SOUTH AFRICAN PRIMARY SCHOOL ENGLISH OLYMPIAD
FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (FAL)
GRADE 5

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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QUESTION ONE:

1. Read the following passage and then answer the questions that follow.

Here's To You, Rachel Robinson

Trouble in our family is spelled with a capital C and has been as long as I can remember. The C stands for Charles. He's my older brother, two years and four months older to be exact. Ever since the phone call about him last night, I feel incredibly tense. And now, at this very minute, my parents are driving up to Vermont, to Charles's boarding school, to find out if he's actually been kicked out or if he's suspended again.

I tried to take a deep breath. I read an article about relieving tensions in *Psychology Today.* You take a deep breath then count to ten as you slowly release it. But as I inhaled, I caught the scent of the fresh lilacs on Ms. Lefferts' desk and I started to cough. Ms. Lefferts, my seventh-grade English teacher, looked over at me. She was discussing the three most important elements in making a biography come alive for the reader. When I coughed again, she crossed the room and opened two windows from, the bottom, letting in the spring breeze.

The class was restless, shifting around in their seats, counting the hours till school let out so they could enjoy the first really warm day of the year. But the clock on the wall read 10:17. The day was just beginning. And the date on the chalkboard said Friday, May 8. Still, seven weeks to go. I forced my mind back to class.

"So now that we've come to the end of the unit on biographies," Ms. Lefferts was saying, "I have an assignment for you." She walked back to her desk and just stood there, looking at us, a half smile on her face. She knows exactly how to get attention. "I want you to write a biography of your own lives." Ms. Lefferts continued. "Not an autobiography, but a biography. Who can explain the difference?"

She took a hair clip out of her desk drawer and held it between her teeth while she gathered her streaked blond hair into a ponytail. She looked around the room as she fastened it, waiting for someone to respond to her question.

Max Wilson raised his hand.

"Yes, Max?" Ms. Lefferts said.

"An autobiography is about the life of a car," Max said.

The class cracked up.

[Extract taken: Here's To You Rachel Robinson - Judy Blume]

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below. Circle the correct answer below:

1. The "C" in trouble stands for_____.

(a) Trouble
(b) Chris
(c) Charles
(d) Cami

(1)

2. How much older is the narrator's brother?

(a) Two years four months
(b) Two years
(c) Two years seven months
(d) Four years

(1)

3. The narrator is stressed because_____.

(a) her parents are driving to Vermont
(b) her brother is coming home from boarding school
(c) her brother may be expelled from boarding school
(d) she needs to read Psychology Today **(1)**

4. Another word for tension is _____ .

(a) inhaling
(b) counting
(c) breathing
(d) anxiety **(1)**

5. Tick the correct options. The narrator is

in the classroom.	on the way to Vermont.

(1)

6. An autobiography is about the life of a car. Tick true or false.

True	False

(1)

7. A biography is _____.

(a) a story of your life written by yourself
(b) a story of biology
(c) a story of your life written by someone else
(d) a story of geography

(1)

8. The class cracked up, means _____.

(a) the class laughed
(b) the class broke
(c) the class tore the paper
(d) the class made a noise

(1)

9. A synonym for the word "fastened" is_____ .

(a) tied
(b) loosened
(c) quicker
(d) slower

(1)

10. Ms. Lefferts' actions showed_____ .

(a) she wanted attention
(b) she was entertained by the class
(c) she didn't like to teach
(d) she knew someone would say something funny

(1)

11. Tick the correct options. The season was winter.

True	False

(1)

12. An antonym for deep is:

deeper	shallow	low

(1)

Marks: 12

QUESTION TWO:

Choose the correct word in the following sentences:

2.1 The teacher waited for her question to **bee / be** answered.
2.2 Max Wilson could be funny **to / too**.

(2)

QUESTION THREE:

Join the sentences below by using the joining word, "and."

3.1 Charles was in boarding school. Charles was suspended from boarding school.

(2)

QUESTION FOUR:

Choose the correct adjective to complete these sentences below:

4.1 Max Wilson was the _____ to answer the teacher's question.

(a) quick
(b) quickest
(c) quicker

4.2 Max Wilson was _____ than the other students in the class.

(a) funnier
(b) funniest
(c) funny

(2)

QUESTION FIVE:

Rewrite the following sentence putting in the capital letters, full stops, and commas.

5.1 charlie got in trouble suspended and expelled from his boarding school in Vermont

_____

_____

(4)

QUESTION SIX:

Write the prefix from the box that will change the underlined word to its opposite.

dis	mis	un

6.1 The narrator _____**likes** biographies.
6.2 Max seemed to have _____**understood** the term, "autobiography".
6.3 The assignment given by the teacher was _____ **expected**.

(3)

QUESTION SEVEN:

7.1 Can you solve the riddle below by guessing the object being spoken about?

A silver-scaled dragon that burns flaming red

Sits at elbow and toasts my bread

I hand him fat slices and then slowly

He hands them back to me once they are done.

(2)

QUESTION EIGHT:

Underline the subjects in the sentences below:

8.1 Ms. Lefferts teaches English.

8.2 The class was restless.

(2)

QUESTION NINE:

Put the verbs in brackets in the past continuous tense:

9.1 Ms. Lefferts _____the class about biographies. (teach)

9.2 Charles _____the wrong things at boarding school. (do)

(2)

QUESTION TEN:

Underline the correct helping verbs so that the sentences make sense.

10.1 The narrator **is / are** going to solve her brother's problem.

10.2 The boys at boarding school **was / were** troublesome.

(2)

QUESTION ELEVEN:

Underline the abstract noun in the sentences below:

11.1 The narrator felt distracted in class.

11.2 The narrator's brother made her feel annoyed most of the time.

(2)

QUESTION TWELVE:

12.1 Put the correct nouns in the columns below:

My parents are driving up to Vermont, to Charles's boarding school, to find out if he's actually been kicked out or if he's suspended again.

Proper nouns	Common nouns

(4)

QUESTION THIRTEEN:

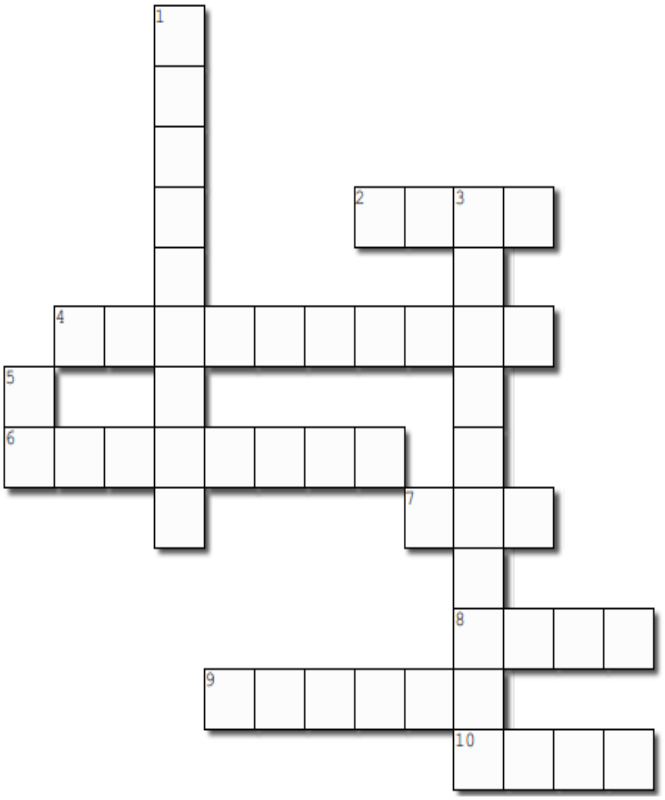
Fill in the correct collective noun:

13.1There was a _____ of keys on the table.

(1)

QUESTION FOURTEEN

Complete the crossword puzzle below:



Across:

2. A biography is a story about _____ life.

4. She was more mature than her (plural of classmate).

6. At 18 months, she could say three words at a time (write out 18 in full).

7. Rachel has scarlet hair. A synonym for the colour scarlet is _____.

8. Rachel Robinson was born (opposite of short).

9. Rachel was reading a book called the (opposite of big) House set.

10. She also had (opposite of light) hair.

Down:

1. A story of someone's life written by someone else is called _____.

3. Rachel was the (opposite of expected) member of the family.

5. The class said, "_____ need to write a biography". (Fill out the correct pronoun)

(10)

ACROSS	
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4.	10.
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DOWN	
1.	
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