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SOUTH AFRICAN PRIMARY ENGLISH (FAL)
FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE
OLYMPIAD:
GRADE 2

DATE: 19 AUGUST 2025

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 7 questions in this paper and it is out of 30 marks.

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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) dog
b) horse
c) cat
d) mouse **(1)**

1.2 What letter does the biggest plant in the picture below begin with?

_____ **(1)**

1.3 Fill out the missing letter to name the food below:

P ___ E

(1)

Marks: 3

QUESTION TWO:

Read the extract from *Barbie's A Ride for Freedom* and answer the questions that follow

"I just love October!" Barbie thought stepping outside in the country inn. The year was 1775, and Barbie was near the town of Williamsburg. She was staying with Sarah Moore, an old family friend. Mrs. Moore was a widow. Her only son, Ethan had left to join the army. Barbie was helping Mrs. Moore run the inn until Ethan came back. Barbie breathed the cool evening air.

"Hello, Blaze!" she said softly to her horse as she entered the barn.

Blaze was dark brown with a long, white patch that stretched down his forehead. Barbie fed Blaze some hay. She petted him gently while he ate.

Suddenly the horse's ears went back.

"What's wrong?" Barbie asked.

Blaze stomped his hooves and Barbie saw his eyes widen with fear. Just then, Barbie heard the familiar clatter of a wagon being pulled by a single horse. She looked out the barn door and saw a man nearing the inn. He wore a dark blue hat pulled low over his forehead.

"Ethan!" Barbie cried. She recognized the man as Mrs. Moore's son.

2. Place a cross next to the correct answer

2.1 Which month did Barbie love? (1)

March	
June	
October	

2.2 Where was Barbie staying? (1)

country inn	
town house	
hotel	

2.3 What town was Barbie staying in? (1)

Townview	
Parkview	
Williamsburg	

2.4 What did Barbie feed the horse? (1)

hay	
grass	
straw	

2.5 What was Barbie's horse's name? (1)

Berry	
Blaze	
Blue	

2.6 What colour was Blaze? (1)

brown	
black	
white	

2.7 What was Mrs. Moore's son's name? **(1)**

Edward	
Alex	
Ethan	

2.8 The picture below is a picture of an _____.

(1)

2.9 Mrs. Moore's husband died, this means she is a _____.

(1)

2.10 Ethan came home in a _____.

…

(1)

Marks: 10

QUESTION THREE:

3. Rewrite the sentences below with capital letters.

3.1 ethan walked outside to his white mare **(2)**

_____

3.2 It made barbie happy to see that Ethan treated his horse well **(2)**

_____

Marks: 4

QUESTION FOUR:

4. Common nouns are naming words for general things.

4.1 Choose the common noun from the options below:

"I'll give her some food."

a) I'll

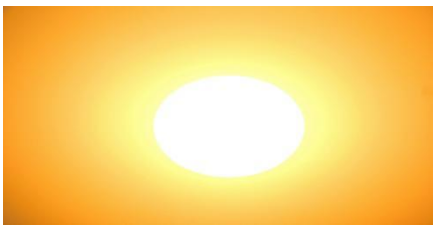
b) give

c) some

d) food

(1)

4.2 Fill in the correct noun to complete the sentence.



The autumn _____ was just beginning to rise. **(1)**

4.3 What word means the same as quietly.

a) loudly

b) softly

c) suddenly

d) wildly

(1)

4.4 Write down the answer below:

The opposite of roughly is _____.

(1)

4.5 Complete the collective noun. A _____ of horses.

a) nest

b) flock

c) herd

d) range

(1)

Marks: 5

QUESTION FIVE:

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

5.1 Lizzie scrambles through the rough bush.

Yesterday

_____

_____

(1)

5.2 Barbie dressed comfortably.

Tomorrow _____

_____

(1)

Marks: 2

QUESTION SIX:

6. Complete the riddles below:

(Hint: Barbie was set in the olden days and these are all things popular in the olden days.

6.1 I can go around the world, but never leave the corner? (1)

_____

6.2 What has many rings, but no fingers? (1)

_____

6.3 What begins with a T, ends with a T and has T in it? (1)

_____

Marks: 3

QUESTION 7:

Look at the graph below that shows how many cups of tea Barbie made for Mrs. Moore.

Cups of tea Barbie made					
5					
4					
3					
2					
1					
DAYS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY

7.1 On which day did Barbie make the most tea?

a) Monday

b) Tuesday

c) Wednesday

d) Friday **(1)**

7.2 On which day did Barbie make the least cups of tea?

a) Monday

b) Tuesday

c) Wednesday

d) Friday **(1)**

7.3 The plural of cup is _____.

(1)

Marks: 3

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 30