SOUTH AFRICAN FOUNDATION PHASE
ENGLISH OLYMPIAD (HL)
HOME LANGUAGE:
GRADE 2

DATE: 18 AUGUST 2026

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 7 questions in this paper, and it is out of 30 marks.
7. Visit the website: www.saolympiads.co.za.

NAME OF LEARNER:	
SCHOOL:	GRADE:

QUESTION ONE:

Look at the pictures below:

1.1 Choose the correct answer. The picture below is a picture of a _____.

a) puppy
b) kitty
c) birdie
d) butterfly

(1)

1.2 What letter does the object in the picture below begin with? (Clue: you wear it to the beach).

(1)

1.3 Fill out the missing vowel so that you can name the object in the picture below:

D R _S S

(1)

Marks: 3

QUESTION TWO:

Read the adapted story from Disney's Bedtime Stories below and answer the questions that follow.

Ohana, Stitch

Stitch, an alien who lived on Earth, was sitting in the living room waiting for his friend, Lilo, to come home from school. Just then, Lilo burst into the house carrying a puppy.

"Hi, Stitch!" Lilo said excitedly. "My neighbour Leilani asked me to take care of her puppy, Rover, while she visits her grandmother."

"Stitch wants to listen to music," Stitch said.

"Not now," Lilo answered, "I have to take care of Rover."
Stitch watched Lilo make a bed for Rover. He wanted her to scratch his ears and rub his tummy. Stitch was bored. He wanted Lilo to play with him. Lilo threw a ball to Rover and gave him treats all afternoon.

2. Place a cross next to the correct answer:

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

Ohana, Stitch	
Lilo and Rover	
Rover, the dog	

2.2 Where was Lilo before she came home? (1)

At the park	
At school	
At Leilani's house	

2.3 What did Lilo come home with? (1)

A friend	
A mouse	
A puppy	

2.4 How was Lilo feeling when she brought home a puppy? (1)

Scared	
Excited	
Sad	

2.5 Where was Leilani going? (1)

To the mall.	
To buy milk.	
To her grandmother's house.	

2.6 Who did the puppy belong to? (1)

Lilo	
Stitch	
Leilani	

2.7 How was Stitch feeling? **(1)**

_____

2.8 The dog's name was _____. **(1)**

2.9 What was Lilo doing with the puppy? **(2)**

Scratching his ears.	
Bathing him.	
Rubbing his tummy.	

2.10 What else did Lilo do for the puppy?

_____ **(1)**

_____ **(1)**

Marks: 12

QUESTION THREE:

3. Rewrite the sentences below using capital letters, a question mark and an exclamation mark.

3.1 how was stitch feeling **(3)**

3.2 stop that now **(2)**

Marks: 5

QUESTION FOUR:

4. Common nouns are names of general people, places, and things.

4.1 Circle ALL the nouns from the options given.

Rover fetched the ball.

a) Rover
b) fetched
c) the
d) ball **(1)**

4.2 What is the collective noun for puppies?

A _____ of puppies.

(1)

Marks: 2

QUESTION FIVE:

5. Rewrite the following sentences. Start with the given words.

5.1 Lilo plays with Stitch.

Yesterday _____

_____ **(2)**

5.2 The puppy walks with Leilani.

Tomorrow _____

_____ **(2)**

Marks: 4

QUESTION SIX:

6. Solve the riddles below:

6.1 What is in front of you but cannot be seen?

_____

(1)

6.2 What is behind you but you can't go back to it?

_____

(1)

Marks: 2

QUESTION SEVEN:

7. Solve the conundrum below:

7.1 How much dirt is there in a hole exactly one-foot-deep and one foot across?

Why?

_____

(2)

Marks: 2

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 30