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FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE OLYMPIAD:
GRADE 8

DATE: 19 - 23 SEPTEMBER 2022

TIME: 75 MINUTES

Instructions:

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

NAME OF LEARNER:	
SCHOOL:	**GRADE:**

QUESTION ONE

Read the passage (Text A) below and then answer the questions by choosing the correct option for each answer.

Bod was a quiet child with sober grey eyes and a mop of tousled, mouse-colored hair. He was, for the most part, obedient. He learned how to talk, and once he had learned, he would pester the cemetery folk with questions. “Why am I not allowed out of the graveyard?” he would ask, or “How do *I* do what *he* just did?” or “Who lives in here?” The adults would do their best to answer his questions, but their answers were often vague, or confusing, or contradictory. Bod would walk down to the old chapel and talk to Silas. But Silas was leaving. Bod had been upset by this when he had first learned about it. He was no longer upset. He was furious.
“But *why*?” said Bod.
“I told you. I need to obtain some information. In order to do that, I have to travel. To travel, I must leave here. We have already been over all this.”
“What’s so important that you have to go away?” Bod’s six-year-old mind tried to imagine something that could make Silas want to leave him, and failed. “It’s not fair.”
His guardian was unperturbed. “It is neither fair nor unfair.”
Bod was not impressed. “You’re meant to look after me. You *said*.”
“As your guardian I have responsibility for you, yes. Fortunately, I am not the only individual in the world willing to take on this responsibility.”
“Where are you going anyway?”
“Out. Away. There are things I need to uncover that I cannot uncover here.”
Bod snorted and walked off, kicking at imaginary stones. On the northwestern side of the graveyard things had become very overgrown and tangled, far beyond the ability of the groundskeeper or the Friends of the Graveyard to tame, and he ambled over there, and woke a family of Victorian children who had all died before their tenth birthdays, and they played at hide-and-go-seek under moonlight in the ivy-twined jungle. Bod tried to pretend that Silas was not leaving, that nothing was going to change, but when the game was done and he ran back to the old chapel.

One grave in every graveyard belongs to the ghouls. Wander any graveyard long enough and you will find it—water stained and bulging, with cracked or broken stone, grass or weeds about it, and a feeling, when you reach it, of abandonment. It may be colder than the other gravestones, too, and the name on the stone is all too often impossible to read. If one grave in a graveyard makes you want to be somewhere else, that is the ghoul-gate. There was one in Bod’s graveyard.

There was a witch buried at the edge of the graveyard, it was common knowledge. Bod had been told to keep away from that corner of the world by Mrs. Owens as far back as he could remember.
“Why?” he asked.
“It isn’t healthy for a living body,” said Mrs. Owens. “There’s damp down that end of things. It’s practically a marsh. You’ll catch your death.”

[Adapted from *The Graveyard Book*]

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Answer the following questions based on Text A. Circle the answer that you choose:

1. **According to the text, Bod was ….**

(a) obedient all of the time.
(b) mostly obedient.
(c) not obedient at all.
(d) the least obedient of all the children.

(1)

2. **Provide a synonym for "pester". Tick the one that applies.**

☐ Guide

☐ Talk

☐ Hurt

☐ Playful

☐ Trouble

(1)

3. **What is Bod's hair compared to?**

(a) angry
(b) a mop
(c) a magic wand
(d) twisted

(1)

4. **How old was Bod?**

(a) 6 years old
(b) 4 years old
(c) 7 years old
(d) 10 years old

(1)

5. What was Bod furious about?

(a) No one at the cemetery knew how to answer his questions.
(b) He was always confused about everything.
(c) Silas was leaving.
(d) Silas didn't answer any of his questions when Bod pestered him.

(1)

6. According to the text, Silas was the only person willing to take care of Bod.

TRUE	FALSE

(1)

7. What had happened to the North Western side of the cemetery? Tick all the possible options.

(a) The grass was overgrown.
(b) The grass was tangled.
(c) The housekeeper could not manage to fix the state of the garden.
(d) The housekeeper neglected the garden.

(3)

8. A synonym for chapel is church. Tick true or false.

TRUE	FALSE

(1)

9. What are the signs of a ghoul's grave. Tick all the possible options.

(a) These graves were warmer than others.
(b) These graves were water stained.
(c) The gravestone was cracked.
(d) You get a feeling of abandonment when you reach it.

(3)

10. This story is an example of a _____story.

Fictional	Non-fictional

(1)

11. What do you call someone who can die? Pick the correct answer.

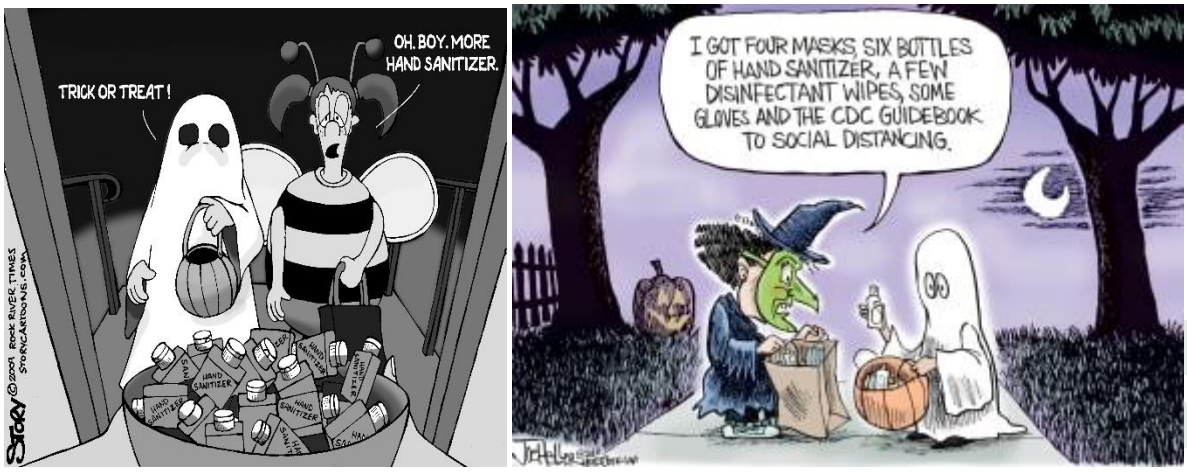
Immortal	Mortal

(1)

Marks: 15

QUESTION TWO:

View the cartoon below and answer the questions that follows:



[Source: storycartoons.com]

1. **What social issue is the cartoon speaking about?**
   (a) Halloween
   (b) Ghosts
   (c) Covid-19
   (d) Sweets are bad for children.

(1)

2. **What are the children doing in the picture?**
   (a) Trick or treating
   (b) Scarring people
   (c) Carving a pumpkin
   (d) Hearing a noise

(1)

3. **Both cartoons are taking place:**

At night	In the day

(1)

4. **What two points are signs that prove the time of day?**

(a) The moon is out
(b) It is dark
(c) The sun is out
(d) The pumpkins

(2)

Marks: 5

QUESTION THREE:

Write down the PART OF SPEECH and figure of speech for each of the underlined words in the following sentence:

The scary ghost made an appearance at night. His appearance was

as fast as a flash of lightning but the troop of dancers

saw the scene. They had been on the Mystery Ghost Bus tour.

Her teacher was a witch, especially when it came to giving decent marks.

It was the darkest night of the year and the moon winked down on the

Land of Nod.

Marks: 10

QUESTION FOUR:

Fill out the table below by completing the degrees of comparison:

E.g. Pretty	**Prettier**	**Prettiest**
Thin		**Thinnest**
	Easier	**Easiest**
Painful	**More painful**	
Comfortable		**Most comfortable**

Marks: 4

QUESTION FIVE:

Choose the correct words to complete these simple sentences:

1. They is / are brothers and sisters.
2. Our pumpkins is / are in good condition.
3. Little is / are done to protect the children on Halloween.
4. Each boy was / were waiting to take pictures of the ghost.
5. Pumpkins is / are healthy.
6. Masks is / are unnecessary.

Marks: 6

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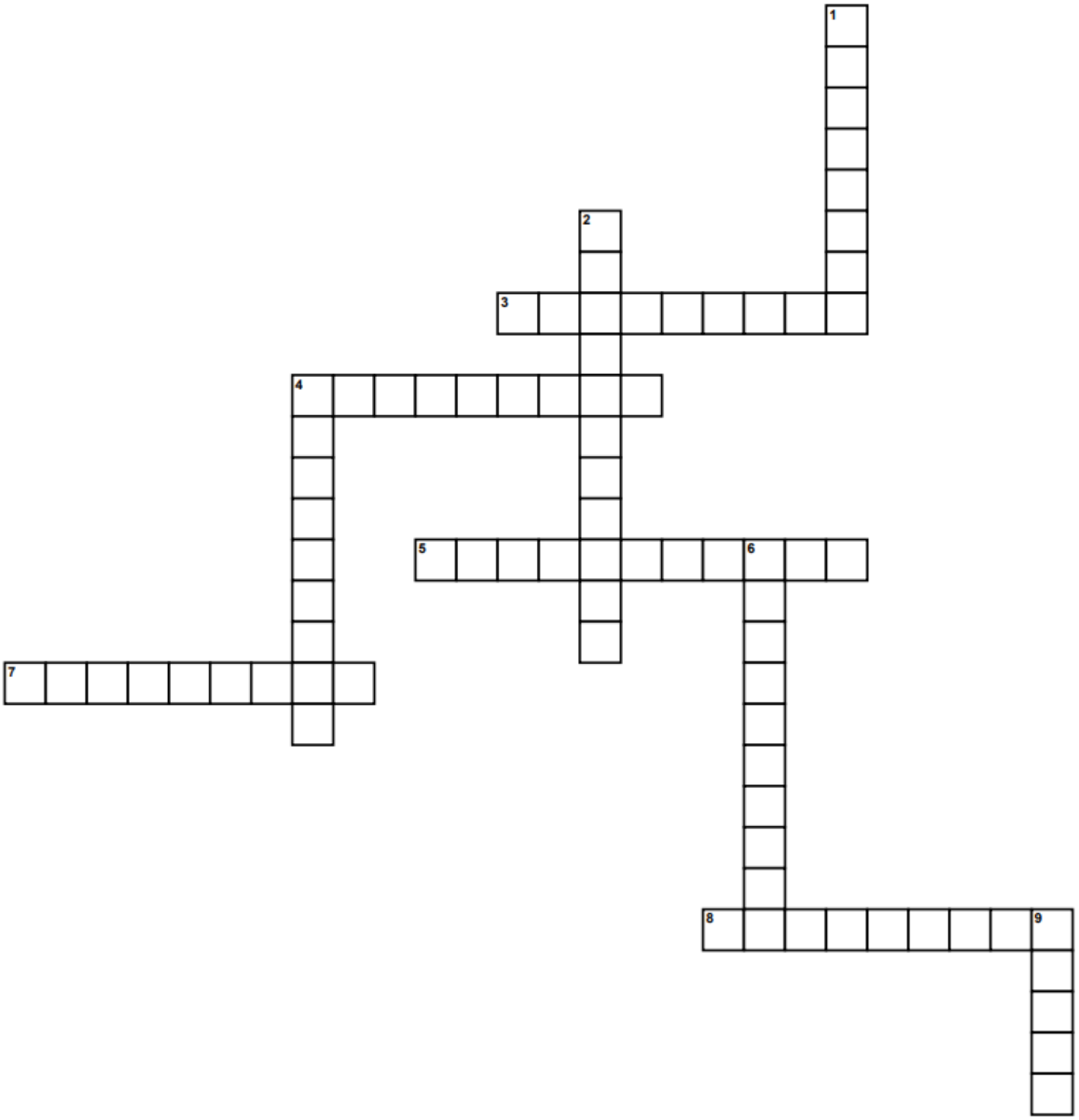
QUESTION SIX: CROSSWORD: FORM ADJECTIVES

Forms of Adjectives



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Clues: Use the words in brackets to provide the correct adjectival form of all of these words that describe the nouns.

ACROSS:

3. An (admire) person
4. An (enjoy) person
5. A (stand out) student
7. A (demand) career
8. A (beauty) princess

DOWN:

1. An (adore) pumpkin
2. A (complicate) problem
4. An (explode) bomb
6. An (impress) performance
9. A (luck) draw

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

Marks: 10

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 50