SOUTH AFRICAN OLYMPIADS
ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE
MEMORANDUM — GRADE 9 — 2026

QUESTION ONE: COMPREHENSION (Total: 12)

No.	Correct Answer / Marking Guideline
1.1	(b)
1.2	(c)
1.3	(b)
1.4	(b)
1.5	(c)
1.6	(a)
1.7	(c)
1.8	(c)
1.9	(c)
1.10	(b)
1.11	Transitioning
1.12	Unchanging / settled

QUESTION TWO: VISUAL LITERACY (Total: 5)

No.	Correct Answer / Marking Guideline
2.1	(b)
2.2	(d)
2.3	(d)
2.4	(b)
2.5	(a)

QUESTION THREE: GRAMMAR (Total: 9)

No.	Correct Answer / Marking Guideline
3.1	(c)
3.2	(c)
3.3	(d)
3.4	(d)
3.5(a)	tomorrow — Adverb of time
3.5(b)	always — Adverb of frequency
3.5(c)	nearly — Adverb of degree
3.5(d)	nowhere — Adverb of place
3.6	(c)

QUESTION FOUR: IMAGERY (Total: 6)

No.	Correct Answer / Marking Guideline
4.1	(a)
4.2	Personification / onomatopoeia / assonance
4.3	Literal — the tiger is fading into the shadows so we cannot see it. Figurative — the tiger is fading because we are causing it to become extinct.
4.4	Alliteration
4.5	Richness / wealth / prosperity

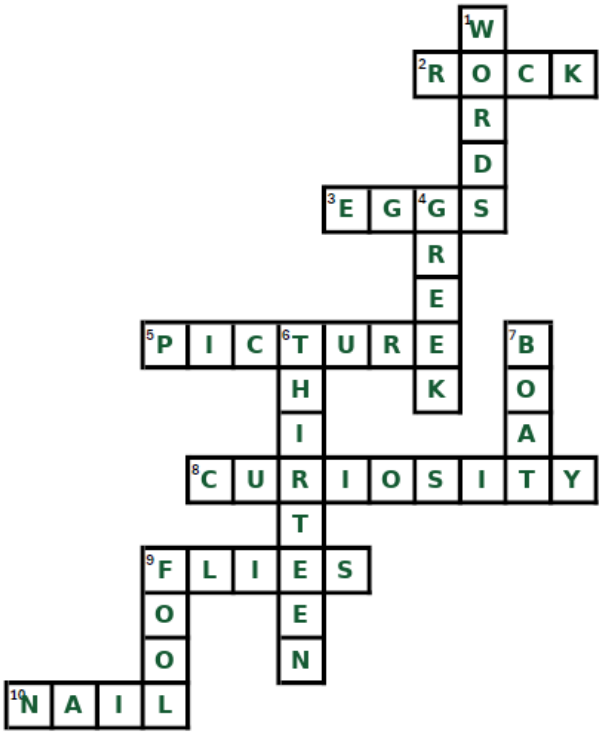
QUESTION FIVE: DEGREES OF COMPARISON (Total: 5)

No.	Correct Answer / Marking Guideline
(a)	more intelligent
(b)	the worst
(c)	the wettest
(d)	better
(e)	the most powerful

QUESTION SIX: LOGIC (Total: 2)

No.	Correct Answer / Marking Guideline
(a)	2
(b)	The match

QUESTION SEVEN: CROSSWORD — IDIOMS (Total: 11)



TOTAL MARKS: 50