## 11+ Practice Test Answers

## 11+ English Test 18

Question	Answer	Explanation	Marks
1	and then met her friend,	The correct answer is 'and then met her friend,'.  In this sentence, there should be no comma between 'friend' and 'Emily'. When directly addressing a person or using their name as an appositive (a noun or noun phrase that renames another noun), commas are not needed.  The correct version of the sentence would be: 'On Saturday, Sarah went to the park, fed the ducks and then met her friend Emily for a picnic.'	1
2	Jack's	The word "Jack's" is a possessive noun in this sentence, as it shows that the bicycle belongs to Jack. The apostrophe and 's' make "Jack" possessive, showing ownership.	1
3	brushed the dust off the anciant	The correct answer is 'brushed the dust off the anciant'.  The word 'anciant' is a misspelling of the word 'ancient'. The correct spelling is 'ancient', meaning very old or from a long time ago.  The rest of the sentence is grammatically correct and contains no other spelling errors.	1
4	adverb	In this sentence, 'swiftly' is an adverb. Adverbs are words that modify or describe verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs. They often end in -ly.  Here, 'swiftly' modifies the verb 'act', indicating the manner in which the action should be performed. It tells us how Liam wants to act - in a swift or quick manner.  Therefore, 'swiftly' functions as an adverb in this sentence, making it the correct answer.	1
5	I	The correct answer is 'I'.  In this sentence, Sarah and the other person are the subjects performing the action of baking cakes together. When referring to oneself as part of a compound subject (Sarah and), the correct pronoun to use is 'I'.  'Her' and 'she' are used when the person is the object of the sentence, not the subject. 'Herself' is a reflexive pronoun used when the subject and object refer to the same person, which is not the case in this sentence.  Therefore, 'I' is the only grammatically correct option to complete the sentence: 'Sarah and I enjoy baking cakes together on the weekend.'	1

6	pondered	The correct answer is 'pondered'. The sentence is in the past tense, as indicated by the verb 'gazed'. Therefore, the verb in the blank space should also be in the past tense to maintain consistency.  'Pondered' is the past tense form of the verb 'ponder', which means to think about or consider something carefully. It fits the context of the sentence, as Sarah is contemplating what inspired the artists while looking at their paintings.  The other options are incorrect because they are either in the present tense ('ponder', 'ponders') or the present participle form ('pondering'), which do not match the past tense used in the rest of the sentence.	1
7	despite	The correct answer is 'despite'.  A preposition is a word that shows the relationship between a noun or pronoun and another word in the sentence. Prepositions are usually followed by a noun or pronoun.  In this sentence, 'despite' is a preposition because it shows the relationship between the heavy rain and the children playing happily. It indicates that the children played happily even though it was raining heavily.  'Happily' is an adverb, 'played' is a verb, and 'the' is an article, so they cannot be prepositions.	1
8	until	The correct answer is 'until'.  In this context, 'until' is used as a conjunction to introduce a clause that expresses the point in time at which the chef stopped stirring the soup.  The chef continued to stir the soup up to the moment when it reached the desired consistency. Once the desired consistency was achieved, the stirring stopped.  'After' and 'before' are incorrect because they do not accurately describe the relationship between the stirring action and the soup reaching the desired consistency.  'While' is incorrect because it suggests that the stirring and the soup reaching the desired consistency occurred simultaneously, which is not the case.	1
9	adjective	In this sentence, 'colourful' is an adjective because it describes the noun 'dresses'.  Adjectives are words that describe or modify nouns, providing more information about their qualities, characteristics, or attributes.  Here, 'colourful' tells us more about the appearance of the dresses Samantha wore to her dance classes, indicating that they were vibrant and had many different colours.	1

The correct answer is 'on'.  When referring to a specific day or date, we use the preposition 'on'. For example, 'on Monday', 'on 25 <sup>th</sup> December', or in this case, 'on Halloween'.  'At' is used for specific times or points in time, such as 'at 6 o'clock' or 'at midnight'.  on  'In' is used for months, years, or longer periods, like 'in October', 'in 2 023', or 'in the summer'.  'During' is used for actions or events that happen within a period of time, such as 'during the holidays' or 'during the movie'.  Therefore, since Halloween is a specific day, 'on' is the most appropriate preposition to use in this context.
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