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English 1 (Home Language) – Grade 3

Welcome to your Conquesta Olympiad.
 Read all the questions carefully.
 (Teacher assistance allowed.)

You must decide which is the correct answer for each question – and draw a circle around (a), (b), (c) or (d) on the right hand side of each question.
 You may only choose one answer for each question.

SAMPLE

<u>Example:</u>				
Choose the correct sound for: S....th	(a) eu	(b) ae	(c) ou	(d) uo

Read the paragraph below and answer questions 1 – 8.

The Orange river is the longest river in South Africa. It has its source in the Lesotho mountains and flows west into the Atlantic Ocean.

In winter the river in Lesotho freezes over causing a drought in the lower parts of the river, affecting the farmers' goats and cattle down-stream. The amazing Augrabies waterfall is on the Orange river. It was named by the San (Khoi) people and means 'place of big noises'.



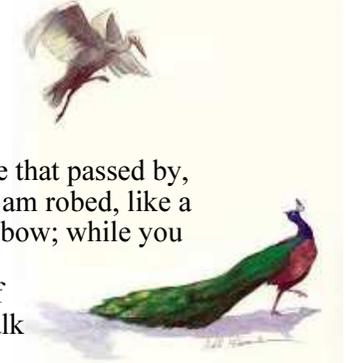
1. Why is ' <u>Orange</u> ' written with a capital letter? It is a	(a) proper noun.	(b) pronoun.	(c) preposition.	(d) verb.
2. Give a <u>synonym</u> (word that means the same) for ' <u>source</u> '.	(a) ending	(b) start or beginning	(c) mouth	(d) waterfall
3. The river freezes over. Which word is <u>not</u> correct?	(a) freezer	(b) freezing	(c) frozed	(d) frozen

4. What is the <u>opposite</u> of ' <u>winter</u> '?	(a) summer	(b) spring	(c) autumn	(d) July
5. What is this ' ? It is in the word <u>farmers</u> '.	(a) comma	(b) exclamation	(c) apostrophe	(d) question mark
6. Another word for goats and sheep is	(a) pets.	(b) dairy.	(c) poultry.	(d) livestock.
7. What is a <u>drought</u> ?	(a) A severe shortage of water.	(b) It is similar to a flood.	(c) A violent thunder storm.	(d) A shortage of feed for the animals.
8. A female goat is called a	(a) billy goat.	(b) nanny goat.	(c) ewe.	(d) sow.

Read the Aesop's fable and answer questions 9 – 20.

The Peacock and the Crane

A Peacock spreading its gorgeous tail mocked a Crane that passed by, ridiculing the ashen hue of its plumage and saying, "I am robed, like a king, in gold and purple and all the colours of the rainbow; while you have not a bit of colour on your wings."
 "True," replied the Crane; "but I soar to the heights of heaven and lift up my voice to the stars, while you walk below, like a cock, among the birds of the dunghill."



9. This is one of Aesop's fables. All his short stories had a moral. What is the moral for this story?	(a) Don't judge a book by its cover.	(b) Flying high is not dangerous.	(c) Fine feathers do not make fine birds.	(d) The early bird catches the worm.
10. What is the <u>opposite</u> of ' <u>heights</u> '?	(a) down	(b) lowest	(c) shallow end	(d) depths
11. The crane has feathers of an ashen hue. What colours would make an ashen hue?	(a) fluorescent yellow	(b) grey and black	(c) pale blue	(d) red