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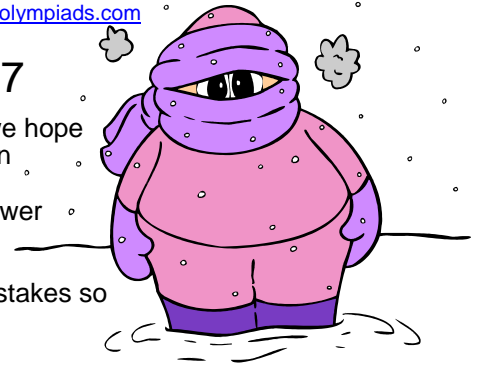
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## English Language 2 – Grade 7

Welcome to your Conquesta Olympiad. As you read and answer the questions, we hope that you enjoy and learn from the information. Once you have read the information and the questions carefully, you have to make a choice. When you have decided which of the answers is correct, completely fill in the matching square on your answer sheet using a 2B or a B pencil. For example, if the answer to question 4 is c, then neatly fill in the square containing c next to the number 4. See example below. Fill in only one square per question and make sure you completely rub out any mistakes so that the answer is clear.



Example:- 

4.	a	b	c	d
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Read the story on the right for questions 1-8.

1. **Is it possible to find two snowflakes that are exactly alike?**  
 (a) no (b) yes  
 (c) sometimes (d) Every second winter
2. **Wilson Bentley dedicated his life to .....**  
 (a) saving the beauty of winter.  
 (b) finding a way to invent a new snow shovel.  
 (c) drawing snow scenes.  
 (d) saving the beauty of many snowflakes.
3. **He was born in 1865 in what town and state?**  
 (a) Snowflake, Vermont (b) Billings, Montana  
 (c) Bentley, Wisconsin (d) Jericho, Vermont
4. **When drawing snowflakes failed, what method did Wilson use to preserve snowflakes?**  
 (a) Painting them (b) Taking movies  
 (c) Photographing them (d) *Snow Crystals*
5. **Wilson Bentley wrote a book titled .....**  
 (a) *Snowflakes* (b) *Snow is falling*  
 (c) *Snowflake Bentley* (d) *Snow Crystals*
6. **What was Wilson Bentley's nickname?**  
 (a) 'Snowflake Artist'  
 (b) 'Snowflake Bentley'  
 (c) 'Bentley the Snowman'  
 (d) 'Snow Crystals'
7. **What nationality was Bentley?**  
 (a) British (b) South African  
 (c) American (d) Australian

### The Snowflake Man

Have you ever tried to find two snowflakes *exactly* alike? If you have, you know it's impossible. No two snowflakes are ever identical. The reason for this is a mystery that excited Wilson Bentley enough to dedicate his life to 'saving' every snowflake he could.

Born on February 9, 1865 in Jericho, Vermont, Wilson Bentley *loved* snow. He was fascinated by the intricate designs of each snowflake. If only he could find a way to save them so that others could enjoy their beauty, too. He tried drawing snowflakes but they always melted before he finished. When he was 17, his parents took all their savings to buy him a special camera with a microscope. Now he could photograph snowflakes!

Willie spent a whole winter in a shed in his backyard, catching snowflakes on a black tray. His first tries at photographing snow all ended in failure. He experimented that winter and the next, before finally succeeding.

Now everyone could see the beauty of each snow crystal, unique designs that would never happen again. When he was sixty-four, his book, *Snow Crystals*, was published. Wilson Bentley, the Snowflake Man, had given a great gift to the world.

In Willie's American hometown of Jericho, Vermont, you can still read the monument dedicated to 'Snowflake Bentley', Jericho's world famous snowflake authority.

Match the words in (a) – (d), taken from the passage, to the clues given in questions 8-11.

(a) unique (b) identical (c) intricate (d) authority

8. **knows it all**    9. **one of a kind**    10. **carbon-copy**    11. **complicated**

Complete the proverbs in questions 12 and 13.

12. **All that glitters is not .....**  
 (a) good. (b) gold. (c) snow. (d) what it's cracked up to be.
13. **A rolling stone gathers .....**  
 (a) Mick Jagger. (b) dirt. (c) speed. (d) no moss.

