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SOUTH AFRICAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (FAL)

GRADE 5

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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:

1. Read the following passage and then answer the questions that follow.

The Boy Who Hated Insects by Dianne Stewart

Josh Bade did not want to go to the nature reserve. He did not like the flying insects he would find at Zingizolo Camp. Especially those horseflies. If a horsefly bit him on the arm or leg, it would develop into a pus-filled blister. YUCK! Joshua knew this for a fact. He knew that the horsefly's only aim was to attack humans and suck their blood. A few years before, when he was bitten by a horsefly on a farm, he had felt so dizzy that he needed to lie down. Joshua hated all flying pests, especially locusts and crickets. If they landed on his T-shirt, they stayed there like stickers. He could never get rid of them! Although he tried to flick them off with his fingers, they always seemed to hold on for dear life. But his very worst were the crawlies, busy little ants, and beetles that scuttled into his socks without his permission and bit him on the ankles.

Joshua was very nervous about his school trip. What would happen to him with all these crusty critters on the loose in the nature reserve? How would he survive? But more importantly, how could he escape if he needed to? Where could he escape to? Last Spring, when they were on a rugby tour, the boys stayed in the school hostel south of Durban, on the South Coast of KwaZulu-Natal. On the bus coming home, Ajay Moodley kept asking Joshua if he'd gone crazy because he was shaking his head so much. But Joshua just couldn't stop scratching his itchy head. It nearly drove him nuts.

When Joshua arrived back home in Durban, Max his furry SPCA-special dog, was delighted to see him. He jumped onto Joshua, putting his paws on his chest and licking the boy's face. Joshua was so pleased to see him, he put his arms around Max's neck and hugged him.

But when his mother saw him scratching his scalp constantly, she shook her head. She directed him straight into the bathroom and made partings in his hair with her agile fingers, just like vervet monkeys do when they're looking for parasites in each other's fur. "What're you doing, Mom?"

"Joshua Finklestein Bade, you know what this means?"

"What?" He looked at his mother, surprised.

"Just hold on. Wait a minute, son, I just need to make sure." She scurried down the passage to her bedroom, while he ran his fingers through his itchy hair and sighed.

His mother returned with her tortoise-shell-rimmed magnifying glass and looked through it to confirm her diagnosis. "Yip. I thought so. You have nits, Joshua!" And plenty of them!"

"Nits?" Joshua looked at himself in the mirror.

"You often call me nitwit, but what are NITS?"

"Lice eggs."

"Lice? You're joking!"

"I'm serious, Josh. You have lice. Lousy lice. Please wash your hair at once!"

He hadn't come across lice before. As he bent over the hand basin filled with steaming hot water, he had to hold his nose while he rubbed the special shampoo into his hair.

"YUCK, Mom! This anti-lice shampoo smells toxic. It stinks!"

[Extract taken: The Boy Who Hated Insects- Dianne Stewart]

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below. Circle the correct answer below:

1.1 Joshua did not want to go to _____ .

(a) South Coast of KwaZulu Natal
(b) the rugby tour
(c) Durban
(d) Zingizolo Camp

(1)

1.2 When Joshua gets bitten by _____ it becomes pus-filled sores.

(a) horseshoes
(b) horseflies
(c) crickets
(d) nits

(1)

1.3 What did Joshua compare flying insects to?

(a) Crawlies
(b) Horseflies
(c) Stickers
(d) Scuttles

(1)

1.4 Which of the following is NOT a synonym for "nervous?"

(a) Anxious
(b) Edgy
(c) Imperturbable
(d) Tense **(1)**

1.5 Tick the correct options. SPCA stands for the Society for the Prevention of Caring for Animals.

True	False

(1)

1.6 Nits is an abbreviated form of the word, "Nitwit."

True	False

(1)

1.7 Joshua nearly went nuts because_____ .

(a) of the crickets he saw
(b) he was itching his head so much.
(c) Ajay Moodley said he was crazy.
(d) his mum called him a nitwit.

(1)

1.8 The term diagnosis in this passage means _____ .

(a) providing a cause
(b) using a magnifying glass
(c) providing treatment
(d) asking for information **(1)**

1.9 The noun form of the word "toxic" is_____ .

(a) toxically
(b) toxin
(c) poisonous
(d) toxicity

(2)

1.10 The rim of an object is the _____ of the object.

(a) inside (b) edge
(c) tortoise shell (d) face of an object

(1)

1.11 Tick the correct options. Nits can be seen in the mirror.

True	False

(1)

1.12 An antonym for scurried is:

hurried	stroll	rush

(1)

Marks: 13

QUESTION TWO:

Choose the correct word in the following sentences:

2.1 Ajay Moodley had never been stung by a bee / be before.
2.2 Josh hated locusts and crickets to / too.

(2)
Marks: 2

QUESTION THREE:

Join the sentences below using the most appropriate coordinating conjunction

3.1 Josh had nits. His hair itched like mad.

(2)

Marks:2

QUESTION FOUR:

Choose the correct adjective to complete these sentences below:

4.1 Horseflies were _____ than ants to attack humans.

(a) quick
(b) quickest
(c) quicker

4.2 Josh Bade was the _____ of insects.

(a) afraid
(b) more afraid
(c) most afraid

(2)

Marks: 2

QUESTION FIVE:

Rewrite the following sentence putting in the capital letters, dashes, hyphens full stops, and commas.

5.1 Allergic to mosquitoes joshua squirms when he sees creepy crawlies He hates the slimy scum bags called bugs.

_____

_____

(4)

Marks: 4

QUESTION SIX:

Write the prefix from the box that will change the underlined word to its opposite.

dis	mis	un

6.1 It is clear Joshua Finkelstein Bade _____likes many-legged critters.
6.2 Joshua initially _____understood the term, "Nits".
6.3 The sting came rather _____ expectedly.

(3)
Marks: 3

QUESTION SEVEN:

7.1 Can you solve the riddles below by guessing the insect being spoken about?

I'm sometimes a soldier

That's part of an army

I'm also an insect

That's in a colony

_____ **(1)**

7.2 Can you solve the riddles below by guessing the insect being spoken about?

This type of insect

Although it's not a bunch of fleas

It bites and sucks people's blood

So spreads viruses and disease

_____ **(1)**

7.3 Can you solve the riddles below by guessing the insect being spoken about?

This common little bug

That many people fear

This fear has a special name

It's arachnophobia

_____ **(1)**

Marks:3

QUESTION EIGHT:

Underline the subjects in the sentences below:

8.1 Montague Bade had his eyes glued to the newspaper.

8.2 Monty heard about it because his parents discussed it at the dinner table.

(2)
Marks:2

QUESTION NINE:

Put the verbs in brackets in the past continuous tense:

9.1 The boys were on a rugby tour _____rugby. (play)

9.2 Joshua, Mandla, and Ajay were_____the soccer ball. (kick)

(2)
Marks: 2

QUESTION TEN:

Underline the correct helping verbs in the brackets so that the sentences below make sense.

10.1Mr Hornet (is / are) going to consider Joshua's poem for the school magazine.

10.2 Sunbirds (was / were) seen on the overcast day.

(2)

Marks:2

QUESTION ELEVEN:

Underline the abstract nouns in the sentences below:

11.1 Josh felt uneasy at the nature reserve.

11.2 Josh hated insects.

(2)

Marks:2

QUESTION TWELVE:

Put the correct nouns in the columns below:

12.1 The first thing Mandla did when he arrived at Zingizolo tented camp was stand on the deck.

Proper nouns	Common nouns

(4)

Marks:4

QUESTION THIRTEEN:

Fill in the correct collective noun:

13.1 A _____ lice.

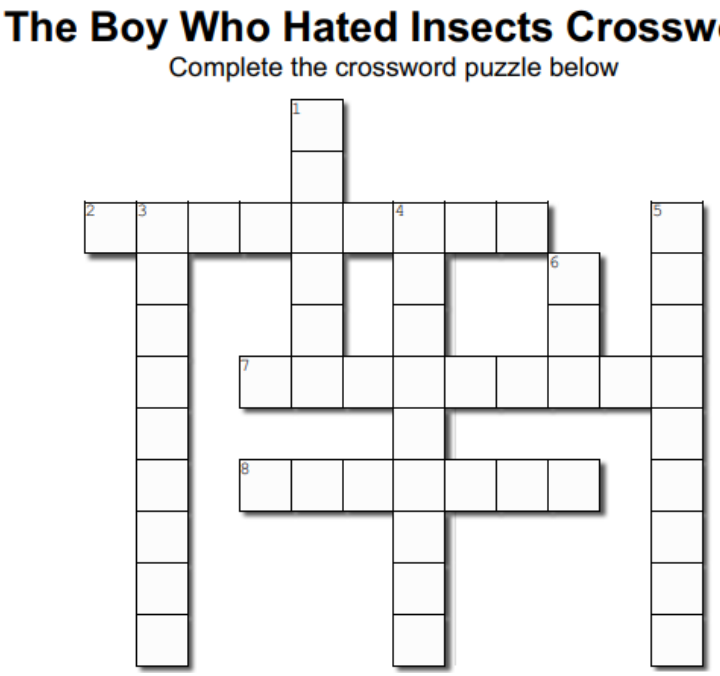
(1)

Marks:1

Marks: 29

QUESTION FOURTEEN

Complete the crossword puzzle below using the clues provided below:



Across:

2. You can use a _____ book to find out more about critters.

7. An insect named for having 100 or more legs.

8. A synonym for diary.

Down:

1. Plural of larva.
3. One word for extremely tired.
4. Fireflies are active only at night, so they are _____.
5. The opposite of healthy.
6. An insect known for collecting pollen and being one of the main pollinators.

(8)

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

Marks:8

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 50