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## NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE

**GRADE 12**

**ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE P3**

**NOVEMBER 2011**

**MARKS: 100**

**TIME: 2½ hours**

**This question paper consists of 7 pages.**

## INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of THREE sections:  
  
SECTION A: Essay (50)  
SECTION B: Longer Transactional Text (30)  
SECTION C: Shorter Text: Transactional/Referential/Informational (20)
2. Answer ONE question from EACH section.
3. Write in the language in which you are being assessed.
4. Start EACH section on a NEW page.
5. You must plan (e.g. a mind map/diagram/flow chart/key words, etc.), edit and proof-read your work. The plan must appear BEFORE the answer.
6. All planning must be clearly indicated as such. It is advisable to draw a line through all planning.
7. You are strongly advised to spend approximately:
  - 80 minutes on SECTION A
  - 40 minutes on SECTION B
  - 30 minutes on SECTION C
8. Number each response as the topics are numbered in the question paper.
9. Give each response a suitable title/heading.  
NOTE: The title/heading must NOT be considered when doing a word count.
10. Write neatly and legibly.

## SECTION A: ESSAY

### QUESTION 1

Write an essay of 400–450 words (2–2½ pages) on ONE of the following topics. Write down the NUMBER and TITLE/HEADING of your essay.

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|-----|--|------|
| 1.1 | Excuses, excuses, excuses ...  | [50] |
| 1.2 | A mob has many heads but no brains.  | [50] |
| 1.3 | 'Children begin by loving their parents; as they grow older they judge them; sometimes they forgive them.' (Oscar Wilde) | [50] |
| 1.4 | Should cellphones be used as a tool in education?  |      |
|     | Write an essay in which you clearly express your views on this topic.  | [50] |
| 1.5 | 'Never develop an appetite for the fruits of trees you cannot climb.' (Ghagyi proverb)                                   | [50] |
| 1.6 | Wild beauty  | [50] |
| 1.7 | The pictures reproduced on pages 4 and 5 may evoke a reaction or feeling in you or stir your imagination.                |      |

Select ONE picture and write an essay in response. Write the question number (1.7.1 or 1.7.2) of your choice and give your essay a title.

NOTE: There must be a clear link between your essay and the picture you have chosen.

1.7.1



[Source: *Medi-Clinic Gesundheit*, Sept.–Nov. 2009]

[50]



1.7.2



[Source: Getaway, May 2011]

[50]

**TOTAL SECTION A: 50**

## SECTION B: LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT

### QUESTION 2

- Respond to ONE of the following topics.
- The body of your answer should be 180–200 words (20–25 lines) in length.
- Pay careful attention to the following:
  - Audience, register, tone and style
  - Choice of words and language structure
  - Format
- Write down the NUMBER and TITLE/HEADING of the text you have chosen, e.g. 2.1 Formal Letter.

#### 2.1 FORMAL LETTER

Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper, expressing your views on the issue of graffiti and graffiti artists in your town.

[30]

#### 2.2 SPEECH

As a Grade 12 learner, you have been asked to deliver a speech to the Grade 11 learners at your school to encourage them to aim for academic success in their Grade 12 year.

Write the speech you will deliver.

[30]

#### 2.3 DIALOGUE

You are finalising your plans for next year, but your parent/guardian is not particularly happy about what you want to do.

Write the dialogue that takes place between you.

[30]

#### 2.4 LETTER OF APPLICATION

Write a letter of application in response to the advertisement below.

Do you have what it takes to be a radio chat show host?

Then Radio Mzansi wants you! Apply today to host the 5 o'clock *Teen Drive*: a show by teens for teens about teen issues.

Apply in writing to: The Manager, Radio Mzansi, P.O. Box 221, Johannesburg, 2000.

[30]

**TOTAL SECTION B: 30**

## SECTION C: SHORTER TEXT: TRANSACTIONAL/REFERENTIAL/INFORMATIONAL

### QUESTION 3

- Respond to ONE of the following topics.
- The length of the answer should be about 100–120 words.
- Pay careful attention to the following:
  - Audience, register, tone and style
  - Choice of words and language structure
  - Format
- Write down the NUMBER and TITLE/HEADING of the text you have chosen, e.g. 3.1 Advertisement.

#### 3.1 ADVERTISEMENT

You are selling a second-hand item (e.g. a Walkman, a CD player, an item of clothing). Create an advertisement which will be placed on the notice board at school.

**NOTE:** Your response should be limited to written text only. NO MARKS WILL BE AWARDED FOR PICTURES, SKETCHES, etc. [20]

#### 3.2 POSTCARD

Write a postcard to your friend, telling him/her about your sports/cultural/educational tour in another province/country. [20]

#### 3.3 INSTRUCTIONS

Your school is preparing a pamphlet to be given to the new Grade 8 learners. You have been asked to write, for inclusion in this pamphlet, instructions on how to manage the challenges of being in high school.

Write out these instructions. [20]

**TOTAL SECTION C: 20**  
**GRAND TOTAL: 100**