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SOUTH AFRICAN FOUNDATION PHASE ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE OLYMPIAD: 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:

1. Look at the pictures below:

1.1 Circle the correct letter. The picture below is a picture of a _____.

a) dog
b) lion
c) cat
d) mouse

(1)

1.2 What letter does the word in the picture below begin with?

_____ **(1)**

1.3 Fill out the missing letter to name the object below:

P L A ___ E

(1)

Marks: 3

QUESTION TWO:

Read Simba's Big Secret from Disney's Bedtime Stories.

Simba and Nala were best friends. The lion cubs did everything together. They splashed in the water hole, snuck up on bugs and raced through the high grass. They liked to tell each other secrets too.

"I'm a little scared of mice," Nala told Simba one day. "Don't tell anybody."

"Don't worry, I won't," Simba said, "I get scared of the dark sometimes." Simba smiled at her.

"Thanks," he said, "You're a good friend."

One day, Simba and his father, Mufasa, were out for a walk. "Look at that little mouse stuffing her cheeks with seeds," Said Mufasa. "That's so funny!" said Simba, "I don't know why Nala's scared of mice."

"I remember when I was a cub. I was scared of mice, too!" Mufasa said with a chuckle. Nala was just on the other side of the hill, chasing butterflies. She heard Simba talking with his dad, and she got really upset.

Later, Nala went to find Simba.

"You promised not to tell my secret!" she told him angrily. "And now your father knows. He'll tell everybody, and they'll all laugh at me! That's the last time I'm going to trust you."

2. Place a cross next to the correct answer(s).

2.1 Who was Simba's best friend? (1)

Nala	
Nola	
Neta	

2.2 What did Nala and Simba do together? (2)

Sneak up on bugs	
Play with mice	
Race through high grass	

2.3 What was Nala's secret? (1)

She was afraid of birds	
She was afraid of butterflies	
She was afraid of mice	

2.4 Who did Simba tell Nala's secret to? (1)

Mufasa	
Nala's mum	
Nala's dad	

2.5 Who said he was also afraid of mice? (1)

Simba	
Mufasa	
Nala's dad	

2.6 Why was Nala angry at Simba? **(1)**

He wasn't afraid of mice.	
He told someone else her secret.	
He didn't tell her a secret.	

2.7 What was the mouse stuffing its face with? **(1)**

Butterflies	
Rose petals	
Seeds	

2.8 The picture below is a picture of a _____.

(1)

2.9 Complete the nursery rhyme below …

Three blind _____ , see how they run. They all run after the farmer's wife.

(1)

Marks: 10

QUESTION THREE:

3. Rewrite the sentences below with capital letters.

3.1 simba and nala like to play together. **(3)**

_____

3.2 a secret should not be shared with anyone. **(2)**

_____

Marks: 5

QUESTION FOUR:

4. Proper nouns are names of people, places and things.

4.1 Choose the proper noun from the options below:

Simba told a secret.

a) Simba

b) told

c) a

d) secret

(1)

4.2 Fill in the correct common noun to complete the sentence.

Animals like to drink _____ from the watering hole. **(1)**

4.3 What do we call a fear?

a) phoney

b) phobia

c) goosebumps

d) chicken

(1)

4.4 Write down the answer below:

The opposite of full is _____

(1)

4.5 Complete the collective noun. A _____ of mice.

a) nest

b) flock

c) herd

d) range

(1)

Marks: 5

QUESTION FIVE:

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

5.1 Nala tells Simba a secret.

Yesterday_____

_____

(1)

5.2 Nala trusts Simba again.

Tomorrow _____

_____

(1)

Marks: 2

QUESTION SIX:

6. Complete the riddles below:

(Hint: All of these words are basic common nouns).

6.1 What has hands but cannot clap? **(1)**

_____

6.2 What is full of holes but still holds water? **(1)**

_____

6.3 What gets wet while drying? **(1)**

_____

Marks: 3

QUESTION 7:

Look at the graph below on how many butterflies the lions saw daily.

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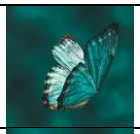
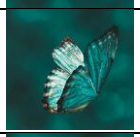
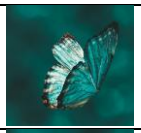
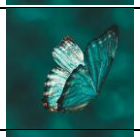
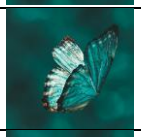
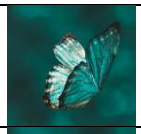
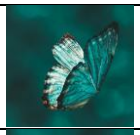
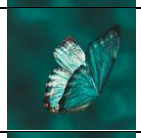
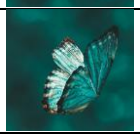
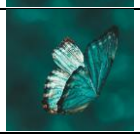
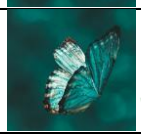
5				
4				
3				
2				
1				
DAYS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY

7.1 How many butterflies did the lions see floating on Monday?

a) 1

b) 3

c) 4

d) 5

(1)

7.2 On which day were the fewest butterflies seen?

a) Monday

b) Tuesday

c) Wednesday

d) Thursday

(1)

Marks: 2

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 30