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**GRADE 12**

**ENGLISH SECOND ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE P2**

**NOVEMBER 2009**

**MARKS: 80**

**TIME: 2 hours**

**This question paper consists of 10 pages.**



**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. This question paper consists of THREE sections:  
SECTION A: Essay (40)  
SECTION B: Longer Transactional Text (20)  
SECTION C: Shorter Text – Transactional/Reference/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 (for example with a mind map/diagram/flow chart/key words), edit and proofread your work. The plan must appear BEFORE the essay.
6. All planning must be clearly indicated as such. It is advisable to draw a line across all planning.
7. You are strongly advised to spend approximately 60 minutes on SECTION A, 40 minutes on SECTION B and 20 minutes on SECTION C.
8. Number each response according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
9. Write down the title/heading of each response. Give your own title/heading if one has not been provided.  
  
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 between 200 and 250 words in length on ONE of the following topics.
- Write down the number and title of your essay correctly, for example:  
1.1 It was just before midnight when ...
- Supply your own title if one has not been given.
- You may, if you wish, use the ideas suggested on some of the topics or write a response that is entirely your own. The suggested ideas only serve as guidance towards what you could include in your essay.
- You are advised to spend approximately 60 minutes on this section.

1.1 It was just before midnight when ...

Narrate what happened.

Some ideas:

- Details of the incident that took place.
- Your feelings after the incident.

**[40]**

**OR**

1.2 2009 – what a year!

Describe your experiences during this year.

Some ideas:

- Description of memorable events (sports, political, personal, et cetera).
- How 2009 compares with previous years.
- Lessons learnt from this year.

**[40]**

**OR**



1.3 Write a narrative essay on the following topic:

A summer holiday I will never forget.

Some ideas:

- The weather during that holiday.
- The activities during that holiday.
- What made that holiday unforgettable.

[40]

**OR**

1.4 The first time I ever voted ...

Write a narrative or descriptive essay on the above topic.

Some ideas:

- What you voted for, for example Representative Council of Learners (RCL), political party, class monitor, prefects.
- Description of the mood during the elections.
- Why you decided to vote for a particular person/political party.

[40]

**OR**

1.5 The last day of the school year.

Describe the last day of school.

Some ideas:

- How the last day compared with other days.
- Describe the mood of learners and teachers on that day.
- Describe the events on that day.

[40]

**OR**

1.6 That was my choice.

Narrate what happened.

Some ideas:

- Narrate the events that led to your choice.
- What influenced you to make this choice?
- How your choice affected your future.

[40]

**OR**



- 1.7 Choose ONE of the pictures below and write a narrative OR descriptive essay on a topic that comes to mind. Write the number of the picture you have chosen (1.7.1 or 1.7.2) and give your essay a suitable title.

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

1.7.1



[Source: *Sunday Times*, June 2009]

Some ideas:

- Looking forward to 2010.
- We are proud to be South African.
- A day of fun.

[40]

OR



1.7.2



[Source: *The Citizen*, June 2009]

Some ideas:

- A long, lonely road.
- An unforgettable journey.
- The beauty of our country.

[40]

**TOTAL SECTION A: 40**



**SECTION B: LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT****QUESTION 2**

- Respond to ONE of the following transactional writing tasks.
- The body of your response should be between 80 and 100 words in length.
- Write down the number and the heading of the text you have chosen to write, for example:  
2.1 Formal letter.
- Pay particular attention to format, language, register and audience.
- You are advised to spend approximately 40 minutes on this section.

**2.1 FORMAL LETTER**

Several Grade 8 learners have recently complained of being bullied by Grade 12 learners.

Write a letter to the Principal giving details of incidents of bullying and how learners have been affected. Suggest ways in which the problem of bullying can be solved.

NOTE: Include the address, as well as all the relevant details.

**[20]****OR****2.2 INFORMAL LETTER**

Your best friend in Grade 12 has been absent from school for a number of days. You are concerned about his/her unexplained absence from school.

Write a letter to your friend enquiring about his/her absence and give him/her the latest school news.

**[20]****OR**

**2.3 DIALOGUE**

You were unable to hand in a Life Orientation assignment on time. Your teacher questioned you about it.

Write out the dialogue that took place between you and your teacher.

NOTE: Use the dialogue format.

Some ideas:

- Details of the assignment.
- Why you could not meet the deadline.
- When you will be able to hand in the assignment.

**[20]****OR****2.4 DIARY ENTRY**

Your school team has won the finals of a sporting event.

Write a diary entry expressing your feelings about this win.

Some ideas:

- Details of the sporting event.
- The support your team received from learners, teachers and parents.
- Feelings about your win.

**[20]****TOTAL SECTION B: 20**

**SECTION C: SHORTER TEXT – TRANSACTIONAL/REFERENCE/INFORMATIONAL****QUESTION 3**

- Choose ONE of the following topics and write a short text.
- The body of your response should be between 60 and 80 words in length.
- Write the number and the heading of the text you have chosen, for example: 3.1 Invitation.
- You are advised to spend approximately 20 minutes on this section.

**3.1 INVITATION**

Your brother/sister is getting married in December this year. You have been requested to invite relatives and friends to the wedding.

Write out the contents of the invitation card that will be sent to invite relatives and friends. Give all the necessary details.

NOTE: Do not include drawings.

**[20]****OR****3.2 POSTER**

Drug abuse is a serious problem at your school. As a concerned learner, you want to highlight the problem of drug abuse to your fellow learners.

Write the contents of a poster in which you draw attention to the problem.

Your poster should include:

- An appropriate slogan or heading.
- Types of drugs used in your school environment.
- Effects of these drugs on one's health/body.

NOTE: Do not use drawings.

**[20]****OR**

**3.3 NOTE**

You recently lost your English setwork and need it to revise for a test. You wish to borrow a copy from a friend in another school.

Write a short note to your friend requesting him/her to lend you this book.

Some ideas:

- How you lost your setwork (give the title of the setwork).
- Why the test is important.
- When you will return the setwork to your friend.

**[20]****TOTAL SECTION C: 20****GRAND TOTAL: 80**