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Hieroglyphs: Beginners

EXAM

1. In the following images, you will see three names of one royal, one god and one individual. (→ in all three examples, only the hieroglyphs in the orange rectangle are forming the name and need to be read)

a. Read these names either in transliteration OR names used in Egyptology.

b. Indicate if this is the name of a god, ruler or non-royal person.

i.



god, ~~Osiris~~ ~~Seth~~
Osiris / Seth

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ii.



royal,

$m3^t$ rr

nb

$Nb m3^t + 2^c$

($\overline{ATU}$)

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iii.



←
h t p
p t h t

ph - htp

non-royal ✓

n. 5/2

2. Look at the stela Mereri (from his tomb in Denderah, 6th dynasty, now in Edinburgh)
- Indicate the reading direction.
 - Is it to be read in lines or columns (indicate in writing or with the help of arrows).
 - Give the sequence of signs to be read in consecutive numbers as done in our seminars.



- ←
- right to left ✓
 - columns ✓

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3. Transliterate and translate the following nouns written in hieroglyphs, clearly mark which number these nouns have – singular, dual or plural (the English singular is only given for reference, not as translation of the ancient Egyptian word):

→
i.

msjj t p³ / plural ✓
"many waterfowl", "waterfowl many"

msyt "waterfowl"

msyt
msy.wt

- ii.  dual ✓
rd. wj "two feet" / "feet two" ✓
rd "foot"

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4. Transliterate and translate the following noun phrases. State, if this is a list, a direct or indirect genitive.

- i.  ntr hwt "God's house" / direct genitive ✓
"House of God" / indirect genitive

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- ii.  thqt bjtj t hngt jrp in-w

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list bread, beer, honey & wine

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- c.  st pr t nh b / st pr nt nh
"House of the living" / indirect genitive ✓
place

2/3

5. Give the dual and plural of the following nouns in transliteration:

singular	translation	dual	plural
hm	servant	wj hm.wj	w hm.w
jr.t	eye		
d3.t	ferry/boat		
s3.	son	wj	w
jr.w	form/mummy		

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6. Indicate/explain the parts/structure of an offering formula by referring to the following stela without having to read every single sign.

line ←



← columns

- introduction [line] ✓
- god's name (Anubis) [line] ✓
- further titles of god [column 1] ✓
- voice offering [column 2] ✓
- things being offered [column 3] ✓

titles + recipient

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7. Transliterate and translate the following sentences with the help of the given vocabulary. What kind of sentence is it, underline the predicate.

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a. (ShS. 182) *nfr sdm nfr rmt.w* *is good listening for people* *adj. sent.*

b. (ShS. 12-13) *h3w sw in K* *plurals mhw sw in K* *determinative "SH"*

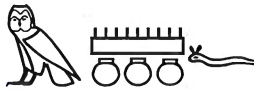
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Vocabulary:

<i>nfr</i>	(be) good
<i>sdm</i>	listening
<i>n</i>	for
<i>rmt</i>	people
<i>šw</i>	(be) free, devoid
<i>h3w</i>	excess

8. Transliterate and translate the following prepositional phrases.

 n j t / o.s u j t a t for li. foter

2/8  m n f o.s as his monument

 m j r / m j n r o.s out of ston

 h r j m t a r t h r / h r j m j j w r t o.s on the westbank

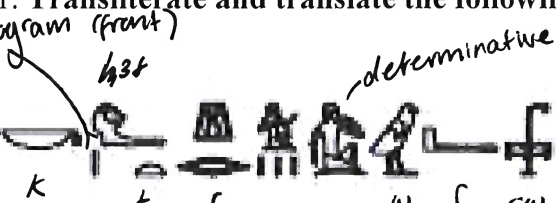
9. Match the preposition to the correct noun/pronoun following the translation on the left.

a for Ptah — m — 3bdw
 n j r b out of stone — n — =f
 r w3s.t c towards Thebes — h r — h w t n t r
 ✓ d at Abydos — m — Pth
 m h w t n t r e in the temple — r — j n r
 ✓ f on him — m — W3s.t

10. Fill in the following.

Period	Language phase	scripts
Old Kingdom (2700-2100)	old Egyptian	hieroglyphs hieratic
Middle Kingdom (2000-1700)	middle Egyptian	hieroglyphs hieratic
Late Period (700-300)	late Egyptian	hieroglyphs demotic

11. Transliterate and translate the following adverbial phrases.

ideogram (front)  h3t determinative (Sin. B 194) — sm^c "chanter"
 k t r w r sw
 sw^r w r h3t.k
 a.s/4 "chanter at the front"
 sm^c w h r h3t.k
 chanter is front of you

