SOUTH AFRICAN FOUNDATION PHASE
ENGLISH OLYMPIAD
HOME LANGUAGE:
GRADE 3

DATE: 04 - 08 SEPTEMBER 2023

TIME: 60 MINUTES

Instructions:

1. This booklet has 9 questions.
2. Answer on the paper below.
3. Read the questions carefully before answering.
4. Visit the website: www.saolympiads.co.za.

NAME OF LEARNER:	
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QUESTION ONE:

Read the passage from The Grinch below and then answer the questions by choosing the correct option for each answer.

Every Who down in Who-ville liked Christmas a lot…But the Grinch who lived just north Who-ville did not!

The Grinch hated Christmas! The whole Christmas season!
Now, please don't ask why. No one quite knows the reason.
It could be his head wasn't screwed on just right.
It could be, perhaps, that his shoes were too tight.
But I think that the most likely reason of all
May have been that his heart was two sizes too small.

But, whatever the reason,
His heart or shoes
He stood there on Christmas Eve, hating the Whos,
Staring down from his cave with a sour, Grinchy frown
At the warm lighted windows below in their town
For he knew every Who down in Who-ville beneath
Was busy now, hanging a mistletoe wreath.

"And they're hanging their stockings!" he snarled with a sneer. "Tomorrow is Christmas! It's practically here!" Then he growled, with his Grinch fingers nervously drumming. "I MUST find some way to stop Christmas from coming."

For, Tomorrow, he knew…
….All the Who girls and boys would wake bright and early. They'd rush for their toys! And then! Oh, the noise! That's one thing he hated! THE NOISE!

Then the Whos, young and old, would sit down to a feast. And they'd feast and they'd feast! They would feast on Who-pudding, and rare Who-roast-beef which was something the Grinch couldn't stand in the least.

Then he got an idea!
An awful idea!
The Grinch got a wonderful, awful idea

Please answer the following questions:

1.1 Where did the Who's live? Tick the correct answer. **(1)**

Who-ville	
Christmas	
Town-square	

1.2 What did the Grinch hate? Tick the correct answer/s. **(2)**

Mistletoe	
The Who's	
Christmas	

1.3 What reason was given for the Grinch hating Christmas? Tick the correct answer/s. **(2)**

His head wasn't screwed on right.	
The Grinch was scared of Christmas.	
His shoes were too tight.	

1.4 What did the Grinch want to do? Tick the correct answer/s. **(1)**

Stop Christmas.	
Eat roast beef.	
Stop Santa.	

1.5 What would the Who's eat for Christmas? Tick the correct answer/s. **(2)**

Christmas tart	
Who-Pudding	
Roast beef	

1.6 What would the boys and girls get? Tick the correct answer/s. **(1)**

bows	
toys	
books	

1.7 What did the Grinch have? Tick the correct answer/s. **(1)**

An awful idea	
A treat	
A Christmas feast	

1.8 The picture below is a picture of a _____ (Hint: the answer is in the story).

(1)

1.9 Name one other thing that the Grinch hated besides Christmas and The Who's.

_____ **(1)**

1.10 What did the Grinch not like to eat in the least?

_____ **(1)**

1.11 Find a synonym for the word, "bad," from the text.

_____ **(1)**

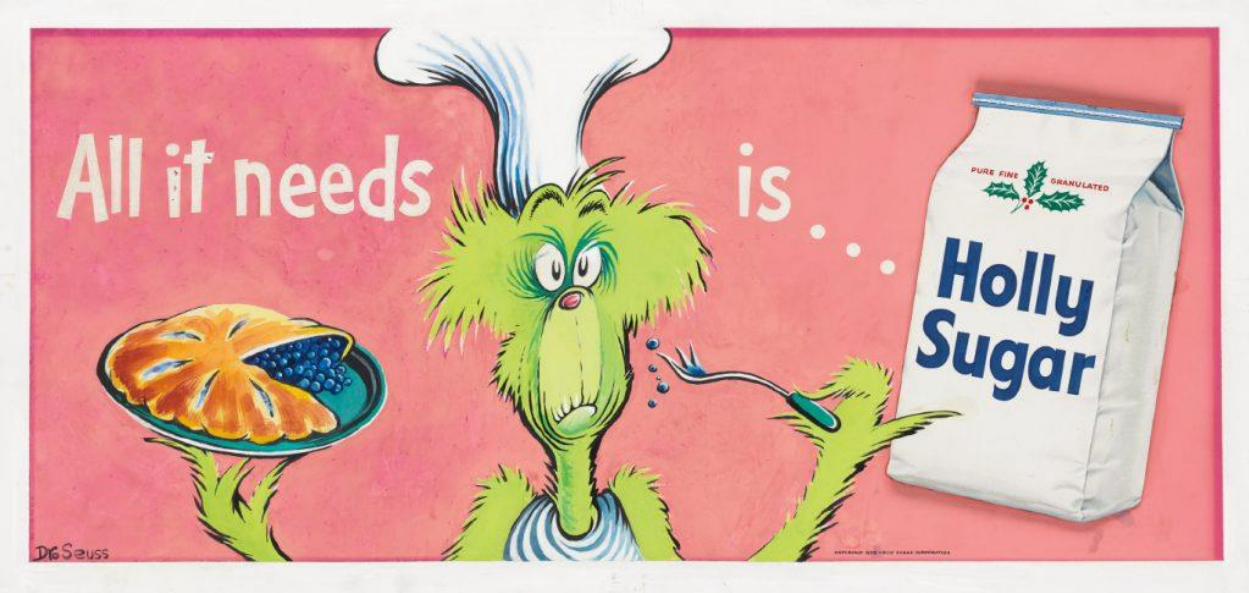
1.12 Find an antonym for the word, "sweet," in the story.

_____ **(1)**

Total: 15

QUESTION TWO:

Look at the advert below and answer the questions that follow:



[Source: https://www.swanngalleries.com/news/m40825-1_dr-seuss-holly-sugar-advertisement/]

2.1 Who is in the advert? (1)

_____

2.2 What is he eating? (1)

_____

2.3 Why is he not smiling? (1)

_____

2.4 What is needed to make his food better? (1)

_____

2.5 What is the opposite of sweet? (1)

_____

Total: 5

QUESTION THREE:

3. Nouns are naming words.

3.1 He likes sugar very much. Circle the noun.

a) he

b) likes

c) much

d) sugar **(1)**

3.2 The Grinch is scary. Circle the proper noun.

a) the

b) Grinch

c) is

d) scary **(1)**

3.3 Fill in the correct common noun to complete the sentence. Use the picture to help you.

The Grinch has a _____.

(1)

QUESTION FOUR:

Underline the verbs in the sentence below:

4.1 Then he growled, with his Grinch fingers nervously drumming.

(2)

QUESTION FIVE:

Fill in the correct punctuation marks to complete these sentences:

5.1 “Ouch_____” cried the Grinch.
5.2 The Whos did not know how much the Grinch hated Christmas _____
5.3 The Grinch ordered green eggs ___ ham and blueberry pie.
5.4 Who enjoyed hanging up stockings at Christmas _____

(4)

QUESTION SIX:

Provide the opposite for the underlined word below.

6.1 The Grinch had a small heart. **(1)**

_____

QUESTION SEVEN:

Solve the riddle below:

7.1 If you remove my skin, I won’t cry, but you might. What am I?

_____

7.2 What is made of water, but if you put it in water, it disappears?

_____

7.3 What has a face but no arms and legs?

_____

7.4 I can be cracked, and I can be made. I can be told, and I can be played, what am I?

_____

7.5 There are 3 pieces of beef in your basket, and you take away 2 pieces of beef. How many pieces of beef do you have?

_____

(5)

QUESTION EIGHT:

Complete the following general knowledge questions:

8.1 How many cards would you usually find in a pack of cards?

_____

8.2 What do we call a year with 366 days?

_____

8.3 What makes up about 80% of our brain's volume?

_____

8.4 Which way is anti-clockwise? Left or right?

_____

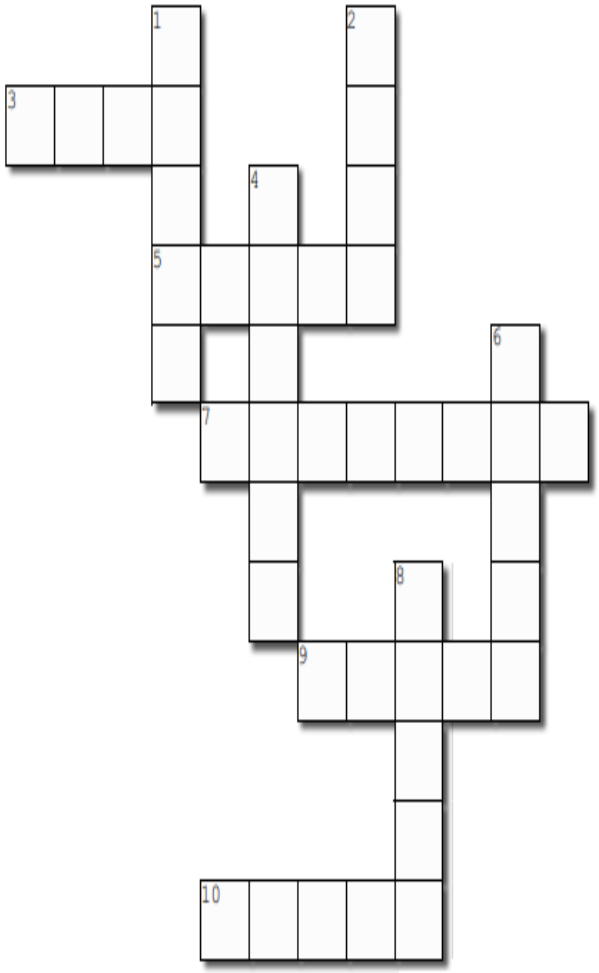
8.5 What colour symbolises peace?

_____

(5)

QUESTION NINE:

Complete the crossword below:



Clues: Use the words in brackets to complete the crossword puzzle.

ACROSS:

3. Opposite of love.
5. Opposite of big.
7. Opposite of apart.
9. Opposite of smile.
10. We wish you a _____ Christmas.

DOWN:

1. Opposite of most.
2. Opposite of boy.
4. What are Christmas songs called?
6. A number between 6 and 8.
8. A day in between yesterday and tomorrow.

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

Marks: 10

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 50