



**Subject:** Grade 9 English: Home Language

**Topic:** Literal and figurative language

**Total:** 31 Marks

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1. that her scalp is burning/ itchy | that the bag is very heavy

4 marks

**Explanation:**

In frame 1, the girl means that her scalp is itchy or burning (a common scalp condition). She cannot **literally** be walking around with flames on her head.

In frame 2, the boy is trying to say that his bag is heavy. He does not **literally** have a ton (1000kg) in his bag.

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2. figuratively | figuratively. | figurative | figurative.

3 marks

**Explanation:**

It is **figurative**. To bug someone means to *annoy them*.

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3. figurative | lose your sanity

4 marks

**Explanation:**

It is impossible for your brain to fall out of your skull. It is not a **literal** expression.

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4. figurative | figurative. | figuratively | figuratively.

3 marks

**Explanation:**

This is **figurative**. In a certain light means a certain *view or perspective*.

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5. false

2 marks

**Explanation:**

**Figurative** language is an implied meaning or comparison that means something different to what is stated.

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6. reading | reading.

3 marks

**Explanation:**

This **figurative** expression means that the book/ story is so exciting that he cannot stop reading.

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7. sleep | sleep.

4 marks

**Explanation:**

'z' is the symbol for *sleep*. Therefore, **figuratively** to catch 'z's' is to get some sleep.

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8. false

2 marks

**Explanation:**

It is not meant **literally**, but **figuratively**.

To shoot the breeze **figuratively** means to *talk idly/ hang out/ chat*.

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9. pro | professional

4 marks

**Explanation:**

To be a *pro* means to be a *professional* at something. The humour in this cartoon is that **figuratively** the noun has become a *pro/ professional* by being upgraded to a pronoun. This does not make grammatical sense **literally**.

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10. true

2 marks

**Explanation:**

A *pronoun* is **literally** a part of speech.

Examples: he, she, it

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