SOUTH AFRICAN FOUNDATION PHASE
ENGLISH OLYMPIAD
HOME LANGUAGE:
GRADE 1

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 8 questions in this paper and it is out of 25 marks.

7. Visit the website: www.saolympiads.co.za.

NAME OF LEARNER:	
SCHOOL:	GRADE:

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QUESTION ONE:

Choose the correct picture to complete the sentences below. Put a tick on the right picture.

1.1 I put food in my _____

(1)

1.2 I call my friend on the _____

(1)

1.3 The girl sits on the _____

(1)

1.4 I pour tea out of the_____. Circle the right answer.

a) trunk
b) tail
c) teapot
d) tank

(1)

Marks: 4

QUESTION TWO:

Tick the correct answer:

2.1 It is nice to drink a

warm	cold

cup of tea.

2.2 I stir my tea with a

fork	spoon

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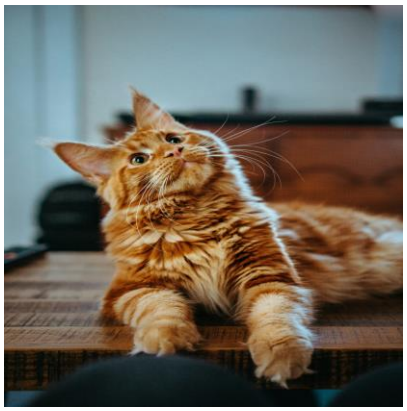
(2)

Marks: 2

QUESTION THREE:

Write the starting letter of these words:

3.1



3.2

_____ _____

(2)

QUESTION FOUR:

Read the adapted story by Phyllis Root below and answer the questions that follow:

The Chase

Tabby Cat chases a mouse in the kitchen.

The mouse runs away quickly.

Tabby Cat chases a butterfly in the garden.

The butterfly flies away.

Tabby Cat chases a frog near the water pond.

The frog hops away.

Tabby Cat chases the flower in a flower pot.

Good catch, Tabby Cat!

4.1 Place a cross next to the correct answer.

What is the title of the story? **(1)**

Taby Cat Goes to Town	
The Chase	
Taby Cat in the Tree	

4.2 What does Tabby Cat chase first? **(1)**

The mouse	
A butterfly	
The flower	

4.3 Where was the mouse? **(1)**

In the kitchen.	
In the garden.	
Near the pond.	

4.4 What does the butterfly do when Tabby Cat chases it? **(1)**

Runs away.	
Hops away.	
Flies away.	

4.5 How does the mouse run away? **(1)**

quickly	
slowly	
steadily	

4.6 What is the plural of mouse?

_____ **(1)**

Marks: (6)

QUESTION FIVE:

5.1 In the garden you will find _____. Tick the correct answers below:

Buttons	
Flowers	
Grass	
Roses	
Saucepan	

(3)

Marks: 3

QUESTION SIX:

6. Rewrite the sentences below with capital letters, full stops and question marks.

6.1 tabby Cat feels happy

_____ **(2)**

6.2 where did that mouse go

_____ **(2)**

Marks: 4

QUESTION SEVEN:

7. Nouns are naming words.

7.1 Choose the correct common noun from the options below:

Tabby Cat wears a hat.

a) Tabby

b) Cat

c) wears

d) hat

(1)

7. Verbs are doing words or actions.

7.2 Choose the verb in the sentence below.

Tabby Cat chases everything.

a) Tabby
b) Cat
c) chases
d) everything

(1)

Marks: 2

QUESTION EIGHT:

8. Solve the riddles below:

(Hint: you will find all of these things in your home.)

8.1 What keeps going up but never moves?

_____

(1)

8.2 What has one head, one foot, and four legs.

_____

(1)

Marks: 2

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 25