SOUTH AFRICAN OLYMPIADS
ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE
MEMORANDUM — GRADE 8 — 2026

QUESTION ONE: COMPREHENSION (Total: 10)

No.	Correct Answer / Marking Guideline
1.1	(d)
1.2	(a)
1.3	(c)
1.4	(b)
1.5	(b)
1.6	(a)
1.7	(c)
1.8	(c)
1.9	textures
1.10	unblock (antonym of "clog")

QUESTION TWO: PARTS OF SPEECH (Total: 6)

No.	Correct Answer / Marking Guideline
Imagine	Verb
camping	Noun (gerund)
more	Adverb of degree
with	Preposition
your	Possessive adjective
close	Adjective

QUESTION THREE: FIGURES OF SPEECH (Total: 5)

No.	Correct Answer / Marking Guideline
3.1	Alliteration
3.2	Metaphor / personification
3.3	Simile
3.4	Because he is so high up on the mountainside and not many other animals can live in these spaces.
3.5	It appears "wrinkled" because it is so far away from the Eagle.

QUESTION FOUR: IDIOMS (Total: 3)

No.	Correct Answer / Marking Guideline
1	B
2	C
3	A

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QUESTION FIVE (Total: 5)

No.	Correct Answer / Marking Guideline
5.1(a)	The vegetables are stolen by the thief.
5.1(b)	The work is completed by the boys on time.
5.2(a)	just — Adverb of degree
5.2(b)	often — Adverb of frequency
5.2(c)	immediately — Adverb of time

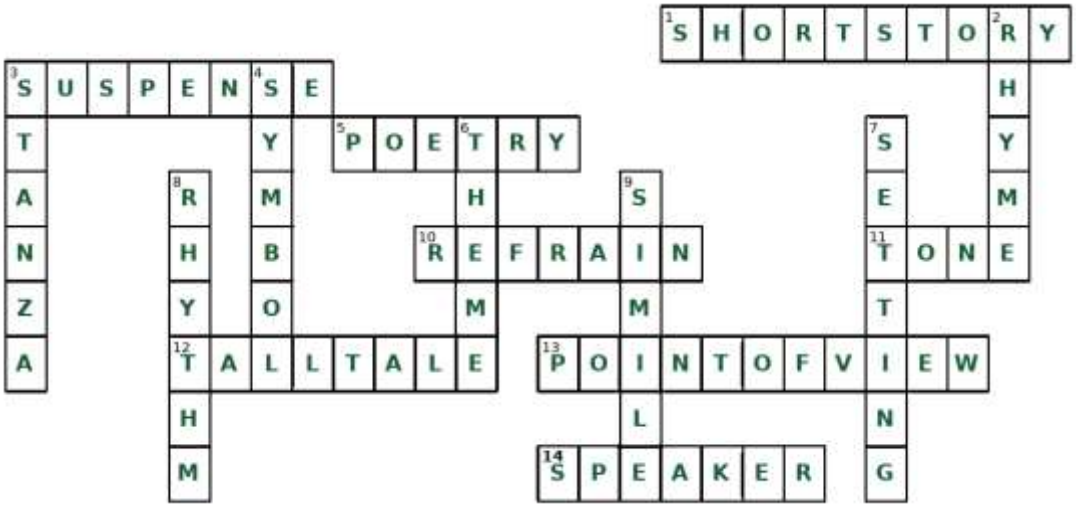
QUESTION SIX: APOSTROPHES (Total: 4)

No.	Correct Answer / Marking Guideline
6(a)	Rickett and Johnson's ginger nuts are the world's best biscuits.
6(b)	We've got the largest range of ladies' fashions in town.

QUESTION SEVEN: LOGIC (Total: 2)

No.	Correct Answer / Marking Guideline
7(a)	Read between the lines
7(b)	A hole

QUESTION EIGHT: CROSSWORD — LITERARY TERMS (Total: 15)



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