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ENGLISH SECOND LANGUAGE P3

STANDARD GRADE

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MARKS: 80

TIME: 2 hours

This question paper consists of 8 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. Write neatly and legibly.
5. Pay special attention to spelling, grammar and sentence construction, as well as punctuation, e.g. do not use capital letters unnecessarily.
6. We recommend that you plan your work and make rough drafts.
7. Neatly cross out all plans and rough drafts before handing in your answer book.
8. Re-read your work to check for errors before you hand in your answer book.
9. Your responses will be assessed on content, language and layout (e.g. paragraphing and format).
10. Pre-learnt or memorised work will be penalised.

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 title if none has been given.

QUESTION 1

'Children are our future, treat them well ...'

These words of a popular song suggest that children are important and should be treated well and educated properly to prepare them for the future.

Are we treating our children well and educating them to prepare them for the future?

Discuss your views.

(40)

OR

QUESTION 2

THE AREA IN WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO LIVE

Describe the area in which you would like to live. Provide clear details of its beauty, climate, community, shops, schools and places of worship, as well as any other information you consider relevant.

(40)

OR

QUESTION 3

There was a soft knock at the door ...

Write a story in which the above words appear.

Supply your own title.

(40)

OR

QUESTION 4

SCHOOL UNIFORMS – IMPORTANT OR NOT?

School uniforms have been with us for as long as we can remember.

Are they important or not?

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of children wearing school uniforms in our schools today.

(40)

OR

QUESTION 5

Let me cry on your shoulder and tell you my story ...

Write an essay in which you tell what happened to you.

Supply your own title.

(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 required number of words.

QUESTION 6**INFORMAL LETTER**

At some stage of our lives, we feel that nobody understands us. Imagine that you are going through a difficult time in one of your relationships with either a friend or relative or colleague.

Write a letter to a close friend. Explain the problems you have with the friend or relative or colleague. Ask the friend to whom you are writing the letter to give you some advice.

(20)

OR**QUESTION 7****DIALOGUE**

An angry parent visits a teacher to complain about his/her child's poor performance and unacceptable behaviour at school. The parent suggests that the teacher should give the child a hiding. The teacher is aware that he/she should not punish children in this way.

Write the conversation (in dialogue form) which takes place between the parent and the teacher, beginning with the following words:

Teacher: Well, the law does not allow us to hit children ...

Parent: ...

(20)

OR

QUESTION 8

LETTER TO THE PRESS

You visited a hair salon called THAIRAPY and asked the hairdresser to cut your hair in a different style.

Since you were not happy with the results, you complained to the manageress. She refused to listen to your complaint and demanded that you leave the salon and never return.

Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper in which you explain what happened and express your disappointment at the manageress's response.

(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.
- Number the question you have chosen exactly as it appears on the question paper.
- Follow the instructions carefully in each question.

QUESTION 9**BROCHURE**

You have been asked to write a brochure for clinics and schools which highlights the dangers that teenagers are faced with daily.

Write the information that will be included in the brochure. Your answer must be in paragraph form and should include:

- The kinds of dangers that teenagers should avoid
- Reasons to support your statements

Your answer should be 120 – 150 words in length.

(20)

OR**QUESTION 10****THANK-YOU NOTE**

You have had a serious illness in the family and your neighbours have gone out of their way to help you and your family during this time.

As the illness is now over, you have decided to give them a gift and write a note thanking them for all that they have done.

Write the thank-you note. Mention everything that your neighbours have done and express your gratitude.

Your answer should be 120 – 150 words in length.

(20)

OR

QUESTION 11**FAX**

A social worker is asking for volunteers to help in a *Care for the Sick and the Aged during the Winter Months Campaign*. He/She requests assistance and resources and has provided a fax number at which she/he can be contacted.

Write the fax and mention the ways in which you are willing to help and what you can contribute to the campaign. Also indicate the times that you will be available to help.

Your answer should be 120 – 150 words in length.

(20)

TOTAL SECTION C: 20

GRAND TOTAL: 80