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FEMSSISA PRIMARY ENGLISH (FAL)
FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE OLYMPIAD:
GRADE 4

DATE: 20 AUGUST 2025

TIME: 60 MINUTES

Instructions:

1. This booklet has 14 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 following extract from, *Nancy Drew Mystery Stories - The Secret of the Old Clock.*

Nancy Drew, an attractive girl of eighteen, was driving home along a country road in her new, dark-blue convertible.
She just delivered some legal papers for her father.
"It was sweet of Dad to give me this car for my birthday," she thought.
"And it's fun to help him in his work."
Her father, Carson Drew, a well-known lawyer in their home town of River Heights, frequently discussed puzzling aspects of cases with his blond, blue-eyed daughter.

Smiling, Nancy said to herself, "Dad depends on my intuition." An instant later she gasped in horror.

From the lawn of a house just ahead of her a little girl about five years of age had darted into the roadway. A van, turning out of the driveway of the house, was barely fifty feet away from her.

[Extract taken from *Nancy Drew Mystery Stories - The Secret of the Old Clock*]

Choose the correct answer to each question below:

1.1 How old was Nancy Drew?

a) 10
b) 12
c) 16
d) 18

(1)

1.2 What colour was Nancy's convertible?

(a) dark pink
(b) dark green
(c) dark blue
(d) cherry red

(1)

1.3 What work did Nancy's father do?

(a) He was a teacher.
(b) He was an advocate.
(c) He was a doctor.
(d) He was the town's veterinarian.

(1)

1.4 Where did Nancy and her dad live?

Riverdale	River Heights

(1)

1.5 Which word tells you that Carson was a famous lawyer?

(a) "Well-known"
(b) Frequently
(c) Puzzling
(d) Intuition

(1)

1.6 What did Nancy's father depend on her for?

(a) her intuition
(b) her blue eyes
(c) her intelligence
(d) her blond hair

(1)

1.7 About how old was the girl who darted into the road?

(a) 4 years old
(b) 5 years old
(c) 6 years old
(d) 7 years old

(1)

1.8 Quote three consecutive words from the text that tells you Nancy was shocked and scared when the little girl darted into the road unexpectedly.

_____

(2)

1.9 Dad gave Nancy the car for her _____. **(1)**

Marks: 10

QUESTION TWO:

Read the following extract from, "*A House with A Clock in The Walls*"

Tick Tock. A Deadly Clock…

When orphaned Lewis Barnavelt comes to live with his uncle Johnaton, he is amazed to find out there is a wizard in his family!

Lewis experiments with Uncle Johnaton's spells and uncovers the mystery behind the ticking that he can hear throughout the house, sometimes loud, sometimes _____, sometimes fast, sometimes _____. It's an evil clock and it could destroy humankind.

[Extract adapted from *A House with A Clock in The Walls*]

Choose the correct answer to each question below:

2.1 Find a word that tells us Lewis Barnavelt had no mum or dad.

_____ **(1)**

2.2 Find a word in the text that means the same as shocked _____

(a) eyes
(b) skin
(c) orphaned
(d) amazed **(1)**

2.3 What is uncle Johnaton?

(a) a witch
(b) a wizard
(c) a clock
(d) an orphan

(1)

2.4 Provide an antonym of your choosing for the word "loud".

_____ **(1)**

2.5 Provide an antonym of your choosing for the word "fast".

_____ **(1)**

2.6 How is the clock described in the story?

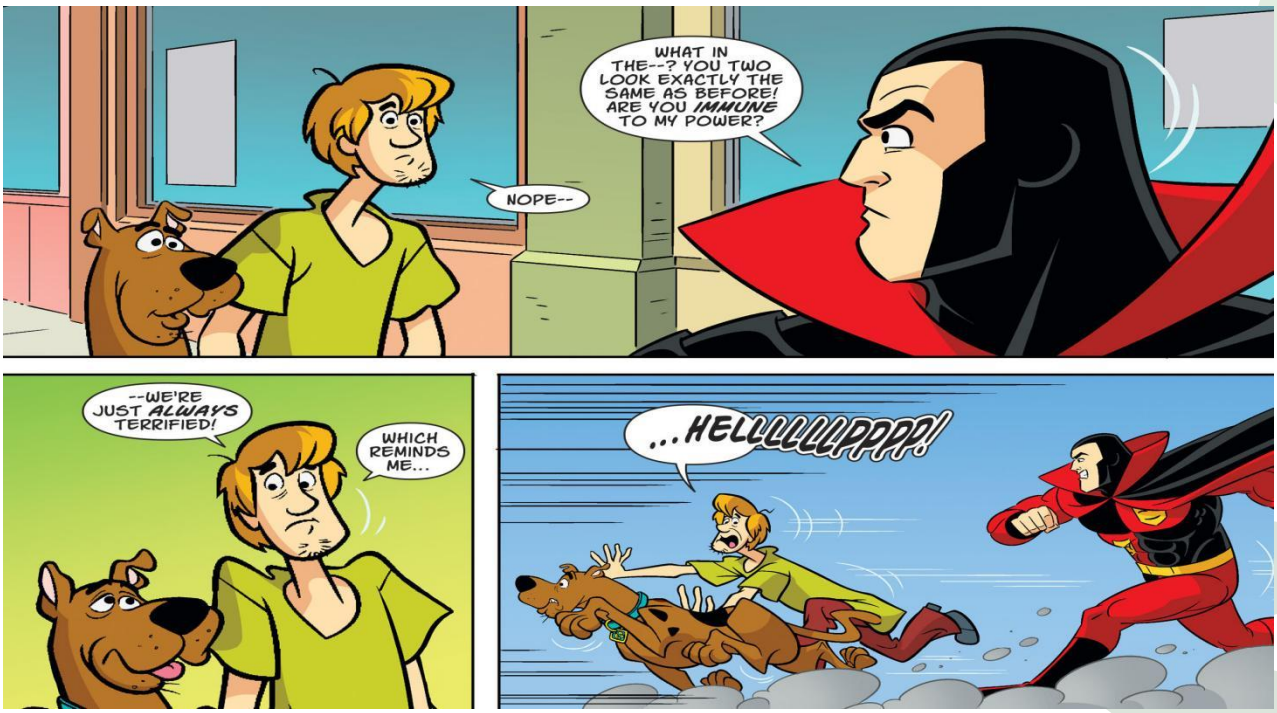
(a) evil
(b) happy
(c) friendly
(d) gleeful

(1)

Marks: 6

QUESTION THREE:

Study the Scooby Doo comic strip below and answer the questions that follows.



3.1 What word from the cartoon best describes how Scooby and Shaggy feel?

_____ **(1)**

3.2 Find the word in the cartoon that means protected against something.

_____ **(1)**

3.3 What do we call the punctuation mark after the word, "Hellllllpppp!"

_____ **(1)**

3.4 What action shows Scooby and Shaggy are scared of the man? Complete the sentence below:

They are _____ away. **(1)**

Marks: 4

QUESTION FOUR:

When did the following actions happen? Choose the correct tense.

4.1 The clock ticked late at night.

(a) Present tense
(b) Past tense
(c) Present continuous tense
(d) Future tense

(1)

4.2 There is a mystery to solve.

(a) Present tense
(b) Past tense
(c) Present continuous tense
(d) Future tense

(1)

Marks: 2

QUESTION FIVE:

Fill in the correct plurals.

5.1 One clock but many _____

5.2 One car but many _____

5.3 One family but many _____

(3)
Marks: 3

QUESTION SIX:

State whether the nouns below are countable or uncountable:

6.1 Van_____

6.2 Paper _____

6.3 Milk _____

6.4 Knowledge _____

(4)
Marks: 4

QUESTION SEVEN:

Punctuate the following sentences by adding capital letters, full stops and commas.

7.1 nancy drives to the shop nearby town house and garage

(4)
Marks: 4

QUESTION EIGHT:

Choose the correct answer:

8.1 "I_____ going to solve a mystery," said Nancy.

(a) is
(b) am
(c) are
(d) be

(1)
Marks: 1

QUESTION NINE:

Circle the subject and underline the verb in the sentence below:

9.1 Nancy solves many mysteries.

(2)
Marks: 2

QUESTION TEN:

Choose the correct personal pronoun from the options below:

10.1 Lewis was looked after by _____ uncle.

his	her	him

(1)
Marks: 1

QUESTION ELEVEN:

Choose the correct article from the options below:

11.1 Lewis solved the mystery of_____ deadly clock.

a	the	an

(1)

Choose the correct article from the options below:

11.2 Lewis was _____ orphan.

a	the	an

(1)

Marks: 2

QUESTION TWELVE:

Underline the verbs below:

12.1 Lewis tried cool experiments.

12.2 Nancy drove a blue car.

(2)

Marks: 2

QUESTION THIRTEEN:

Find the three four letter words hidden in this puzzle. Words can be found horizontally or vertically only.

S	O	R	T
E	P	P	P
A	O	O	K
T	A	L	E

_____

_____

_____

(3)

Marks: 3

QUESTION FOURTEEN:

Unscramble the abstract nouns below:

14.1 S R A C D E _____

14.2 H N E U G R _____

14.3 S D A_____

14.4 P Y A H P_____

14.5 D A M _____

14.6 U R H T _____

(6)
Marks: 6

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 50