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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.



a) ~~Osiris~~ ns-jr ✓
Osiris ✓

b) God (God determinative) ✓

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ii.

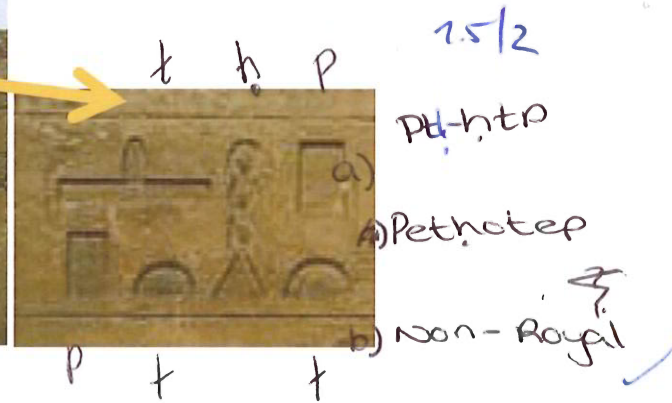


a) Neb Maat Re - ~~Hatchersut~~ A ly
b) Ruler - (Cartouche.) ✓

Nb

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iii.



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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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- i. Right to left ✓
- ii. Columns ✓

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. plural ✓
 msyt "waterfowl"

msyt.nj msyt.t (msyt.wt)
 the waterfowl ✓
 three waterfowl
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ii.
 d rd

dual ✓
 p rd.wj

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rd "foot"

two feet ✓

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

i.

hwt ntr

house temple.

direct Genitive
 ntr.t pr - House of Gods
 ntr.t pr - Temple of Gods

the

House of Gods
 Temple of Gods

hw.wt ntr
 temples

Temple of Gods
 Temples of God
 Houses of the god

ii.

th ks ti r in
 t n sn i p plural

th t3 hwt.t st.t jrp
 direct genitive

Ruler of upper Egypt
 Ruler of lower Egypt

thkt sn.t
 snjr Pjn
 bread, beer,
 honey & wine

Ruler of upper and lower Egypt

st n.t

st n.t ntr.w

indirect genitive

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

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

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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.

upon two nwt to Anubis offering formula



Warning against theft
Curse on those who do

Offering formula from the King to the God Anubis - by names - Offering of Bread and Beer, and cloth? for the deceased.

Who is the giant person (determinative)

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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.

obj: sentence

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a. (ShS. 182)
nfr sdm nfr
nfr

nfr sdm nfr nfr
God hears us, god is listening to us
God listens to the people
God is listening to people

belonging to me
Excess of books

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b. (ShS. 12-13)
nfr sdm nfr
nfr

nfr sdm nfr
He sees a lot
He reads a lot
He is reading in excess

Vocabulary:

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

I have a lot of books
An excess of books belonging to me
A lot of books belong to me

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8. Transliterate and translate the following prepositional phrases.


 n j t f He speaks for his father


 m n n w f his monument


 m j n r I rejoice out of stone


 h r . m m j h r . t upon the greatness East Bank

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

a | n | Pth.
 b | m | ~~W3s.t~~ jnr
 c | r | W3s.t ✓
 d | m | 3bdw ✓
 e | m | hw.t-ntr ✓
 f | hr | f ✓
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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 Coptic ✓	Hieroglyphs Hieratic Demotic Coptic

11. Transliterate and translate the following adverbial phrases.


 (Sin. B 194) — Sm^c "chanter"
 Sm^c. w t h r h z t k
 3/4 Chanters in front of her
chanters at the front. you

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(Sin. B 113) — zh "tent," whyw "tribe"

tent of ^{his} ~~the~~ tribe
 tent ~~belonging~~ to his tribe.

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under tent ^{of} his tribe belonging

hr zh Pr n whyw // f
 hr zh Pr n whyw // f
 (Peas. B1, 350 = B2, 83-84)

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m r n Re ds if

in the mouth of

In the name of the sun god Ra ^{to himself}

In the name of his god Ra

In his name, sun god Ra

In the name of the divine sun, Ra

In the name of the divine sun god Ra

In his divine name, Ra, the sun god

this divine name, Ra

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