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SAMPLE TEST

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

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the Language Conventions: 45 minutes

Use 2B or HB
pencil **only.**



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Read the text. The spelling mistakes have been circled. Write the correct spelling for each circled word in the box.

Socrates



1 Polemarchus said to me: I percieve,

2 Socrates, that you and our companion

3 are alredy on your way to the city.

4 You are not far rong, I said.

5 But do you see, he regoined, how many we are?

6 Of coarse.

And are you stronger than all these? For if

7 not, you will have to remane where you are.

8 May there not be the altenativ, I said, that
we may persuade you to let us go?

But can you persuade us, if we refuse to listen to you? he said.

9 Certainly not, replied Glaucon.

Then we are not going to listen; of that you

10 may be asured.

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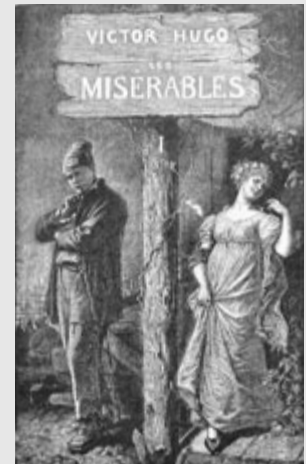
11 Adeimantus (aded): Has no one told you of the torch-race on horseback in honour of the

12 (godes) which will take place in the evening?

From *The republic* by Plato

Read the text. It has some gaps. Choose the correct word on the next two pages to fill the gaps. Colour in only one circle for each answer.

The Revolution came; events each other with ; the families, decimated, , hunted down, were dispersed. M. Charles Myriel emigrated to Italy at the very of the Revolution. There his wife died of a of the chest, from which she had long . He had no children. What took place next in the fate of M. Myriel? The of the French society of the olden days, the fall of his own family, the tragic spectacles of '93, which were, perhaps, even more alarming to the emigrants who them from a distance, with the magnifying powers of terror,—did these cause the ideas of and solitude to in him? Was he, in the midst of these distractions, these affections which absorbed his life, suddenly smitten with one of those mysterious and terrible blows which sometimes , by striking to his heart, a man whom public would not shake, by striking at his existence and his fortune? No one could have told: all that was known was, that when he returned from Italy he was a priest.



From The Project Gutenberg e-book of *Les Misérables* by Victor Hugo

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germinate

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overwhelm

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catastrophese

catastrophees

catastrophise

Read these verses from a long poem. Each verse has *one* word that is incorrect. (Hint: don't worry about the abbreviated words with an apostrophe.) Write the correct spelling of the words in the boxes provided.

XXVI

Oh, come with old Khayyam, and leav the Wise
To talk; one thing is certain, that Life flies;
One thing is certain, and the Rest is Lies;
The Flower that once has blown for ever dies.



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XXVII

Myself when young did eagerly frequent
Doctor and Saint, and heard great Argument
About it and about: but evamore
Came out by the same Door as in I went.

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XXVIII

With them the Seed of Wisdom did I sow,
And with my own hand labour'd it to grow:
And this was all the Harvesst that I reap'd—
“I came like Water, and like Wind I go.”

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XXIX

Into this Universe, and why not knowing,
Nor whence, like Water willy-nilly flowing:
And out of it, as Wind along the Waiste,
I know not whither, willy-nilly blowing.

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XXX

What, without asking, hither hurried whence?
And, without asking, whither hurried hence!
Another and another Cup to drown
The Memory of this Impertanence!

30

From The Project Gutenberg e-book of *Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam* by Omar Khayyam

Read the sentences. Correct the punctuation and write the correct sentences on the lines provided. Be careful: there is more than one mistake in each sentence.

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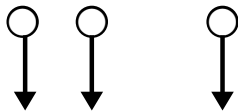


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Colour in the circle(s) with the correct answer.

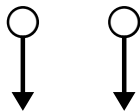
- 34 Colour in the circle(s) where the missing apostrophe (') should go. There may be more than one missing apostrophe.



His Majestys informers brought him the word that the people rejoiced in



the fall of the old Grand Vizier, and the appointment of the new one,



Doctor Ali Pashas son.

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Colour in the circle with the correct answer.



From The Project Gutenberg Australia e-book of *Monsters of Mars* by Edmond Hamilton

35 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- That's why I sent for you, Allan, he said quietly. To go to Mars with us to-night!
- "That's why I sent for you, Allan," he said quietly. "To go to Mars with us to-night!"
- "That's why I sent for you, Allan," he said quietly. To go to Mars with us to-night!
- Thats why I sent for you Allan he said quietly. "To go to Mars with us to-night!"

36 Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- "To Mars!" he repeated. "Have you gone crazy, Milton—or is this some joke you've put up with Lanier and Nelson here?"
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- 37** Which sentence is correct?
- Milton shook his head gravely. It is not a joke, Allan Lanier and I are actually going to flash out over the gulf to the planet Mars to-night
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Read the text. It has some gaps. Choose the correct word or words to fill each gap. Colour in only one circle for each answer.

- 38** Two households, both alike in dignity,
In fair Verona, where we our scene,
- 39** From ancient grudge break to new mutiny,
Where civil blood civil hands unclean.
From forth the fatal loins of these two foes
- 40** A of star-cross'd lovers take their life;
Whose misadventur'd piteous overthrows
Doth with their death bury their parents' strife.
- 41** The fearful passage of their death-mark'd love,
And the continuance of their parents' rage,
Which, but their children's end, naught
 remove,
- 42** Is now the two hours' traffic of our stage;
The which if you with patient ears ,
What here shall miss, our toil shall strive to mend.
- lay
 - laid
 - lie
 - lays
 - make
 - makes
 - making
 - pair
 - pare
 - pear
 - par
 - peer
 - could
 - has
 - is
 - can
 - attending
 - attends
 - attend
 - attended

From *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare

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Colour in the circle with the correct answer.

43 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

The captain and the members of the team [] three cheers for the other side.

- shouts
- shouting
- shouted

44 Which word correctly completes the sentence?

The audience listened to the concert and then rose to their feet and cheered [] .

- loud
- louder
- loudly
- loudest

45 Which of the following correctly completes the sentence?

The team played four games at home and this was their [] victory this season.

- convinced
- more convinced
- most convinced
- most convincing

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- 46 Rhetoric, also, as well as Grammar, [REDACTED] amongst us till a late period, and with still more difficulty, inasmuch as we find that, at
- 47 times, the practice of it [REDACTED]. In order to leave no doubt of this, I will subjoin an ancient decree of the senate, as well as an edict of the censors:—“In the consulship of Caius Fannius Strabo, and Marcus Palerius Messala: the praetor Marcus Pomponius moved the senate, that an act be passed respecting Philosophers and Rhetoricians. In this matter, they have decreed as follows: ‘It shall be lawful for M. Pomponius, the
- 48 praetor, [REDACTED], and make such provisions, as the good of the Republic, and the duty of his office, require, that no Philosophers or
- 49 Rhetoricians [REDACTED] at Rome.’” After some interval, the censor Cnaeus Domitius Aenobarbus and Lucius
- 50 Licinius Crassus [REDACTED] the following edict upon the same subject: “It is reported to us that certain persons have instituted a new kind of discipline; that our youth resort to their schools; that they have assumed the title of Latin Rhetoricians; and that young men waste their time there for whole days
- were not introduced
 - was not introduced
 - have not introduced
 - were even prohibited
 - has even prohibited
 - was even prohibited

 - has taken such measures
 - to take such measures
 - will take such measures
 - have taken such measures

 - be suffered
 - to suffer
 - will suffer
 - are suffering

 - issue
 - issued
 - will issue
 - are issuing

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51 together. Our ancestors have ordained what instruction [redacted] their children should receive, and what schools they should attend. These novelties, contrary to the customs and instructions of our ancestors, we neither

52 approve, [redacted] to us good. Wherefore it appears to be our duty that we should notify our judgment both to those who keep such schools, and those who are in the practice

53 of [redacted] them, that they meet our disapprobation.”



From The Project Gutenberg e-book *The lives of the twelve Caesars*
by C Suetonius Tranquillus

- it has fitted
- it fits
- it is fitting

- nor do they appear
- nor does they appear
- nor does it appear
- nor appear

- frequently
- frequenting
- frequented
- frequents

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LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS ANSWERS

1. perceive
2. companion
3. already
4. wrong
5. rejoined
6. course
7. remain
8. alternative
9. Certainly
10. assured
11. added
12. goddess
13. succeeded
14. precipitation
15. parliamentary
16. pursued
17. beginning
18. malady
19. suffered
20. ruin
21. viewed
22. renunciation
23. germinate
24. overwhelm
25. catastrophes
26. leave
27. evermore
28. Harvest (or harvest)
29. Waste (or waste)
30. Impertinence (or impertinence)
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43. shouted
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