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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)

- Read these names either in transliteration OR names used in Egyptology.
- Indicate if this is the name of a god, ruler or non-royal person.

i.



Osiris ✓

God ✓

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ii.



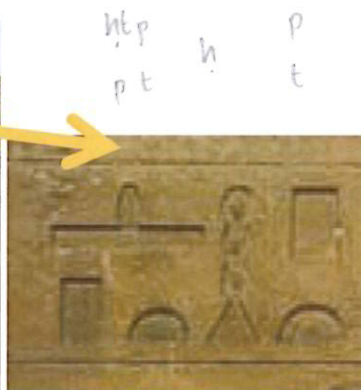
rc nb m3.t rc

Ruler ✓

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iii.

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Rth - htp

pt htp

~~Non Royal~~

Non Royal

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

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← 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.

msyt w plural waterfowl

msyt "waterfowl"

ii. 

rd.wj dual the two feet

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rd "foot"

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

i. 
 hw.wt-wtr
 hw.t-ntr.w

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 temples of the god, direct genitive
 houses of the god

ii. 
 bjt
 t h k t j r w beer and honey and wine
 bread

, list
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haqt
 wd pw

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c. 
 st nt 'nhw
 throne of life, Indirect Genitive
 place of the living
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5. Give the dual and plural of the following nouns in transliteration:

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



- a An offering given by the king to
Chosen god(s)
and binames/titles
- b A voice offering of
offering list
owner titles
Name of 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.

- 314 a. (ShS. 182) nfr sdm n rmt good listening for the people
Preposition
Adjectival 2
- b. (ShS. 12-13) jnk šw h3w I am free of excess
Nominal
A-B
- Vocabulary:

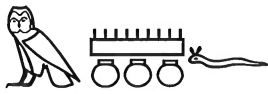
nfr	(be) good
sdm	listening
n	for
rmt	people
šw	(be) free, devoid
h3w	excess

8. Transliterate and translate the following prepositional phrases.



n j t₃ = f

for his father



m mnw = f

at his monument



m jnr

out of stone



hr jmj-wr.t upon the West Bank

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

a for Ptah

m

3bdw

b out of stone

n

=f

c towards Thebes

hr

hw.t-ntr

d at Abydos

m

Pth

e in the temple

r

jnr

f on him

m

W3s.t

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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 Late Period Middle Egyptian	Hieroglyphs Demotic Coptic

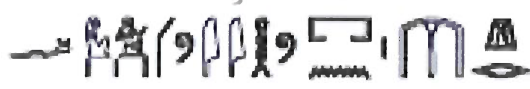
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11. Transliterate and translate the following adverbial phrases.

šm^c.w hr h3t.k chanters in front of you



(Sin. B 194) — šm^c "chanter"

^f ^u ^y ^h ^u ⁿ ^{zh} ^{hr}
 (Sin. B 113) — *zh* "tent," *whyw* "tribe"

hr zh n whyw = f under the tent of his tribe ✓

^f ^d ^s ^r ^c ^r ⁿ ^m
 (Peas. B1, 350 = B2, 83-84)

m r n r^c ds = f from the mouth of Ra himself ✓
 r(3) ✓

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