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Grammar revision Worksheet

Exercise 1 Underline the correct word in brackets:

1. This river has not (flowed/flowed) for years.
2. Let James decide because he is (uninterested/disinterested).
3. He always sits (besides/beside) me.
4. Last year we made the (assent/ascent) of Kilimanjaro.
5. (Further/farther) on down the road we found a dead snake.
6. This (continual/continuous) noise is getting me down. It does not stop for a moment.
7. The prisoner (hung/hanged) himself in his cell.
8. I always try to (lay/lie) down after Sunday lunch.
9. We (passed/past) him on the road.
10. He does not (partake/participate) in sport at all.
11. Am I to (imply/infer) that you have not done your homework?
12. He is so (anxious/eager) to be picked for the team.
13. This line is an (allusion/illusion) to Lazareth being raised from the dead by Jesus.
14. The (principal/principle) of the thing is what counts.
15. Mrs Robertson will (counsel/council) you.
16. Share this (among/between) the pair of you.
17. This exercise will take (a while/awhile). Be patient.
18. I intend to (convince/persuade) you to go out with me.
19. James is afraid of (lightening/lightning).
20. This exercise (comprises/consists) 5 questions on ambiguity.
21. He only works at the garage on (alternate/alternative) days.
22. His tie (compliments/complements) her dress.
23. He is a really (aggravating/irritating) person.
24. He will not (except/accept) criticism.
25. Will you (partake/participate) of a little light refreshment? [25]

Exercise 2 Identify the figures of speech in the sentences below

1. The Stormers may not have any props this week – dozens of them have been injured.
2. O Mozart, if only you could hear the music of these modern bands.
3. The rich man is in his castle, the poor man at his gate.
4. We face the triple threat of crime, AIDS and a shortage of Coke Lite.
5. That pen looks remarkably like the one I lost last week.
6. Even Joe failed the Science test – and he's no fool.
7. The audience grinned at the comedian's humour, they smiled at his jokes, they chuckled at his wisecracks and guffawed at his antics.
8. Grade 8 must be repeated.
9. Congratulations on passing our Memory course sir. By the way, you forgot to pay us.
10. The escalators are not running. We shall have to use the alligators instead.
11. Language is the art of concealing thought.

Exercise 3Identify the type of **noun** in bold in each of the following sentences

1. **Caesar** was an outstanding military commander.
2. We went to **school**.
3. Mr Birchell, the cricket **coach**, has turned the boys into top-notch players.
4. He gave his **girlfriend** roses for her birthday.
5. The **pack** of dogs barked loudly.
6. Hiking in the mountains is pure **bliss**.
7. Mom made a **cake** for my birthday party.
8. The view from the **top** is fantastic!
9. We are **citizens** of Cape Town.
10. The men, all **motor-cyclists**, meet here every Saturday morning. [20]

Exercise 4Choose the correct word in brackets or supply a **suitable pronoun**.

1. Keith and (me/I/myself) were chosen.
2. Have you hurt (you/yourself)?
3. Between you and (me/I, myself), he is not to be trusted.
4. They spoke to (she/her/herself) and (I/me/myself).
5. She is one of the girls (that/who/whom/which) I like.
6. Everybody has now finished (his/their) paper.
7. I spoke to your sister (whose/whom/who/that) promised to give you a message.
8. He is a writer (who's/whose) books are worth reading.
9. of them do you prefer?
10. Jacques Kallis, ..., will visit the school tomorrow.
11. She ... told us the secret.
12. Yuri, you ... said that it was so!
13. The garden is beautiful but the house ... is in poor repair.
14. Although we ... escaped unhurt, the others were badly injured.
15. Of course we've been invited – Mr Wells ... 'phoned me. [15]

Exercise 5

Identify the adjectives in the sentences below

1. On which airline will you be travelling?
2. I told that man, behind the counter.
3. He saw snow for the first time last year.
4. He asked if any person present knew the way home.
5. You are the very person I wish to see.
6. He writes thrilling stories.
7. I have seen the same movie.
8. O'Henry is an American writer of short stories.
9. What name was on that piece of paper?
10. He sold his idea for a fortune.
11. Most birds fly well.
12. Oh, lucky you!
13. Constant dripping wears away stone.
14. His only companion was a lionet.
15. Smoked snoek is tasty. [15]

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Exercise 6 Identify the **kind of verb** in bold in the sentences below.

1. You **will** find the article in yesterday's Cape Times.
2. I **bought** two cricket balls yesterday.
3. We had already **met** him.
4. This tart **is** delicious.
5. I want **to show** you something.
6. He was **driving** too fast when he crashed.
7. They **were** with us last week.
8. She **writes** as often as she can.
9. We **were** hoping you would join us.
10. He **charged** down the centre of the hockey field.
11. **Lost** in the wood, the children cried out.
12. **Losing** the toss, we were soon in trouble.
13. We did not want **to lose**.
14. When I go, she **goes** too.
15. I have often **swum** nude. [15]

Exercise 7 Are the following sentences in the **active or passive** voice?

1. He hailed a taxi.
2. If you agree, you will never regret it.
3. We were not warned of the danger.
4. He accepted it joyfully.
5. He was asked to resign by the committee.
6. The washing must be brought in before it rains.
7. They were faced with a ghastly sight.
8. You must report this matter.
9. The leaves were blown all over the lawn.
10. I am pleased with this performance. [10]

Exercise 8 Write down the **adverb** in each sentence

1. John rode his bike well.
2. Mary put up her hand immediately.
3. The shy boy often stayed at home.
4. Do not be too pleased with yourself, smarty pants!
5. Sit here with me.
6. The noisy children played outside.
7. Start working now.
8. I am pleased with your work today.
9. Why are you not working?
10. The stain is hardly noticeable. [10]

Exercise 9 Choose the **correct word** in brackets.

1. You are (better/gooder) than I am at swimming but I run (faster/more quickly) than you do.
2. The day is (calmer/more calm) than it was yesterday because the wind is blowing (gentler/more gently).
3. She speaks (softer/more softly) when she is shy. She is the (shyer/shyest) of the two girls.
4. The rain is pelting down (heavy/heavily/more heavily) than it did yesterday.
5. She sat (prouder/prouder/more proudly/more proudly) on her grandfather's chair. Downloaded from eduresourceza.com

6. She spoke (wiser/more wisely/most wisely) than he did.
7. The boy is (older/more old) than his brother.

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Exercise 10 Correct the word order.

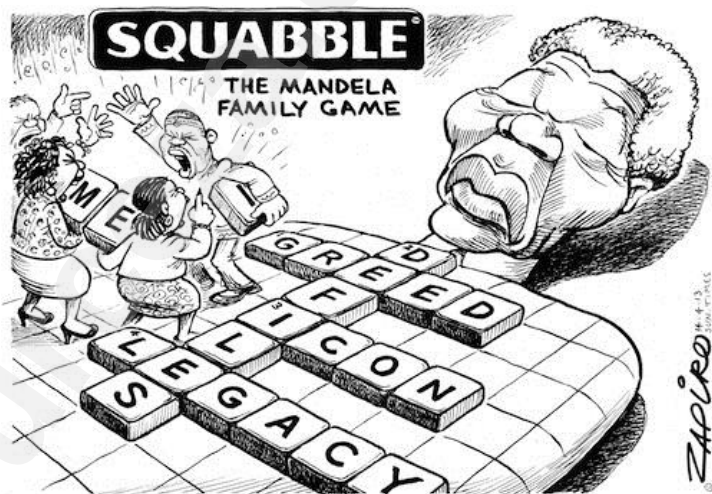
1. The locksmith repaired the lock who came today.
2. They found the dog fifteen kilometers from here that they had lost.
3. He only wanted that. [and nothing else]
4. Wanted: Motorcar by man with automatic gears.
5. He told him to stop talking in a loud voice. [The first he had a loud voice]
6. I met the man who has sailed around the world twice in West Street.
7. The man asked why was he sleeping instead of working.
8. Kidnapped is the book that he is asking you for the return of.

[8]

An extract from a previous exam paper...

Exercise 11: Visual Literacy (12 Marks)

Picture A



- 1 What visual elements are there to suggest that Mandela's family is fighting? Mention three things. (3)
- 2 What famous board game is being parodied in Picture 1? (1)
- 3 Provide a synonym for "squabble". (1)

Picture B



- 4 What famous song is being parodied in picture B? (1)
- 5 What is the cartoonist suggesting about South Africa's judicial appointments, provide reasons for your answer? (2)

- 6.1 Why have the judges been drawn with smiley faces? (1)
- 6.2 Why have the judges been drawn dancing? (1)
- 7 What has Zapiro drawn that refers to Jacob Zuma? (1)
- 8 What type of humour is used in the cartoons above? (Choose a letter below) (1)
- A: Tongue in cheek B: Irony C: Satire D: Pun

[12]**Exercise 12: Editing (8 Marks)**

Read the extract below and answer the following questions

Extract 1

You've probably seen "Crazy Monkey" on MTV or perhaps seen their recent movie about footskating. Below is a contribution from them to the 2003 <i>Laugh it off Annual</i>. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow.	1 3
Who can tell what the future holds for us. Maybe greatness. Maybe the threat of nuclear war will flare up again. It usually does. And what then? And when the cockroaches mutate, they'll drive the Volvos and race against each other for superiority. Sort of like the <i>Fast and the Furious</i> meets <i>The Planet of the Apes</i> and <i>Vanilla Sky</i> . (Although we're not sure if <i>Vanilla Sky</i> was about the end of the world. Nobody really knows.)	4 7
So anyway, be careful how you treat others, live life to the extreme and, if you see us on the street, greet us with a wave in case we don't have time to chat. Peace, love and goodwill to all. Especially if you're "hot looking".	8 10

- 1 What is the purpose of the apostrophe in line 1? (1)
- 2 Correct the punctuation error in Line 4. (1)
- 3 "Maybe greatness" and "And what then?" are not full sentences, they are an example of surface structure. Rewrite them separately; adding what is needed to make them into full sentences (i.e. give their deep structure). (2)
- 4 Join the following sentences into one so that it is grammatically correct and makes sense. "Two things are for sure: only cockroaches will survive. And Volvos as well." (1)
- 5 Why have "*Planet of the apes*" italics been used in lines 6 and 7? (1)
- 6 What part of speech is "really" (line 7)? (1)
- 4.7 Give a standard, more acceptable, English word for "hot looking" (1)

[8]**Exercise 13: Language (5 Marks)**

Explain the mistakes that have been made in the sentences below.

- 1 Neither the children nor the teacher are happy.
- 2 I need to study so bad.
- 3 Sam needs you to please fetch her book.
- 4 I would of loved to go.
- 5 Do like you are told. (5x1)

[5]

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