FEMSSISA PRIMARY ENGLISH OLYMPIAD:

GRADE4

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SOUTH AFRICAN PRIMARY ENGLISH (FAL)
FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE OLYMPIAD:
GRADE 4

DATE: 14 AUGUST 2024

TIME: 60 MINUTES

Instructions:

1. This booklet has 14 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 following extract from, "My Garden Over Gaza," by Sara Musa and answer the questions that follow.

The drones buzz over our apartment building and I catch my breath
"Esam! They will see you."
I pull my little brother away from the window.
He's too young to understand that even drones are dangerous.
"Shall I tell you about Baba!"
Esam nods, climbs down, and sits quietly besides me.
"When Baba was a young man, he owned a big farm near Umm An-Naser," I say in a loud voice. "He planted zucchini, potatoes, and cantaloupes. The land was fertile and Baba worked hard."
"Where is his farm now?" Esam asks.
When the occupiers built the wall, it trapped us in the Gaza strip so we could never get out. Baba's farm is behind the wall, and Baba couldn't go back."
"But Baba kept planting whenever he could. He's the one who started a garden on our roof and taught me how to care for it."
"Can you teach me," Esam asks.
I can't hear the drones anymore.
"Today I'll teach you to pick green beans," I say.
I can smell wet soil and mint in the air. I close my eyes and try to imagine Baba's farm where the plants are in rows as far as I can see. I imagine soft earth beneath my feet instead of this hard concrete. I show Esam how to pick beans and make sure he doesn't tear the plant. The plant is heavy with fruit and we quickly fill our baskets. I make green bean stew and carry a plate of it downstairs to Mama's shop. She looks up from a dress she is trimming.
"It would be better with a little meat," I say.
"I'll try to pick some up before Friday," Mama says
But I know IF Mama doesn't have good business during the week, we won't have meat on Friday either.
After Esam goes to bed, I get my bed all to myself.
"You seem quiet today," Mama says suddenly.
"I'm just thinking…"

[Extract taken from *My Garden Over Gaza*]

Underline the correct answer to each question below:

1.1 What word from the title of the story tells you the garden is not in Gaza itself?

a) My
b) Garden
c) over
d) Gaza

(1)

1.2 The reason the narrator pulled her brother from the window was because she knew it was _____.

(a) cool
(b) calm
(c) safe
(d) dangerous

(1)

1.3 What did Dad NOT plant?

(a) Tomatoes
(b) Potatoes
(c) Cantaloupes
(d) Zucchini

(1)

1.4 According to the text, who does the narrator believe built the wall that trapped them in Gaza?

occupiers	Baba

(1)

1.5 Where did Baba start a garden after the wall was built?

(a) Near Umm An-Naser
(b) On the roof of their apartment
(c) Near the outskirts of town
(d) In Egypt

(1)

1.6 What type of meal will the family be eating?

(a) Green bean stew
(b) Steak
(c) A meat dish
(d) A rice dish

(1)

1.7 Which two smells could the narrator smell in the air?

(a) Mint
(b) Wet soil
(b) Avocado
(d) Dry soil

(2)

1.8 Get clues from the text to decide what business mum has. Choose the best option.

(a) A dressmaking business
(b) A dancing business
(c) A shoe-making business
(d) A restaurant business

(1)

1.9 On what day does Mum promise meat? On _____.

(a) Monday
(b) Tuesday
(c) Thursday
(d) Friday

(1)

Marks: 10

QUESTION TWO:

Read the following extract from, "A Moon for Moe and Moses," and answer the questions that follow.

Moses Feldman, a Jewish boy, lives at one end of Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, while Mohammed Hassan, a Muslim boy, lives at the other. One day these two boys meet at Sahadi's market while out shopping with their mothers. Moe and Moses happen to have similar curly dark hair, brown eyes, and olive-toned skin. The owner of the store mistakes them for being brothers.

Initially, Moe is shocked at the shopkeeper's thought that he could be anything like the Jewish boy Moses. Moe even pulls his face. The store owner, who made a mistake, gives them each a falafel. The boys start talking and they are also quick to realize that they share more than just a similar look and have the same - at times reckless - passion for sweets and bouncing balls.

Weeks pass, and both boys return to the store, Mrs. Feldman for Rosh Hashanah, the holiday celebrating the Jewish New Year, and Mrs. Hassan for Ramadan, the holiest month in the Islamic calendar. The kids' mothers are not indifferent to the developing camaraderie and agree to a picnic bringing the two families together to enjoy rugelach and date cookies. The mums get talking and they even exchange recipes for each tradition.

The two boys meet up again in the park as they make a wish for peace.

[Extract adapted from *A Moon for Moe and Moses by Jane Breskin Zalben*]

Underline the correct answer to each question below:

2.1 The two boys meet at?

(a) Flatbush Avenue
(b) Brooklyn
(c) New York
(d) Sahadi's market

(1)

2.2 The difference between the two boys is their _____ .

(a) eyes
(b) skin
(c) hair
(d) religion

(1)

2.3 What does the shopkeeper give both boys?

(a) Pita bread
(b) Falafel
(c) Hummus
(d) Tahini paste

(1)

2.4 Which of the following options is NOT a synonym for the word, "indifferent?"

(a) unresponsive
(b) caring
(c) distant
(d) cold

(1)

2.5 As per Moe's family's tradition, they eat _____.

(a) rugelach
(b) falafel
(c) date cookies
(d) moon

(1)

2.6 As per Moses' family's tradition, they eat _____.

(a) rugelach
(b) falafel
(c) date cookies
(d) moon

(1)

2.7 In this extract, the word, "camaraderie," means _____.

(a) camouflage
(b) chamomile
(c) feuding
(d) friendship

(1)

2.8 Underline what the two boys are passionate about?

(a) bouncing balls
(b) falafels
(c) rugelach
(d) sweets

(2)

2.9 The main point of this story is _____.

(a) praying for hatred
(b) fighting for religion
(c) exploring differences
(d) friendship despite differences

(1)

Marks: 10

QUESTION THREE:

Guess the fruit or vegetable below by reading the clues.

3.1 What is orange and sounds like a parrot?

_____ **(1)**

3.2 I have many eyes but cannot see. I have no mouth or nose, but always smell. What am I?

_____ **(1)**

Marks: 2

QUESTION FOUR:

When did the following actions happen? The action happened in the _____

4.1 Baba kept planting when he could.

(a) Present tense
(b) Past tense
(c) Present continuous tense
(d) Future tense

(1)

4.2 Moe and Moses pray for peace

(a) Present tense
(b) Past tense
(c) Present continuous tense
(d) Future tense

(1)

Marks: 2

QUESTION FIVE:

Fill in the correct plurals.

5.1 One moon but many _____.

5.2 One falafel but many _____.

5.3 One sweet but many _____.

(3)
Marks: 3

QUESTION SIX:

State whether the nouns below are countable or uncountable:

6.1 Sweet_____

6.2 Farm _____

(2)
Marks: 2

QUESTION SEVEN:

Punctuate the following sentence by adding the capital letters and commas:

7.1 moe and moses like bouncing balls sweets and each other

(4)
Marks: 4

QUESTION EIGHT:

Choose the correct answer:

8.1 "I_____ going to pray for peace," said Moe.

(a) is
(b) am
(c) are
(d) be

(1)
Marks: 1

QUESTION NINE:

Circle the subject and underline the verb in the sentence below:

9.1 Moses brushes his dark and curly hair.

(2)
Marks:2

QUESTION TEN:

Choose the correct pronoun from the options below:

10.1 Esam is looked after by _____ sister.

his	her	him

Marks: 1

QUESTION ELEVEN:

Choose the correct article from the options below:

11.1 Baba planted _____ plants.

a	the	an

(1)

Choose the correct article from the options below:

11.2 Moses eats _____ date cookie that Moe's mom made.

a	the	an

(1)

Marks: 2

QUESTION TWELVE:

Underline the adjectives below:

12.1 Pick green beans! **(1)**

12.2 I say in a loud voice. **(1)**

Marks: 2

Marks: 21

QUESTION THIRTEEN:

Find the three words hidden in this puzzle

F	O	X	A
E	L	P	P
B	O	O	K
Q	W	X	Q

_____

_____

_____

Marks:3

QUESTION FOURTEEN:

Unscramble the words below:

14.1 R E E D G _____

14.2 R E D E _____

14.3 R D E _____

14.4 D E G E _____

14.5 G E G _____

14.6 D R E E _____ **(6)**

Marks:6

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 50