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TIME: 75 MINUTES

Instructions:

1. This booklet has 7 questions.
2. Answer on the paper below.
3. Read the questions carefully before answering.
4. Visit the website: www.saolympiads.co.za.

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QUESTION ONE:

Read the extract from "The Stranded" by Sarah Daniels (Text A) below and then answer the questions that follow. Refer to the text to check your answers when appropriate.

Good evening. It is 17: 00 on Sunday

24 October 2094.

This is the captain of the cruise ship Arcadia.

We are currently experiencing strong north-westerly

Winds, a high of 10°C and a wind-chill factor of 5°C.

All passengers please be prepared for high seas.

Daily reported Virus cases: Zero.

Days at sea: 15,934.

I shiver against the wind that threatens to take my homework over the ship's rail and into the sea. That's the last thing I need. I don't want to pull an all-nighter, and this close to graduation. I can't afford to let my grades slip, so I weigh the loose papers down with my digiscreen. This model was already old when I got it, that was five years ago, the glass face sliced across by a crack like a rivulet of ice. You can feel the sharp edges with your fingers.

It's aching cold this evening. Autumn cold, getting us ready for winter. Storm season on the ship feels never-ending. Last year we endured night after night of thundering waves. Snow piled up on the deck in great mounds, and the chill seemed to enter every salt hole and frayed seam in our clothes.

Even the memory of it makes the skin on my arms pucker with goose flesh, so I shake out the blanket from the back of my chair, wrap it around myself, and try not to think of bugs.

Crumbs and splashes of dried food crust the surface of the wool. By the end of this year, with any luck, I'll be miles away before the worst winter storm comes. I'll be on dry land sleeping in a warm room, with nothing to worry about but passing my first-year exams.

At least, that's the plan.

The Lookout is packed with customers huddling round tables.

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Sim, the cafe's stubble-face owner, makes greasy food on a camping stove, separated from the rest of the Lookout by a counter of tacked-together plants. The cafe furniture is a mishmash of styles scavenged from around the ship.

The Lookout's appeal for most patrons is the cheap food and even cheaper bitter coffee. But for me, it's the view…

I've stayed too long again. Again. I sigh louder than I'd dare if Mum was in earshot, wipe my fingers on the blanket, and then use the middle two on my left hand to tap out a lie. Irrigation nudges at me as I pull my med bags over my head and stuff my homework in among the bandages and syringes. Mum means well, and without her help, neither me nor May would be leaving the ship at all. She taught me and my sister everything; from how to ace our entrance exams to rigging up a desalination system. It's just that she winds her worries so tight around us that we can barely feel our lungs. And May gets off easy. She's free to stay out past dark. Or eat dinner alone without someone keeping tabs. It all makes me want to scream.

I get up and weave a path between the sticky, plastic-covered table tops, making my way to one of the exits.

"Hey!" someone yells from the deck above the café. My eyes snap up in time to see a pale hand hanging over the rail, clutching a small white rectangle. The rectangle swings through the air and shatters into a hundred sheets of paper that curl out and down towards me, catching the last of the day's light as they fall. Making them flash. I'm caught in a leaflet drop.

Aboard the Arcadia, news is strictly packaged and sanitized. Anything that doesn't come from the Federated States is propaganda hearsay or outright lies. Writing it down will get you arrested. Giving it to other people will get you arrested. Holding it in your hand, standing next to it will get you arrested.

They'll be here soon. I should run, but instead, I watch the paper drift to the ground, my heart beating with excitement. The air is supercharged with excitement.

My hand trembles as I reach for a leaflet. It's anticipation mixed with anxiety. A blurry greyscale image of a cruise ship floats in the centre of the paper. Underneath the image, the text reads:

CRUISE SHIP OCEANIA CLEARED! HUNDRED DEAD!

[Adapted The Stranded by Sarah Daniels]

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Circle the correct option from the choices below:

1.1 What is the only problem Arcadia is facing at the beginning of the extract?

(a) A deadly virus
(b) Being at sea for so many days
(c) A strong wind
(d) A lack of announcements

(1)

1.2 What is the figure of speech in the sentence, I shiver against the wind that threatens to take my homework?

(a) Alliteration
(b) Onomatopoeia
(c) Personification
(d) Simile

(1)

1.3 What was wrong with the girl's digiscreen?

(a) It was already an old model when she got it.
(b) The screen had a crack on it,
(c) The digiscreen wasn't working.
(d) She had an advanced digiscreen model.

(2)

1.4 What is the narrator hoping for?

(a) She is hoping for snow.
(b) To survive winter.
(c) To be in a warm bed on land and have only exams to worry about.
(d) To pass her exams tomorrow.

(1)

1.5 What does "scavenged" mean?

(a) Collected
(b) Destroyed
(c) Dismantled
(d) Disgruntle

(1)

1.6 Why did the Lookout attract people?

(a) The scenery
(b) Cheap food and coffee were served
(c) It was the only place they could go.
(d) The vast ocean could be seen

(1)

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1.7 The ellipses dots in the phrase, "But for me, it's the view…" is used to indicate_____ .

(a) An incomplete thought
(b) A change in thought
(c) a proper noun
(d) hesitation

(1)

1.8 When the narrator says, "It's just that she winds her worries so tight around us that we can barely feel our lungs." She means that her mum makes it impossible for her to _____ .

(a) breathe
(b) sleep
(c) eat
(d) decide

(1)

1.9 What is above the cafe _____?

(a) The swimming pool
(b) The deck
(c) The captain
(d) Another cafe

(1)

1.10 What does this statement below say about the narrator's tone?
"Giving it to other people will get you arrested. Holding it in your hand, standing next to it will get you arrested."

(a) innocent
(b) sarcastic
(c) reluctant
(d) ominous

(1)

1.11 What contextual clue suggests the narrator should run and not stay to read the news?

(a) "They will be here soon."
(b) "My heart beating with excitement"
(c) I watch the paper drift to the ground"
(d) "but, instead…"

(2)

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1.12 What is anticipation? Choose all the correct synonyms.

(a) Expectation
(b) Ignorance
(c) Hopefulness
(d) Suspense

(3)

1.14 What is the tone given off by the newspaper headlines?

(a) Optimistic
(b) Disappointed
(c) Sinister
(d) Pessimistic

(1)

1.15 What according to the text is a synonym for "shake?"

_____ **(1)**

1.16 Identify the figure of speech in the sentence, A blurry greyscale image of a cruise ship floats in the centre of the paper."

_____ **(1)**

1.17 The meaning of the word "irrigation" is_____ .

Consider how the word is used in the sentence: "Irrigation nudges at me as I pull my med bags over my head and stuff my homework in among the bandages and syringes," and select the correct option.

a) the supply of water to land or crops to help growth
b) the process of washing out an organ or wound with a continuous flow of water or medication

(2)

1.18 Does the word propaganda have a positive connotation or a negative connotation?

_____**(1)**

Marks: 22

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QUESTION TWO:

Identify the figure of speech in these clauses and sentences below:

2.1 "…the glass face sliced across by a crack like a rivulet of ice."

_____

2.2 that she winds her worries so tight

_____

2.3 I can't afford to let my grades slip

_____

Marks: 3

QUESTION THREE:

Choose the right part of speech from column B for the options provided in column A and write the correct answer from column B in column C.

COLUMN A	COLUMN B	COLUMN C
3.1 bitter	a. Proper noun	3.1
3.2 Arcadia	b. Preposition	3.2
3.3 and	c. Adjective	3.3
3.4 on	d. Conjunction	3.4
3.5 trembles	e. Verb	3.5
3.6 strictly	f. pronoun	3.6
3.7 her	g. adverb	3.7

Marks: 7

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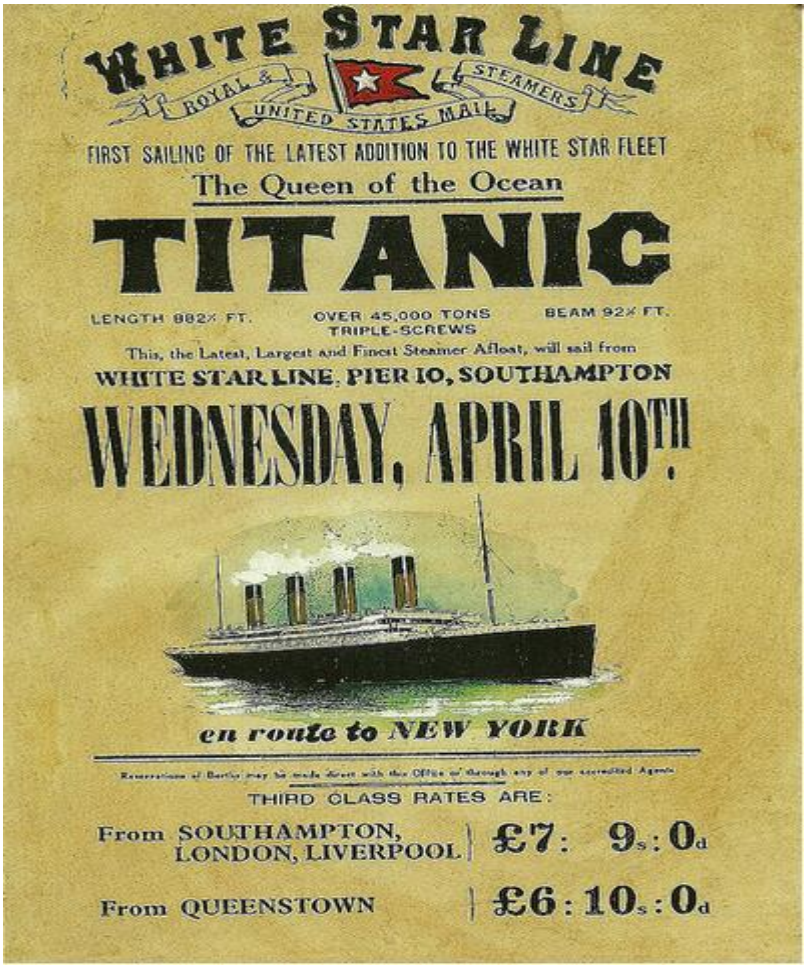
QUESTION FOUR:

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



[Source: Business Insider]

4. 1 Where is the Titanic sailing to?

(a) Queenstown
(b) Southampton
(c) Liverpool
(d) New York

(1)

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4.2 What is the Titanic seen as?

(a) The queen of the ocean
(b) The king of the ocean
(c) The danger of the ocean
(d) The Jack of the seas

(1)

4.3 Change the word "fleet" to its verb form.

(a) fleets
(b) fleeting
(c) fleetly
(d) fleetness

(1)

4.4 Tick the correct option. The function of the comma is to _____

Separate the main clause from the subordinate clause.	To separate two independent clauses.

(1)

4.5 What does the abbreviation "ft." stand for?

_____

(1)

Marks: 5

QUESTION FIVE:

Form adverbs of manner by using the words in brackets:

5.1 News is (regular) _____ignored on the ship.

5.2 The death rate on the ship (unusual)_____ high.

Marks: 2

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QUESTION SIX;

Solve these riddles:

6.1 In running a race, if you overtake the second person, what place will you be in?

_____

6.2 If it takes 2 men 2 days to dig 2 holes, how long will it take 4 men to dig ½ of a hole?

_____

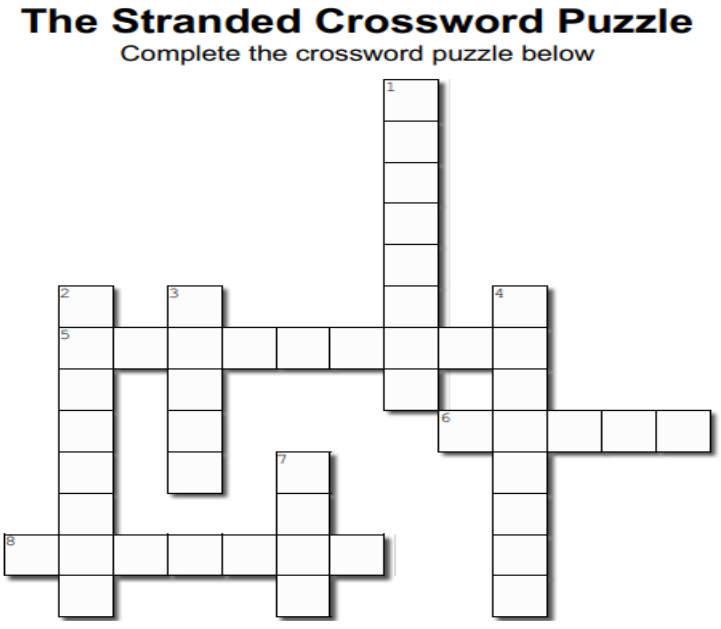
6.3 A word that usually contains one letter, starts with E and ends with E.

_____

Marks: 3

QUESTION SEVEN:

CROSSWORD: Fill in the crossword below with the clues provided (next page).



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Clues:

Across

(5) Synonym for stranded.
(6) When something is easy, we say it is a bed of _____
(8) Information gained that cannot be backed up by fact is called _____

Down

(1) Provide the continuous tense verb for "flash".
(2) Synonym for leaflet.
(3) Keeping tabs means to _____
(4) The person who presents the counter argument is called, the devil's _____
(7) Missing the line means missing the _____.

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

Marks: 8

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 50

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