SOUTH AFRICAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS ENGLISH OLYMPIAD
FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (FAL)
GRADE 6

DATE: 04 - 08 SEPTEMBER 2023

TIME: 60 MINUTES

Instructions:

1. This booklet has 11 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 passage and then answer the questions that follow:

High on a hill in an enchanted garden, enclosed by tall walls and protected by strong magic, flowed the Fountain of Fair Fortune. Once a year, between the hours of sunrise and sunset on the longest day, a single unfortunate was given a chance to fight their way to the Fountain, bathe in its waters, and receive Fair Fortune.

On the appointed day, hundreds of people traveled from all over the kingdom to reach the garden walls before dawn. Male and female, rich and poor, young and old, of magical means and without gathered in the darkness, each hoping that they would be the one to gain the entrance to the garden.

Three witches, each with her burden of woe, met on the outskirts of the crowd and told one another of their sorrows as they waited for sunrise. The first, by name Asha, was sick of a malady that no healer could cure. She hoped that the Fountain would cure her symptoms and grant her a long and happy life. The second, by name Altheda, had been robbed of her home, her gold, and her wand by an evil sorcerer. She hoped that the Fountain might relieve her of her poverty. The third, by name Amata, had been deserted by a man whom she loved dearly, and she thought her heart would never mend. She eagerly hoped the Fountain would relieve her of her grief and longing.

Pitying each other, the three women agreed that, should the chance befall them, they would unite and try to reach the Fountain together. The crowd surged forward that morning, each of them shrieking their claim for the Fountain's favours. Asha and Altheda were angry with Amata, who had accidentally brought a knight with her. Sir Luckless, as the knight was called, observed the witches, and having no magic, nor any great skill was sure he had no hope of beating the three women to the Fountain.

[Source: Tales of Beedle and Bard]

Circle the correct answer from the questions below:

1. **What is the setting of the story? Circle all the correct answers.**

   (a) Low on a hill
   (b) Enchanted garden
   (c) Fountain of Fair Fortune
   (d) High on a hill

   (3)

2. **When will an unfortunate be given the chance to go to change his or her fortune?**

   Tick the correct answer.

   (a) Every day from sunrise to sunset (b) 1948
   (c) Longest day of the year (d) During a battle

   (1)

3. **What does the word, "outskirts" NOT mean? Tick the correct answer.**

   (a) Surrounding area or district
   (b) Inner city
   (c) The boundary
   (d) Outer parts of the town or city

   (1)

4. **One word for the phrase, "burden of woe" is _____. Tick the correct answer.**

   (a) contentment
   (b) tribulation
   (c) disapproval
   (d) happiness

   (1)

5. **Find a synonym for "malady". Tick the correct answer.**

   (a) Happiness
   (b) Disbelief
   (c) Sickness
   (d) Melancholy

   (1)

6. **The second witch was robbed by an evil criminal. Tick true or false.**

TRUE	FALSE

(1)

7. **What did Amata hope the fountain would do? Tick the correct answer.**

(a) Bring the man she loved back
(b) Mend her broken heart
(c) Make her feel love again
(d) Relieve her of her pain

(1)

8. **What word in the sentence, "Pitying each other, the three women agreed that, should the chance befall them, they would unite and try to reach the Fountain together," tells you that the witches were not selfish. Tick the correct answer.**

(a) Pitying
(b) befall
(c) unite
(d) chance

(1)

9. **The witches were mad at Amata because she betrayed their trust. Tick the correct answer.**

TRUE	FALSE

(1)

10. **Sir Luckless really had no luck. Choose either true or false or not enough evidence in the text. Tick the correct answer.**

(a) True
(b) Not enough evidence in the text
(c) False

(1)

11. Why could Sir Luckless not beat the witches to the fountain? Choose all the options you agree with. Circle all the options.

(a) He had no magic.
(b) The girls were working against him.
(c) He only had great skill.
(d) He didn't have any skills. **(2)**

12. Circle a suitable title for the extract. Tick the correct answer.

(a) Fountain of Unfortunates
(b) Fountain of Fair Fortune
(c) Malady strikes
(d) The race to the fountain **(1)**

Marks: 15

QUESTION TWO:

Look at the different spells below:

"An Age Line! ...Well, that should be fooled by an Aging Potion, shouldn't it? And once your name's in that goblet, you're laughing - it can't tell whether you're seventeen or not!"
-- Fred Weasley, wrong about the Age Line (GF16)

Ageing Potion causes the person drinking it to grow older. The more one drinks, the more one ages.

"Antidotes!"
-- Professor Snape (GF18)

Antidotes in general reverse the effects of a poison or spell.
[Source: Antidotes – Harry Potter Lexicon (hp-lexicon.org)]

Fill out the correct form of the words in brackets:

2.1 I feel like I am (grow) _____older.

2.2 Ageing potion makes you (old) _____than you are.

2.3 Ageing potion should not be drunk by the (old) _____person in the room.

2.4 The antidotes are (remedy) _____the effects caused by poison.

(4)

QUESTION THREE:

What two words make up these contracted words:

3.1 Can't = _____ + _____

(2)

QUESTION FOUR:

Join the sentence below with the correct conjunction:

4.1 Amata wanted to get to the Fountain of Fair Fortune. Sir Luckless wanted to get to the Fountain of Fair Fortune.

(2)

QUESTION FIVE:

Punctuate the following sentences:

5.1 when will the witches reach the Fountain of Fair Fortune

5.2 All the witches had their own problems troubles and strife to worry about

5.3 Ouch said Sir Luckless

(6)

QUESTION SIX:

Draw a circle around the correct preposition of your choice.

6.1 The painting of Professor Snape was (against / by) the wall.

6.2 The witches waited patiently (for / from) the ghost.

(2)

QUESTION SEVEN:

Underline the pronouns in the sentences below:

7.1 The crowd surged forward that morning, each of them shrieking their claim for the Fountain's favours.

7.2 Three witches, each with her burden of woe.

(2)

QUESTION EIGHT:

Identify the figure of speech in the phrases and sentences below:

8.1 fountain's favours _____

8.2 The knight's help was as pointless as a blunt pencil. _____

(2)

QUESTION NINE:

Identify the part of speech below:

9.1 Sir Luckless

9.2 witches

9.3 trying

(3)

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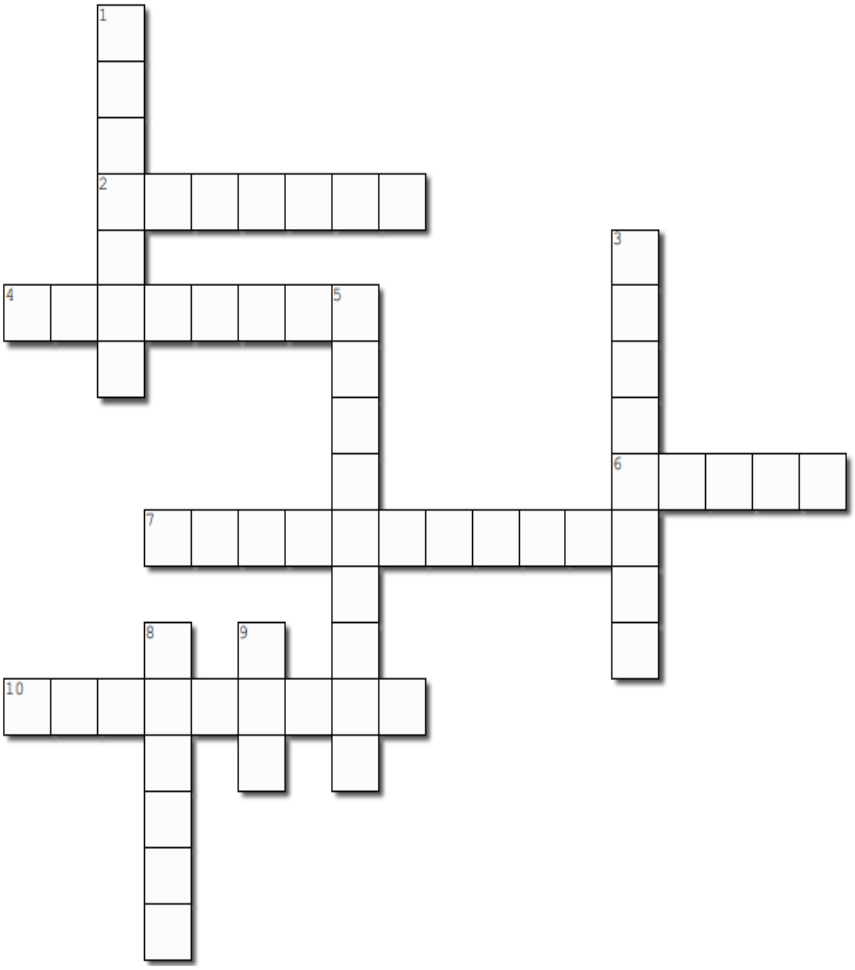
QUESTION TEN:



CLUES:

ACROSS:

2. Synonym for skill
4. Antonym for hope
6. Antonym for luckless
7. Antonym for fortunate
10. Synonym for deserted

DOWN:

1. Synonym for sad
3. Antonym for fearful
5. Antonym for united
8. Antonym for fair
9. Antonym for high

Marks: 10

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

QUESTION ELEVEN:

11. Complete the riddles below:

11.1 How many bananas can you eat if your stomach is empty?

_____ **(1)**

11.2 How can a girl go 25 days without sleep?

_____ **(1)**

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 50