SOUTH AFRICAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS ENGLISH OLYMPIAD
FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (FAL)
GRADE 7

DATE: 04 - 08 SEPTEMBER 2023

TIME: 60 MINUTES

Instructions:

1. This booklet has 12 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 extract from, J.K Rowling.

There was once a kindly old wizard who used his magic generously and wisely for the benefit of his neighbours. Rather than reveal the true source of his power, he pretended his potions, charms, and antidotes sprang ready-made from the little cauldron he called his lucky cooking pot. From miles around, people came to him with their troubles, and the wizard was pleased to give his pot a stir, and put things right. This well-beloved wizard lived to a goodly age, then died, leaving all his chattels to his only son.

His only son was of a very different disposition to his gentle father. Those who could not work magic were, to the son's mind, worthless, and he often quarreled with his father's habit of dispensing magical aid to their neighbours. Upon the father's death, the son found hidden inside the old cooking pot a small package bearing his name. He opened it, hoping for gold, but instead found instead a soft, thick slipper, much too small to wear, and with no pair. A fragment of parchment within the slipper bore the words, "In the fond hope, my son, that you will never need it." The son cursed his father's age-softened mind then threw the slipper quickly back into the cauldron, resolving to use it henceforth as a rubbish pail.

That very night a peasant woman knocked on the front door.
"My granddaughter is afflicted by a crop of warts, sir," she told him. "Your father used to mix a special poultice in that old cooking pot."
"Begone!" cried the son. "What care I for your brat's warts?"
And he slammed the door in the old woman's face.
At once there came a loud clanging and banging in the kitchen.

The wizard lit his wand and opened the door, and there, to his amazement, he saw his father's old cooking pot: it had sprouted a single foot of brass, and was hopping on the spot, in the middle of the floor, making a fearful noise upon flagstones. The wizard approached it in wonder, but fell back, hurriedly when he saw the whole of the pot's surface was covered in warts.

"Disgusting object!" he cried, and he tried first to vanish the pot, then to clean it by magic, and finally to force it out of the house. None of his spells worked, however, and he was unable to prevent the pot hopping after him out of the kitchen, and then following him up to bed, clanging and banging loudly on every wooden stair.
The wizard could not sleep all night for the banging of the warty old pot by his bedside.
The next morning at the breakfast table, clang, clang, clang, went the brass-footed pot, and wizard had not even started his porridge when there came another knock on the door…

Answer the following questions by choosing which option you feel is the correct one:

1. **What word from the story serves as evidence that the wizard's potions did not come out of the pot miraculously? Tick the correct answer.**

   (a) ready-made
   (b) sprang
   (c) pretended
   (d) source of power

(1)

2. **Circle all the adjectives that describe the wizard in paragraph 1. Tick all the clues that describe the wizard.**

   (a) old
   (b) generous
   (c) horrible
   (d) goodly
   (e) kind

(3)

3 **What chattels did the wizard leave to his son? Tick the correct answer.**

   (a) An old cooking pot
   (b) His magic
   (c) Charms
   (d) Antidotes

(1)

4. **The son was even more helpful than his father the wizard. Tick the correct answer.**

TRUE	FALSE

(1)

5. His only son was of a very different disposition to his gentle father. What does this statement mean? Tick the correct meaning of the statement.

(a) The apple doesn't fall far from the tree.
(b) The son was different in character compared to his father.
(c) The son was gentler than his father.
(d) The son resembled the father in terms of his character.

(1)

6. How do you know that the wizard's son was not in control like the wizard was? Tick the correct answer.

(a) He fell back.
(b) He approached the pot in wonder.
(c) He tried to vanish the pot.
(d) None of his spells worked.

(1)

7. The ellipses dots in the sentence, "there came another knock on the door…" shows that? Tick the correct answer.

(a) There is more to the story that is yet to come.
(b) The story has ended.
(c) There has been a change in thought.
(d) A thought has been left incomplete.

(1)

8. The knock on the door was from the old peasant lady's granddaughter. Choose either true or false or not enough evidence in the text. Tick the correct option.

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

(1)

9. How do you know the son didn't appreciate what the father left for him? Tick the right answer.

(a) He cursed his father.
(b) He stopped helping the neighbours.
(c) He hoped for gold.
(d) He cared for the neighbours instead.

(1)

10. Choose a synonym for the word, "quarrelled," in the sentence, "He often quarreled with his father's habit of dispensing magical aid to their neighbours." Tick the right answer.

(a) argued
(b) cared
(c) harmed
(d) adored

(1)

11. Match column A with column B:

Column A	**Column B**
11.1 Came to seek help for her granddaughter who had a crop of warts	A. The gentle father
11.2 It was called a "disgusting object," by the old wizard's son.	B. Peasant woman
11.3 Had a very different disposition than that of his son	C. Cauldron

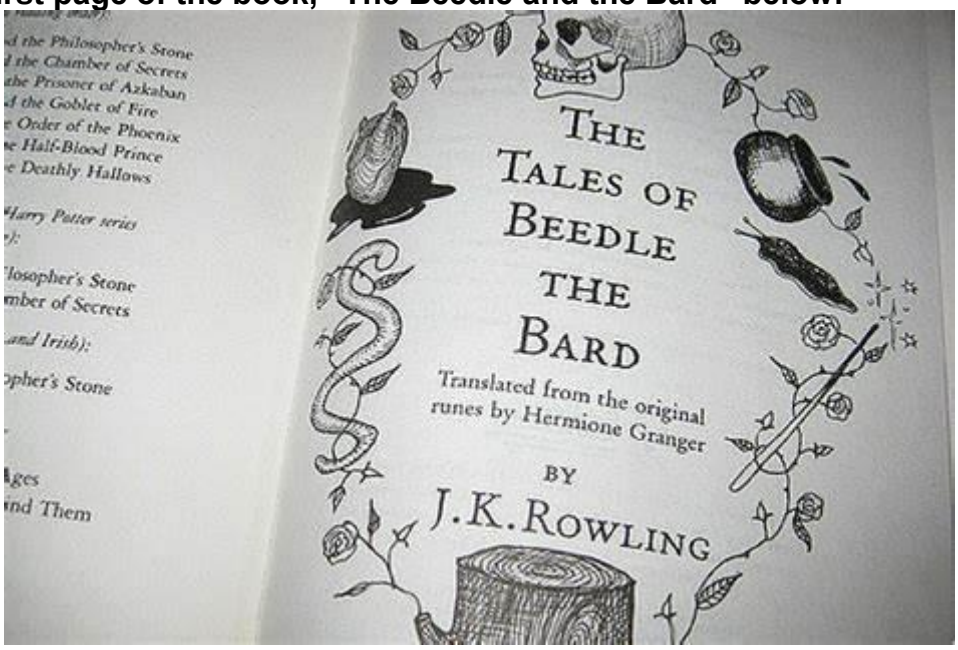
11.1	11.2	11.3

(3)

Marks: 15

QUESTION TWO:

View the first page of the book, "The Beedle and the Bard" below:



2.1 Beadle and Beedle are homophones. What does the word, "beadle," mean? Circle the correct answers.

(a) A minor parish officer dealing with minimal offenses
(b) A cooking pot
(c) A wizard
(d) A church officer attending on the minister

(2)

2.2 What does the word, "bard" mean?

(a) A poet
(b) Hermione
(c) A wizard
(d) A beard

(1)

2.3 Provide a synonym for the word tale.

(a) Translated
(b) Original
(c) Story
(d) Tail

(1)

QUESTION THREE:

Punctuate the following sentence:

3.1 the old lady's granddaughter with the warts on her face needed help an antidote and a hint of magic.

3.2 The book The Beedle and the Bard was written by well-renowned author J.K Rowling.

(6)

QUESTION FOUR:

Complete the following idioms and proverbs:

4.1 An apple a day, _____.

4.2 As easy as _____.

(2)

QUESTION FIVE:

Solve the riddle left by the old wizard for his son:

5.1 The more you take, the more you leave behind. What is it?

(1)

QUESTION SIX:

Draw a circle around the correct preposition of your choice.

6.1 The old pot came (out / in) from the kitchen.

6.2 She waited patiently (for / from) the son to help cure her warts.

6.3 The wizard's son heard a bang coming (from / by) the kitchen.

(3)

QUESTION SEVEN:

Write the sentences below in the past continuous tense:

7.1 The wizard's son heard a noise.

7.2 The son waited for what would happen next.

(2)

QUESTION EIGHT:

Join the sentence below with a conjunction of your choice:

8.1 The neighbours believe in the magical pot. There is no such thing as a magical pot.

(2)

QUESTION NINE:

Add a prefix to change these words to the opposite word:

9.1 Friendly - _____

9.2 Replaceable - _____

(2)

QUESTION TEN

State the figure of speech in the sentences below:

10.1 The cooking pot gobbled up all the warts.

10.2 The magic pot's potions were as potent as a doctor's medication.

(2)

QUESTION ELEVEN

11.1 Provide the plural of porridge - _____

(1)

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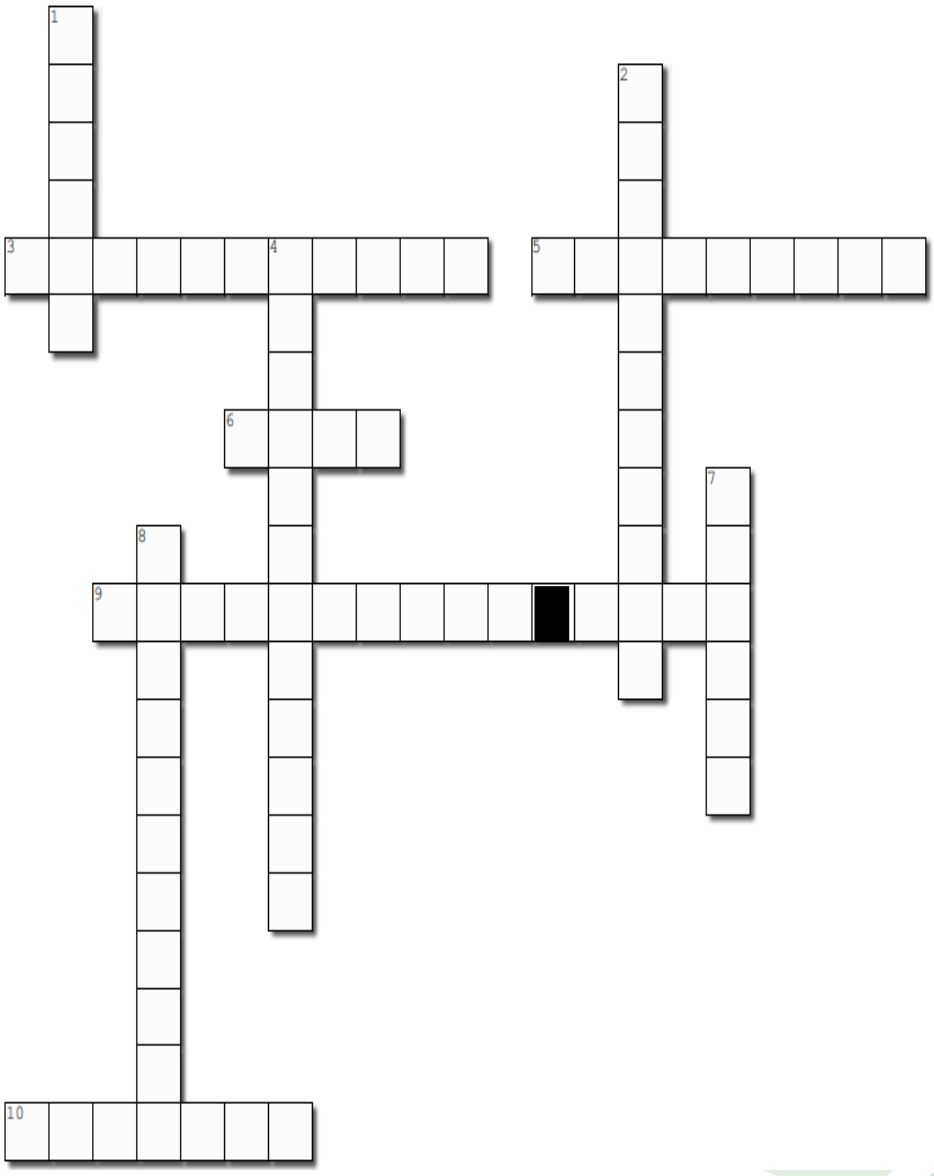
QUESTION TWELVE:

Complete the crossword puzzle below:



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What part of speech is?

Across:

3. on
5. kindly
6. opened
9. crop of warts
10. his

Down:

1. loud
2. but
4. Disgusting!
7. What type of adverb is “quickly?”
8. son

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

Marks: 10

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 50