

2016-2017 Academic Junior High Decathlon
English Individual Subject Test
Study Guide
Answer Keys


Worksheet 1: Identify Parts of Speech Answer Key
For each sentence, underline the noun or pronoun, circle the verb or verb phrases, draw a double line under prepositions, and draw a box around adjectives.

1. In the suitcase, the traveler brought a reading light, a mystery book, and snacks for comfort.
2. The water fountain sprayed over the girl and spilled onto the tile floor.
3. Bears have been spotted along the shallow creek.
4. Martin threwa short pass to the nearby receiver.
5. A librarian told stories during a morning visit.

For each sentence, underline the interjection, circle the verb or verb phrase, and draw a double line under the adverb.

1. Look! The bus nearly hit the student.
2. The sun suddenly disappeared behind a black cloud. Dang.
3. Ooh! My naughty cat turned over his dinner bowl.
4. Caution. (D) not openthe gate.
5. Snow is falling steadily. Wow.

Worksheet 2: Verb Tenses Answer Key
On your worksheet, underline the verbs in the following sentences. Identify the tense of each verb on the line following each sentence.

1. My brother weighs 35 pounds. present
2. Last summer I went to horseback riding camp. past
3. Next summer I will swim for the Folsom Minnows. future
4. My father had told me the story of his trip to Germany, long ago. past perfect
5. The coach had won thirty games prior to taking over our football team. past perfect
6. The sun has shone for the entire length of our stay at the ocean. present perfect
7. I have drunk all the pink and the yellow lemonade. present perfect
8. The author will have written the sequel before December. future perfect
9. Before noontime, I will have cooked the turkey. future perfect
10. I wish I had listened to the advice from my mother. past perfect
11. In the future, I will have sampled the menu items before the event. future perfect
12. Sometimes, nothing prepares you for events. present

Worksheet 3: Verb Tenses Answer Key
On your worksheet, underline the verbs in the following sentences. Identify the tense of each verb. Then, indicate what the verb would be when changed to the tense in parenthesis.

1. John attended school in Woodland as a child. past / had attended
2. Eventually, everyone will learn the identity of the mystery guest! future / will have learned
3. Team USA has won a gold medal in gymnastics competition! present perfect / will have won
4. The exterminator examined the dead cockroach. past / will examine
5. The Folsom Bulldogs will have won the State High School Football Championship! future perfect / have won
6. Elmer delivered a speech to the California delegation of the Democratic National Convention. past / has delivered
7. Their pitcher delivers a perfect game almost every time. present / delivered
8. The baby delivered a perfect burp! past / will deliver
9. Rosy will start a new paper route on September 8. future / will have started
10. Their star receiver played the football game with a broken collar bone. past / has played

Worksheet 4: Linking Verbs Answer Key
Underline the verb in each sentence. Identify whether it is an action verb or a linking verb on the blank after each sentence.

1. Smell the wonderful scent of chocolate chip cookies in my kitchen! ..... action
2. John remains loyal to the Giants despite their losing record. linking
3. The sunflowers, brown and dry, appear dead. linking
4. I turn the vegetation daily in the compost heap. ..... action
5. I swoon at the sight of Italian food! ..... action
6. I smell dreadful because of the broken pipes in my bathroom. linking
7. I felt for rips in the mattress pad. action
8. Ocean waves always sound appealing to me. linking
9. I look ridiculous in this costume. linking
10. I tasted the hamburger with ketchup and pickles. action
11. I could have been a contender! linking
12. I feel pretty in this dress! linking

Worksheet 5: Irregular Verbs Answer Key
I (bear) bore the sight of this old dress, knowing l'd get a new one soon. I (bring) brought it into the next room to iron it. My sister (burst) burst into laughter at my endeavor. I (drink) drank lemonade to fortify myself. I would have (eat) eaten some cookies too, but we (have) had none.

After my chores, I (fly) flew to the bus stop. Before I (leave) left the house, I (write) wrote my mother a note, letting her know my plan. I (lay) laid the note on the kitchen table. It (lie) lay where she (will) would see it. I (mean) meant for her to know my whereabouts. The sun (shine) shone, adding to my happiness. No one (mistake) mistook my mood; I smiled from the moment I (leave) left the house.

I (see) saw the bus I (need) needed to catch. I (shake) shook my hand so that the driver (know) knew to stop. I (go) went quickly up the bus steps. I (tell) told the driver my intended stop. I (pay) paid attention so that I (do) did not drop the fare. I (put) put a bus token into a special slot and (take) took my seat. The seat I (choose) chose (is) was comfortable. I (begin) began to feel drowsy! A sleepiness (creep) crept over me. I (shake) shook myself a bit and (overcome) overcame my drowsiness! I (drink) drank some water I (have) had (bring) brought with me.

In a bit, the driver (signal) signaled to me, and I (understand) understood that my stop (is) was near. I (begin) began to get up, but the bus (run) ran over a bump, which (throw) threw me back into my seat! Laughing, I (stand) stood up again. This time I (cling) clung to the safety rail. At my stop, I (make) made my way off the bus. On the street, I (seek) sought the store in which I (will) would shop for my new dress. As I (enter) entered its door, my spirits (rise) rose. I (see) saw the perfect dress!

Worksheet 6: Subject and Verb Agreement Answer Key

## Underline the correct verb for each sentence.

1. Our shared birthday (is /are) this Thursday.
2. A police officer and a fire fighter (is /are) visiting our class this week.
3. Police officers in our state (wear /wears) khaki-colored uniforms.
4. Horses in the park (nibble /nibbles) most of the grass.
5. My mother and my aunts (is /are) going to visit San Diego.
6. Two hundred dollars (is /are) a lot to spend for a ticket to a basketball game.
7. The news about elections (is /are) important to voters.
8. Every one of the friends (is /are) happy that the class is taking a field trip.
9. Not everyone (is /are) happy with the grades on the mathematics test.
10. I always want chocolate chip ice cream, but others (like /likes) Rocky Road.
11. The last names on the letter (was / were) the same as mine.
12. The packages addressed to the boy (was /were) gifts from his grandparents.
13. His one line in the play was to say, "Halt. Who (go /goes) there?"
14. Will the honored guest (appear /appears) to everyone?
15. Our hockey team (plays /play) games on natural ice and at a rink.

Worksheet 7: Conjunctions Answer Key
In the sentences below, underline the conjunctions. Write the type of conjunction (coordinate, correlative, or subordinate) on the line following each sentence. Remember that many English language words can function as more than one type of speech. Be sure to choose carefully.

1. I must feed my cat, for he will meow unbearably if I don't! coordinating
2. Unless you're comfortable being home alone tonight, you should invite a friend to come over. subordinating
3. Not only is chewing with your mouth full of food impolite but also doing so is dangerous! correlative
4. My choice today is to go to the grocery store to buy a ton of food plus ingredients to make dinner, or I can just pick up pre-made items. coordinating
5. As long as you are up, can you please pour me some more coffee? subordinating
6. Whether you study to take the test or you don't study, you still have to take it! correlative
7. I have asked my sister not to bring my son so many toys, yet she continues to do so. coordinating
8. Either we play basketball my way or I take my ball home. correlative
9. Start by connecting all of the outside pieces of a puzzle whenever you are putting one together. subordinating
10. Despite her indifference, the band played on. subordinating
11. Jane bought some potatoes, some broccoli, and some steak for her dinner with Ted. coordinating
12. Both my best friend and my sister helped plan my birthday party. correlative

## Worksheet 8: Appositive Phrases Answer Key

## Directions: Underline the appositive phrases in the sentences below.

1. The Sacramento Kings' new playing site, Golden One Arena, is a source of pride for the community of Sacramento.
2. The World All-Around Champion in women's gymnastics Simone Biles was well-qualified to win a gold medal at the Olympic Games in Rio.
3. Jerry Brown, California's most recent four-term governor, first served as Governor from 1975 to 1983.
4. A little known fact is that San Francisco, California's preeminent City by the Bay, has the same boundaries as the County of San Francisco.
5. In 2016, the Republican candidate for President of the United States, Donald Trump, wore hats with the slogan Make America Great Again.
6. Hillary Clinton chose Tim Kaine, Virginia's Junior Senator, as her running mate in 2016.
7. Sacramento's Holy Bowl participants, Christian Brothers High School and Jesuit High School, enjoy their friendly, fall football rivalry.
8. Harriet Beecher Stowe's neighbor Samuel Clemens was invited by her family to build his home in Hartford, Connecticut on their property.
9. Samuel Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, and Harriet Beecher Stowe had similar views about the essential dignity of all people.
10. Cal Ripken, Jr., a player for the Baltimore Orioles, played in 2,632 consecutive major league baseball games, a likely unbeatable record.

Worksheet 9: Subordinate Clauses Answer Key
In the following sentences, underline the subordinate clauses.

1. I intend to see a movie on Friday night after I have finished my homework.
2. Unless I eat a snack after school, I can't concentrate on doing homework.
3. Before Tim Kaine became a U.S. Senator from Virginia, he had served the state as its governor.
4. When Donald Trump became the Republican nominee for President, he resided in New York.
5. Teens are better off consuming plain water rather than drinking soft drinks loaded with sugar.
6. Andy's goal in his English class was to sit next to Andreas so that he could get to know her.
7. If you want to eat great Mexican food without spending a fortune, try Oscar's Taqueria on Freeport Boulevard.
8. Because he was a romantic, Trent arranged to sing his invitation to his prom date during her English class.
9. Once I pass the Red Cross Senior Life Saving test, I can earn $\$ 15$ an hour as a life guard.
10. I intend to carry a raincoat with me whether or not rain is falling from the sky!

Worksheet 10: Spelling Answer Key
Underline the incorrectly-spelled word. Only one word on each line is incorrect.

1. (A) accomodate
(B) opportunity
(C) changeable
(D) equivocate
(E) marriage
2. (A) comparative
(B) apparent
(C) prevelent
(D) recede
(E) decree
3. (A) wheeze
(B) wrought
(C) polity
(D) neighbor
(E) disipline
4. (A) hemophilia
(B) similer
(C) particular
(D) harass
(E) hydrate
5. (A) technique
(B) through
(C) penciled
(D) passtime
(E) ecstatic
6. (A) sigh
(B) prejudice
(C) exhilerate
(D) mere
(E) culprit
7. (A) neighbor
(B) bifocal
(C) confederacy
(D) excede
(E) potatoes
8. (A) existence
(B) questionaire
(C) quintessential
(D) quince
(E) quiet
9. (A) forfeit
(B) facinate
(C) foreign
(D) creditable
(E) benefited
10. (A) succeed
(B) pyromania
(C) advocate
(D) thiefs
(E) twelfth
11. (A) inquisitive
(B) dismiss
(C) recommend
(D) travelled
(E) rhythm
12. (A) zealot
(B) metropolis
(C) complacent
(D) proffessor
(E) millennium
13. (A) villain
(B) receive
(C) medieval
(D) heroes
(E) prominant
14. (A) repetision
(B) repetitive
(C) losing
(D) privilege
(E) opinion
15. (A) chasm
(B) churches
(C) benediction
(D) chimney
(E) chimnies

Worksheet 11: Spelling Answer Key

## Write the plural form of each word.

1. aery
2. index
3. fly
4. cowboy
5. brief
6. knife
7. motto
8. daughter -in-law
9. consortium
10. adze
11. radius
12. bogey
13. roof
14. raspberry
15. fox
16. abscess
17. plankton
18. cupful
aeries
indexes
flies
cowboys
briefs
knives
mottoes
daughters-in-law
consortia
adzes
radii
bogeys
roofs
raspberries
foxes
abscesses
plankton
cupsful

Worksheet 12: Homophones Answer Key

## Underline the correct homophone to complete each sentence.

1. Beverly wrote a note on her personalized (stationary / stationery), thanking the beauty pageant committee for the special events she experienced during her (rain / reign / rein) as Miss Rhode Island.
2. (Weather / Whether) or not Deborah was a (descendant / descendent) of Jonathan and Grace Fairbanks, she was pleased to visit their 1635 homestead in Dedham, Massachusetts.
3. Flying a two-seater, propeller plane at the age of 16 was a (wright / right / rite) of passage in Joe's family.
4. Edward's lawyer advised him not to (air / ere) his new-found status as the (ayre / heir) to his uncle's estate when visiting with his cousins. To (err/ere) in that regard would make him unpopular at their Christmas gathering.
5. Holmes and Watson surreptitiously followed a (hansom / handsome) cab in London.
6. Holmes and Watson were particularly interested in the fellow who had (haled / hailed) the cab.
7. They feared the man wanted to harm Sir Henry, a (baron / barren) who had just become one of Holmes' clients.
8. Unfortunately, con artists seek out uneducated people as (pray / prey), sometimes as they (cite / sight / sight) dubious information in support of their devious pleas for money.
9. The bank officer (who's / whose) job it is to (council / counsel) customers is highly respected by his peers.
10. The (principle / principal) at Min's school advised all students to adhere to the time-honored (principle / principal) better known as The Golden Rule.
11. While on the (way / weigh/ whey) to a village (fare / fair), a spider interrupted Little Miss Muffet as she (ate / eight) her curds and (way / weigh / whey).
12. Many graduating eighth-grade students look forward to a trip that includes a visit to Washington, DC, our nation's (capital / capitol). A favorite stop is the (Capital / Capitol).
13. The beloved math teacher Jaime Escalante (taut / taught / tot) for a while at Sacramento High.
14. If you are invited to eat dinner at a friend's home, paying a (complement / compliment) to the host and hostess will raise your chances of another visit; in (their / there / they're) eyes, you will be a welcomed guest.
15. If you (peak / peek / pique) into your Christmas presents before December 25, you risk (peaking / peeking /piquing) the anger of the giver!
16. A frequent sentiment in Christmas cards asks for (peace / piece) on earth.
17. When (your / you're) in high school, (which / witch) after-school activities will interest you?
18. The toad who became a prince was so weary from wooing the princess that he was (to / too / two) tired to (rain / reign / rein).
19. If a rider on a horse holds the (rain / reign/ rein) (too / to / two) (taut / taught / tot), the animal will back up instead of going forward.
20. A (coarse / course) person might not (secede / succeed) as a diplomat.

Worksheet 13: Capitalization Answer Key

## Rewrite the following sentences with the correct capitalization:

1. Any college-bound high school student should include Algebra 1, English, and a science class in her schedule.
2. Susan hopes to attend Creighton University and major in Chinese.
3. My aunt and uncle, Ann and Jack Smith, will visit us over Easter vacation.
4. The fatality statistics from World War II range from 50 to more than 80 million people, including 6 million to 11 million victims of the Holocaust.
5. When I graduate from Seattle University, I hope to visit Boston, Massachusetts.
6. After losing my wallet, I offered a prayer to Saint Jude, the patron saint of lost causes.
7. My attorney, Jeremy White, Jr., has his office at 1525 M Street, in Sacramento, California.
8. The Indian elephant is one of three recognized subspecies of the Asian elephant.
9. When we were at Six Flags, my favorite amusement park, my dad bought me six flags!
10. Members of the Democratic Party attended a fundraiser at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Conrad.

Worksheet 14: Capitalization Answer Key

1. The Second Anglo-Boer War, also called the South African War, started on October 11, 1899 and ended on May 31, 1902.
2. The Sonoran Desert is a North American desert which covers a large part of the Southwestern United States.
3. A European chancellor flew to National Airport near Camp David to meet with President Clinton.
4. Del Ray Beach, Florida is usually warm in the winter months.
5. Joseph and Mary fled into Egypt to protect Jesus from King Herod's slaughter of Jewish infants.
6. The Ohio River streams westward from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Cairo, Illinois on its journey to join the Mississippi River.

Worksheet 15: Capitalization and Punctuation Answer Key
In each of the following sentences, rewrite the sentence with the correct punctuation and capitalization.

1. The United States Department of Transportation is a federal Cabinet department established on October 15, 1966 by an act of Congress.
2. The annual award was shared by Professor Atkinson from Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Professor Levi from Stanford University, Palo Alto, California; and Professor Singh from the University of Texas, Austin, Texas.
3. No, Senator Feinstein will not back away from securing adequate water rights for California.
4. When trying to decide which museums in San Francisco to visit, Jack and his family finally decided upon the Exploratorium, the Palace of Fine Arts, and the Wells Fargo History Museum.

Worksheet 16: Direct and Indirect Quotations Answer Key
Correctly punctuate and add capitals to the following direct quotations:

1. Anisha asked her brother, "Are you going to the game?"
2. "Over in the corner," advised her coach, "is the equipment you need to use."
3. "Stop!" yelled the crossing guard to Paul.
4. "I hate cooking," exclaimed my brother. "I can't figure out how to measure."
5. My guidance counselor told me that I need to improve my GPA.
6. "May I bring a bottle of water with me on the field trip?" asked Mel.

For each of the following sentences, determine if it is a direct or indirect quotation. (1) Write "DQ" on the blank next to a direct quotation and (2) "IQ" next to an indirect quotation. (3) Add quotation marks wherever they are needed.

DQ 1. Janeesha said, "I want to see a movie tonight."
IQ 2. Alisha said she wanted to see a movie too.
DQ 3. "May I go with you, too?" asked Camille.
IQ 4. Dimitri repeated gossip when he said Evan was booted from the basketball team.
IQ 5. Liam stated that he is going to Sun Splash when school gets out.
DQ 6. Mary told Isabelle, "Yes, I will come to your sleepover."
IQ 7. Madison says his favorite Kings player is Demarcus Cousins.

Worksheet 17: Possessives Answer Key
Write the singular and plural possessive forms of each noun by adding an apostrophe and/or s:

| Noun | Singular possessive | Plural possessive |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| child | child's | children's |
| group | group's | groups' |
| teacher | teacher's | teachers' |
| horse | horse's | $\underline{\text { horses' }}$ |
| apple-picker | apple-picker's | apple-pickers' |
| participant | participant's | participants' |

For each sentence, write the possessive form of each work in parentheses to complete each sentence.

1. Charles's graduation from middle school is next week.
2. My uncle's trip to Spain for his company begins in a week.
3. Run-For-Your-Life, my favorite athletic store, has men's shoes on sale.
4. The audience applauded the choruses' performance.
5. When are your brothers' birthdays?
6. Minnie's house is at the end of the block.
7. The house's exterior could use a coat of paint.
8. Both Suzanne's and Elizabeth's pottery pieces for their mothers are beautiful.
9. Vitoria and Geoff's house is in San Francisco.
10. Both your help and Brenda's help was invaluable.
11. The school committee's meetings are open to the public, and members encourage questions.
12. In Greek Mythology, Hera is the name of Zeus' wife.

Worksheet 18: Contractions Answer Key

Use an apostrophe to form a contraction for the words in parentheses.

1. Let's hope everyone remembers his and her lines for the Christmas pageant!
2. You've won the sweepstakes trip to Hawaii!
3. I'm going to the movies tonight with friends.
4. Anthony won't give me any hints about the type of gift he's giving me.
5. Who's going to be the quarterback on the football team?
6. The bus doesn't arrive until 8:40 a.m.
7. Mrs. Adams isn't giving us homework tonight; she isn't going to spoil our trick-or-treating!
8. You've no idea how happy I am!
9. Aren't you going to congratulate me?
10. We don't cut in line at our school!

Worksheet 20: Conjunctive Adverbs Answer Key

1. "You may not go with your brother to the movies"; ("furthermore, "hence), you are grounded for a week."
2. In the relay race, the third runner bobbled the baton handoff; (meanwhile, hence), the team was disqualified.
3. Customers cited the store clerk as especially helpful; (besides, subsequently), she was promoted and given a raise.
4. Alan could not find a ride to the hockey game; (instead, similarly), he watched the game on the television.
5. The counselor told Lee he needed a Section D requirement for his spring schedule; (however, namely), he needed Biology, Chemistry, or Physics.
6. At her house, Keisha spent four hours preparing for the prom; (meanwhile, besides), her date played basketball for three hours and then took a quick shower.
7. Traffic into downtown backed up for blocks; (consequently, furthermore), Joaquin was late for the division playoffs.
8. South High lost to Water Creek High in the quarter finals; (specifically, incidentally), neither of South High's rivals made it that far.
9. Marco could not buy a ticket anywhere to the Imbroglio Concert; (still, anyway), he took the train into the city to stand outside the concert venue, wanting just to be close to the action.
10. John had spent almost a full year in Iraq; (finally, in fact), he was coming home!

Answers:

1. (B) linking verb
2. (C) correlative conjunction
3. (B) linking verb
4. (E) coordinating conjunction
5. (A) action verb
6. (B) linking verb
7. (B) linking verb
8. (D) subordinate conjunction
9. (A) action verb
10. (B) drank
11. (C) crept
12. (D) clung
13. (B) scooted
14. (E) freeze
15. (B) caption
16. (E) amplification
17. (D) innate
18. (C) whom
19. (A) who
20. (B) missing comma, no hyphens
21. (A) no comma, Great Depression
22. (E) correct as written
23. (B) no capitalization for marine biology, comma between clauses
24. (D) no commas
25. (C) all ready, no commas
26. (C) future
27. (AB) future perfect
28. (B) present
29. (A) past
30. (D) past perfect
31. (B) subordinate clause
32. (A) appositive phrase
33. (A) appositive phrase
34. (C) independent clause
35. (C) translucent
36. (B) conscious
37. (E) disastrous
38. (A) existent
39. (A) grammar, neither...nor
40. (B) punctuation, comma before "but"
41. (B) punctuation, Hendersons plural, not possessive
42. (A) grammar, verb tense, had cooked
43. (C) capitalization, Catholic
44. (B) punctuation, no commas
45. (C) capitalization, to \& the not capitalized in titles
46. (A) direct object
47. (A) proper noun
48. (B) plural possessive noun
49. (E) abstract noun
50. (C) collective noun
51. A action verb
52. E coordinating conjunction
53. C correlative conjunction
54. B linking verb
55. D subordinating conjunction
56. B linking verb
57. A action verb
58. D occurrence
59. A prevalent
60. E privilege
61. B unnecessary
62. C embarrass
63. B terrestrial
64. C subordinate clause
65. C subordinate clause
66. A appositive phrase
67. B independent clause
68. A appositive phrase
69. C subordinate clause
70. AC past progressive
71. CE future perfect progressive
72. CD present perfect progressive
73. C future
74. E present perfect
75. AD present progressive
76. BD past perfect progressive
77. B present
78. D past perfect
79. A past
80. AB future perfect
81. $B C$ future progressive
82. A accept
83. B affect
84. D peak (homonyms)
85. C woven (irregular verb)
86. C Whose
(interrogative pronoun)
87. B nomenclature (root words)
88. C revoked (root words)
89. D run-on sentence
90. D subordinating conjunction \& capitalization
91. B run-on sentence, correct use of "who"
92. C subject-verb agreement
93. E No change
94. C verb tense agreement
95. B correlative conjunction
96. C run-on sentence
97. B run-on sentence
98. C diction (lie vs. lay)
99. C verb tense agreement
100. C titles are italicized
