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CONTROLLED TEST

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TIME: 1 HOUR 30 MIN

MARKS: 50

This question paper consists of 11 pages

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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:

1. This question paper consists of FOUR QUESTIONS:
 - QUESTION 1: Reading Comprehension (20 marks)
 - QUESTION 2: Visual text (10 marks)
 - QUESTION 3: Summary (5 marks)
 - QUESTION 4: Language Structures & Conventions in context (15 marks)
2. Read all instructions carefully.
3. Answer ALL the questions.
4. Pay special attention to spelling and sentence construction.
5. Write neatly and legibly.

QUESTION 1: READING COMPREHENSION (20 MARKS)

Read the text below and answer the questions that follow.

Anansi and the Turtle

1. One day, Anansi baked some sweet potatoes in the fire until they were deliciously golden and tender. Before Anansi could eat, he heard a knock on his door. Reluctantly, he opened the door. There was Turtle, who looked very weary. Turtle said, "Anansi, please let me in. I've walked extremely far today, and I'm tired and hungry." Anansi let him in.
2. Anansi was too selfish to share his scrumptious snack with anybody so he came up with a sneaky plan. Just as Turtle sat down to eat, Anansi yelled at him, "Turtle, your hands are all dirty! Go wash them before you eat." So Turtle plodded to the river and washed his hands.
3. Meanwhile Anansi had started gobbling up the snacks. By the time Turtle got back, he saw that the sweet potatoes were all gone and Anansi was lazily rubbing his belly. "Thank you for inviting me to dinner. Please come to my house tomorrow and let me return the favour," said Turtle and went home.
4. The following day Anansi walked to Turtle's house for dinner. When Turtle saw Anansi, he said, "Hello there, Anansi, are you hungry this evening?" Anansi said, "Yes, I am as hungry as a wolf."
5. Turtle fixed a fine meal at the bottom of the river. "Oh Anansi, please join me for dinner", he said. Turtle disappeared below the water and began to eat the dinner he had prepared. Anansi tried to dive down to the bottom of the river, but he was a spider, not a turtle, and he couldn't dive that deep.

[Africanstorybook.org]

Questions

- 1.1 Who is the main character in the story? (1)

- 1.2 How did Anansi prepare the sweet potatoes? (1)

- 1.3 Why did Turtle ask Anansi to let him in? (1)

- 1.4 What happened to Anansi just as he was about to eat his food? (1)

- 1.5 What did Anansi tell Turtle to do before he was allowed to eat? (1)
He told him to ...
A go and wash his hands.
B go fetch clean water.
C set the table.
D go away.
- 1.6 What proof is there that Anansi ate too much sweet potato while Turtle was gone? (1)
A His face was covered in sweet potato.
B He complained about a tummy ache.
C He was lazily rubbing his belly.
D He was feeling sleepy.
- 1.7 What word in paragraph 2 describes the way Turtle moved? (1)

- 1.8 Is the statement below True or False? Tick the correct box and give a reason for your response. (2)

Turtle was not sincere when he thanked Anansi for inviting him to dinner and offered to return the favour.

TRUE	☐	FALSE	☐
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Reason: _____

- 1.9 Match the correct definition in Column A to the words in Column B. Write the correct letter in Column C. (4)

Column A	Column B	Column C
1.9.1 Unwilling or hesitant to do something	A. Scrumptious	1.9.1 _____
1.9.2 Eating hurriedly and noisily	B. Disappear	1.9.2 _____
1.9.3 Extremely delicious	C. Reluctant	1.9.3 _____
1.9.4 To not be visible	D. Weary	1.9.4 _____
	E. Gobbling	

- 1.10 Why is it fair to say that turtle's plan to get revenge was successful? (1)

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

Anansi ...

- A had to share his food with Turtle.
- B had to work hard for his food.
- C could not reach the food.
- D ate all of Turtle's food.

- 1.11 Do you think Turtle is a good or a bad character? Give a reason for your answer (2)

- 1.12 What is the moral of the story? (1)

- 1.13 How do you think Anansi felt when he could not reach the food Turtle prepared? (1)
Answer in a full sentence.

- 1.14 How do you think the story ends? Write two sentences. (2)

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QUESTION 2: VISUAL TEXT (10 marks)

Read the visual text below and answer the questions that follow.

Jackson High School Drama Club
presents



Charlotte's Web
The Musical

Based upon the Story by E.B. White

Sand du Plessis Theatre, Bloemfontein
24 & 25 November 2023 at 7pm

Admission fee: Adults - R20.00
Students - R10.00
Senior citizens - R5.00

Signed copies of the book will be on sale @ R100 each.

Tickets are available at Jackson High School
29 Stadium Road, Bloemfontein

 051 333 2342 www.jacksonhigh.com

Questions

- 2.1 What is the name of the musical? (1)

- 2.2 On which days can you go and watch the play? (1)

2.3 Where will you be able to watch the play? (1)

2.4.1 According to the poster, who is the main character in the play? (1)

2.4.2 What type of creature is the main character?

 (1)

2.5 Give two ways in which you can contact the school. (2)

2.6 This play is a musical. In your own words, explain what this means. (1)

2.7 Who wrote 'Charlotte's Web? (1)

2.8 What would people attending the play be able to purchase at the event? (1)

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QUESTION 3: SUMMARY (5 marks)

Read the following information text and write a summary giving FIVE facts about a spider's web

Remember:

1. Your summary should be between 60 – 70 words.
2. Write only the important facts.
3. Use your own words as much as possible.
4. Write the number of your words at the end.

The spider's web

Have you ever walked into a sticky spider's web? It might have clung to your face, hair, or arms. Perhaps it took a lot of brushing and picking to get yourself free from it. But what is a spider's web? How is it made? Why is it made?

Spiders make webs from special glands in their bodies called silk glands. These glands produce the silk, and the spider uses its spindly legs to pull out the silk. Pulling out the silk is possible because spiders have tiny claws along their legs, which allows them to grip it.

Some spiders have more than one type of silk gland. These spiders might have silk that is sticky, or maybe fuzzy but not sticky, or silk that is soft and stretchy. Spiders use these different kinds of silk to make different kinds of webs. Sticky webs can be used to catch food. Another type of silk can be used to create a form of protection for the spider's eggs.

Spiders also use webs to travel from place to place.

Adapted from <http://liveworksheets-spidersweb.com>

Summary _____

Number of words: _____

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QUESTION 4: LANGUAGE STRUCTURES AND CONVENTIONS (15 marks)

Refer to the text below answer the questions.

Just like all the other young spiders Jimmy had eight little spider legs and lots of little spider eyes (too many to count but at a guess, about nine, the kind that follow you around the room wherever you go).

However, unlike the other young spiders Jimmy was a little clumsy and he had great difficulty making spider webs. Jimmy tried his hardest but all of the webs he made looked strange and did not follow the web spinning guidelines.

This caused the other spiders to be very mean to Jimmy and make cruel jokes about him. This made Jimmy very sad. Jimmy felt as lonely as a cloud.

“Jimmy, your web has no style,” they would say. “Do you have any talents?”

“Jimmy, your webs are not as beautiful as ours,” they would laugh mockingly.

Jimmy’s webs did not catch many insects either which made the other young spiders laugh at him even more.

Questions

- 4.1 Underline the correct form of the verb from the two in brackets. (1)
The other spiders (is/ are) very nasty towards Jimmy.
- 4.2 ‘... make cruel jokes about him.’ (1)
The underlined word in the sentence above is a/an ...
- A adjective.
 - B adverb.
 - C noun.
 - D Verb.

4.3 '...they would laugh mockingly.' (1)

The word 'mockingly' is an adverb of ...

A frequency.

B manner.

C place.

D time.

4.4 'He had great difficulty making spider webs.' (1)

Rewrite the sentence above in the simple present tense.

4.5 Rewrite the sentence below in indirect speech. (2)

"The web has no style," they said.

4.6 Write down a proper noun from the text. (1)

4.7 Jimmy made the (strange) spider webs of all. (1)

Change the word in brackets to the correct degree of comparison.

4.8 Do you have any talents? (1)

The sentence above is a/an ...

A exclamation.

B statement.

C command.

D question.

4.9 'Jimmy felt as lonely as a cloud.' (1)

What figure of speech is used in the sentence above?

- A Personification
- B Metaphor
- C Simile
- D Idiom

Underline the correct word in brackets.

4.10 'Jimmy had eight little spider legs and lots of little spider eyes.' (1)

The sentence above is a (simple / complex) sentence.

4.11 Identify the subject and the object in the sentence below.

Jimmy made strange webs.

Subject: _____ (1)

Object: _____ (1)

4.12 Write down an antonym for the underlined word in the sentence below. (1)

Just like all the other young spiders Jimmy had eight little legs.

4.13 Write down a synonym for the underlined word in the sentence below. (1)

Your webs are not as beautiful as ours.

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