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Key stage 2

English grammar, punctuation and spelling test mark schemes

Paper 1: questions

and 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 2016 test is the first assessment of the 2014 national curriculum. This test has been developed to meet the specification set out in the test framework for English grammar, punctuation and spelling at key stage 2. The test frameworks are on the GOV.UK website at www.gov.uk/sta.

A new test and mark scheme will be developed each year.

The key stage 2 tests will be marked by external markers.

Scaled score conversion tables are not included in this document. Conversion tables will be produced as part of the standard-setting process. Scaled score conversion tables for the 2016 tests will be published at www.gov.uk/sta in June 2016. The standard-setting process will happen in June 2016.

This mark scheme is provided to show markers and teachers how the tests are marked. The pupil examples are based on responses gathered from the test trialling process.

2. Structure of the key stage 2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test

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

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

3. Content domain coverage

The 2016 test meets the specification set out in the test framework. Tables 1 and 3 set out the areas of the content domain that are assessed in Papers 1 and 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					2		
17					1		
18					1		
19					1		
20					1		
21						1	
22					1		

	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	G7
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23					1		
24	1						
25		1					
26				1			
27			1				
28	1						
29			1				
30					2		
31						1	
32	1						
33	1						
34						2	
35				1			
36	1						
37	1						
38	2						
39			1				
40				1			
41				1			
42	1						
43			1				
44				1			
45		1					
46				1			

4.2 General guidance on marking Paper 1: questions

The following guidance applies to all questions in Paper 1.

Table 2: General guidance on marking 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 has 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 has been circled / underlined. answers in which the correct answer is encircled / 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'.
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. incorrectly formed punctuation marks, e.g. an inverted question mark.

	Accept	Do not accept
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 similar 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.
Answers outside the expected space	a correct answer given somewhere other than the answer space, providing 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.	both correct and incorrect responses given.

	Accept	Do not accept
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 have not been crossed out. correct answers that replace a crossed-out attempt.	crossed-out answers, whether or not these have been replaced by a further attempt.

4.3 Explanation of the mark schemes for Paper 1: questions

Markers should familiarise themselves with the marking guidance in section 4.2 of this document before applying the mark schemes below.

The mark schemes contain the following information for each question:

- a 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 this question
- any additional guidance that may be relevant
- the content domain reference.

5. Mark schemes for Paper 1: questions

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
1	Award 1 mark for all three correct.	1m
G6.3	Word Suffix	
	manage ish	
	harm able	
	self ful	
2	Award 1 mark for three conjunctions inserted correctly.	1m
G3.3	You may bring sandwiches <u>and</u> juice <u>or</u> water	
	for the trip, <u>but</u> glass bottles are not allowed.	
3	Award 1 mark for the correct word encircled.	1m
G1.9	My friend bought a cake from the bakery.	
	or	
	My friend bought a cake from the bakery.	
4	Award 1 mark for all three correct.	1m
G1.8	Sentence Determiner	
	At the zoo we saw owl.	
	There was also the cute baby penguin.	
	I thought it was best day ever.	
5 G5.3	Can you guess what we ate for dinner	1m

Qu.	Requirement				Mark
6 G5.10	I bought several beach toys: a bucket, a spade, a ball and a kite.				
7 G1.6	 Award 1 mark for the correct insertion of an appropriate adverb, e.g. She completed her homework <i>quickly</i>. She completed her homework <i>well</i>. She completed her homework <i>yesterday</i>. She completed her homework <i>there</i>. Do not accept misspellings of the adverb. 				
8 G5.7	Roman life was very unlike modern life, the archaeologist said.				1m
9 G5.6b	Award 1 mark for a correctly placed com Limping slightly, the old man walked to the		ad.		1m
10 G4.1d	Award 1 mark for a correctly completed	table.			1m
G4.10	Sentence	Present progressive	Past progressive		
	Joey was playing football in the park after school.		✓		
	Joey's football skills are improving all the time.	✓			
	Joey is hoping to be a professional footballer.	√			
11 G1.5	Award 1 mark for the correct pronoun instrument. When Sara came to the end of the road, Sara The pavement had a large hole and Sara The pavement had the p	Sara turned righ √ she	t.		1m

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
12 G5.13	The sugar-free lollies are available in three flavours.	1m
13 G4.1c	I shall be away next week.	1m
14 G2.1	Award 1 mark for all four correct. Sentence Function	1m
	I expect the weather to be fine at the weekend question	
	Are we likely to have good weather this weekend command	
	Check the weather before deciding where to go	
	What fantastic weather we have had this year exclamation	
15 G7.1	I sang with the school choir in the concert.	1m
16 G5.9	a) Award 1 mark for the correct response. • Brackets / a pair of brackets	1m
	b) Award 1 mark for the correct response.Commas / a pair of commas	1m
	Dashes / a pair of dashes	

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
17 G5.8	Award 1 mark for the correct expanded form inserted into each box. We're going into town later, so I'll buy some bread then. We are I will / I shall We won't be back late. will not Do not accept the pronoun 'l' without a capital letter.	1m
18 G5.4	Award 1 mark for two correct sentences ticked. There should be an exclamation mark after the word 'surprise'. The sentence should end with a full stop instead of an exclamation mark.	1m
19 G5.1	The athlete won four gold medals at the Olympic Games in London.	1m
20 G5.11	Award 1 mark for a correctly placed semi-colon. There are Roman ruins near our village; they are being excavated next week.	1m
21 G6.4	writing or drawing	1m
22 G5.8	Award 1 mark for the correct word encircled. It's five o'clock. Let's leave early and we'll be able to go to Emma's house first.	1m

Qu.	Requirement			N	Mark	
23 G5.5	Award 1 mark for a correctly completed table.					
G0.0	Sentence	Commas used correctly	Commas used incorrectly			
	The blackbird, which nests in sheltered places, lays several eggs at a time.	1				
	Her hobbies include walking, gardening, sewing and reading.	√				
	My bag filled, with chocolates and sweets fell onto the floor.		√			
	My case is heavy because I have shoes, clothes, books, and a gift, for my friend in it.		1			
24 G1.7	Award 1 mark for both words encircled. He walked through the doorway and sat beh	nind the desk.			1m	
25 G2.2	Award 1 mark for the correct response. Are they listening to music?				1m	
26 G4.2	Award 1 mark for both words encircled. They went to the theme park – the car journed was difficult.	ey home			1m	
27 G3.4	Award 1 mark for all three correct.					
	Although it was getting late, Dan still hadn't finished his homework. If you get hungry, help yourself to a snack.					
	I really enjoy swimming, despite finding it dif	ficult.				
28 G1.4	Award 1 mark for both words encircled. The children had not read the book, yet they Keep your hat on until the rain has stopped.		off by heart.		1m	

Qu.	Requirement				Mark	
29 G3.1	Award 1 mark for a correctly completed table.					
G3.1	Sentence	Main clause	Subordinate clause			
	The school, which has three playing fields, opened in 1967.		1			
	Although I had cycled to school, <u>I still</u> had the energy for my lessons.	✓				
	We will be proud if we try our best.	✓				
30	a) Award 1 mark for a correctly placed co	omma.			1m	
G5.6a	After they left Jon, Sally and Bob went to	the cinema.				
	b) Award 1 mark for correctly placed cor	nmas.			1m	
	After they left, Jon, Sally and Bob went to the cinema.					
	Do not accept the use of a serial comma	ι.				
	After they left, Jon, Sally, and Bob went to	o the cinema.				
31	Award 1 mark for an explanation of both sentences, e.g.					
G6.2	The chef said the pasta was <u>uncooked</u> .					
	This means that the pasta has not been of the thing means that the pasta is not cooked (
	The chef said the pasta was undercooked	<u>d</u> .				
	This means that the pasta isn't fully cooked this means that the pasta isn't cooked en					
32	Award 1 mark for both words encircled.				1m	
G1.4	The passengers moved to get out, but the	e pilot held up hi	S			
	hand and they stood still.					
33	Award 1 mark for the correct possessive pronoun inserted into each sentence.					
G1.5a	That bike belongs to me. That bike is mine.					
	This house is owned by <u>us</u> . This house is	ours.				
	These video games belong to my brother are his.	. These games				

Qu.	Requirement	Mark	
34	a) Award 1 mark for a correct explanation of the word antonym, e.g.	1m	
G6.1	They are words that mean the opposite to each other.		
	b) Award 1 mark for a word that is a true opposite of the word fierce, e.g.	1m	
	gentlecalm		
35	Award 1 mark for all three correct.	1m	
G4.1a	It was a cold day when we <u>played</u> handball.		
	play		
	My friend <u>threw</u> the ball to me and I <u>caught</u> it.		
	throw catch		
	Do not accept misspellings of verb forms.		
36	Award 1 mark for two correct adjectives derived from the given nouns, e.g.	1m	
G1.3	Tia hopes to become a famous [fame] sportswoman.		
	Her <u>athletic</u> [athlete] achievements already include winning		
	races in her home town. She hopes to win national/international/nationwide [nation]		
	competitions one day.		
	Do not accept misspellings of the adjectives.		
37	— —	1m	
G1.5b	whose ✓	1m	

Qu.	Requirement				Mark
38 G1.2	Award 1 mark for a grammatically correct sentence that uses point as a verb and that is correctly punctuated, e.g.			1m	
	I saw the teacher point at the board.				
	Do not accept responses that use an inflected ending of point, e.g. Ushma pointed at the book she wanted.				
G1.1	Award 1 mark for a grammatically correct sentence that uses point as a noun and that is correctly punctuated, e.g.				
	I sharpened my pencil to a fine point.				
	Do not accept responses that use an inflected ending of <u>point</u> , e.g. The red team scored more points than the blue team.				
39	Award 1 mark for the full relative clause	underlined.			1m
G3.1a	The old house that is next to our school is for sale.				
40 G4.4	Award 1 mark for a correctly completed table.				1m
Q4.4	Sentence	Active	Passive		
	Otters live in clean rivers.	✓			
	Fish are eaten by otters.		1		
	Usually, otters are playful creatures.	√			
41	Award 1 mark for a correctly punctuated sentence using the active voice.				1m
G4.4 The judges announced the results.					
42	Award 1 mark for both words encircled.				1m
G1.6	All of the passengers cheered loudly, and we cheered too.				
43 G3.2	as a noun phrase				1m
4.4	, ,				4
44 G4.3	were 🗸				1m

Qu.	Requirement	Mark
45 G2.4	an exclamation 🗸	1m
46 G4.1b	My dog was very naughty, but since the ✓ classes he has been much better.	1m

6. Paper 2: spelling

6.1 Content domain coverage for Paper 2: spelling

This information is provided in Table 3.

6.2 General guidance on marking 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 and months of the year, 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 dash, the mark is not awarded.

6.3 Pupil version of Paper 2: spelling

Spelling task	
Jordan's messy room was in a state of	11. The tiger stalked its through the jungle.
2. David gave a on the door before entering.	12. Compared with years, the team did well.
3. Anita was her shoes.	13. MyRyan has red hair.
4. The coat was made from a fabric.	14. My brother has a for music.
5. I am you help with your homework.	15. Jasmine's expression showed how happy she felt.
6. Eagles have excellent	16. The children needed rucksacks for the visit.
7. Alihis hat in the crowded cloakroom.	17. I needed to fill in my on the form.
8. The mountains could be seen in the	18. My mum painted the blue.
9. Freya thought that her painting was	19. There is a great in accents across Britain.
10. It is to drop litter in the playground.	20. The mother swan guarded her nest.
	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	disorder	1	S41 – prefixes	
2	knock	1	S60 – words with 'silent' letters	
3	polishing	1	S38 – adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable	
4	washable	1	S56 – words ending in <i>-able</i> and <i>-ible</i> words ending in <i>-ably</i> and <i>-ibly</i>	
5	offering	1	S57 – adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words ending in <i>-fer</i>	
6	vision	1	S45 – endings that sound like /ʒən/	
7	misplaced	1	S41 – prefixes	
8	distance	1	S55 – words ending in -ant, -ance, -ancy, -ent, -ence, -ency	
9	brilliant	1	S55 – words ending in -ant, -ance, -ancy, -ent, -ence, -ency	
10	thoughtless	1	S59 – words containing the letter string <i>ough</i>	
11	prey	1	S61 – homophones and near homophones (Years 3 and 4), homophones and other words that are often confused (Years 5 and 6)	
12	previous	1	S46 – the suffix <i>-ous</i>	
13	cousin	1	S40 – the /n/ sound spelt ou	
14	passion	1	S47 – endings that sound like /ʃən/, spelt -tion, -sion, -ssion, -cian	
15	facial	1	S54 – endings which sound like /ʃəl/	
16	lightweight	1	S52 - words with the /eɪ/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey	
17	nationality	1	S38 – adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable	
18	ceiling	1	S58 – words with the /i:/ sound spelt ei after c	
19	variation	1	S47 – endings that sound like /ʃən/, spelt -tion, -sion, -ssion, -cian	
20	ferociously	1	S43 – the suffix -ly	
	Total 20			



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