SOUTH AFRICAN FOUNDATION PHASE
ENGLISH OLYMPIAD
HOME LANGUAGE:
GRADE 3

DATE: 19 AUGUST 2025

TIME: 60 MINUTES

Instructions:

1. This booklet has 9 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 passage from *The Spooky Sleepover by* Disney Bedtime Favourites below and then answer the questions by choosing the correct option for each answer.

It was a quiet morning at Monsters, Inc. James P. Sullivan also known as Sulley, had gotten in early to catch up on his paperwork. He smiled as he reviewed the monthly laugh reports.

At Monsters, Inc., it was the monsters' job to go to the human world and make kids laugh. The laughs were used as energy for the city of Monstropolis. It had been Sulley's idea, and now he was president of Monsters, Inc. He was glad everything was going well.

Suddenly, the phone rang. "Hello?" said Sulley.
"It's dispatch." said the voice on the other end of the line." Annual slumber party at little Shannon Brown's house. Waxford is out sick. We need a replacement."

"I'll get right on it," replied Sulley. He knew that there would be a lot of kids at the party, and he wanted to make sure he had a monster there to tell jokes and capture laughs. Sulley thought about who to send. He wanted to put his best monster on the case. He smiled to himself. Who better for the job than his one-eyed pal, Mike Wazowski?

Mike was Monsters, Inc.'s top laugh collector. He could make anyone laugh. Sulley knew his best friend would be perfect for the job. Mike was in the locker room getting ready for work. He had just finished putting his contact lens, which was the size of a pizza, in his one eye when Sulley walked in. Sulley explained the situation to Mike.

"I'm your man," Mike said confidently
"Great!" Sulley exclaimed. Whistling, he went back to his office to finish his laugh reports.
"Piece of cake," Mike said as a door slid into his station on the Laugh Floor. "One joke and I'll collect enough energy for the year!"

Then Mike opened the door and walked through the cupboard into Shannon Brown's room. It was empty…

Just then, thunder cracked across the sky, and a flash of lightning lit up the dark room. Mike jumped. If there was one thing he didn't like, it was a thunderstorm. Then he returned to the cupboard door to return to the factory.

Please answer the following questions:

1.1 What was Sulley catching up on? Tick the correct answer.

(1)

paperwork	
collecting laughs	
making children laugh	

1.2 What made Sulley smile? Tick the correct answer.

(1)

The monthly laugh reports	
The quiet morning	
His paperwork	

1.3 What was energy for Monstropolis? Tick the correct answer. **(1)**

laughs of children	
laughs of monsters	
scared children	

1.4 Who was sick? Tick the correct answer. **(1)**

Sulley	
Waxford	
Mike	

1.5 What type of party was Shannon having _____? Tick the correct answer. **(1)**

Halloween party	
thunderstorm party	
slumber party	

1.6 How big was Mike's contact lens? Tick the correct answer. (1)

The size of a pizza	
The size of a cake	
The size of a semi circle	

1.7 When someone wears contact lenses, it means they need some help with? Tick the correct answer. (1)

hearing	
seeing	
speaking	

1.8 Annual means _____ . (1)

1.9 The idiom, "piece of cake," means _____ . (1)

1.10 Whose laughs was Mike going out to collect? (2)

_____

1.11 How do monsters enter a child's home? (1)

_____

1.12 Quote a phrase that shows that Mike was scared. (1)

_____

1.13 Find a word from the text that means the same as, "goes back to." **(1)**

_____

1.14 Find an antonym for the word "full" in the story. **(1)**

_____

Total: 15

QUESTION TWO:

Look at the cartoon below and answer the questions that follow:

[Source: sauvikbiswas.com]

2.1 How is the little girl in the picture feeling? **(1)**

_____

2.2 What tells you how the little girl is feeling? **(1)**

_____

2.3 What does the little girl want? **(1)**

_____

2.4 Why is it bad for monsters from Monsters, Inc, to make children cry? **(1)**

_____

2.5 Complete the idiom below: **(1)**

Don't _____ over spilt milk. (Hint: the answer can be found in the picture).

Total: 5

QUESTION THREE:

3. Nouns are naming words.

3.1 Boo wants the bear. Circle the common noun.

a) Boo

b) wants

c) the

d) bear **(1)**

3.2 Boo is a little girl. Circle the proper noun.

a) Boo

b) is

c) little

d) girl **(1)**

3.3 Fill in the correct common noun to complete the sentence. Use the picture to help you.

A slumber of _____ **(1)**

QUESTION FOUR:

Underline the verbs in the sentence below:

4.1 The monsters collect and count laughs.

(2)

QUESTION FIVE:

Fill in the correct punctuation marks to complete these sentences:

5.1 "Ouch_____" said Mike.
5.2 Can she stop crying _____
5.3 Boo wants her teddy bear _____
5.4 ___Let's collect laugh," said Sulley.

(4)

QUESTION SIX:

Provide the opposite for the underlined word below.

6.1 Sulley dislikes children.

_____ **(1)**

QUESTION SEVEN:

Solve the riddle below that talks about words and everything related to words.

7.1 What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?

_____

7.2 I am the beginning of the end, and the end of time and space. I am essential to creation, and I surround every place. What am I?

_____

7.3 What starts with a T ends with a T and has T in it?

_____

7.4 Where does Christmas come before Thanksgiving?

_____

(4)

QUESTION EIGHT:

Complete the following problems:

8.1 You're sitting down for breakfast and realize you have 4 bagels left. You know you'll run out in four days so you cut them in half. How many bagels do you have now? (1)

_____

8.2 If a boy blows 18 bubbles, then pops 6, eats 7 and then he pops 5 and blows 1. How many are left? (1)

_____

8.3 What two things can you never eat for breakfast? (2)

_____

8.4 David's parents have three sons: Snap, Crackle, and what's the name of the third son? (1)

_____

8.5 What month(s) of the year has 28 days? (1)

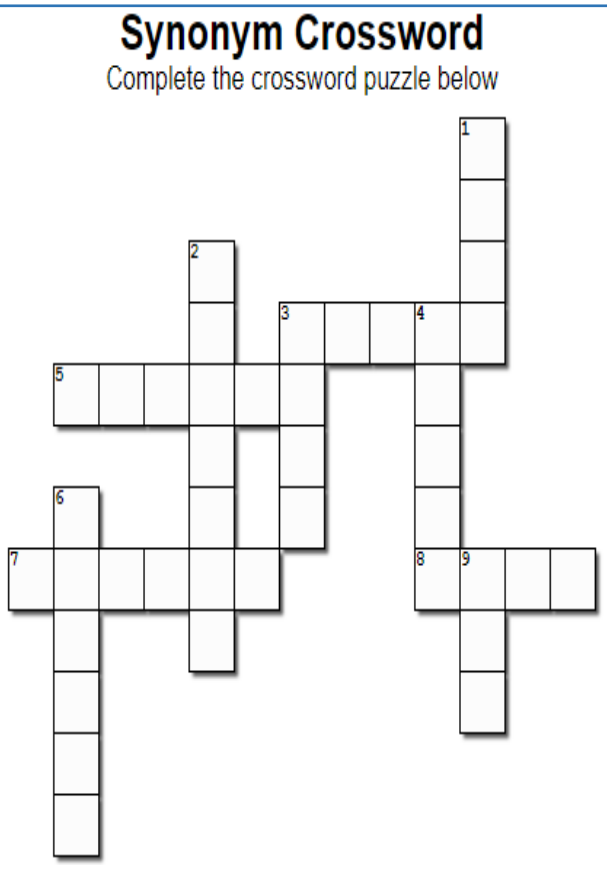
_____

(6)

QUESTION NINE:

Complete the crossword below:

result	end	wide	near
known	shake	center	
stir	almost	problem	



Clues: Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.

ACROSS:

3. Synonym for tremble
5. Synonym for nearly
7. Synonym for middle
8. Synonym for close

DOWN:

1. Synonym for broad
2. Synonym for difficulty
3. Synonym for mix
4. Synonym for famous
6. Synonym for outcome
9. Synonym for finish

ACROSS
3.
5.
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DOWN
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Marks: 10

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 50