# SOUTH AFRICAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS
# ENGLISH OLYMPIAD
# HOME LANGUAGE (HL)
# GRADE 5

**DATE:** 14 AUGUST 2024

**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 website: www.saolympiads.co.za.

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| **NAME OF LEARNER:** | |
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**QUESTION ONE: TEXT A**

**Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

**A Brother's Rice**

Long ago, a father divided his land between his two sons, Ming and Chung.The brothers shared the land equally that had been in the family's possession for many years. Over time, Ming married and had a family while Chung remained single. The land produced an ample amount of rice. Each son worked diligently, cutting the golden stalks, threshing the rice, and spreading it out in the hot sun to dry. A few years passed and the brothers were satisfied. One night as Ming was resting under the stars, he began to think of how fortunate he was to have a wonderful family. Chung, however, had no one. This caused Ming to worry. "I have my wife and two strong sons, but my brother is all alone. He has no one to help him harvest the rice. I cannot sleep until I have done something!" Ming got up, collected two large baskets of rice from his own yard, and carried them over the fields to his brother's yard. He felt a deep sense of satisfaction as he left his two baskets of rice outside his brother's hut.

The next morning, Ming nearly fainted in disbelief. He found two baskets of rice outside his door. He had delivered the exact same amount to his brother the night before. Ming scratched his head, confused. Perhaps he had not delivered the rice to his brother after all; perhaps he had only dreamed about doing so. Regardless, he felt he must correct the situation as soon as possible.

That night, Ming again gathered two baskets of rice from his own yard and headed toward his brother's house. It was a particularly dark night, and he had trouble finding his way along the shadowy path. About halfway there, he bumped into someone in the darkness. "Brother!" said a voice. "It's you! What brings you out so late tonight?" "I was worried about you," answered Ming. "I have my wife and sons to help me, but you have no one. Last night I thought I had brought you two baskets of rice, but when I awoke, the baskets of rice were back on my doorstep. Tonight, I am only bringing you what I thought I had delivered last night." "Ah, my devoted brother!" laughed Chung.

"I, too, was worried, but about you. You have four mouths to feed, and I have only one. Surely you need a greater ration than I. So last night, it was I bringing you two baskets of rice! Like you, I found the two baskets of rice I thought I had delivered and was confused.

I decided to return them to your home tonight to make things right."

The two brothers embraced and vowed to always let the other know if he were in need. They returned to their homes, satisfied that each was comfortable with his own portion of rice. Indeed, they learned that there was truly no need for worry when their hearts acted as one.

Source: A Korean Tale: Oki. S. Han

**Choose the correct answer from each question below:**

1. In the story, what advantage does Ming have over Chung?

   (a) A larger area on which to plant rice.
   (b) Land that is better suited for farming.
   (c) The resources and helping hands to harvest the rice faster.
   (d) A better house and more possessions. **(1)**

2. This story would most likely be found in

   (a) A collection of folktales
   (b) Website about rice
   (c) Book of poetry
   (d) Guide on farming **(1)**

3. Ming and Chung are similar to each other because they both are:

   (a) afraid of being poor.
   (b) confused about the future.
   (c) devoted to one another.
   (d) excited about getting more rice. **(1)**

4. Based on information in the story, you can tell that the father of Ming and Chung loved his two sons equally because

   (a) both Ming and Chung spoke highly of him.
   (b) he gave them both the same amount of land.
   (c) he taught both Ming and Chung the best way to farm.
   (d) the brothers learned concern for each other from him. **(1)**

5. Why did each of the brothers think that he had to help the other?

   (a Their father had taught them to put others first.
   (b)Each thought that he was smarter than the other.
   (c)They were both too proud to receive help from others.
   (d) Each thought that he had a more secure life than the other. **(1)**

6. In the last paragraph, what does the author most likely mean when he says "their hearts acted as one"?

   (a) The brothers loved things exactly the same way.
   (b) The brothers shared the same feelings for each other.
   (c) One of the brothers would always be able to support the other.
   (d) Each brother was the most important person in the other's life. **(1)**

7. The author of this story most likely believes that:

   (a) showing concern for family members is an admirable trait.
   (b) family members should never interfere in each other's lives.
   (c) it is a bad idea for family members to work together.
   (d) family members who live apart have much better relationships. **(1)**

8. Which of these, best describes how both Ming and Chung behaved in this story?

   (a) Adventurously (b) Colorfully
   (c) Courageously (d) Generously **(1)**

9. In the sentence: **The next morning, Ming nearly fainted in disbelief.**

   Is this statement a) literal b) figurative?

   **(1)**

10. What does the phrase “particularly dark night” actually mean?

(a) The night was very scary.
(b) The night was very strange and alien.
(c) The night was darker than usual.
(d) The night was not as dark as it usually was.

**(1)**

**Total: 10**

**QUESTION TWO:**

Underline the correct word in the following sentences from the words highlighted in bold:

(a) A lion tends to **maul/ mall** its prey.
(b) The concert was held in a big **haul/ hall**.
(c) The little girl carried the **pail/ pale** to fetch water.
(d) The fridge door is not **ceiling/ sealing** properly anymore.
(e) I am not **aloud/ allowed** to drink Coke.

**Total: 5**

**QUESTION THREE:**

3.1 Read the sentence below and then answer the questions:

**“The wind howled loudly in Michael’s ears.”**

3.1.1 Rewrite the above sentence in the simple present tense.

3.1.2 What is the subject of the above sentence?

3.1.3 What part of speech is “loudly”?

**Total: 3**

**3.2 Read the sentence below and then state what part of speech each underlined word is.**

**"The heat and moisture <u>had</u> <u>collected</u> into a <u>low-hanging</u> <u>cloud</u> <u>that</u> hid <u>the</u> peak of <u>Mount Everest</u>."**

3.2.1 had
3.2.2 collected
3.2.3 low-hanging
3.2.4 cloud
3.2.5 that
3.2.6 the
3.2.7 Mount Everest

**Total: 7**

**<u>QUESTION FOUR:</u>**

**Read the following short poem and then answer the questions that follow.**

The scratching of trees
As they claw at your window,
The racing of the rain
When it falls at your feet.
The screaming of wind
As it wraps all around you,
The running of hope
When it's so far away.
The laughing of memories
When they fill up your head,
And the smirking of darkness
When you lay down … and sleep.

**The racing of rain when it falls at your feet.**

4.1 "Racing of rain" is an example of which figure of speech? **(2)**

4.2. Identify the subject and the object of this sentence. **(2)**

4.3 Provide synonyms of your own choosing for the following words:

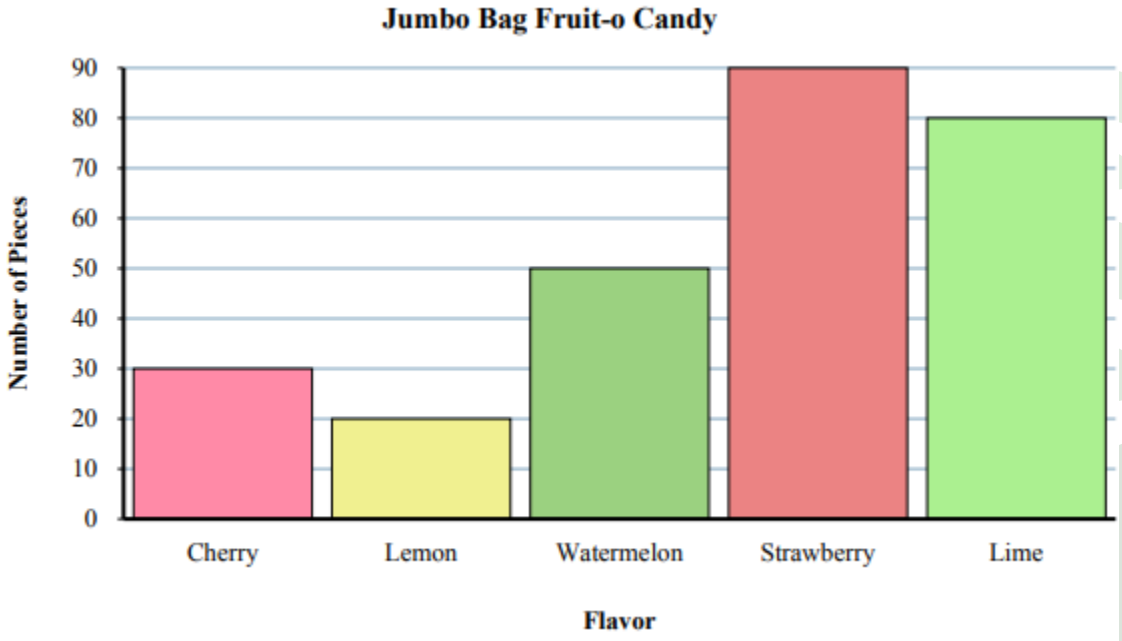
4.3.1 "laughing"

4.3.2 "racing" **(2)**

4.4 Give two examples of onomatopoeia in the above poem. Just write the two words. **(2)**

**Total: 8**

**<u>QUESTION FIVE:</u> Look at the bar graph below and then answer the questions.**




5.1 How many more lime pieces were there than lemon pieces? **(1)**
5.2 What is the combined number of cherry and strawberry pieces? **(1)**
5.3 What is the plural of strawberry? **(1)**
5.4 Which flavor had the fewest pieces in the bag? **(1)**

5.5 How many pieces were there in total in the bag? **(1)**

**Total: 5**

**<u>QUESTION SIX</u>: Riddle: If a rooster lays an egg on the exact peak of a barn, which side does it fall?**

**Total: 2**

**<u>QUESTION SEVEN:</u> CROSSWORD – COLLECTIVE NOUNS**

**Read the clues below and then fill in the crossword that follows.**

| **Across:** | **Down:** |
|---|---|
| **2. Numerous ants** | **1. Many wolves in a group** |
| **3. A group of sheep** | **4. A number of puppies** |
| **5.Many monkeys together** | **6. A lot of geese together** |
| **7.So many rabbits!** | **8. A huge number of bees** |
| **8.Lots of fish swimming together** | **9. A host of goats on the hillside** |
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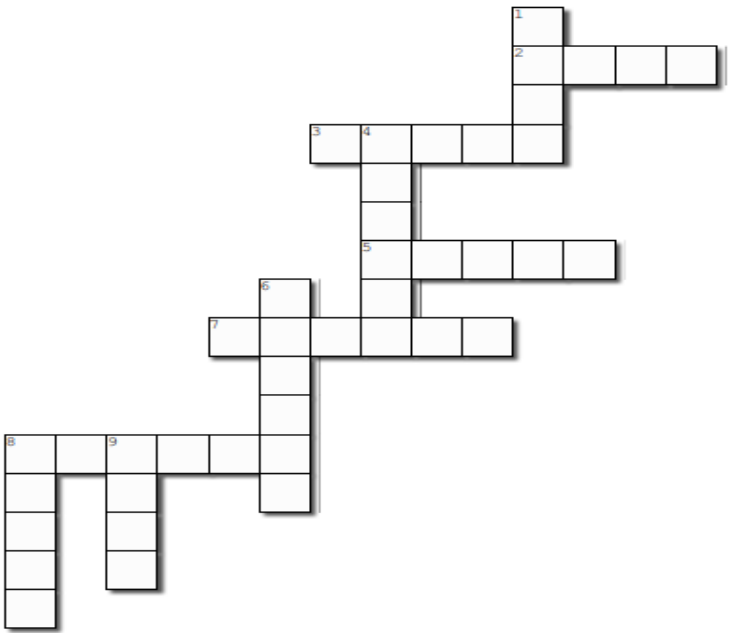
Complete the crossword puzzle below



**(10)**

**Total for paper: 50**