seconds ticked by, the situation... only became more urgent. Allison had to do something!
- C. ...as the seconds ticked by, the situation only became more urgent. Allison had to do something!
- D. As the seconds ticked by, the situation only became more urgent... Allison had to do something!





12 How many full-stops are required in the following piece of writing?
My Dad wakes up at 5am to go to work but I don't have to get up until 8am Sometimes I feel bad for my Dad so I make him dinner when he comes home

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

13 Which of the following sentences should have a full-stop?

- A. How are you feeling today
- B. I wonder what Carlo is doing today
- C. It's true that humans will soon land on Mars, isn't it
- D. What is your favourite tapas dish

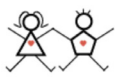
14 Which of the following sentences uses square brackets correctly?

- A. The textbook says: "He [Charles II] was popular with the people, unlike his father."
- B. I crept into the secret room and found [...] oh, I can't say, it would shock you to your core!
- C. Oliver's comfort food was Spaghetti Puttanesca [his Mum used to make it for him when he was little].
- D. [Clara] told her Mum that she was not happy at her new school.

15 Which of the following is a common mistake people make with ellipses?

- A. Not using them when no information is omitted
- B. Using them to show that words have been left out
- C. Using them to create suspense
- D. Putting too many dots





16 Which of the following words always needs a capital letter?

- A. Mum
- B. Doctor
- C. Barcelona
- D. Cricket

17 Could any of the following unpunctuated sentences use an ellipsis?

Option 1: *Years passed like minutes before we knew it we had grown old*

Option 2: *I looked behind me and was terrified to see a lion*

Option 3: *Excuse me whose dog is this*

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

18 In the following piece of writing, identify where a full-stop should be placed.

The boss stood and said[1] "It is absolutely vital[2] that we all understand the risk involved in this trip[3]"[4] He was right; the decision to go to space is serious[5]

- A. Options 1, 4, and 5
- B. Options 2, 3, and 5
- C. Options 3 and 5
- D. Options 4 and 5





19 Which of the following variations is correctly punctuated?
(Focus on square brackets.)

- A. Harry was very shocked by the essay he read: "Women [...] are paid, on average, 14% less than men."
- B. Harry was very shocked by the essay he read: [Women ... are paid, on average, 14% less than men.]
- C. Harry was very shocked by the essay he read: "[Women] ... are paid, on average, 14% less than men."
- D. Harry was [very] shocked by the essay he read: "Women ... are paid, on average, 14% less than men."

20 Which of the following variations uses capital letters correctly?

- A. Missing her daughter kayla, and exhausted by a long day at work, it was no wonder that mrs Jones cried when her laptop BROKE!
- B. missing her daughter Kayla, and exhausted by a long day at Work, it was no wonder that mrs jones cried when her Laptop broke!
- C. Missing her daughter Kayla, and exhausted by a long day at work, it was no wonder that Mrs Jones cried when her laptop broke!
- D. Missing her Daughter Kayla, and exhausted by a long day at work, it was no wonder that Mrs jones cried when her laptop broke!

21 Which punctuation could not be used in the following space?
We never see each other anymore [?] what happened?

- A. —
- B. ...
- C. .
- D. Any of the above can be used





22 Which of the following words would never be capitalised?
(Excluding at the beginning of a sentence.)

- A. dog
- B. miss
- C. dad
- D. professor

23 Which of the following is a common mistake made with capital letters?

- A. Giving all proper nouns capital letters
- B. Always putting a capital letter at the start of a sentence
- C. Using capital letters for acronyms
- D. Giving nouns which are not names capital letters

24 Which of the following can be used to create suspense?

- A. Capital letters
- B. Ellipses
- C. Square brackets
- D. Full-stops

25 Which of the following sentences has a grammatically incorrect ending?

- A. I don't even know what I'm supposed to be doing!
- B. Do you know what to do?
- C. I should do some work.
- D. I don't actually know what work I need to do..?



**26 Which of the following sentences is not missing any capital letters?**

- A. she lives in Camden; I heard it's quite a cool area, actually.
- B. I've always wanted a pet cat called milo.
- C. I really think that no one truly understands Maths!
- D. When Rosa hurt her foot, she had to go and see doctor Sam.

27 Which of the following sentences uses square brackets correctly?

- A. I found a really cool fact on the London tourism website: "The capsules of [the London Eye] move at the same speed as a tortoise!"
- B. I found a really cool fact on the [London tourism website]: "The capsules of the London Eye move at the same speed as a tortoise!"
- C. I found a really cool fact on the London tourism website: "The capsules [of the London Eye move at the same speed as a tortoise!"
- D. I found a really cool fact on the London tourism website: "The capsules [of the London Eye] move at the same speed as a tortoise!"

28 Which of the following can be used by an author to add extra information to a quote by someone else?

- A. Round brackets ()
- B. Square brackets []
- C. Dashes –
- D. All of the above

29 Which of the following sentences should not end in a full-stop?

- A. He looked me dead in the eye and shouted, "Get over here, right now."
- B. When I met my dog, he was only 6 weeks old.
- C. The news said that it'll rain tomorrow.
- D. I don't know – in fact, no one knows – what the future will bring.





30 In the following sentence, identify where square brackets could be placed.

"I [1]don't[1] know," [2]he said.[2] "I don't have much experience in that area. Try asking Helena – [3]that's her area of expertise.[3]"

- A. Option 1
- B. Option 2
- C. Option 3
- D. No square brackets are required

31 Which of the following variations uses correct punctuation?
(Focus on capital letters, square brackets, and full-stops.)

- A. old Mr Moore has always been so nice to me [we've been neighbours since I was three]; I will miss him.
- B. Old mr moore has always been so nice to me. (we've been neighbours since I was three). I will miss him.
- C. Old Mr Moore has always been so nice to me (we've been neighbours since I was three); I will miss him.
- D. Old Mr Moore has always been so nice to me [we've been neighbours since I was three]; I will miss him.

32 Which of the following is a common mistake made when using full-stops?

- A. Using full-stops with abbreviations
- B. Using commas where there should be a full-stop, and creating run-on sentences
- C. Using full-stops too soon, and creating too-short sentences
- D. Not using a full-stop after a question mark





**33 Which of the following variations uses correct punctuation?
(Focus on full-stops and capital letters.)**

- A. I love a wide range of animals. EG dogs, alpacas, koalas, and aardvarks
- B. I love a wide range of animals, E.g. Dogs, Alpacas, Koalas, and Aardvarks.
- C. I LOVE a wide range of Animals, eg dogs. alpacas. koalas. and aardvarks.
- D. I love a wide range of animals, e.g. dogs, alpacas, koalas, and aardvarks.

**34 Which of the following variations uses the correct punctuation?
(Focus on square brackets and ellipses.)**

- A. "In 1984, George Orwell [information about the author] tells the story of a dystopian society, where everyone is always being watched."
- B. "In 1984, George Orwell, [...], tells the story of a dystopian society, where everyone is always being watched."
- C. "In 1984, [George Orwell]... tells the story of a dystopian society, where everyone is always being watched."
- D. "In 1984, George Orwell [...] tells the story of a dystopian society, where everyone is always being watched."

35 How many capital letters are missing from the following sentence?
i think it is very important that i get my thirty minutes of exercise every day;
on mondays i do one whole hour of running.

- A. 1
- B. 3
- C. 4
- D. 6





36 Which of the following variations uses correct punctuation?
(Focus on capital letters, full-stops, square brackets, and ellipses.)

- A. Sometimes. There comes a point where you just have to do what's best for yourself... this is One of those times.
- B. Sometimes, there comes a point where You just have to do what's best for Yourself... This is one of those times.
- C. Sometimes, there comes a point where you just have to do what's best for yourself [...] this is one of those times...
- D. Sometimes, there comes a point where you just have to do what's best for yourself... this is one of those times.

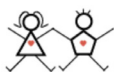
37 Which of the following variations uses correct punctuation?
(Focus on capital letters, full-stops, square brackets, and ellipses.)

- A. I read an article that said, "In order to be your best self, you have to look after [yourself.]" This really inspired me to Eat Healthily and Exercise More.
- B. I read an article that said, "In order to be your best self, you have to look after [... yourself]." This really inspired me to eat healthily and exercise more...
- C. I read an article that said, "In order to be your best self, you have to look after [yourself]." This really inspired me to eat healthily and exercise more.
- D. I read an article that said. "In order to be Your best self, you have to look after [Yourself]". This really inspired Me to eat healthily and exercise more.

38 Which of the following punctuations is almost always followed by a capital letter?

- A. A colon :
- B. An ellipsis ...
- C. A full-stop .
- D. All of the above





39 Which of the following variations uses correct punctuation?
(Focus on capital letters, full-stops, and ellipses.)

- A. No one in the syndicate ever really thought they would win the Lottery... until Today.
- B. No one in the Syndicate ever really thought they would win The Lottery. Until today!
- C. No one in the syndicate ever really thought they would win... the lottery until Today.
- D. No one in the syndicate ever really thought they would win the lottery... until today!

40 Which of the following variations uses correct punctuation?
(Focus on capital letters, full-stops, square brackets, and ellipses.)

- A. According to the magazine... "greenpeace. is a charity that focuses on Environmental concerns."
- B. According to the magazine: "Greenpeace is a charity that focuses on environmental concerns."
- C. According to the magazine [...]: "Greenpeace is a charity that focuses on environmental concerns."
- D. According to the magazine... "Green[peace] is a charity that focuses on environmental concerns."

11+ PRACTICE PAPERS 
{CEM, GL, ISEB, SET, CSSE}
FOR INDEPENDENT & GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

<https://piacademy.co.uk/11-plus-papers/>

11+ NON-VERBAL REASONING (NVR) PAPERS 
WITH DETAILED ANSWERS

<https://piacademy.co.uk/11-plus-non-verbal-reasoning-practice-papers/>

