

London Consortium Mock Paper B – English

Read the instructions carefully.

1. You have a passage to read and then answer some questions about it. You can look back at the passage to check your answers as many times as you want.
2. There are three sections of spelling, punctuation and grammar exercises to do.
3. This is a multiple-choice paper in which you have to circle your chosen answer.
4. You have **50 minutes to answer 52 questions.**
5. You may find some of the questions difficult. If you cannot do a question, do not waste time on it, but go on to the next questions. If you are not sure of an answer, choose the one you think is best.
6. Work as quickly and as carefully as you can.
7. Make sure you can see a clock.
8. Allocate enough time to check your answers at the end.

Read the sources and answer the comprehension questions that follow.

Source 1: Cleopatra: Rise to Power and Alliance with Julius Caesar

In 51 BCE, Cleopatra ascended to the throne following her father's death. Her father had designated her and her elder brother, Ptolemy XIII, as co-rulers. However, after three years, Cleopatra was forced into exile by her brother's supporters. Hearing of Julius Caesar's arrival in Egypt, she sought an audience with him and convinced him to support her cause. With Caesar's assistance, she successfully reclaimed her throne. In 47 BCE, after Ptolemy XIII's death, Caesar appointed Cleopatra's younger brother, Ptolemy XIV, as her joint ruler.

During the same year, Cleopatra gave birth to a son whom she named Caesarion, meaning 'little Caesar.' When Caesar returned to Rome, Cleopatra accompanied him and resided in his villa. Caesar even honoured her by placing a golden statue of her in his ancestral temple.

Tragically, in 44 BCE, Julius Caesar was killed. After his death, Cleopatra returned to Egypt. Shortly after, her brother Ptolemy XIV also passed away, leading to speculations that Cleopatra might have played a role in his death to secure her son's position as a joint ruler.

Source 2: An illustration of Cleopatra's death.



Source 3: Antony and Cleopatra: Love, Power, and the Fall of an Empire.

After the assassination of Julius Caesar in 44 BCE, the political situation in Rome and Egypt became tumultuous. In Rome, power struggles occurred, leading to a period of political instability known as the Roman Civil Wars. Mark Antony, a prominent Roman general and politician, emerged as one of the key figures in this chaotic era.

In 41 BCE, Antony formed a political alliance with Cleopatra, visiting her in Egypt. Their relationship grew romantic and resulted in the birth of three children. Antony eventually recognised Caesarion, Cleopatra's son with Julius Caesar, as a legitimate heir to Caesar's name and legacy.

In 37 BCE, Antony and Cleopatra officially formed a political and military alliance known as the Donations of Alexandria. In this proclamation, Antony granted various places, including parts of the Roman Republic, to Cleopatra and their children. This action created significant controversy and added fuel to the tensions between Antony and Octavian, Caesar's grandnephew and adopted heir, who viewed Antony's actions as a challenge to his authority.

The alliance between Antony and Cleopatra and the perceived threat to Rome's stability led to the outbreak of the Final War of the Roman Republic. In 31 BCE, the forces of Octavian (later known as Augustus) clashed with those of Antony and Cleopatra in the Battle of Actium. Octavian emerged victorious, and Antony and Cleopatra were forced to retreat to Egypt.

Source 4: Key dates.

31 BCE	31 BCE (continued)	30 BCE
Following the devastating defeat at Actium, Cleopatra realised that she could not depend on Antony to safeguard her kingdom's stability any longer. She engaged in a conversation with Octavian, who proposes protection for her in exchange for Antony's death.	In an attempt to gain favour with Octavian, Cleopatra staged a plot that led to Antony's life-threatening actions, and he ultimately died. Several months later, Cleopatra also died, choosing a different fate to preserve her dignity and sovereignty.	Octavian dispatched Roman forces to track down and eliminate Caesarion, successfully bringing an end to the Ptolemies' reign in Egypt.

Section 1

1. Using the context of Source 1, choose one alternative word for the word '**exile**'.
 - A expire
 - B banish
 - C enter
 - D ignore
 - E welcome

2. Look at Source 1. Cleopatra gave birth to a son whom she named Caesarion. According to the source, what does the name mean?
 - A big Caesar
 - B junior Caesar
 - C senior Caesar
 - D Caesar salad
 - E little Caesar

3. Look at Source 2. Select the most accurate word to describe how the women may have felt.
 - A calm
 - B languid
 - C provoked
 - D distressed
 - E combative

4. Look at Source 2. What does the image suggest about how Cleopatra died?
 - A She died in her sleep.
 - B She died from a snake bite.
 - C She was killed by the other women.
 - D She was killed by Julius Caesar.
 - E She died from a poisonous dinner.

5. Look at Source 3. Select the correct meaning of the word '**alliance**'.
- A A relationship based on similarity of interests, nature, or qualities.
 - B The action or state of moving or being moved apart.
 - C The occurrence of the same letter or sound at the beginning of adjacent or closely connected words.
 - D A story, poem, or picture that can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning.
 - E Make (suffering, deficiency, or a problem) less severe.
6. Look at Source 3. When did Antony and Cleopatra form a political and military alliance known as the Donations of Alexandria?
- A 41 BCE
 - B 44 BCE
 - C 37 BCE
 - D 31 BCE
 - E 30 BCE
7. Using the context of Source 4, choose one alternative word for the word '**dignity**'.
- A pride
 - B formality
 - C sensible
 - D formidable
 - E capable
8. Look at Source 4. Who brought an end to the Ptolemies' reign in Egypt?
- A Caesarion
 - B Julius Caesar
 - C Cleopatra
 - D Octavian
 - E Mark Antony

9. Look at Source 1, 3 and 4. What is the correct chronological order of these sources?
- A 1, 3, 4
 - B 1, 4, 3
 - C 3, 4, 1
 - D 3, 1, 4
 - E 4, 1, 3
10. Compare the information given about Cleopatra across the four sources. Which of these is NOT true? (select **one** answer)
- A Cleopatra was killed by Mark Antony.
 - B Cleopatra was forced into exile by her brother's supporters.
 - C Cleopatra staged a plot that led to Antony's death.
 - D Cleopatra had three children.
 - E Cleopatra ascended to the throne following her father's death.
11. Using Source 1 and Source 4, roughly how long did Cleopatra reign for?
- A 19 years
 - B 17 years
 - C 21 weeks
 - D 20 years
 - E 21 years
12. 'In 51 BCE, Cleopatra ascended to the throne following her father's death.'
Which word is a proper noun in the sentence above?
- A ascended
 - B throne
 - C Cleopatra
 - D following
 - E father's

13. Look at Source 1. Who was Ptolemy XIII in relation to Cleopatra?
- A her brother
 - B her son
 - C her father
 - D her sister
 - E her grandfather
14. Choose one adjective that best describes Source 1.
- A biased
 - B fictional
 - C historical
 - D whimsical
 - E humorous
15. Use Source 1 and 3. Roughly how long after Caesar's death did Cleopatra get together with Mark Antony?
- A 1 week
 - B 1 year
 - C 3 months
 - D 3 years
 - E 2 years
16. 'In 41 BCE, Antony formed a political alliance with Cleopatra, visiting her in Egypt.'
Which word is a common noun in the sentence above?
- A Antony
 - B formed
 - C alliance
 - D her
 - E Egypt

Spelling Exercise

This exercise contains **spelling** mistakes. On each numbered line there is either **one** mistake or **no mistake**. Find the group of words with the mistake in it and mark its letter on your answer sheet. **If there is no mistake, mark N.**

17. Tyla went to the hairdresser to get her hair cut. She had two inches taken off.

A	B	C	D	N
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18. I needed to go to the library to save a few files that I need for school.

A	B	C	D	N
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19. Four thieves broke into my friend's house this weekend and took their necklace.

A	B	C	D	N
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20. When I went to the dentist, the dentist said my tooths were very clean.

A	B	C	D	N
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21. My friend Jerry likes to crack his nuckles and it makes a horrid noise!

A	B	C	D	N
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22. Our downstairs toilet was overflowing so we had to call a plumber.

A	B	C	D	N
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23. My dad enjoys reading the sports colum in the newspaper every Saturday.

A	B	C	D	N
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24. Yara fougth for what she thought was right and went to the protest alone.

A	B	C	D	N
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25. Chlorophyl is the substance that gives green plants their colour.

A	B	C	D	N
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26. The dancers practised every day until they synchronised their movements.

A	B	C	D	N
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27. The bees decided to have a mutiny against their queen.

A	B	C	D	N
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Punctuation Exercise

In this exercise there are some mistakes in the use of **punctuation**. On each numbered line there is either **one** mistake or **no mistake**. Find the group of words with the mistake in it and mark its letter on your answer sheet. **If there is no mistake, mark N.**

28. After the movie, we went, to the nearby café for some snacks.

A	B	C	D	N
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29. "Make a move—and fast!" said Gerry, who thought the monster was near.

A	B	C	D	N
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30. The cat, who often causes trouble knocked over the vase.

A	B	C	D	N
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31. He had many hobbies: such as painting, playing the guitar and hiking.

A	B	C	D	N
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32. When I go to bed in the evening, I like to read a book to relax and unwind

A	B	C	D	N
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33. It is important to keep your eye on the prize if you want to win?

A	B	C	D	N
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34. Lets meet up for dinner next week because I'm going to be in town!

A	B	C	D	N
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35. On the farm I visited, a gold ring dangled from a cow's nose.

A	B	C	D	N
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36. Remember to bring the essentials for the trip: sunscreen and your passport.

A	B	C	D	N
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37. She wanted to buy the following items - eggs, milk, bread and cheese.

A	B	C	D	N
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38. I wanted to go to the grocery store today. (It was closed for renovations).

A	B	C	D	N
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39. For my snack, my brother packed me an apple some crisps and a drink.

A	B	C	D	N
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Grammar Exercise

In this exercise, choose the correct word or short phrase to complete each sentence. Each sentence must make sense and use Standard English.

40. I wish I had _____ how cold it was going to be before coming.
A. know B. knew C. known D. now E. new
41. We _____ all going to watch the Christmas lights being turned on tonight.
A. where B. were C. wear D. we're E. was
42. Hopefully _____ are going to enjoy the swimming pool tomorrow.
A. their B. there C. they're D. they E. the
43. Queen Elizabeth II's _____ lasted from the industrial age to the Internet age.
A. rain B. ren C. wren D. rein E. reign
44. On Sports Day, Maya _____ the ball as far as she could!
A. through B. thorough C. threw D. throw E. throne
45. The day after my birthday, I used my money to _____ some toys.
A. buy B. bye C. by D. bi E. bide
46. Can you please go to the kitchen and _____ me a glass of squash?
A. pore B. pour C. paw D. poor E. pair

Identify the part of the sentence that contains the object.

47. They bought a new shiny laptop yesterday to use for studying.

A	B	C	D	N
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48. My friend Freda placed her new book on the wooden table.

A	B	C	D	N
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Identify the part of the sentence that contains an adverb.

49. The police officer told the person in the blue car to stop driving fast.

A	B	C	D	N
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50. I need to drink my tea quite quickly as I have a train to catch.

A	B	C	D	N
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Identify the part of the sentence that contains a pronoun.

51. Wren was working hard to complete a coding course, they enjoyed it a lot.

A	B	C	D	N
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52. The boy tried on the shorts and looked at himself in the mirror.

A	B	C	D	N
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