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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.



is st
ruler
god

Osiris

ws-jr

0.5

ii.



nb Lord

God

Cartouches

- rules

0.5

iii.



Pt h htp Pt
 non royal
 ✓ 1.5

2. Look at the stela Mereri (from his tomb in Denderah, 6th dynasty, now in Edinburgh)

- Indicate the reading direction. ✓ 1/1
- Is it to be read in lines or columns (indicate in writing or with the help of arrows). ✓ 1/1
- Give the sequence of signs to be read in consecutive numbers as done in our seminars. ✓ 0/4



✓ 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):

- ms s j(b) + (s3) waterfowl
 det.
 msy.t msy.wt
 msyt "waterfowl"

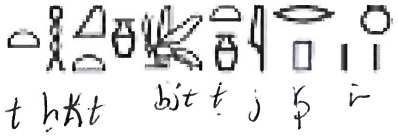
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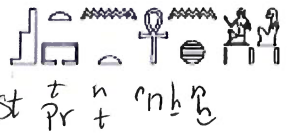
- ii.  rd.wj
dual ✓ two feet ✓
rd "foot" 3/3

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

- i.  nfr hwt pr
Plural + direct genitive ✓ houses of the god / God's houses²
h.wt ut r² 2/3

- 5/9 ii.  t hkt bit t j f i plural
dist ✓ offering food? t3 hnt.t hnt 7/3
bread, beer, honey & wine

- c.  St t n n h b plural indirect genitive ✓
St pr nt n h w² 2/3
house / throne of life of ... the place of the living

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

singular		translation	dual wj tj	plural w wt
hm	m	servant	hm.wj ✓	hm.w ✓
jr.t	f	eye	jr.tj ✓	jr.wt ✓
d3.t	f	ferry/boat	d3.tj ✓	d3.wt ✓
s3.	m	son	s3.wj ✓	s3.w ✓
jr.w	m	form/mummy	jr.wj	jr.w _w

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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.



- 1 - opening of offering formula ✓
- 2 - God of the offering ✓
- 3 - Owner's titles ✓
- 4 - Spoken offering ✓
- 5 - offering for ✓
- 6 - ~~King's~~ titles
- 7 - ~~King's~~ name

tomb owner

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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)

write in proper transliteration
the good people for listening
nfr sdm n hfr
adjectival sentence
listening is good for people

b. (ShS. 12-13)

i am free of excess ✓
jnk šw h3w
A-B
(either part = can be out)

Vocabulary:

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

8. Transliterate and translate the following prepositional phrases.

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- n j t f j f
for his father 0.5
- m m n j n w f m n j n w f (of) his monument
as 1
- m j n r p out of stone
m j n r det. 2
- hr j m m w j t w r in front of the
swallow? (writ) Ron eating needs:
hr j m j w t on the westbank 0.5

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

- a for Ptah — m — 3 b d w f d l ✓
- b out of stone — n — f f
- c towards Thebes — hr — h w t n t r e ✓
- d at Abydos — m — P t h a
- e in the temple — r — j n r b
- f on him — m — W 3 s t c
- 2/3
- m j n r
n W 3 s t
hr r f

10. Fill in the following.

Period	Language phase	scripts
Old Kingdom (2700-2100)	old kingdom egyptian (middle kingdom) egyptian	hieroglyphs ✓ hieratic ✓
Middle Kingdom (2000-1700)	middle kingdom egyptian new kingdom middle eg.	hieroglyphs ✓ hieratic ✓
Late Period (700-300)	demotic script late period egyptian middle kingdom egyptian	hieroglyphs ✓ hieratic ✓ demotic script ✓

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11. Transliterate and translate the following adverbial phrases.

- The chanters in the front
(Sin. B 194) — sm "chanter"
h 3 t hr sm w sm w hr h 3 t x
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- chanters in front of you






















(Sin. B 113) — *zḥ* “tent,” *wḥyw* “tribe”

hr zh pr n whgw ~~that~~
 25/10 3/4 (whgw)

The other foreign tribe's tent
under the tent of the other tribe

f ds 3 ^{divine} ra rn m

(Peas. B1, 350 = B2, 83–84)

of the name re, his divine self

in the mouth of Ro
himself

$$47.5 | 78$$
$$61\%$$