FEMSSISA PRIMARY ENGLISH (FAL)

FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE OLYMPIAD:

GRADE 7

DATE: 19 - 23 SEPTEMBER 2022

TIME: 60 MINUTES

Instructions:

1. This booklet has 6 questions.
2. Answer on the paper below.
3. Read the questions carefully before answering.
4. Visit the website: www.saolympiads.co.za.

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QUESTION ONE:

Read the following extract from, "Mary Anning's Grewsome Beasts" by Deshen Tennekoon & Linki Brand

Our story is set around 200 years ago (but not around a roundabout they hadn't been invented yet). We will call Mary's time the olden days. These are a different kind of olden days to the 'Seriously Olden Days'.

In the olden days, no one had electricity in their homes. Instead light came from candles made of cow, pig, or sheep fat (the original scented candles).

The olden days were days when a man's moustache looked as if a semi-dead squirrel had been nailed to his lips. A time when women dressed as if someone had opened a beach umbrella beneath their skirts. It was a frightening time to be a fashionable adult.

This brings us to Mary Anning. When our story starts, she is a baby, and when our story ends, she will be dead!

Mary Anning was born on the 21st of May 1799. In her first year, the sky tried to kill her.

When she was one-year-old, on an August day, under the sky the colour of cobwebs, Mary was taken to meet some horses. (We don't know how she felt about this because she was one-year-old and no one knows what one-year-olds think about horses). What should have been a day in a nice field, meeting herbivores as tall as doors, turned out to be very nasty indeed, because on this day came a towering storm. To hide from the bucketing rain, Mary, her nanny and two teenagers huddled under the elm tree. Lightning lunged from the clouds, struck the elm and killed three of the four people under it.

At first everyone was sure Mary had died too. She lay cold and still on the soaking grass. She was taken away; lowered into a warm bath. Fingers were crossed, prayers were said.

The world, as they say, held its breath. Someone should have told the world not to worry. Even as a baby, Mary Anning was a fighter. In the battle of Baby-vs-Lightning, there would be only one victor. The people of Lyme Regis were amazed by Mary who had only started being amazing.

Mary was 12 at the time. She decided to find skeletons which is a perfectly sensible thing for any 12-year old to do when they see a dead monster. For nearly a year she dug, mindful of the high, icy waves hurtling up the beach to strike hard the tall, grey cliffs. Many times, the waves were pulling her out to sea. Mary's beast from the beach was a beautiful mystery. When the fossil was dug free from the rock, she had the pieces taken to her home in a huge cart. After days of thinking, Mary drew its skeleton, carefully counting each strange bone. No one knew it yet, but she had found a reptile from the ancient sea called an ICHTHYOSAUR!

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Answer the following questions by choosing which option you feel is the correct one:

1. **How long ago is our story set?**

   (a) 100 years ago
   (b) 200 years ago
   (c) 300 years ago
   (d) 500 years ago

(1)

2. **What do the authors tell us about Mary's day.**
   Tick all the clues that show this was long time ago.

   (a) The roundabout hadn't been invented as yet.
   (b) There was no electricity.
   (c) Candles made out of wax were used to give people light.
   (d) Candles made out of animal fat were used to give people light.
   (e) Dinosaurs were alive.

(3)

3 **Women in Mary's days wore_____**

   (a) tight-fitted skirts
   (b) jeans
   (c) skirts that were very flare and big
   (d) swimsuits

(1)

4. **Mary is still alive. Tick the correct answer:**

TRUE	FALSE

(1)

5. Mary was nearly killed in her first year because of ….

(a) Thunder
(b) Dark clouds and a big tree
(c) Lightning
(d) Horses

(1)

6. The sentence: "When a man's moustache looked as if a semi-dead squirrel had been nailed to his lips," is an example of… Tick the correct answer.

SIMILE	METAPHOR

(1)

7. Mary lived in a place called…

(a) Canada
(b) Lyme Regis
(c) South America
(d) Lyme Reece

(1)

8. Can you deduce what Mary Annings is famous for?

(a) Surviving being struck by lightning
(b) Digging up fossils
(c) Computer programming
(d) Wearing an umbrella for a skirt

(1)

9. Choose a synonym for the word, "victor.".

(a) Winner
(b) Loser
(c) Vice
(d) Miser

(1)

10. What did Mary have to be careful of when looking for bones?

(a) High waves
(b) Sand storms
(c) Hard bones
(d) Men who tried to kill her

(1)

11. Choose an antonym for, "ancient."

(a) Old
(b) Archaic
(c) Modern
(d) Olden

(1)

12. What word from the extract tells us the water was not water you can swim in?

(a) waves
(b) tall
(c) hurtling
(d) Icy

(1)

13. How old was Mary when she discovered bones?

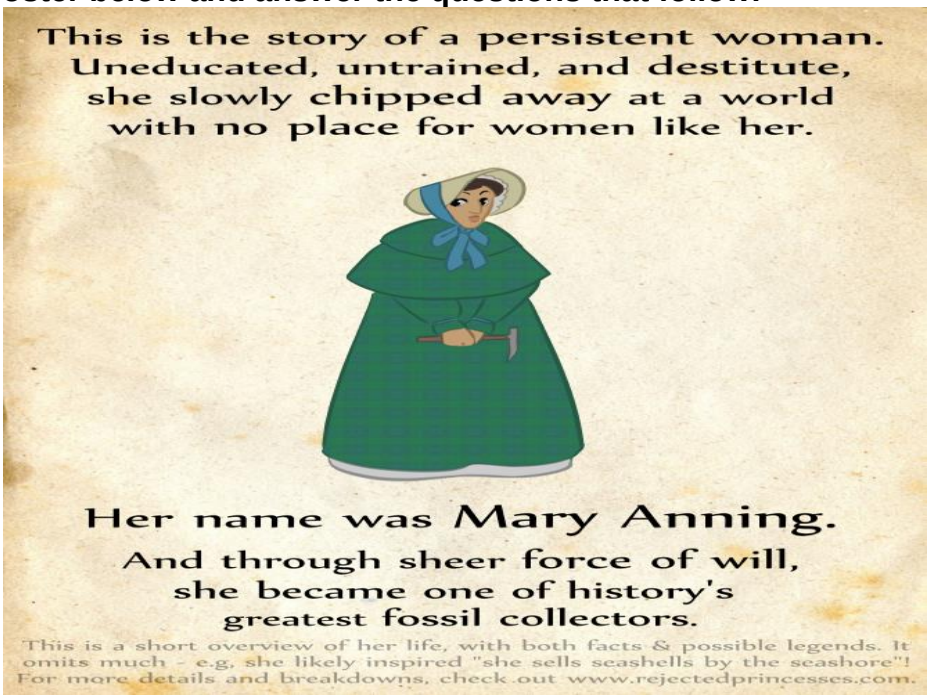
(a) 12 years old
(b) A baby
(c) 13 years old
(d) 21 years old

(1)

Marks: 15

QUESTION TWO:

View the poster below and answer the questions that follow:



1. What is the purpose of the poster?

   (a) To let readers know about Mary Anning's struggle
   (b) Describes Mary Anning to the reader
   (c) Encourage readers to be like Mary Anning
   (d) Inform the reader of Mary Anning's first concert

2. Underline the prefix in the words below:
   Uneducated
   Untrained

3. Underline the suffix in the word below:
   Slowly

4. Underline the adjective in the sentence below:
   She became one of history's greatest fossil collectors.

(5)

QUESTION THREE:

Punctuate the following sentence by adding in capital letters, commas, apostrophes and full stops:

1. mary anning discovered many fossils awesome beasts and creatures that people hadnt known about

2. there wasnt any place for uneducated untrained and destitute woman in the lyme Reis society

(10)

QUESTION FOUR:

Complete the following idioms:

1. To forget: It totally slipped my _____
2. Expensive: It cost me an arm and a _____
3. Unexpected: It came out of the _____
4. Just wait a minute: Hold your _____
5. Simple: It's as easy as_____

(5)

QUESTION FIVE:

1. What part of speech is the underlined word in the sentence below?
   What do you think about Mary Anning?

   (a) Pronoun
   (b) Verb
   (c) Adjective
   (d) Adverb

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   What do you think about Mary Anning?

   (a) Pronoun
   (b) Verb
   (c) Proper noun
   (d) Adverb

3. What part of speech is the underlined word in the sentence below?
   Mary Anning discovered fossils.

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   (b) Verb
   (c) Proper noun
   (d) Adverb

4. What part of speech is the underlined word in the sentence below?
   Mary Anning discovered fossils.

   (a) Pronoun
   (b) Verb
   (c) Proper noun
   (d) Common noun

5. What part of speech is the underlined word in the sentence below?
   Mary Anning is the topic of the article.

   (a) Article
   (b) Verb
   (c) Proper noun
   (d) Common noun

(5)

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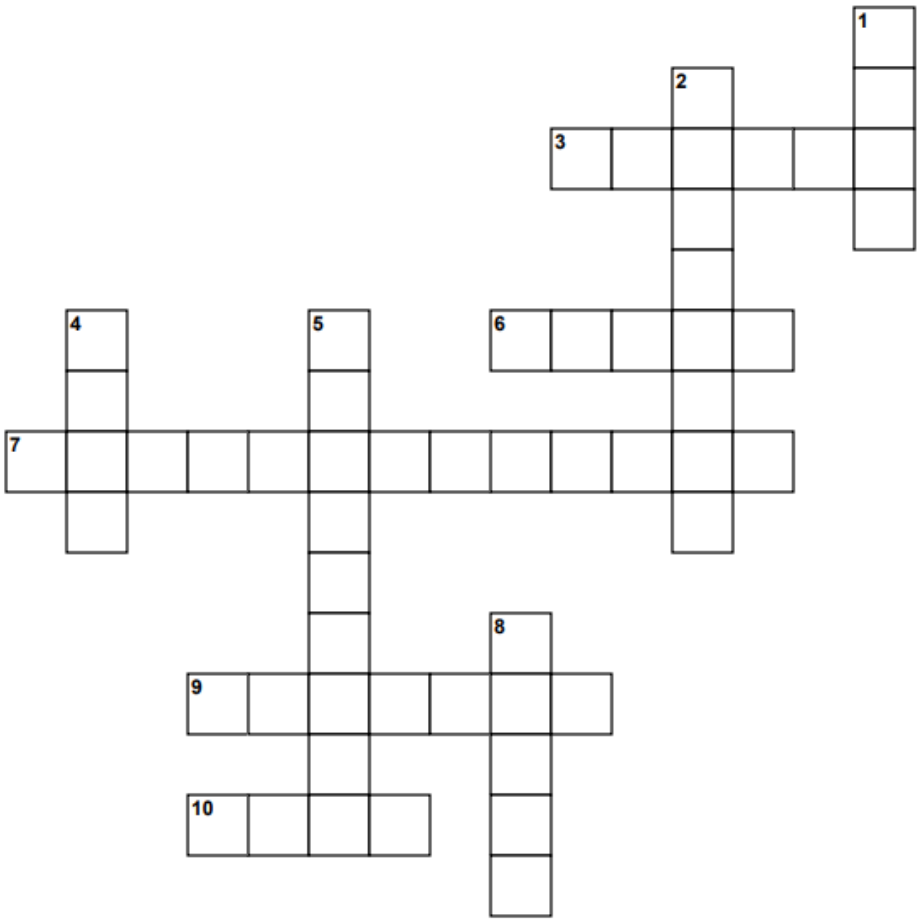
QUESTION SIX:

Complete the crossword puzzle below:

Antonyms and Synonyms



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Across:

3. Opposite of cries
6. Provide a synonym for frequent
7. Opposite of comfortable
9. Opposite of unusual
10. Opposite of early

Down:

1. Opposite of slow
2. Provide a synonym for quickly
4. Provide a synonym for small
5. Opposite of easy
8. Opposite of unhappy

ACROSS
3.
6.
7.
9.
10.
DOWN
1.
2.
4.
5.
8.

Marks: 10

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 50