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SOUTH AFRICAN PRIMARY ENGLISH (FAL)
FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE
OLYMPIAD:
GRADE 2

DATE: 13 AUGUST 2024

TIME: 60 MINUTES

Instructions:

1. Read the instructions slowly and carefully to your learners

2. When you read the instructions, make sure learners follow in their booklets. You must also read the instructions twice.

3. Try not to explain the questions and allow learners to answer independently in the spaces provided below.

4. Once learners have answered the questions independently, move on to read the next question.

5. Follow the same procedure throughout the whole paper without ever guiding the learners toward the correct answers.

6. There are 7 questions in this paper and it is out of 25 marks.

7. Visit the website: www.saolympiads.co.za.

NAME OF LEARNER:	
SCHOOL:	**GRADE:**

QUESTION ONE:

Look at the pictures below:

1.1 Circle the correct letter. The picture below is a picture of a _____.

a) dog
b) mouse
c) cat
d) bird

(1)

1.2 What letter does the word in the picture below begin with?

_____ **(1)**

1.3 Fill out the missing letter to name the food below:

S O ___ P

(1)

Marks: 3

QUESTION TWO:

Read the Aesop Fable, The Town Mouse and The City Mouse and answer the questions that follow.

A town mouse went to visit her cousin in the country. For lunch, the country mouse served wheat, roots and acorns. This was very simple food for the town mouse. She was not used to eating this kind of food but ate anyway so she didn't hurt her cousin's feelings. The country mouse also gave the town mouse water to drink. After they ate, the town mouse talked about her life in the big city. The country mouse just listened. They went to sleep in a cozy nest. The country mouse had a dream that she lived in a comfortable house in the big city like her cousin. She knew having all the luxuries would be nice.

The next morning the country mouse asked the town mouse if she could go home with her to the city. The town mouse agreed, and the two mice went to the big city. When they reached the town mouse's big house, there was a table laid out with fine food. There was warm delicious soup and crusty toast too. There were also sweets, cheese and pastries. As the country mouse was eating a pastry, she heard a cat meow loudly. The mouse stopped eating and hid away until the cat was gone. When the cat was gone, the town mouse and the country mouse came out again. However, the servants came out with the big house dog. After that, the country mouse picked up her umbrella and walked to the door. She told her cousin that while she has all the luxuries in the world and the finest food, living in fear always is never great. The country mouse knew she liked living simply and peacefully.

2. Place a cross next to the correct answer(s).

2.1 Who did the town mouse visit? (1)

Her sister	
Her brother	
Her cousin	

2.2 What did the country mouse give the town mouse for lunch? (1)

Wheat	
Soup	
Pancakes	

2.3 What did the town mouse have to drink? (1)

Juice	
Cold drink	
Water	

2.4 What did the country mouse dream of the night when the town mouse visited? (1)

Living like the town mouse.	
Showing off in front of the town mouse.	
Having food that she never tasted.	

2.5 What food was on the town mouse's table? (1)

Wheat	
Soup	
Toast	

2.6 Who scared the country mouse first? **(1)**

The cat	
The house dog	
The mice	

2.7 What pet did the homeowners have? **(1)**

A dog	
A cat	
A little bird	

2.8 The picture below is a picture of a _____.

(1)

2.9 The country mouse understood that … **(1)**

_____ is better than luxury.

2.10 What did the country mouse take home with her? (Hint: the answer is in the story)

An _____

(1)

Marks: 10

QUESTION THREE:

3. Rewrite the sentences below with capital letters.

3.1 the country mice and the town mouse are cousins. **(1)**

_____

3.2 the mouse ate her food. **(1)**

_____

Marks: 2

QUESTION FOUR:

4. Nouns are naming words.

4.1 Choose the noun from the options below:

The mouse was happy.

a) the

b) mouse

c) happy

d) was

(1)

4.2 Fill in the correct noun to complete the sentence.

The mouse wanted warm slices of _____ . **(1)**

4.3 What word means the same as humongous.

a) small

b) big

c) tiny

d) petite

(1)

4.4 Write down the answer below:

The opposite of danger is _____.

(1)

4.5 Complete the collective noun. A _____ of mice.

a) nest

b) flock

c) herd

d) range

(1)

Marks: 5

QUESTION FIVE:

5. Rewrite the following sentences. Start with the given words.

5.1 The town mouse visits her cousin.

Yesterday

_____

_____

(1)

5.2 The town mouse lives comfortably.

Tomorrow _____

_____

(1)

Marks: 2

QUESTION SIX:

6. Complete the riddles below:

(Hint: All of these words are basic common nouns).

6.1 What goes up and down but doesn't move? **(1)**

_____

6.2 What has words but never speaks? **(1)**

_____

6.3 What has a head, a foot, and four legs? **(1)**

_____

Marks: 3

QUESTION 7:

Look at the graph below on how many bowls of soup the country mouse eats daily.

Bowls of soup eaten					
5					
4					
3					
2					
1					
DAYS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY

7.1 On which day was the most bowls of soup eaten by the mouse?

a) Monday

b) Tuesday

c) Wednesday

d) Friday **(1)**

7.2 On which day were the least bowls of soup eaten by the mouse?

a) Monday

b) Tuesday

c) Wednesday

d) Friday **(1)**

7.3 How many bowls of soup did the mouse eat on Friday?

a) 1 bowl of soup

b) 2 bowls of soup

c) 3 bowls of soup

d) 4 bowls of soup

(1)

7.4 How many bowls of soup were eaten on Tuesday and Wednesday?

a) 1 bowl of soup

b) 2 bowls of soup

c) 3 bowls of soup

d) 4 bowls of soup

(1)

7.5 The plural of a mouse, is _____.

(1)

Marks: 5

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 30