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GRADE 8

ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

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A. Paper structure for the olympiad

Comprehension

Choose a passage that will be easy to read.

- Opt for a passage that has words that learners can understand easily.
- The passage can be interlinked with other subjects such as science or social science.

Analysing a visuals: Adverts or cartoons

Learners must be able to interpret what they have seen or read. The text must be short and to the point but learners must know the idea of the text or visual.

Learners are further expected to draw links between information.

Language

Learners must know all language concepts. This includes parts of speech, concord rules, and degrees of comparisons.

Crossword puzzle

Test language concepts in the form of a crossword puzzle.

B. How it aligns with the curriculum?

Comprehension

As per CAPS, the text passage chosen should meet the needed requirements.

The passage should contain words already learnt and encourage independent reflection on the text read.

Choose passages with commonly understandable words. You can choose narrative texts to enhance the attention of readers.

Analysing a visual or book extract

CAPS calls for a variety of texts to be used and this allows learners to interact with various different tasks.

Language

All language concepts covered in Grades 7 and 8 can be asked in the paper.

Crossword puzzle

Include elements taught in class in a fun and playful way by asking these questions in a crossword puzzle form.

C. How it goes beyond?

The olympiad includes a few logical thinking and general knowledge questions. This is to allow for a fair chance for learners who have general knowledge and can think logically.

It also provides a fair amount of challenge for learners who are book- smart but unable to problem solve.

It tests core first additional language concepts like spelling, basic vocabulary, and simple language concepts.

Learners must be able to think out of the box while also recapping content knowledge.

D. Sample questions

1. Comprehension

1.1 Ask level one questions: who, what, where, when, why?

- Where is the story taking place?
- Who is the author?
- What can happen according to the text?

1.2 Choose the sentence with the correct grammar: me and my mum or my mum and I.

1.3 Provide a synonym/ antonym for the following word/s.

1.4 The story stated that the man was sick. Choose between true or false.

1.5 What was the boy's hair compared to?

1.6 What evidence states that it is day?

2. Analysing a visual or book extract

2.1 Look at the picture below:

- What is being advertised?
- Why is the boy mad?

2.2 Match column A and column B.

2.3 Choosen the correct option: The body language shows the lady is_____.

Option1: Closed off

Option2: Open and willing to communicate.

2.4 What social issue is the cartoon speaking about?

3. Language

3.1 Provide antonymns for a set of words.

3.2 Identify the part of speech that has been underlined.

3.3 Complete the table below:

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3.4 Underline the correct option below:

The class is / are going to stay in for detention.

4. LOGIC

4.1 On what word is there a play on words:

I don't like insects they really bug me.

5. Crossword puzzle

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5.1 Provide the correct form of the adjective:

An (admire) person