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Instructions:

1. This booklet has 7 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 passage entitled *Emo: Then and Now.*

Emo, a musical genre characterized by themes of social alienation, sensitivity, misanthropy, introversion and angst, is generally considered to be a relatively modern musical genre. It's not widely known that it actually first appeared in the 1980s, and it grew out of the punk rock movement.

Many music historians trace emo back to hardcore-punk band called Rites of Spring, though the members of that band reject being categorized as "emo". For a while in the 1980s, the emerging genre was known as "emo-care", but the suffix was soon dropped. And while the first "emo-care" bands quickly came and went, the genre itself took root.

In the1990s, the popularity of emo spread. Midwestern emo bands were both less rough-sounding and more emotional. At this time emo became an underground movement. Towards the end of the decade, sub-genres, like screamo began to form.

By the turn of the century, emo was firmly bound up with pop-punk, while the heavier post-hardcore and screamo bands remained underground. It was the appearance of MySpace in the mid '00's that made emo a fully realized counterculture, spearheaded by bands like Fall Out Boy, My Chemical Romance, Paramore, and Panic! At The Disco whose popularity exploded seemingly overnight.

Beginning around 2010, the term emo developed two quite different definitions. Many "emo-revival" bands looked back to the 1990s for inspiration. The more modern emo bands have abandoned the underground and essentially become modern pop acts.

Today, artists are combining the emo sensibility with hip-hop to create a new version of emo, which if history is only an indication, will continue to evolve.

[Extracted from *15 Worksheets.com*]

Answer the following questions based on *Emo: Then and Now*.

1.1 Emo first appeared in…

(a) 1980s
(b) 1990s
(c) 2000
(d) 2010 **(1)**

1.2 The emergence of emo could be traced back to…..

(a) Panic! At The Disco
(b) Fall Out Boy
(c) Rites of Spring
(d) Paramore

(1)

1.3 Which of the following bands is NOT an emo band?

(a) BTS
(b) Panic! At The Disco
(c) Backstreet Boys
(d) My Chemical Romance **(2)**

1.4 What word best describes genre.

(a) Category
(b) Germ
(c) Exclusion
(d) Incident

(1)

1.5 According to the text, the suffix in emo-care is….

emo	care

(1)

1.6 What have the modern emo bands done?

(a) Looked for inspiration from past emo bands.
(b) Abandoned the underground.
(c) Embraced the underground.
(d) Become modern pop acts.

(3)

1.7 The post-hardcore and Screamo bands remained underground.

TRUE	FALSE

(1)

1.8 Choose the correct words that make up the contracted word, 'It's'

(a) It + is
(b) It + not
(c) It + do
(d) It + was **(1)**

1.9 This text is an example of a _____story. Tick the correct answer.

Fictional	Non-fictional

(1)

1.10 The word "sub" in sub-genres mean?

lower	two

(1)

1.11 The word, "decade" means_____

10 years	100 years

(1)

1.12 Name one social media application mentioned in the text.

_____

(1)

1.13 Provide the collective noun for a group of musicians.

_____ **of musicians.**

(1)

1.14 What does social alienation mean? Choose all the definitions that apply.

(a) Integration with other socially.
(b) Estrangement from society.
(c) Disengagement from the social group.
(d) Social isolation from others.

(3)

1.15 What do we call someone who creates music since music is an art form.

Hint: Find the word in the text.

_____ **(1)**

Marks: 20

QUESTION TWO:

View the cartoon below and answer the questions that follows:

[Source: Comic Online]

2.1 What did the girl do? Underline the correct answer.

(a) Annoy the boy.
(b) Burnt the food.
(c) Tried a new makeup look.
(d) Ordered pizza .

(1)

2.2 Humour is created because _____? Underline the correct answer.

(a) The girls orders pizza.
(b) The boy orders pizza.
(c) The girl blames the bread for her mess.
(d) The girl blames the boy for her mess.

(1)

2.3 The cartoon is taking place _____. Tick the correct answer.

In the kitchen	In a basement

(1)

2.4 The boy has a _____ menu in his hands.

(1)

2.5 List two visual clues that tell you the girl was trying to cook.

_____

_____ **(2)**

Marks: 6

QUESTION THREE:
View the cartoon below and answer the questions that follows:

[Source: MyComicShop]

3.1 What do both cartoons indicate about the boy? Underline all the correct answers.

(a) He is caring
(b) He always gets blamed for eating.
(c) He is greedy.
(d) He complains often **(1)**

3.2 What was the boy eating?

_____ **(1)**

3.3 The girls _____are big and is an example of caricature. Tick the correct answer.

eyes	hair

(1)

3.4 What does the girl not want to do?

_____ **(1)**

3.5 What is the punctuation mark next to "share?" called?

_____ **(1)**

Marks: 5

QUESTION FOUR:

Write down the PART OF SPEECH or FIGURE OF SPEECH for each of the underlined words in the following sentences:

Many "emo-revival" bands looked back to the 1990s for inspiration.

Today, artists are combining the emo sensibility with hip-hop to create a new version of emo, which if history is only an indication, will continue to evolve.

Many music historians trace emo back to hardcore-punk band called Rites of Spring, although the members of that band reject being categorized as "emo."

4.1 emo-revival: _____

4.2 bands: _____

4.3 looked: _____

4.4 Today: _____

4.5 artists: _____

4.6 Rites of Spring: _____

4.7 although: _____

4.8 a: _____

4.9 of: _____

Marks: 9

QUESTION FIVE:

Fill out the table below by completing the degrees of comparison:

E.g. tall	**taller**	**tallest**
funky		
Content	**More content**	
Cooler		**Coolest**

Marks: 4

QUESTION SIX:

State the name of the textual error in the sentence below:

6.1 Every year we go to the annual emo fest.

_____

6.2 Emo bands is famous worldwide.

_____

Marks: 2

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QUESTION SEVEN: IDIOMS

Complete the idioms below that relates to music and musical instruments:

7.1 Music to one's_____

7.2 Dance to someone else's _____

7.3 Blow your own _____

7.4 Face the _____

Marks: 4

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 50