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FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE OLYMPIAD:
GRADE 9

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Instructions:

1. This booklet has 6 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 extract from "Suspects" by Lesley Pearse below and then answer the questions that follow. Refer to the text to check your answers when appropriate.

18 July 2009, Cheltenham, Day One

"What one earth has Harry got now?" Maureen Willis asked her husband Rob, pointing to their Border Terrier, which appeared to have found something interesting a little way ahead of them under a bush.

"Harry. Leave it!" Rob yelled. He looked back to his wife with a shrug of resignation. "Please don't let it be fox poo. Seven on an already hot morning and we'll never get the stink off him."

The couple speeded up to get their dog under control. Rob reached him first and Maureen heard him gasp in horror.

"What is it?" she called, panting a little with an exertion of getting his twelve-stone weigt up the hill. Rob had stopped short. Even from a distance Maureen could see, from the way he'd clapped his hand over his mouth, it was something gruesome.

"Don't come any closer." Rob shouted, waving his arms as further warning, then he bent over to put the dog on his lead.

"What is it?" she called.

Rob looked down at the little girl sprawled on the ground like an innocent angel, half under the bush. Her long blonde hair matted with congealing blood, which also covered her bare arms and clothing. He could tell by her coltish limbs she had been no more than twelve or thirteen. His stomach heaved at the savage attack.

Turning away, he said to Maureeen, "Call the police, love. It's a child who's been attacked. I'm pretty certain she's dead."

At nine thirty the same morning, Conrad Best drove a hired van loaded with his and his wife Nina's belongings into Willow Close, and paused, taking in the carefully tended open-plan front gardens, and the serenity of the street. He turned carefully to Nina in the passenger seat. "What do you think?"

Everything was perfect, from the neat borders of petunias and busy lizzies to the snowy white nets at sparkling windows, and gleaming, recently washed and waxed cars on drives.

But maybe Conrad had picked up on something else, a darker side to such perfection.

"It's so good to finally get a house of our own. Even the sun's shining today." "And the police have come to welcome us," Conrad pointed out a squad car parked just beyond their house."

Later that day, Rob Willis glanced at Maureen, who was slumped in dejection on the sofa. He wished they'd done anything other than decide to walk Harry before setting off for their impromptu weekend in Lyme Regis. They were unaccustomed to making spur-of-the-moment decisions. Or, indeed of changing their routine. Every Saturday morning they put the dog into the car at seven, drove to the park near Sainsbury's and exercised Harry before getting the week's shopping. They even bought the same grocery items each week, with only slight changes according to what fruit and vegetables were in season. It was the sweltering weather that told them to be rash.

[Adapted The Suspects by Lesley Pearse]

<u>Circle the correct option from the choices below:</u>

1.1 What type of dog did Rob and Maureen have?

(a) Border Terrier
(b) Clumber Spaniel
(c) German Sheppard
(d) English Setter

(1)

1.2 Write down the 4 clues that hint at the setting at the beginning of the extract.

_____ _____ _____

_____

(4)

1.3 What did Rob assume Harry had stumbled across.

(a) Dog poo
(b) Fox poo
(c) A dead girl
(d) A dead boy

(1)

1.4 What did Harry really find?

(a) Fox poo
(b) Dog poo
(c) A dead girl
(d) A dead boy

(1)

(1)

1.5 What clue in the text that the girl had been attacked?

_____

(1)

1.6 What word from the text means the same as the phrase, "let out"?

_____

(1)

1.7 What time did Conrad and Nina arrive at Willow Close?

(a)7am **(b) 7:30 am**
(c) 9 am **(d) 9:30 am**

(1)

1.8 What was perfect on Willow Close? Choose all the correct options.

(a) Border of petunias **(c) Friendly neighbours**
(b) Waxed cars on drives **(d) Sparkling windows**

(3)

1.9 Close in "Willow Close" is a British word which means the same as

_____

(a) street **(c) country**
(b) sleep **(d) county**

(1)

1.10 When Conrad says, "And the police have come to welcome us," his tone is…

(a) Content **(c) Sad**
(b) Sarcastic **(d) Sinister**

(1)

1.11 Choose the word or phrase that means the same as the phrase, "without being planned". Choose all the correct answers.

(a) Spur-of-the-moment
(b) Sweltering
(c) Rash
(d) Impromptu

(3)

1.12 Where were Rob and Maureen going to spend the weekend?

(a) Willow Close
(b) Lyme Regis
(c) Cheltenham
(d) Border Terrier

(1)

1.13 What type of people would Rob and Maureen be?

(a) Monotonous
(b) Frantic
(c) Adventurous
(d) Daring

(1)

1.14 What is the figure of speech in the sentence, "It was the sweltering weather that told them to be rash."?

(a) Personification
(b) Simile
(c) Alitteration
(d) Hyperbole

(1)

1.15 What is the figure of speech in the phrase "washed and waxed"?

(a) Personification
(b) Simile
(c) Alitteration
(d) Hyperbole

(1)

1.16 What is the figure of speech in the sentence, "Rob looked down at the little girl sprawled on the ground like an innocent angel?"

(a) Personification
(b) Simile
(c) Alitteration
(d) Hyperbole

(1)

1.17 What is one word from the text for a sad or depressed state and in low spirits.

_____

(1)

1.18 Find one word from the text that is a synonym for the word peaceful._____

(1)

Marks: 25

QUESTION TWO:

Identify the figure of speech in these clauses and sentences below:

2.1 "…The case was as hard to crack as a hard boiled egg."

_____

2.2 The strong wind worried Wendy.

_____

2.3 The sun smiled innocently despite its guilt.

_____

Marks: 3

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QUESTION THREE:

Choose the right part of speech from column B for the options provided in column A and write the correct answer from column B in column C.

COLUMN A	COLUMN B	COLUMN C
3.1 bush	a. Proper noun	3.1
3.2 waving	b. Preposition	3.2
3.3 and	c. Adjective	3.3
3.4 on	d. Conjunction	3.4
3.5 gruesome	e. Verb	3.5
3.6 carefully	f. adverb	3.6
3.7 Conrad	g. Common noun	3.7

Marks: 7

QUESTION FOUR:

Look at the advertisement for a game below and answer the questions that follow:

[Source: https://fandomwire.com/]

4. 1 What is the name of the game being advertised?

(a) Don't Scream
(b) Restart
(c) Scream
(d) Scream 5

(1)

4.2 What two words make up: Don't

_____ + _____

(1)

4.3 What is the genre of the game being advertised?
(a) Comedy
(b) Horror
(c) Romance
(d) Sci-Fi

(1)

4.4 Tick the correct option. The function of the comma is to _____

Separate the main clause from the subordinate clause.	To separate two independent clauses.

(1)

4.5 What is the function of the apostrophe in, "Don't"

(a) Contraction
(b) Possession
(c) Seperation
(d) Quotation

(1)

Marks: 5

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QUESTION FIVE:

Form adverbs of manner by using the words in brackets:

5.1 Warning signs (regular) _____ignored be the neighbours on Willow Close.

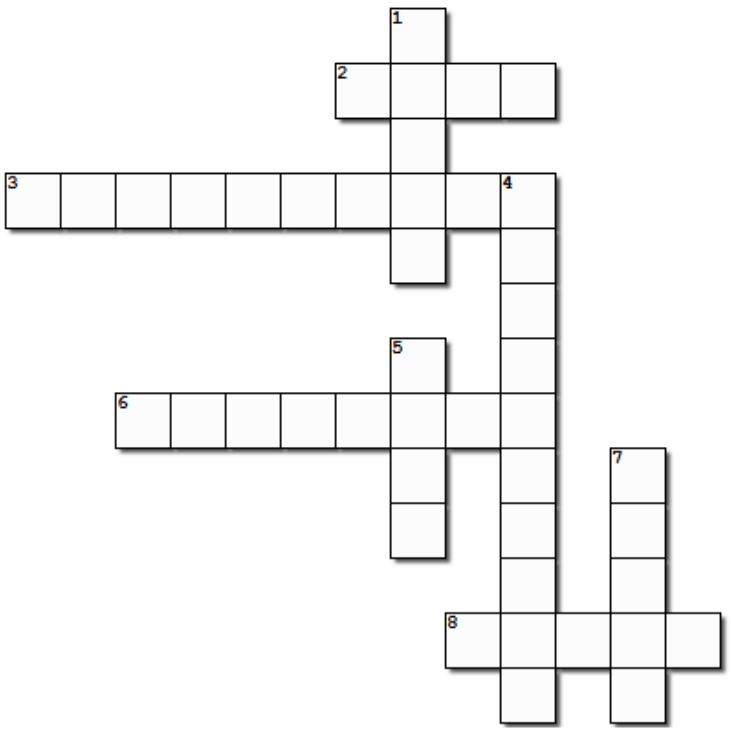
5.2 The death of the girl was an (unusual)_____ strange occurance.

Marks: 2

QUESTION SIX:

CROSSWORD: Fill in the crossword below.

Complete the crossword puzzle below



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Clues:

Across

(2) Complete the idiom, Once in a blue _____.
(3) Change the noun, "suspect," into a continuous tense verb.
(6) The person who presents a counter argument is said to be the devil's_____.
(8) Collective noun for vehicles.

Down

(1) Change the word toxic to its noun form.
(4) Change the word graceful to its adverbial form.
(5) Collective noun for wolves.
(7) Complete the idiom, "a bed of _____"

DOWN
1.
4.
5.
7.
ACROSS
2.
3.
6.
8.

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