SOUTH AFRICAN PRIMARY ENGLISH (FAL)
FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE
OLYMPIAD:
GRADE 3

DATE: 13 AUGUST 2024

TIME: 60 MINUTES

Instructions:

1. This booklet has 10 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 Mystery of Holly Lane* by Enid Blyton below and then answer the questions by choosing the correct option for each answer.

Fatty went cautiously down the stairs with Buster. Buster always knew when he had to be quiet. He almost held his breath as he padded downstairs at Fatty's heels!

"Out of the garden door, Buster," whispered Fatty, and Buster led the way down the side passage. Fatty unlocked and unbolted the door quietly, and closed it again. He locked it behind him. Then he and Buster made their way to the back gate and slipped out into the road.

Buster liked this. It was exciting to be all alone with Fatty late at night. Smells seemed much stronger in the daytime. Shadows were more exciting. Buster jumped and gave Fatty's hand a small lick.

"We're going to that bungalow called Hollies," Fatty told him. "Got to collect something for Larry. If I can't find it, you'll have to sniff about for it Buster."

"Wuff," said Buster, happily, and ran on ahead. Up this way - down that - round a corner and by the lamp post. The street lights went off at twelve. Soon, it would be midnight, and then there would not be even a lamp to break the darkness.

It was a very cloudy night, and the clouds were low and thick. Fatty felt a spot of rain. He put his hand in his pocket to make sure he had his torch.

"I'll need it when I creep into the bungalow garden," thought Fatty. "I'll never find Larry's leather without a light."

1.1 Who is Buster? Tick the correct answer. (1)

Fatty's cousin	
Fatty's brother	
Fatty's dog	

1.2 What words tell us how Fatty and Buster went down the stairs? Tick the correct answer/s. (2)

Quietly	
Cautiously	
Breathing	

1.3 Which gate did Fatty and Buster exit from? (1)

Garden gate	
Back gate	
Side gate	

1.4 When were smells stronger? (1)

During the daytime	
At night	
At all hours of the day	

1.5 What did Buster enjoy (1)

Being with Buster alone at night	
Smells at night	
The sun's rays	

1.6 How do you know that Buster was excited? Tick the correct answer/s. (2)

Buster jumped	
Buster barked loudly	
He gave Fatty's hand a lick	

1.7 Where were Fatty and Buster going to? **(1)**

A bungalow called Hollies	
The neighbour's house	
A palace called Hollies	

1.8 What time was it? **(1)**

Midnight	
10 pm	
9 pm	

1.9 What kind of night was it? **(1)**

Cloudy and rainy	
Hot	
Windy	

1.10 What did Fatty look for in his pocket? **(1)**

torch	
lighter	
button	

1.11 The picture below is a picture of a_____ (hint the answer is in the story). **(1)**

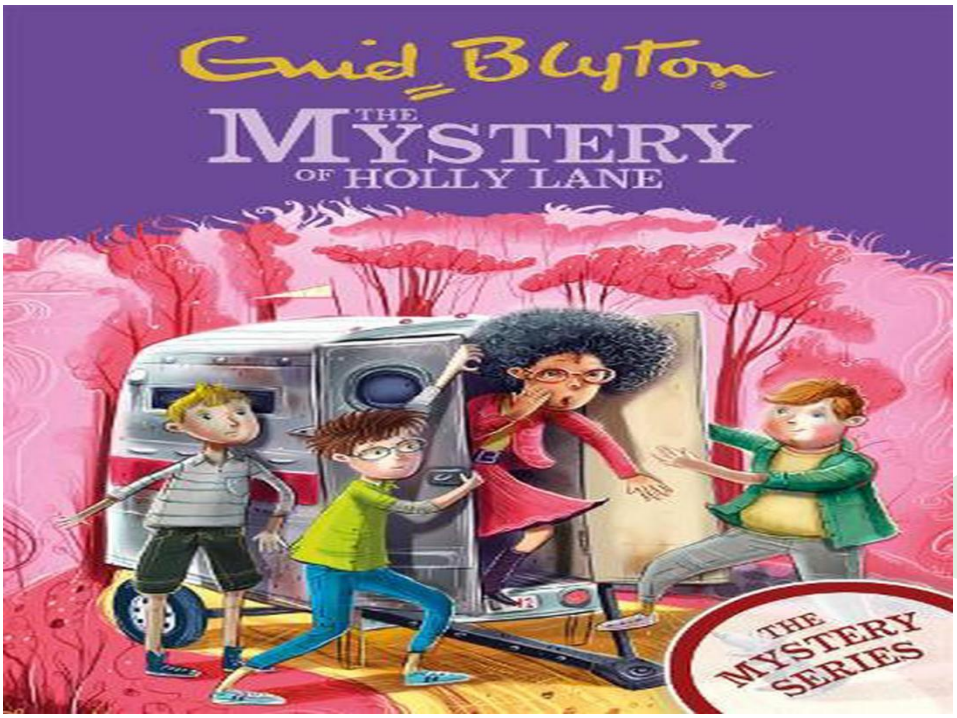
1.12 The picture below is a picture of a_____ (hint the answer is in the story).

(1)

(14)

QUESTION TWO:

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



[Source: https://www.thenile.com.au/books/]

2.1 Complete the saying, "Don't judge a book by its _____ ." (1)

2.2 What type of book is The Mystery of Holly Lane?

(Hint the clue is in the cover itself). (1)

_____

2.3 Who is the author? (1)

_____

2.4 How many characters are shown on the book cover? (1)

_____

QUESTION THREE:

3. Nouns are naming words.

3.1 He went cautiously down the stairs. Circle the noun.

a) He

b) went

c) down

d) stairs (1)

3.2 Buster led the way down. Circle the proper noun.

a) Buster

b) led

c) way

d) down (1)

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

Behind Fatty is a _____ .

(1)

QUESTION FOUR:

Underline the verbs (doing words) in the sentence below:

4.1 He locked it.

4.2 Buster jumped.

4.3 He walked down the stairs.

4.4 Buster barked loudly.

(4)

QUESTION FIVE:

Fill in the correct punctuation marks to complete these sentences:

5.1 Buster loves going with Fatty on missions

5.2 Who will solve the mystery

5.3 Ouch

(3)

QUESTION SIX:

Provide the opposite word for fat:

6.1 Fatty was fat. **(1)**

_____

6.2 Outside was cold. **(1)**

_____

6.3 Buster barked loudly. **(1)**

_____

QUESTION SEVEN:

Like in Hangman, you need to complete these sentences. Add the letters in the space below to complete the sentence. Remember to make use of punctuation rules.

7.1 _____he boy went in search of a mystery.

7.2 ____is dog barked loudly.

7.3 _____ t's a good night.

(3)

QUESTION EIGHT:

Fill in the plurals:

8.1. stair _____

8.2 tree _____

8.3 torch _____

8.4 heel _____

8.5 tail _____

8.6 puppy _____

(6)

QUESTION NINE:

Look at the graph below of the mysteries solved by the Famous Five.

Mysteries solved					
5					
4					
3					
2					
1					
MONTHS	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY

9.1 During which month were the most mysteries solved? (1)

9.2 During which month were the least mysteries solved? (1)

9.3 How many mysteries did the Famous Five solve in April? (1)

_____

9.4 How many mysteries did the Famous Five solve in January? (1)

_____

9.5 How many more mysteries did the Famous Five solve during January than they did in March? (1)

_____

9.6 For how many months in total did the Famous Five solve mysteries? (1)

QUESTION 10:

Complete the words below to find out the secret message.

10. 1

S	0		v	e

10.2

m		r	e

10.3

m	y		t	e	r	y

10.4

c	a	s		s

MESSAGE

10.5 This time the Famous Five will _____and not manage to solve the mystery. (4)

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 50