

# Grammar Revision Station

Circle the correct answer in each question. For hints and explanations, you may refer back to the corresponding unit and page specified.

	Unit	Page
1. Rodney manages to ( <del>get along with</del> / get along ) his lousy neighbours.	1	11
2. Fearful of COVID-19, he ( keeps away himself / <del>keeps himself away</del> ) from all sorts of social gatherings.		
3. He wanted to divorce her as they ( were having / <del>have been having</del> ) many arguments over trivial matters ever since they got married.	2	16
4. Jenna ( <del>has been struggling</del> / struggled ) for more than half a year over whether to get the noise-cancelling headphones.		
5. To commuters, gaming can be therapeutic ( <del>Besides</del> / and besides ) it helps build morale in the workplace.	3	21
6. ( Furthermore / <del>In addition</del> ) to the geographical factors, climate also affects the habitats of different species.		
7. I renewed my driving licence ( which / <del>which</del> ) expired 5 years ago.	4	26
8. The HKDSE written exams ( , that / <del>which</del> ) were set to commence on 23 <sup>rd</sup> March, were postponed.		
9. I still have a big headache in spite of ( I have taken / <del>having taken</del> ) painkillers.	5	31
10. Despite ( the weather is nice / <del>the nice weather</del> ), when we can hang out with friends remains unknown.		
11. Her attitude at work proves ( <del>her ambitions</del> / she is an ambitious woman ).	6	39
12. The mother leaves her children ( <del>unattended</del> / are unattended ) at home.		
13. The ski instructor ( briefed / <del>had briefed</del> ) all the other participants before Jessie arrived.	7	44
14. After we had used up all the surgical masks, we ( <del>managed</del> / had managed ) to order two more boxes from e-shops.		
15. Rarely ( Noel is / <del>is Noel</del> ) interested in watching romance films because she finds most of the stories too surreal.	8	49
16. Only after taking days of rest ( had I recovered / <del>did I recover</del> ) from the cold.		
17. The property owner says the tenant, who has been in arrears on the rent for 3 months, ( should / <del>must</del> ) move out by tomorrow.	9	54
18. Doctors advise Brian that he ( <del>should</del> / ought to ) take enough rest.		
19. Jason's supervisor happened to catch him ( slack / <del>slacking</del> ) at work.	10	59
20. Mia heard Sarah ( gossip / <del>gossiping</del> ) about other colleagues in the washroom.		
21. If there ( was / <del>were</del> ) no school, Dave ( will stay / <del>would stay</del> ) home all day gaming.	11	67
22. Unless the police ( <del>brought</del> / had brought ) official charge against me in two minutes, I ( <del>would be</del> / will be ) released from the 48-hour detention.		
23. Zoe was almost late for her job interview as the bus arrived ( <del>late</del> / lately ).	12	72
24. The twins are entirely different: one cries ( <del>hard</del> / harder ) on a nearly daily basis while the other ( <del>hardly cries</del> / cries hardly ).		
25. No matter how ( <del>patiently she explained</del> / she patiently explained ) to the customers, they still could not understand the purchase arrangement.	13	77

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26. However frequent ( is the maintenance / <del>the maintenance is</del> ), the flawed online system still shows that I have submitted my homework late every time.	13	77
27. At the house-warming party, ( <del>he received</del> / they brought ) wines and Kobe beef from his friends as hostess gifts.	14	82
28. Given two warning letters, ( <del>the employee was laid off</del> / the employer laid off his employee ).	15	87
29. It is no use ( <del>in explaining</del> / to be explaining ) too much to stubborn people.	15	87
30. There is no point ( <del>in craving</del> / to crave ) the acceptance and approval of others.	16	95
31. Research scholarships established especially to support studies on the sustainability of the ecosystem ( has / <del>have</del> ) nurtured many dedicated researchers in natural science, ecology and environmental studies.	16	95
32. Enforcing stricter traffic laws and tightening up the requirements for obtaining a driving licence ( is / <del>are</del> ) considered effective methods to ensure road safety.	17	100
33. Seeing that people are flipping the price of the ‘Switch’ console now, I call to mind the saying that ‘the ( more decisive / <del>earlier</del> ) one purchases the desired item, the ( soon / <del>sooner</del> ) one experiences the joy it brings’.	17	100
34. To boost his employees’ morale, the manager assures them that the ( more productive / <del>more productively</del> ) they work, the ( <del>greater</del> / more greatly ) the incentives to them would be.	18	105
35. You knew a long time ago that she had a crush on you, ( are / <del>didn’t</del> ) you?	18	105
36. That lady should not have worn high-heels during pregnancy, ( <del>should</del> / isn’t ) she?	19	110
37. Tom will have completed his honours project ( <del>in</del> / for ) three months.	19	110
38. To keep herself in shape for shooting wedding photos, she ( <del>has abstained</del> / will have abstained ) from sugary food for half a year since her fiancé’s proposal.	20	115
39. What a lousy person ( is Claire / <del>Claire is</del> )! You know what? She refused to return to me the reference books I lent her!	20	115
40. How shocked ( <del>the Wongs were</del> / were the Wongs ) when they knew the father was tested positive for COVID-19.	21	123
41. He ( used to / <del>was used to</del> ) the inequalities of all sorts out of cowardice, but now he is an outspoken advocate of social equality.	21	123
42. The school authorities ( <del>used to turn</del> / was used to turning ) a blind eye to bullying on campus, but now they adopt a ‘zero tolerance’ policy on it.	22	128
43. Dau hopes that Mariah Carey ( the Songbird Supreme / <del>the Songbird Supreme</del> ) will include Hong Kong in her world tour.	22	128
44. Some students considered Paper 1 ( Reading, / <del>Reading</del> ) the most challenging paper in the HKDSE English Language papers.	23	133
45. No matter how ( <del>unwilling</del> / unwillingly ) he sounded, at least he apologised for his bad temper.	23	133
46. No matter ( <del>what</del> / how ) alluring words the shopkeeper said, Dau did not buy any item she was trying to persuade him to.	24	138
47. The monstrous wildfires, which lasted more than a month, not only engulfed numerous plants ( but also / <del>but also grilled</del> ) thousands of animals to death.	24	138
48. Obsessed with the king of pop, she ( <del>not only memorised</del> / memorised not only ) the lyrics of all his songs, but also did a cover of each song herself.	25	143
49. ‘If he ( <del>had taken</del> / took ) his father’s advice and quit smoking, he ( would not be / <del>would not have been</del> ) diagnosed with lung cancer,’ said Mrs Lee to Mrs Yip.	25	143
50. If she ( did / <del>had done</del> ) everything following her parents’ words, she would not ( attain / <del>have attained</del> ) her fame as a painter.	25	143