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FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE OLYMPIAD:
GRADE 7

DATE: 21 AUGUST 2025

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 websites: www.saolympiads.co.za.

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QUESTION ONE:

Read the following passage from The Invention & History of Band-Aid Brand

THE INVENTION & HISTORY OF BAND-AID BRAND

BAND-AID Brand Adhesive Bandages Beginnings

Who hasn't used BAND-AID. Brand Adhesive Bandages? In a world full of cuts, scrapes, blisters and bruises it seems hard to imagine life without those little adhesive bandages. Of course, there have always been cuts and scrapes, but there haven't always been adhesive bandages. This fact was painfully clear to a young housewife named Josephine Dickson.

Back in 1920, this newlywed was living in New Brunswick, New Jersey, with her husband Earle, and though married life agreed with her, housekeeping did not. Not that she didn't try. When Earle came home from his job as a cotton buyer, Josephine would always have dinner on the table. Unfortunately, she'd also have several cuts or burns on her fingers. Without an adhesive bandage, Josephine had no easy way of bandaging her own cuts. Earle had to cut pieces of adhesive tape and cotton gauze and make a bandage for each wound. This happened day after day- and, day after day Josephine needed more bandages. They were in a real bind.

Finally, after several weeks of kitchen accidents, Earle hit upon an idea: to prepare ready-to-use dressings by placing small squares of cotton gauze at regular intervals. Earle sat down and prepared some ready-made bandages by placing squares of cotton gauze at intervals along an adhesive strip and covering them with crinoline. Now all Josephine had to do was cut off a length of the strip and wrap it over her cut.

In a way, it was a mother who was responsible for the invention of the BAND-AID Brand Adhesive Bandage.
Earle soon told his boss at work about his new invention and soon the first adhesive bandages were being produced and sold under the world famous BAND-AID trademark. Earle was eventually rewarded with a position as Vice President in the company, where he stayed until his retirement. As for Josephine, history does not record whether she ever mastered the art of accident-free cooking. But we do know she had plenty of BAND-AID Brand Adhesive Bandages available just in case. Earle Dickson may not have realized what a cutting edge product he was inventing, but it certainly stuck around.

For All Your Healing Needs

BAND-AID Brand Adhesive Bandages have long been a staple in a family's first-aid kit as a source of healing, comfort and protection. And as the brand has expanded over the years, so too has the technology and innovation behind it. BAND-AID Brand has moved from being strictly a bandage to becoming a brand that offers a wide variety of products to meet the diverse needs of today's active families and their lifestyles.

Extract taken from:band-aid.ca/band-aid-history

Answer the following questions by choosing which option you feel is the correct one:

1.1 What is the setting of the band aid story?

(a) Early morning
(b) 1920, New Jersey
(c) At sunset in England
(d) In a town in South Africa

(1)

1.2 What job did Earle do initially?

(a) He made band aids for everyone.
(b) He worked in a toothpaste factory.
(c) He was a poet.
(d) He was a cotton buyer.

(1)

1.3 Find a word from the extract that tells us the couple was not married for long.

_____

(1)

1.4 Josephine was a bad wife. Choose the correct option below:

TRUE	FALSE

(1)

1.5 What does the author mean when he says, "…They were in a bind."

(a) They were bound together due to their marriage vows.
(b) They were binded together by plasters.
(c) They were in a sticky situation.
(d) They were binding something.

(1)

1.6 The repetition of the "b" in the phrase: "Band-Aid brand adhesive bandages," is an example of… Tick the correct answer.

Assonance	Alliteration

(1)

1.7 Find a word from the passage that means "leaving one's job due to age".

(a) Retirement
(b) Invention
(c) Adhesive
(d) Crinoline

(1)

1.8 What do we use Band-Aid for? Choose all the correct options.

(a) Blisters
(b) Snake bites
(c) Scrapes
(d) Cuts

(2)

1.9 Find a word that means the same as the phrase, "range of products" from the text.

_____

(1)

1.10 Write down the synonym for the word, "sticky," from the text.

_____

(1)

1.11 What is the purpose of the hyphen in "accident-free cooking"?

(a) To add extra information
(b) To show possession
(c) To join a compound noun
(d) To separate the main clause from the subordinate clause

(1)

1.12 The apostrophe used in the phrase, the family's first aid kit is there to_____

(a) To add extra information
(b) To show possession
(c) To join a compound noun
(d) To separate the main clause from the subordinate clause

(1)

1.13 What is the figure of speech in the sentence: Earle Dickson may not have realized what a cutting edge product he was inventing, but it certainly stuck around.

(a) Hyperbole
(b) Onomatopoeia
(c) Personification
(d) Pun

(1)

1.14 History records show that Josephine became a master chef. Choose the correct option below:

TRUE	FALSE

(1)

1.15 Complete the proverbial expression below:

Necessity is the _____ of invention.

(1)

1.16 Find one word from the text that means the same as the phrase, "not done on purpose.

_____

(1)

1.17 Band-Aid is said to be a source of? Choose all the applicable answers.

(a) Healing
(b) Discomfort
(c) Comfort
(d) Confidence

(2)

1.18 What do South Africans call Band- Aid?

_____

(1)
Marks: 20

QUESTION TWO:

View the poster below and answer the questions that follow:

2.1 What is the purpose of the poster?

(a) To show horrific images.
(b) To show how important Band-Aid is in every home
(c) To waste space in a magazine.
(d) Inform the reader of strategies to be an Ace racer.

(1)

2.2 Who do we assume is applying the band-aid for the little boy?

His _____ **(1)**

2.3 Which brand is advertising their Band-Aid?

_____ **(1)**

2.4 Provide a word from the advert that means the same as skin.

_____ **(1)**

2.5 Look at the sentences below:
Ouch! It's a small graze.
The cows graze in the meadow.

The word graze is an example of a _____ **(1)**

2.6 Write down the adjective in the sentence: They have medicated pads.

_____ **(1)**

2.7 What other product does the brand in the picture make as stated in the advert besides bandages and surgical dressings.

_____ **(1)**

2.8 What words from the advert tells you that you can bath with your Band-Aid on?

_____

_____ **(2)**

2.9 Find one word from the advert that means the Band-Aid moves with you?

_____ **(1)**

Marks: 10

QUESTION THREE:

Punctuate the following sentence by adding the necessary punctuation marks:

3.1 is band-aid the brand loved by all (3)

3.2 Band-Aid is used for cuts bruises, scratches and small burns (2)

Marks: 5

QUESTION FOUR:

Add the correct word to complete the following idioms related to aches, pain or body parts:

4.1 _____ the bullet. (Force yourself to do something difficult)

4.2 To_____the knife.(Do something to make the situation worse)

4.3 Break a _____. (Wishing someone well)

4.4 Cry your _____ out. (Crying a lot)

4.5 _____in the neck. (Difficult or annoying)

Marks: 5

QUESTION FIVE:

5.1 What part of speech is the underlined word in the phrase below?

His <u>new</u> invention…

(a) Pronoun
(b) Verb
(c) Adjective
(d) Adverb **(1)**

5.2 What part of speech is the underlined word in the phrase below?

<u>But</u> we do know she had….

(a) Common noun
(b) Proper noun
(c) Adverb
(d) Conjunction **(1)**

5.3 What part of speech is the underlined word in the phrase below?

Josephine had to <u>cut</u> off….

(a) Pronoun
(b) Verb
(c) Proper noun
(d) Adverb **(1)**

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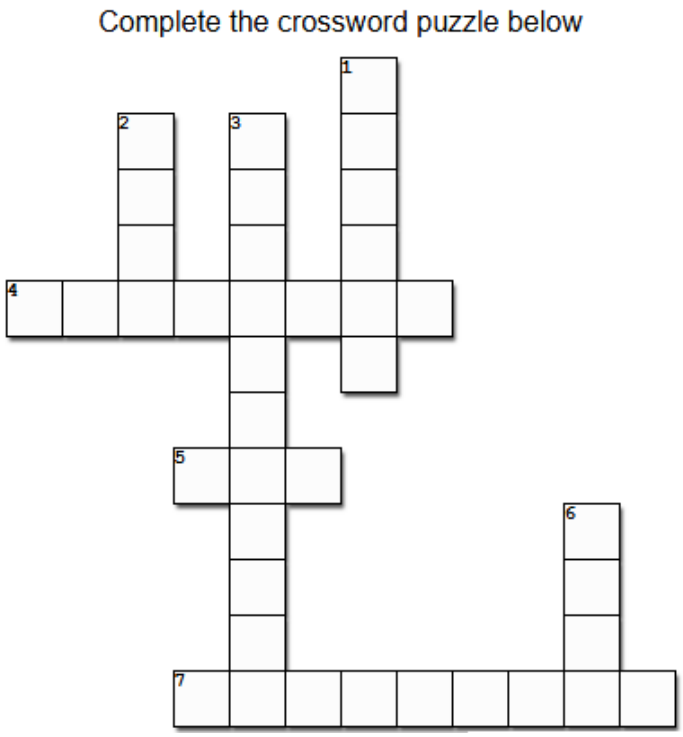
QUESTION SIX:

Complete the crossword puzzle below:



Across:

4. Another word for inflammation.

5. One word for feeling unhappy.

7. Opposite of healthy.

Down:

1. _____ over spilled milk.

2. A skin condition that teenagers get that causes pimples all over the face.

3. A punctuation mark that shows strong emotions is called an _____ mark.

6. An interjection said when one is in pain.

ACROSS
4.
5.
7.
DOWN
1.
2.
3.
6.

Marks: 7

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 50