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GRADE 7

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SOUTH AFRICAN PRIMARY ENGLISH (FAL)
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TIME: 60 MINUTES

Instructions:

1. This booklet has 6 questions.
2. Answer on the paper below.
3. Read the questions carefully before answering.
4. Visit the websites: www.saolympiads.co.za.

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QUESTION ONE:

Read the following extract from, "*Assassin's Creed*," by Christie Golden.

For centuries, the Order of the Knights Templar have searched for the mythical Apple of Eden.

They believe it contains not only the seeds of man's first disobedience but the key of free will itself.

If they find the relic and decode its secrets, they will have the power to control all human thought.

Only a brotherhood called the Assassin stands in their way.

Andalucía, Spain

1491

The sky was golden fire, gilding all it touched, the rocky faces of jutting mountains, the city spread out below them, and the red tile roof of the Moorish fortress, which offered up fire of its own in the open courtyard.

The eagle soared through the whipping wind, winging its way toward its evening resting place before the gold gave way to a cooler lavender hue of an encroaching night. Below, those who laboured tending the forge shaping blades paid neither eagle, nor wind, nor the sky any heed.

Their faces were swathed in shadow, hidden by the hoods they all wore as they worked, sharpening fresh blades, pouring molten metal to form new ones, and hammering red steel into grey obedience. No one spoke. The silence was broken only by the scrapping and clanging of their task. Outside the entrance of the great fortress stood a single figure. Tall, well-formed, and sleek with muscle, he was both sombre and impatient. While he wore a hood like the others, he was not truly one of them. Not yet. It was in his blood; that much was undeniable. His parents had been part of the Brotherhood he was about to pledge his life to protect. When he had been but a child his parents had taught him how to leap and climb, all in the guise of play or adventure. He had been too young, too innocent, to understand the brutal reality behind the lessons they were learning. And then, when he was older, his parents had told him who they were and what they served.

He had not liked the idea that he was not the master of his own fate and had been reluctant to follow in their footsteps.

It had cost them all. The great enemy had sniffed them out. Had observed their behaviour, their habits. Like the predators, the ancient foe had culled his parents from the herd, from their brothers and sisters, and descended in numbers too great to resist.

And the age-old enemy had slain them. Not cleanly, with respect, in a fair fight, oh no. Not this enemy. This enemy had bound them with chains to a stake. Had placed bundles of wood at their feet, doused the bundles - and them - with oil, and set them afire while crowds cheered the horrific spectacle. He had not been there, when they were taken. He wondered then, and still wondered now, as he shifted his weight from one foot to the other, if he had been, could he have turned the tide? The member of the Brotherhood, who had come too late, assured him that no, he could not have. Not without training.

The murderers had made no effort to hide the deed, but had rather boasted of capturing 'infidels'. Tall, with a chest broader than a barrel, cold-eyed and colder-hearted this man-Ojeda - had led the attack. And he had stood beside Father Tomas de Torquemada as the monster had condemned, then burned, Aguilar's family. It had been too late to save them. But it was not too late to save himself.

The Brotherhood had turned him away at first, questioning his motives. But Maria had seen in him more than a desire for revenge. She had broken through his raw grief and instinctive, impulsive anger to the man inside, to someone who could see beyond taking revenge on the man who had killed his family. To the man who knew there was more in this world that mattered than those he had loved - there was the Creed. Something that would outlive all of them and could be passed on to generations to come. To the children of Assassins - like, he had been. And so, he had been trained. Some of it was easy, and he blessed his parents for their nurturance of such 'play'. Some of it was harder, and he bore scars as a testament to the times when he had been slow or inattentive or simply too weary. He learned the history of his lineage, and the courage that drove what must seem like a mad recklessness to those who stood on the outside, whose pulses did not quicken as those of the Brotherhood did. Through it all, was Maria.

Answer the following questions by circling which option you feel is the correct one:

1.1 When is this story taking place?

(a) Early morning
(b) Late at night
(c) At sunset
(d) Sunrise

(1)

1.2 What were the men doing that made them all the same? Choose all the correct answers.

(a) Not speaking
(b) Wearing a hood
(c) Chatting away
(d) Sharpening a blade

(3)

1.3 Choose two adjectives used to describe the man outside of the fortress that have negative connotations:

(a) tall
(b) sombre
(b) well-formed
(d) impatient

(2)

1.4 The man outside was truly the same as the men from the Brotherhood.

TRUE	FALSE

(1)

1.5 What does the author mean when he says, "…his parents taught him to leap and jump in the guise of play?"

(a) His parents would enjoy playing with him.
(b) His parents knew he needed to know how to jump so they taught him to do so but did it in a way where it seemed like they were just playing with him.
(c) His parents disguised themselves to teach him how to jump.
(d) His parents believed in learning through play.

(1)

1.6 The repetition of the "w" in the phrase: "through the whipping wind, winging its way toward," is an example of… Tick the correct answer.

Assonance	Alliteration

(1)

1.7 Choose two reasons why the Order of the Knights Templar has been searching for the Apple of Eden for a while.

(a) It contains the first signs of men's disobedience.
(b) To see the signs of the previous men's disobedience.
(c) They want all people to have free will.
(d) The Apple will allow them to control people completely.

(2)

1.8 What had happened to the man's parents?

(a) They joined forces with the age-old enemy.
(b) They were killed by their enemy.
(c) They turned into predators.
(d) They had left the boy alone to accept his fate.

(1)

1.9 Find a phrase that means the same as the word, "ancient" from the text.

_____

(1)

1.10 Write down the synonym for enemy from the text.

_____

(1)

1.11 What was the enemy compared to in the text?

(a) A herd of sheep
(b) A predator
(c) Footsteps
(d) The descendants

(1)

1.12 The phrase, "turn the tide," in context of the story means_____

(a) If only he could swim better.
(b) If he could have saved his parents
(c) If he could have battled the enemy.
(d) If he could control his fate.

(1)

1.13 What is the name of the man whose family was killed?

(a) Ojeda
(b) Father Tomas de Torquemada
(c) Aguilar
(d) Creed

(1)

1.14 What mattered more to the protagonist than those he loved?

(a) Maria
(b) Father Tomas de Torquemada
(c) His father's inheritance
(d) Creed

(1)

1.15 What does creed mean? Work out the meaning in the context of the passage.

(a) A system of religious beliefs.
(b) A formal statement of Christian beliefs.
(c) Understanding without questioning motives.
(d) A set of inherited beliefs or aims that guide someone's actions.

(1)

1.16 What is the antonym for "infidels"

(a) non-believer
(b) believer
(c) disbeliever
(d) rude

(1)

1.17 Why did the Brotherhood turn the protagonist away at first?

(a) because of Maria.
(b) because they questioned his motives.
(c) because he bore scars as a testament that he wasn't good enough.
(d) because he was an infidel.

(1)

1.18 To people outside of the Brotherhood, the Brotherhood's actions seemed like_____

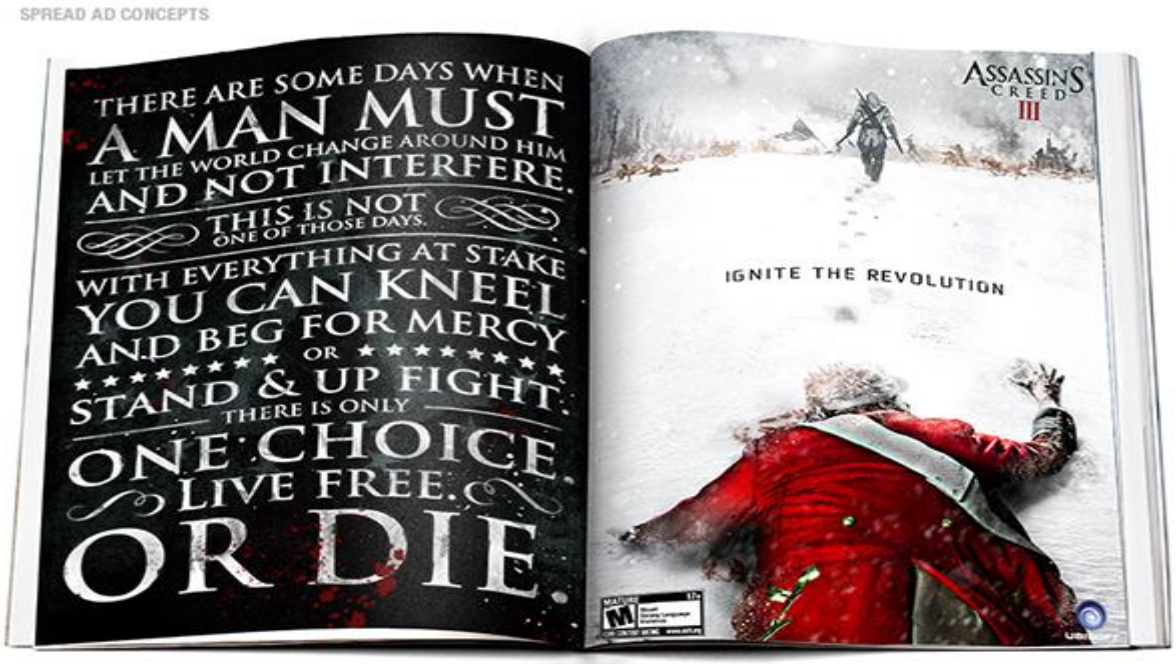
(a) mere impulses.
(b) recklessness.
(c) courageous.
(d) great.

(1)

Marks: 22

QUESTION TWO:

View the poster below and answer the questions that follow:



https://www.behance.net/gallery/16204119/Assassins-Creed-3-Print-Campaign-

2.1 What is the purpose of the poster?

(a) To show horrific images.
(b) To get children interested in playing Assassin's Creed.
(c) To waste space in a magazine.
(d) Inform the reader of strategies to do well in the game.

(1)

2.2 Write down the verb in the sentence below:
Ignite the passion.

_____ **(1)**

2.3 Provide the homophone for "stake".

_____ **(1)**

2.4 What is an assassin?

_____ **(1)**

2.5 Underline the adverb in the sentence below:

Choice: Live free or die. **(1)**

(5)

QUESTION THREE:

Punctuate the following sentence by adding the necessary punctuation marks:

3.1 I wouldnt have known Assassin's Creed is such fun It was my brother who told me to play

(3)

3.2 We can now control all of human thought with Eden's Apple said the knight. (2)

(5)

QUESTION FOUR:

Add the correct word to complete the following idioms:

4.1 Fight fire with _____

4.2 Fight a losing _____

4.3 Don't shoot the _____

4.4 Fight like cats and _____

4.5 Add fuel to the _____

(5)

QUESTION FIVE:

5.1 What part of speech is the underlined word in the sentence below?
And the <u>age-old</u> enemy had slain them.
(a) Pronoun
(b) Verb
(c) Adjective
(d) Adverb **(1)**

5.2 What part of speech is the underlined word in the sentence below?
And the age-old <u>enemy</u> had slain them.
(a) Pronoun
(b) Common noun
(c) Proper noun
(d) Adverb **(1)**

5.3 What part of speech is the underlined word in the sentence below?
The great enemy had <u>sniffed</u> them out.
(a) Pronoun
(b) Verb
(c) Proper noun
(d) Adverb

(1)

5.4 What part of speech is the underlined word in the sentence below?

The great enemy had sniffed <u>them</u> out.

(a) Pronoun
(b) Verb
(c) Proper noun
(d) Common noun **(1)**

5.5 What part of speech is the underlined word in the sentence below?

Through it all, was <u>Maria.</u>

(a) Article
(b) Verb
(c) Proper noun
(d) Common noun **(1)**

(5)

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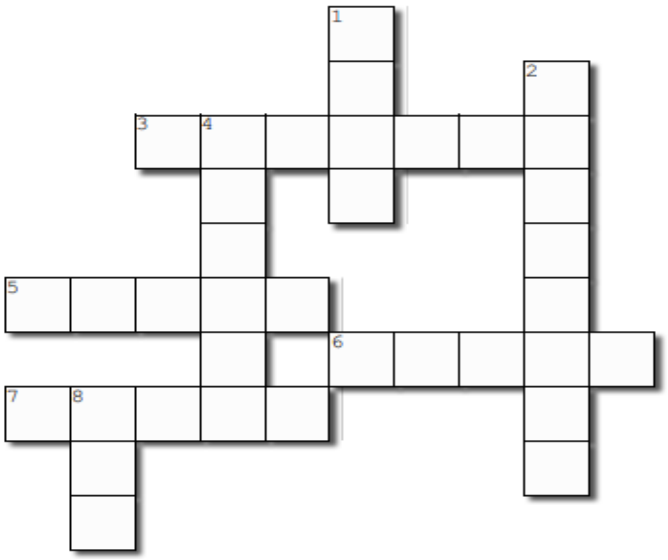
QUESTION SIX:

Complete the crossword puzzle below using the hints provided: **Marks: 8**

Assassin's Creed Crossword

Complete the crossword puzzle below:



Across:

3. Opposite of reckless.

5. Synonym of weary.

6. Present tense of "trained".

7. Complete the collective noun: A _____ of savages.

Down:

1. Complete the sentence. Predators look for their _____.

2. Put the verb, "climb" in the continuous tense.

4. The antonym of descend is _____.

8. Synonym for "ancient."

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

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 50