

# Sudan University of Science and Technology

## College of Graduate Studies

### English department

**Subject:** Investigating the Difficulties of Using Punctuation Marks in Writing of EFL Learners

**Grade** .....

**Gender:** Male  Female

The statements are part of Master Degree in linguistics. Tick [√] in front of the column below to help collecting the data about this topic.

Statements	Agree	Strongly agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1) The majority of students are unaware of using punctuation marks					
2) Using punctuation marks in writing constitutes difficulties to non- native Sudanese students					
3) Most of the writing tasks of the students lack correct punctuations					
4) Incorrect punctuation marks affect meaning					
5) Some of the marks like the semi – colon and the colon are confusing to the students					

Statements	Agree	Strongly agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
6. Punctuation marks are easy to use in writing					
7. Students have positive attitudes towards punctuation marks					
8. Some students find difficulties in using punctuations					
9. Question mark and exclamation mark are confusing					
10. Learners' writing is not coherent due to the absence of punctuation marks					

### Punctuation Marks Test for the Students

**Hypothesis (3)** Punctuation marks constitute difficulties to non –native Sudanese university students

**Supply the missing punctuation mark:**

[?] [!] [.] [,] [:] [;] [-] ["...."]

- 1) what a day I had
- 2) i don't know anyone who cannot control his anger
- 3) the meal consists of the following bread salad beans and fish
- 4) mary why were you late yesterday
- 5) if you want to ask a question raise your hand
- 6) the book dealt with three major problems drugs addiction damage caused by fires and pollution of the air
- 7) we had visited rome paris naples and london but not the canals
- 8) dear madam
- 9) when I entered the room the heat causes my glasses to be covered with fog
- 10) he paid me 1 9 9 7 5 3 dollars