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MARKS: 80

TIME: 2 hours

This question paper consists of 13 pages.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of THREE sections:

SECTION A: Comprehension	(30 marks)
SECTION B: Summary	(10 marks)
SECTION C: Language	(40 marks)
2. Answer ALL the questions.
3. Start each section on a NEW page and rule off after EACH section.
4. Leave a line after EACH answer.
5. Number the answers according to the numbering used in this question paper.
6. Pay special attention to spelling and sentence construction.
7. Write neatly and legibly.

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION**QUESTION 1**

Read the following passage and answer the set questions.

1.	Former president Nelson Mandela has received the honour of being immortalized in a comic book. In celebration of his 90 th birthday, young animators have produced the <i>Madiba Legacy Series</i> , an eight-part comic book series based on Mandela's life.	
2.	"The current generation of youth knows that Mandela was our president and that he was in jail, but that's it," said Nic Buchanan of Umlando Wezithombe Publishing. "Comic books are very powerful in educating and providing role models."	5
3.	"The biggest challenge was to draw Nelson Mandela as a child as there were no pictures of him before the age of 19," said animator Ricky Kamango. The animators also struggled to draw a sad Madiba since you almost never see him sad. They wanted to show their respect through their drawings so they had to do it realistically.	10
4.	The animators have worked for years on the comic book, studying Madiba's face and life. Buchanan consulted historians and the Nelson Mandela Foundation, which reviewed the cartoon strips for accuracy. The animators, who met their hero three times, say Madiba was thrilled about being depicted as a cartoon character. He even signed the book.	15
5.	Comic book action isn't the only way people can enjoy learning Madiba's tale. Encore Promotions will be releasing a 44-page colouring book depicting the former president's journey from activist to international icon. In addition to the illustrations, the book includes interesting facts and word games that highlight significant places and events in Madiba's life.	20

[Adapted from an article in *The Times*, 7 July 2008]

QUESTIONS:

- 1.1 In your opinion, was it a good idea to publish a comic book series based on Mandela's life? (2)
- 1.2 State TWO difficulties the animators faced when working on the comic book. (2)

- 1.3 State whether each of the following statements is TRUE or FALSE. Give a reason for each answer.
- 1.3.1 The comic book on Mandela was produced in a short period. (2)
- 1.3.2 Nelson Mandela was not happy about being a character in a comic book. (2)
- 1.3.3 The book released by Encore Promotions is a colouring book only. (2)
- 1.4 Do you expect the comic book to contain correct information about Mandela's life? Quote a sentence from the passage to support your answer. (2)
- 1.5 Give a synonym (word of similar meaning) for the underlined word in the sentence below:
- "... the book includes interesting facts and word games that highlight significant places and events in Madiba's life." (Lines 22 – 24) (1)
- 1.6 Provide a suitable title of not more than SIX words for this passage. (2)
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QUESTION 2

Read the following passage and answer the set questions.

SKY IS THE LIMIT

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| 1. | Being disabled did not stop Mpumelelo Gamede (50) from fighting poverty. From Diepkloof in Soweto, he has been disabled since he was only six months old. But today he is running a successful Soweto business which he opened three years ago with the full support of his family. | 5 |
| 2. | Mpumelelo designs logos for companies and prints birthday and wedding invitation cards. He works from his four-roomed house in Diepkloof. He has converted one of the rooms into an office. He named his business Mkhulu's Business Solution because he is getting old. But he said a person's age is not important in business as long as they have energy and the skills to do the job. | 10 |
| 3. | Mpumelelo told <i>Daily Sun</i> , "When I started, I was not sure that I would get support from the community. Now I have many customers and my business is growing because of my hard work and commitment." | |
| 4. | He encouraged disabled people to create jobs for themselves and not wait for the government to give them grants. He started his business using an old computer and a printer. Now he wants to share his skills with people in his area. | 15 |
| 5. | "All I need now is a bigger working space and more equipment," he said. | |

[Adapted from an article in *Daily Sun*, 23 July 2008]

QUESTIONS:

- 2.1 Give the meaning of the title, "Sky is the limit" in the context of the passage. (2)
- 2.2 "Being disabled did not stop Mpumelelo Gamede (50) from fighting poverty." (Line 1)
- Give an antonym (a word opposite in meaning) to the underlined word below. (1)
- 2.3 Refer to paragraph 1.
- Pick out ONE WORD that tells you Mpumelelo's business is doing very well. (1)

- 2.4 State whether each of the following statements is TRUE or FALSE.
Use a quotation from the passage to support your answer.
- 2.4.1 Mpumelelo runs his business from a rented office in town. (2)
- 2.4.2 Mpumelelo has been disabled for many years. (2)
- 2.5 Why are the words "*Daily Sun*" (line 12) printed in italics? (1)
- 2.6 According to Mpumelelo, why is his business doing so well? (2)
- 2.7 Quote a sentence from the passage which suggests that Mpumelelo is not a selfish person. (2)
- 2.8 Do you think Mpumelelo is a good role model to disabled people?
Give a reason for your answer. (2)
- [15]**

TOTAL SECTION A: 30

SECTION B: SUMMARY**QUESTION 3**

Due to the rising cost of fresh produce, many people have toyed with the idea of growing their own vegetables. Read the passage below and then summarise the points that will help you to make a success of growing your own vegetables. **Do not use more than 70 words.**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. List SEVEN points in full sentences.
2. Number your sentences from 1 to 7.
3. Write only ONE point per sentence.
4. Use your OWN words as far as possible.
5. Indicate the total number of words you have used in brackets at the end of your summary.

HOW TO GROW GREAT VEGETABLES

Thousands of South African households will grow their own vegetables this year. Although gardening challenges you, the good news is that even if you're a beginner, it's easier than you think to grow your own vegetables. Remember that green thumbs are made, not born.

The secret is to remember that you do not need a lot of space, but it is important to plan ahead. To estimate the right garden size for you, consider the factors of the space available, family size and the amount of time you have. The soil also needs to be prepared carefully before planting can take place. To prepare the plot dig deep to turn over the soil. This aerates the soil and improves drainage. Work in manure or compost for nourishment.

Remember that vegetables fall into two categories: cool-season crops and warm-season ones. In order to have a bumper crop you need to plant at the right time. Weeds compete with plants for nutrients and moisture in the soil; therefore make sure that your patch is weed-free. Watering is critically important. Use a gentle spray, not a blast of water. The amount of water depends on the type of soil. Many vegetables are easy prey for pests and diseases; therefore it is important to care for your plants. Natural insect repellants like African marigolds and nasturtiums can be planted in your vegetable beds. For ultimate flavour, pick your vegetables at the right time. Mealies are ready if the tassel is brown. Check seed packets for maturity dates, then sit back and enjoy fresh, healthy vegetables, from the ground to your table.

[Adapted from *Readers' Digest*, February 1989]

TOTAL SECTION B: 10

SECTION C: LANGUAGE**QUESTION 4: VISUAL LITERACY****4.1 ANALYSING A CARTOON**

Study the cartoon below and then answer the questions. Hagar is the man sitting at the table waiting to be served.



- 4.1.1 Complete the sentence below by choosing the correct answer from the list:

The man talking to Hagar is a ...

- manager
- waiter
- waitress
- cashier

(1)

- 4.1.2 How does the cartoonist show that Hagar needs help?

(2)

- 4.1.3 Complete the sentence below by choosing the correct answer from the list:

Hagar is ... by the man's question.

- A irritated
- B surprised
- C amused
- D saddened

(2)

4.1.4 How does the cartoonist convey Hagar's feelings? (2)

4.1.5 Do you find this cartoon funny? Give a reason for your answer. (2)

4.2 ANALYSING AN ADVERTISEMENT

Study the following advertisement and answer the set questions.

Black Cat *Be a Health nut!*

no added sugar & salt-free

Get stuck into Black Cat Health

- High in fibre, so you're full for longer.
- Contains B vitamins, Vitamin E, Iron & Calcium.
- Excellent source of unsaturated & mono-unsaturated fats.
- Can reduce risk of heart disease.
- 2 Tablespoons contains 12% RDA of protein in adults.
- Great for vegetarians looking for plant-based protein.

650 peanuts make up one 410g jar of Black Cat Peanut Butter – that's a lot of Peanut Power!

- 4.2.1 Who would be tempted to buy this product? Give a reason for your answer. (2)
- 4.2.2 Identify the slogan in this advertisement. (1)
- 4.2.3 How is the following information designed to influence the reader? "no added sugar and salt-free" (2)
- 4.2.4 What does a "health nut" refer to? Choose from the list below. (2)
- A A healthy person who loves eating nuts
B A person who eats healthily
C A person who does not eat healthily
D A nut that is good for health
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QUESTION 5: LANGUAGE AND EDITING SKILLS

The passage below contains several deliberate errors in grammar and punctuation. Read the passage and answer the set questions.

1. As new cellphone users, me and my friend feel rather clever when we send each other a SMS.
2. Recently, I had arranged to met her the next morning for tea and send her a message to remember her: do not 4get our d8.
3. To which she replied: no I wont see you tomorrow
4. I was upset by her casual dismissal of the meeting and phoned her immediatly. She was sorry, explaining that the tea was still on, and that the message should have read: No I won't. See you tomorrow.
- [Reader's Digest, November 2004]*

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- 5.1 Correct the underlined errors in the following lines.
- 5.1.1 "me and my friend feel rather clever (line 1) (1)
- 5.1.2 Recently, I (a) had arranged to (b) met her for tea and (c) send her a message to (d) remember her: do not 4get our d8. (Lines 3 – 4) (4)
- 5.2 Rewrite the following sentence from line 4 in formal English. (2)
- "do not 4get our d8."

- 5.3 Identify and correct the spelling error in paragraph 4. (1)
- 5.4 Rewrite the following sentence in reported speech.
I said, "Your message really upset me!"
Begin with: I told my friend ... (2)
- 5.5 Explain the difference in meaning between the two sentences below.
No I won't see you tomorrow.
AND
No I won't. See you tomorrow. (2)
- 5.6 Give the correct form of the word in brackets in the sentence below.
I accepted Linda's (explain) after she discussed the misunderstanding with me. (1)
- 5.7 Rewrite the sentence below, starting with the given words.
I was upset by her casual dismissal of the meeting.
Begin with: Her casual dismissal ... (2)
- 5.8 Give the plural form of the underlined words in the following sentence.
The thief stole the woman's handbags. (2)

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6.4 Rewrite the sentence below as a question, beginning with the given word.

Nolitha never refused to eat anything healthy.

Begin with: Did ...

(2)

[7]

TOTAL SECTION C: 40

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