SOUTH AFRICAN FOUNDATION PHASE
ENGLISH OLYMPIAD (HL)
HOME LANGUAGE:
GRADE 2

DATE: 13 AUGUST 2024

TIME: 60 MINUTES

Instructions:

1. Read the instructions slowly and carefully to your learners
2. When you read the instructions, make sure learners follow in their booklets. You must also read the instructions twice.
3. Try not to explain the questions and allow learners to answer independently in the spaces provided below.
4. Once learners have answered the questions independently, move on to read the next question.
5. Follow the same procedure throughout the whole paper without ever guiding the learners toward the correct answers.
6. There are 6 questions in this paper, and it is out of 30 marks.
7. Visit the website: www.saolympiads.co.za.

NAME OF LEARNER:	
SCHOOL:	**GRADE:**

QUESTION ONE:

Look at the pictures below:

1.1 Circle the correct letter. The picture below is a picture of a _____.

a) ringer
b) bell
c) bling
d) whistle

(1)

1.2 What letter does the object in the picture below begin with? (Clue: you wear it on your hair).

_____

(1)

1.3 Fill out the missing vowel so that you can name the object in the picture below:

M_USE

(1)

Marks: 3

QUESTION TWO:

Read the adapted story below and answer the questions that follow.

Belling The Cat

Long ago, the mice had a meeting to think about what they could do to beat their common enemy, the ginger Cat. Some said this, and some said that. At last, a young mouse got up and had an idea. “You will all agree,” said he, “that our difficulty is how the cat comes to us.” Now, if we knew she was coming, we could easily escape from her. I think we could put a small bell around her neck by placing a ribbon round the neck of the Cat. By doing this, we can hear the cat before the cat comes around. The mice were happy about this idea. Then an old mouse got up and said, “That is all very well, but who will bell the cat?”

The mice looked at one another and nobody spoke. Then the old mouse said, “It is easy to give ideas, but some ideas are hard to do.

Place a cross next to the correct answer:

2.1 What is the title of the story? **(1)**

Smelling the Cat	
Belling the Cat	
The Ginger Cat	

2.2 What colour was the cat? **(1)**

Ginger	
Brown	
Black	

2.3 What did the young mouse decide to do? (1)

Put a bell on the cat.	
Make a noise when he sees the cat.	
Hurt the cat.	

2.4 Why would putting a bell on a cat help? It would help because _____ (1)

they would hear the cat before he came.	
they could feel the cat before he came.	
it would make the cat look pretty.	

2.5 What did the old mouse ask? (1)

Where they would get a bell from?	
Who would put the bell on the cat?	
How much would the bell cost?	

2.6 Why did no one want to put the bell on the cat? (1)

The mice were scared of the cat.	
The mice were brave.	
The mice did not know how to put the bell on the cat.	

2.7 What is the lesson behind this story? (1)

2.8 The picture below is a picture of a

_____.

(1)

2.9. What are the two things that the mice did when they were asked to put a bell on the cat?

_____

_____

(2)

Marks: 10

QUESTION THREE:

3. Rewrite the sentences below with capital letters, question mark, exclamation marks, and full stops.

3.1 the ginger cat scared the mice **(2)**

_____

3.2 where is the ginger cat **(2)**

_____

3.3 stop that **(2)**

_____

Marks: 6

QUESTION FOUR:

4. Nouns are naming words.

4.1 Circle the noun from the options given.

The mice had met.

a) The

b) mice

c) had

d) met **(1)**

4.2 The mice had Ailurophobia. A phobia is a fear that you have.

Ailurophobia is a fear of _____ **.**

(1)

4.3 Which word means the opposite of afraid?

a) panicky

b) fearful

c) scared

d) brave

(1)

4.4 The mice counted the hours in the day. How many hours are there in a day?

_____

(1)

4.5 How many paws do cats have?

_____ **(1)**

4.6 Rewrite the following sentences. Start with the given words.

4.6.1 The mice have a meeting.

Yesterday

_____

_____

4.6.2 They get a bell for the cat.

Tomorrow _____

_____

(4)

Marks: 9

QUESTION FIVE:

5. Solve the riddles below:

5.1 What gets bigger when more is taken away? (Hint: Mice likes to make these too).

_____

(1)

5.2 The more of it there is the less of it you will see. What is it? (Hint: Most children are afraid of it).

_____

(1)

Marks: 2

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 30