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Education  
**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION – 2008**

**ENGLISH SECOND LANGUAGE P3**

**HIGHER GRADE**

**MAY/JUNE 2008**

**MARKS: 80**

**TIME: 2 hours**

**This question paper consists of 9 pages.**

## **INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. Candidates are required to answer only ONE question from EACH section.
2. Number each question you have chosen exactly as it appears on the question paper.
3. Start the response to EACH question on a NEW page.
4. Pay special attention to spelling, grammar and sentence construction, as well as punctuation, e.g. do not use capital letters unnecessarily.
5. We recommend that you plan your work and make rough drafts.
6. Neatly cross out all plans and rough drafts before handing in your answer book.
7. Re-read your work to check for errors before you hand in your answer book.
8. Your responses will be assessed on content, language and layout (e.g. paragraphing and format).
9. Pre-learnt or memorised work will be penalised.
10. Write neatly and legibly.

**SECTION A: EXTENDED WRITING**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Spend approximately 60 minutes on this section.
- Respond to only ONE of the following questions.
- Number the question you have chosen exactly as it appears on the question paper.
- Your essay should be 250 – 300 words in length.
- Your essay must have a title. You should supply your own if no title has been given.

**QUESTION 1**

**PROUDLY SOUTH AFRICAN**

What makes you proud to be a South African? Consider aspects such as the people, natural beauty, climate, sport and cultural achievements and the progress South Africa has made in the last few years.

Write an essay in which you discuss at least THREE of these aspects.

(40)

**OR**

**QUESTION 2**

**CONFLICT CANNOT BE RESOLVED THROUGH VIOLENCE**

What is your viewpoint on this matter? Provide examples to substantiate your views.

(40)

**OR**

**QUESTION 3**

While I was sitting in the bus, I looked around me and watched my fellow passengers. I wondered about their past, what they did for a living and where they were going.

Write the ideas that came to mind as you wondered about them. Refer to at least TWO people you saw.

(40)

**OR**

**QUESTION 4**

**MISSING!**



Use the picture as a source of inspiration to write a narrative essay entitled: MISSING! There must be a clear connection between your essay and the picture.

(40)

**OR**

**QUESTION 5**

**MY IDEA OF A GOOD LIFE**

In order to have a good life, some people say that one must acquire status and money. Others argue that a good life is made up of family love and excellent health.

What is your idea of a good life? In your essay consider these and other points that may support your answer.

(40)

**TOTAL SECTION A: 40**

BEGIN SECTION B ON A NEW PAGE.

**SECTION B: SHORTER PIECES OF WRITING****INSTRUCTIONS**

- Spend approximately 30 minutes on this section.
- Choose ONE of the following topics.
- Number the question you have chosen exactly as it appears on the question paper.
- Your answer should be 120 – 150 words in length.
- If you choose a letter, the address(es), salutation and ending must NOT be included in the allocated number of words.

**QUESTION 6****DIALOGUE**

When you visit the local store to buy groceries, there often seems to have been a price increase in a number of items. Complaints to the shopkeeper are often met with a number of reasons for the increase.

Write the dialogue in which you and the shopkeeper discuss the problem of rising prices. Begin your dialogue as follows:

Shopkeeper: Good morning. How may I be of assistance?

You: Hello. I noticed that the price of ...

(20)

**OR****QUESTION 7****REPORT**

You witnessed an important building in your community burning down. The police have asked you to submit a report on what you saw and heard.

Write the report using the following sub-headings:

- Detailed description of the incident
- Signature and date

(20)

**OR**

**QUESTION 8**

**INFORMAL LETTER**

You have been invited to the wedding of a person with whom you had a close romantic relationship at one stage of your life. You feel you cannot attend because of the memories you still have.

Write a letter in which you congratulate the person. Refer to your past relationship and your memories, and express why you feel you should not attend the wedding.

(20)

**TOTAL SECTION B: 20**

BEGIN SECTION C ON A NEW PAGE.

**SECTION C: OTHER SHORTER PIECES OF WRITING****INSTRUCTIONS**

- Spend approximately 30 minutes on this section.
- In this section there are THREE questions.
- Choose ONE question. If you choose number 9, you must answer 9.1 AND 9.2.
- Number each part of the question you have chosen exactly as it appears on the question paper.
- Follow the instructions carefully in each question.

**QUESTION 9**

9.1

**FORMAL INVITATION**

The School Governing Body will be hosting a tree-planting day to improve the grounds of the school. They have decided to invite a local environmental expert to make a speech about the value of caring for trees and plants.

As secretary, write a formal invitation to this person on behalf of the School Governing Body. Provide all the relevant details. Your answer should be 90 – 100 words in length.

(10)

**AND**

9.2

**PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY**

Draw up a programme of the day's activities. Your programme should include all the relevant details of what will happen between nine o'clock and one o'clock in the afternoon. Your answer should be 30 – 50 words in length.

(10)

**OR**

**QUESTION 10**

**GRAPH**

The bar chart displays the percentage of people who watch soccer in South Africa from 2000 to 2006. The vertical axis represents the percentage, ranging from 0 to 90 in increments of 10. The horizontal axis represents the year, with categories for 2000, 2002, 2004, and 2006. For each year, there are three bars: a blue bar for Men, a maroon bar for Women, and a yellow bar for Children. The percentage of men watching soccer starts at approximately 85% in 2000 and decreases to about 65% by 2006. The percentage of women watching soccer starts at about 5% in 2000 and increases to about 20% by 2006. The percentage of children watching soccer starts at about 10% in 2000 and increases to about 15% by 2006.

Year	Men (%)	Women (%)	Children (%)
2000	85	5	10
2002	75	10	15
2004	65	15	20
2006	65	20	15

**ANALYSIS OF A GRAPH**

You are preparing to deliver a speech to your local soccer club. The graph gives you interesting statistics on the people who attend official soccer league games in South Africa.

Write the paragraph of your speech that will give your listeners information on the changes that occurred between 2000 and 2006 in the number of men, women and children who attended soccer league games, as shown in the graph.

Your answer should be 120 – 150 words in length.

(20)

**OR**

**QUESTION 11****MEMORANDUM****SUGGESTIONS FOR A CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Code of Conduct at your school is under revision. All the stakeholders (learners, staff and parents of learners) have been invited to write a memorandum to the Chairperson of the School Governing Body to make suggestions about the following:

1. School Uniform
2. Discipline
3. School Fees

Write the memorandum, suggesting the changes you wish to see made concerning the above issues. Use the sub-headings to guide your answer and give reasons to support the changes you wish to see.

Your answer should be 120 – 150 words.

(20)

**TOTAL SECTION C: 20**

**GRAND TOTAL: 80**