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## English 2 (First Additional Language) – Grade 6

Welcome to your Conquesta Olympiad. When you have decided which of the answers is correct, scratch out the letter in the matching square on your answer sheet using **ONLY a black or blue ballpoint or black khaki pen.** (Do not use pencils, crayons, pencil crayons, highlighters, tippex or glue.) If the answer to question 4 is c, then scratch out the letter c in the square containing c next to the number 4 (see example 1 below). If you've made a mistake and b should have been the answer, neatly cross out the mistake and then scratch out b (see example 2 below).

Example 1:- 

4.	a	b	<del>c</del>	d
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Example 2:- 

4.	a	<del>b</del>	<del>c</del>	d
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### Colours

Read the extracts below for questions 1 – 15.

#### Red

For the ancient Romans, a red flag was a signal for battle. Because of its visibility, stop signs are painted red. The ancient Egyptians painted their bodies with red dye. In Russia, red means beautiful. In India, red is a symbol for a soldier. In remote parts of Africa, red is the colour for mourning. A 'red-letter day' is one of special importance and good luck. Chinese babies are given their names at a red-egg ceremony. To 'paint the town red' is to celebrate. If a company is 'in the red' it is losing money.

#### Green

Only one national flag is a solid green colour : the green flag of Libya. Ancient Egyptians coloured the floors of the temples green. In ancient Greece, green was a sign of victory. Green is the national colour of Ireland. A 'greenback' is slang for an American dollar. Green means 'go'. Green is a healing colour – the colour of nature. A 'green' is a town park. A person with 'green fingers' is good at getting plants to grow. A person can be 'green with envy'.

#### White

A white flag is the universal symbol of peace. White means mourning in China and Japan. The ancient Greeks wore white to bed for pleasant dreams. Egyptian pharaohs wore white crowns. A 'white elephant' is a rare, pale elephant which is sacred to the people of Eastern countries. It is thought to be good luck to be married in a white dress. A 'white knight' is a rescuer. White water is the foamy, frothy water in rapids and waterfalls.

#### Blue

Police and other public servants wear blue. In China, blue is for little girls. If you are 'true blue' you are loyal and faithful. Blue stands for love. 'Feeling blue' is feeling sad. Something 'out of the blue' is unexpected. A 'blue blood' is a person of noble descent. 'Into the blue' means into the unknown. First prize gets a blue ribbon.

Match the statements at questions 1 - 15 with the colours they are associated with in (a) – (d).

(a) red                      (b) green                      (c) blue                      (d) white

1. One hundred USA dollars.
2. A night out partying.
3. An African has died.
4. Thembe came first in show jumping.
5. Agnes is very jealous of her friend's beauty.
6. The end of the Anglo-Boer war.
7. Mrs Sithole keeps her garden beautiful.
8. Mac has failed his exam and is very sad.
9. They are going down the Zambezi on a raft.
10. Mandy has been given the go-ahead to start her own business.

