 **NARROGIN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL** 

**Task 13**

**English Year 7**

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| **MARKING KEY** |
| **Assessment Type:** Writing  **Weighting: 2.5%**  **Task:** Spelling and Grammar Test |
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**Tense – Underline the verb in each sentence and circle whether the sentence is in the past (p), present (pr) or future (f) tense.**

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| 1. 1. My chef **will cook** our dinner tonight. | p / pr / **f** |  |
| 1. 2. I **eat** at home every night of the week | p / **pr** / f |  |
| 1. 3. The dinner guests **finished** their meal before eight   o’clock. | **p** / pr / f |  |

**Adjectives – There are TWO adjectives in each sentence. Underline BOTH of them.**

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| 1. 4. Dad had a **runny** nose and a **bad** cough. |  |  |
| 1. 5. The doctor made him drink **horrible, smelly** medicine. |  |  |

**Comparison of Adjectives – Correctly place each form of the adjective into the sentences. Only use each form ONCE.**

* Sensible
* More sensible
* Most sensible

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| 1. 6. My mother is a very **sensible**  person. |  |
| 1. 7. She is probably a **more sensible** person than my father. |  |
| 1. 8. The **most sensible** thing she ever did was have me for a child. |  |

**Quotation Marks – Place ONE set of quotation marks where needed in each sentence.**

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| 1. 9. When we were coming home from the hike, I commented to the guide, **“**That was the best 2. holiday I have ever had.**”** |  |
| 1. 10. She replied, **“**A lot of people think that Tasmania is one of the best places for a holiday.**”** |  |

**Quotation Marks and Commas – Place ONE comma in the correct spot in EACH sentence.**

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| 1. 11. Martin said**,** “The train leaves in less than ten minutes.” |  |  |
| 1. 12. “Then we had better walk more quickly**,**” replied Jessica. |  |  |

**Quotation Marks and Other Punctuation – Correct the punctuation errors in these sentences.**

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| 13. “ My brother is playing in a band at the Town Hall**,**” said Tim. |  |
| 14. “ If you are going to see him , ” asked Nicola**,** “ may I come too**?**” |  |

**Conversations – Use // to show where the paragraph break comes in these two conversations.**

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| 1. 15. The tourist asked, “What is the best hotel in the town?” **//** “Probably the one on the corner,” 2. replied the shop assistant. |  |
| 1. 16. “Watch out below!” I yelled as I dropped the paint brush. **//** “Too late!” my friend answered, 2. wiping paint from his hair. |  |

**Spelling (words ending in ‘y’) – Correct the spelling, if needed, in the following words. Write the correct spelling on the line to the right.**

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| 17. Marrying \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Marryed \_\_\_**Married**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Marryes \_\_\_**Marries**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Marryage \_\_\_**Marriage**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**Adverbs – Underline the adverb in each sentence. On the line, write if the adverb tells ‘how’, ‘when’ or ‘where’ about the verb. There is one of each type.**

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| 1. 18. As the baby was sleeping, I knocked **softly** on the door. | 1. \_\_\_\_**how**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |
| 1. 19. “Wait **there**, Sandy,” said Patrick to his dog. | 1. \_\_\_\_**where**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |
| 1. 20. We left the film **early** because it was very violent. | 1. \_\_\_\_**when**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |

**Conjunctions – Use each of these prepositions ONCE to fill in the blanks in the sentences.**

* And
* Although
* Or

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| 1. 21. She knew she had to leave by five o’clock \_\_\_**or**\_\_\_\_\_ she would miss her bus. |  |
| 1. 22. \_\_\_**Although**\_\_\_\_\_ she left on time, she still almost missed her bus. |  |
| 1. 23. She raced for the bus \_\_\_\_**and**\_\_\_\_\_\_ jumped on board as it was leaving. |  |

**Prepositions – Circle the TWO prepositions in each sentence.**

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| 1. 24. The treasure was buried **on** the island **in** the lake. |  |
| 1. 25. It was **under** a tree **beside** an enormous rock. |  |

**Semicolons – The semicolons in the sentences are in the wrong places. Cross them out and replace them in the correct positions.**

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| 1. 26. I took my dog to a training school**;** therefore, he is now much more obedient. |  |
| 1. 27. I like dogs**;** my sister is very fond of cats and rabbits. |  |

**Colons – Place the colon in the correct spot in each sentence.**

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| 1. 28. Mum gave me a list of things to buy at the shop**:** tea, milk, chocolate and the newspaper. |  |
| 1. 29. When I got to the shop, I had forgotten the money**:** back I went to get it. |  |
| 1. 30. As my mother always says to me**:** “You’d forget your head, if it wasn’t attached.” |  |

**Subject/Verb Agreement – Circle the correct word from the bracket to complete each sentence.**

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| 1. 31. Our coaches said that our team ( **is** / are ) sure to improve. |  |
| 1. 32. The coaches of our team ( **like** / likes ) the way we play. |  |

**Prefixes – Circle the prefix from the bracket that can be used with all the listed words.**

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1. ( sub / **uni** / tele ): verse, form, corn, on
2. ( super / ex / **pre** ): view, face, fix, sent

**Suffixes – Add a suffix to the end of each word to make a new word fitting the definition.**

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| 1. 35. Odour **less** : having no smell |  |
| 1. 36. Ship **ment** : things that are sent for delivery |  |

**Common Errors – Circle TWO errors in each sentence that the spell-checker will not pick up.**

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| 1. 37. I am afraid that **its** **you’re** problem, not mine. |  |
| 1. 38. There will be a lot of trouble if **there** not able to find **there** money. |  |

**Homophones – Each sentence contains TWO incorrect homophones. Cross them out and then spell them correctly above the crossed out word.**

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| 1. 39. We arrived **too** late to **hire** the last rowing boat. |  |
| 1. 40. The sand at the **beach** was very hot because of the scorching **sun**. |  |

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