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SOUTH AFRICAN PRIMARY SCHOOL ENGLISH OLYMPIAD
FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (FAL)
GRADE 5

DATE:

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TIME: 60 MINUTES

Instructions:

1. This booklet has 8 questions.
2. Answer on the paper below.
3. Read the questions carefully before answering.
4. Visit the website: www.saolympiads.co.za.

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

QUESTION ONE:

1. Read the following passage and then answer the questions that follow.

Pizza Around the World

All over the world people love to eat pizza. Everyone likes his or her own kind of pizza. In Japan, some people like squid on their pizza. While this seafood pizza is popular in Japan, there are two kinds of pizza eaten in Japan.The seafood one looks like the one you are used to seeing only with seafood on top. The other kind of pizza in Japan looks more like a pancake. The ingredients of the pizza are mixed up in a batter. The pizza batter is then cooked like a pancake. In Brazil, you can even have chocolate pizza for dessert. In Germany, pizza may have an egg on top. People in India enjoy tofu on their pizza. In India, many people eat naan bread which is like a pizza base brushed with butter and garlic. So, when pizza came to India, it became very popular. In India you will also get pizza topped with tandoori chicken. In Australia, you will find pizza with pepperoni but you may also find pizza with lamb or eggs. You can even get pizza with ham and pineapple. In fact, pineapple is the most popular pizza topping. Some Australians cut out pumpkin on their pizza or enjoy pizza with a topping of shrimp.

Today, there are many ways to eat pizza and many different toppings that you can put on pizza.

History of Pizza

People all around the world have made flatbreads with toppings for a long time. Street cooks in Italy started selling the flat bread in the 1700s. The cooks called them pizzas. The pizzas had many different toppings and people liked them because they tasted good and were easy to carry.

Did you know?

The world's largest pizza was made in Italy in 2012. It took two days to cook. It was wider than three school buses and weighed more than five elephants.

In 1889, Italy's queen Margarita visited the city of Naples. A cook made her a special pizza and named it after her. He topped it with tomatoes, cheese and basil. It was red, white and green like Italy's flag. When the queen tasted the pizza, she loved it.

Pizza then came to the United States in the late 1800s when people moved from Italy to Chicago and New York. They brought to the new country their favourite foods. Italian cooks made and sold pizza in the United States. Pizza became a huge hit in the United States. It only cost five cents and people were able to eat it rather quickly. Today, people still love pizza.

Pizza facts

Pepperoni is the most common pizza topping.

People in the United States eat about 350 slices of pizza every second. People in the United States eat more pizza each year than the rest of the world. People in the United States buy the most pizza on Super Bowl Sunday, New Year's Eve and Halloween.

October is National Pizza month.

[Adapted from: Shell Education & A Reading A-Z Leveled H Book written by Maribeths Boelts]

Use the information in the story to answer the questions below. Circle the correct answer below:

1.1 The above text is an example of a _____ text.

(a) fictional
(b) Nonfictional

(1)

1.2 In Japan, people enjoy eating a _____ pizza.

(a) seafood
(b) Hawaiian
(c) Margarita
(d) pineapple

(1)

1.3 In Brazil, one can even get a _____ pizza for dessert.

(a) pancake
(b) pancake batter
(c) chocolate
(d) pretzel

(1)

1.4 When did flat breads start to get sold?

(a) 1700s
(b) 1800s
(c) 1889
(d) 2025

(1)

1.5 Tick the correct options. In Australia, people enjoy cut out pieces of _____ on their pizza.

Pumpkin	Cabbage

(1)

1.6 People liked pizza because it was easy to carry.

True	False

(1)

1.7 The pizza named after the queen was called Margarita and was made of? Choose all the correct options.

(a) tomatoes **(b) broccoli**

(c) cheese **(d) basil** **(3)**

1.8 The people in the States buy the most pizza when _____.

(a) It is Halloween **(b) New Year's Eve**

(c) Christmas Eve **(d) Easter weekend** **(2)**

1.9 What is the most common pizza topping?

(a) pepperoni
(b) tofu
(c) pancake batter
(d) pumpkin pieces

(1)

1.10 What would people in India eat before pizza was brought to India?

(a) tofu **(b) pancake batter**

(c) pancakes **(d) naan bread**

(1)

1.11 Tick the correct option. Americans eat 365 pizzas per 365 days.

True	False

(1)

1.12 An antonym for slowly from the passage is……
Hint: the antonym must be an adverb

_____ **(1)**

1.13 In which country will you find pizza with lamb or eggs?

_____ **(1)**

Marks: 16

QUESTION TWO:

Choose the correct homophone to correct the sentence below:

2.1 Your pizza base must have the right amount of dough / though before.
2.2 Americans started loving pizza to / too.
2.3 Italian chefs never knew / new they were starting a trend with pizza.

(3)

Marks: 3

QUESTION THREE:

(Source: Pinterest)

3.1 Choose the correct proper noun to complete the iconic bell tower.

Leaning tower of _____ . **(1)**

3.2 Which company is advertising pizza?

_____ **(1)**

3.3 Pizza Hut serves their pizzas like pizza from which country?

_____ **(1)**

3.4 What punctuation mark features in big in this advert?

_____ **(1)**

3.5 What are the colours of the Italian flag?

_____

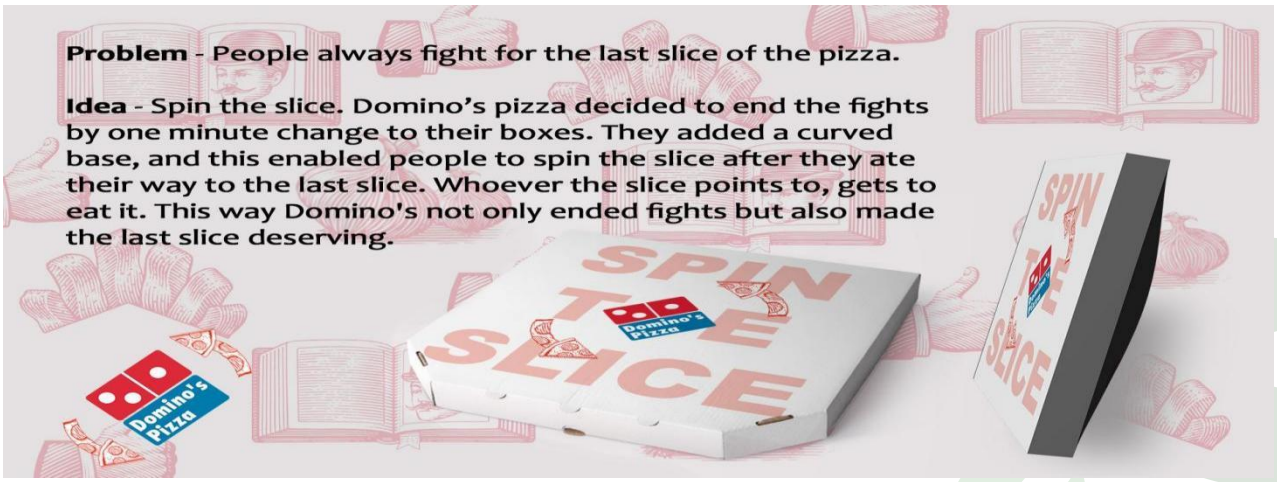
_____

_____ **(3)**

Marks: 7

QUESTION FOUR:

View another advertisement below and answer the questions based on the advertisement.



4.1 Complete the sentence below using the advert to guide you:

People always _____ for the last slice of pizza. (1)

4.2 Complete the sentence below using the advert to guide you:

To avoid fighting for the pizza, people should _____ the last slice of pizza.

(1)

4.3 Which company is advertising their pizza in the advert? (1)

4.4 What did the company do to enable the pizza to spin?

Added a_____ base. (1)

Marks: 4

QUESTION FIVE:

Write the prefix from the box that will change the underlined word to its opposite.

dis	mis	un

5.1 There are not many people who _____like pizza.
5.2 Indian people initially had a _____understanding of pizza.
5.3People started loving pizza_____ expectedly.

(3)

Marks: 3

QUESTION SIX:

6.1 Can you solve the riddle below by guessing the pizza topping?

I'm green or purple but not a grape, I wear a crown while my shape is oblong.

Who am I? (1)

6.2 Can you solve the riddle below by guessing the pizza topping?

Round and red but not a ball, in salads and sauces, I'm loved by all.

What am I? **(1)**

6.3 Can you solve the riddle below by guessing the pizza topping?

I might make you cry, but I'm not a sad film. I'm layered and pungent, and I can be quite a gem. What am I?

(1)

6.4 Can you solve the riddle below by guessing the pizza topping?

I can be many colors, crunch is my game, chop me for salad, I'm never the same. What am I?

(1)

Marks: 4

QUESTION SEVEN:

Put the correct nouns in the columns below:

7.1 Italian chefs enjoyed making pizza for Margarita.

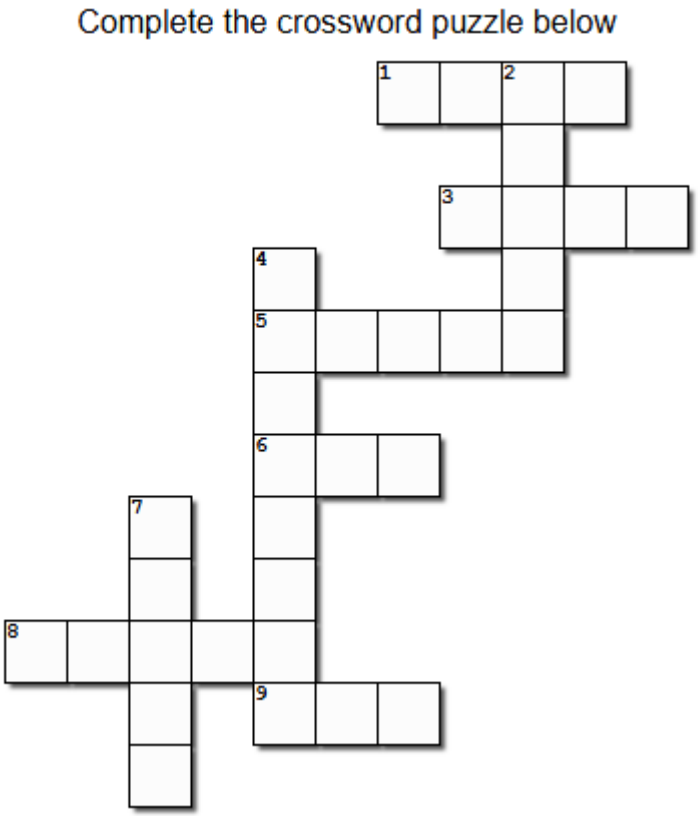
Proper nouns	Common nouns

(4)

Marks:4

QUESTION EIGHT:

Complete the food-related crossword puzzle below:



Across:

1. Tuna is a type of _____.
3. This drink rhymes with silk.
5._____pie, juice, cider.
6._____cream is a good treat on a hot day.
8. What do we call turkey, pork and chicken cooked in the oven.
9. A boiled _____ is hard to beat.

Down:

2. Another word for seasoning or flavouring.
4. You _____ the meat with sauces before cooking.
7. Bread that you burn slightly and serve with butter is called ____.

DOWN	
2.	
4.	
7.	
ACROSS	
1.	
3.	
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6.	
8.	
9.	

Marks: 9

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 50