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# SOUTH AFRICAN PRIMARY SCHOOL ENGLISH OLYMPIAD FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (FAL) GRADE 4

**DATE:** 04 - 08 SEPTEMBER 2023

**TIME:** 60 MINUTES

**Instructions:**

1. This booklet has 14 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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| **NAME OF LEARNER:** | |
| **SCHOOL:** | **GRADE:** |

**QUESTION ONE:**

1. **Read the following extract from, "The Amazing Deep Sea Adventure by Benjamin G. Hewett and Paddy Muldoon and then answer the questions that follow.**

All sorts of bits float on the surface –ear buds, tissue paper, a rubber duck, some goldfish and what look like chocolate Snickers bars…

"At least there are no crocodiles," Jack says reassuringly.

Since their last adventure, Lily has been going to extra swimming lessons after school and is now a confident swimmer.

As the three children float alongside the debris, their eyes adjust to the darkness and they can make out a narrow ledge running along the side of the sewer.

Suddenly, hundreds of yellow, sparkly eyes start to appear along the ledge. As they peer closer they begin to see dark shapes with long tails and small legs.

"Awwww, baby mice," coos Lily.

"No… RATS! Jack and Odinn shout, "Swim!"

The narrow sewer opens up into a huge chamber with enormous round ceiling, which lights up like the Milky Way - except, they're not stars but thousands upon thousands of sewer rats staring down at them.
"Wow!" the kids exclaim.

"Welcome to Toilet Town - it looks like you need some help?" asks one of the rats on the space ledge.

"PLEASE… Can you get us out of here?" begs Odinn.

The walls of the chamber start to move as thousands of rats scurry down to the ledge.

They begin to climb over each other and link up, creating a long chain of rats that lowers into the water. Jack pushes Lily up first, followed by Odinn, as the three scramble up the rat rope out onto the slimy ledge.

"I think we'll need 200 zillion baths to get rid of this smell," exclaims Jack.

**[Extracted adapted from The Amazing Deep Sea Adventure]**

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**Underline the correct answer for each question below:**

1. **Underline the option that is NOT correct. _____ wasn't floating on the surface.**

   (a) Tissue paper
   (b) Candy floss
   (c) Something that looked like Snickers bars
   (d) Earbuds

   **(1)**

2. **Jack was happy there wasn't any_____ down there? Tick the correct answer.**

   (a) Rats
   (b) Rodents
   (c) Insects
   (d) Crocodiles

   **(1)**

3. **What does the word "debris" mean? Tick the correct answer.**

   (a) Water
   (b) Darkness
   (c) Pieces of rubbish
   (d) A group of rats

   **(1)**

4. **According to the text, how many rats did the children first see? Tick the correct answer.**

| Hundreds | Thousands |
|---|---|

   **(1)**

5. **Tick the sentence with the correct grammar from the options below:**

   (a) "Can you please getting me and Lily out of here," cried Odinn.
   (b) "Can you please got me and Lily out of here," cried Odinn.
   (c) "Can you please get Lily and I out of here," cried Odinn.
   (d) "Can you please got Lily and I out of here," cried Odinn.

   **(1)**

6. **Give a synonym for "scurry". Tick the correct answer.**

   (a) Slowly (b) Quickly
   (c) Carefully

   **(1)**

7. **In this text, what does the word, "chamber," mean? Tick the correct answer.**

(a) Enclosed space (b) Large space
(b) Private room (d) Place in a gun

**(1)**

8. **From reading the story, where were the children? Tick the correct answer.**

(a) Sewer (b) A swimming pool

**(1)**

9. **What did the thousands of rats together form_____? Tick the correct answer.**

(a) Chain (b) Collage
(c) Rope (d) Origami

**(1)**

10. **According to the text, what could Lily do now that she couldn't during their last adventure? Tick the correct answer.**

(a) Swim confidently (b) Talk loudly
(c) Coo out aloud (d) Climb up rats confidently

**(1)**

11. **When Jack said, "I think we'll need 200 zillion baths to get rid of this smell." He was… Tick the correct answer.**

(a) Guessing (b) Lying
(c) Exaggerating (d) Counting

**(1)**

12. **The story is about the adventures of Odinn, Jack, and Lily in a sewer. Tick the correct answer.**

| True | False |
|---|---|

**(1)**

**Marks: 12**

**QUESTION TWO:**

**Join the two sentences together by using the conjunction, "and".**

2.1 Odinn went for an adventure. Lily went for an adventure.

_____

_____

_____

**Join the two sentences together by using the conjunction, "because".**

2.2 The children needed to bath. They were smelling like sewer water.

_____

_____

_____

**(4)**

**QUESTION THREE:**

**Change to the past progressive tense by selecting the verb.**

3.1 The children were _____ down the sewer pipe.

(a) slide
(b) sliding
(c) is sliding
(d) slided

**(1)**

**QUESTION FOUR:**

**4.1 When did the following action happen? The action happened in the _____.**

Lily goes for swimming lessons.

(a) present tense
(b) past tense
(c) present continuous tense
(d) future tense

**(1)**

**QUESTION FIVE:**

**5.1 Choose the correct saying to describe the temperature.**

It was _____ down in the sewer.

(a) high temperature
(b) tall temperature
(c) loud temperature
(d) down temperature

**(1)**

**QUESTION SIX:**

**Fill in the correct plurals.**

6.1 One child but many _____.

6.2 One toilet but many _____.

6.3 One rat but many _____.

**(3)**

**QUESTION SEVEN:**

**State whether the noun below is countable or uncountable:**

7.1 Rat - _____ **(1)**

**QUESTION EIGHT:**

**Punctuate the following sentences by adding capital letters and commas:**

8.1 their adventures included a trip to the toilet space dairy farm and the zoo **(4)**

**QUESTION NINE:**

**Circle the correct answer:**

9.1 “I _____ going home to bath,” said Jack.

(a) is
(b) am
(c) are
(d) be

**(1)**

**QUESTION TEN:**

**Circle the subject and underline the verb in the sentence below:**

12.1 They begin to climb over each other and link up.

**(2)**

**QUESTION ELEVEN:**

**Choose the correct pronoun from the options below:**

11.1 Jack tried _____ best to reassure Lily and Odinn.

| his | her | him |
|---|---|---|

**(1)**

**QUESTION TWELVE:**

**Choose the correct article from the options below:**

12.1 Lily was _____ confident swimmer.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| a | the | an |

**(1)**

**Choose the correct article from the options below:**

12.2 Jack should have not eaten _____ Snickers bar.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| a | the | an |

**(1)**

**QUESTION THIRTEEN:**

**Underline the adjectives below:**

13.1 Hundreds of yellow, sparkly eyes start to appear along the ledge.

**(2)**

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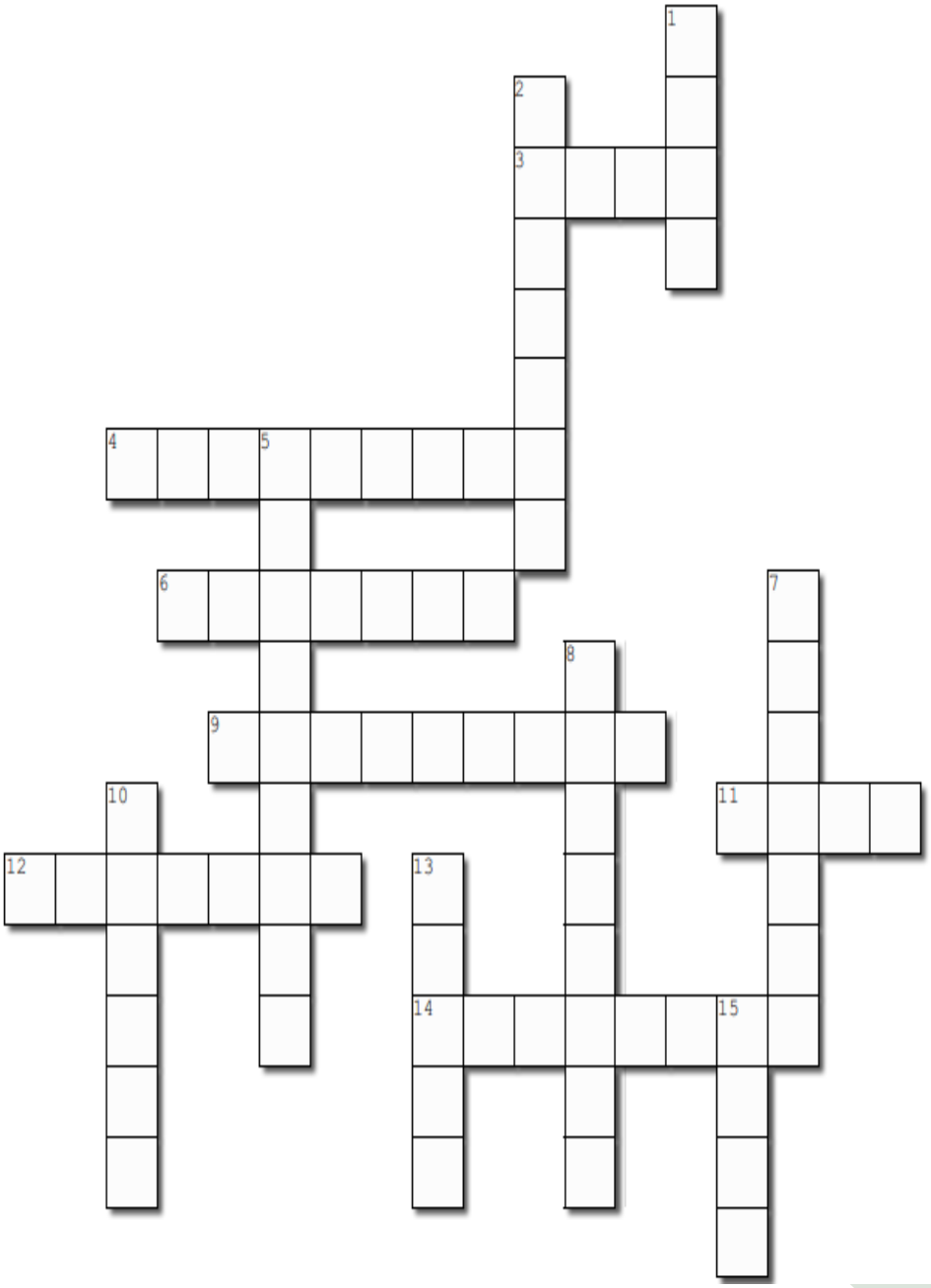
**QUESTION FOURTEEN:**

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE: Using clues, fill in the matching words in the grid below.**



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**Across:**

3. Past tense of “go”.
4. A Snicker’s bar is a type of _____.
6. Write out, “100” in full.
9. Stars in a galaxy.
11. Plural of “mouse”.
12. Past tense of “start”.
14. Write out, “1000” in full.

**Down:**

1.One word for wash yourself thoroughly.
2. A person or animal who swims.
5. Opposite of shy.
7. Past tense of, “arrive.”
8. You use it to clean your ears.
10. Opposite of ‘wide’.
13. Liquid we drink to stay alive.
15. What part of speech is, “Lily.”

| **ACROSS** |
|---|
| 3. |
| 4. |
| 6. |
| 9. |
| 11. |
| 12. |
| 14. |
| **DOWN** |
| 1. |
| 2. |
| 5. |
| 7. |
| 8. |
| 10. |
| 13. |
| 15. |

**Marks: 15**

**TOTAL FOR PAPER: 50**