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GRADE 12

ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE P3

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MARKS: 100

TIME: 2½ hours

This question paper consists of 10 pages.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of THREE sections:
 - SECTION A: Creative writing (50 marks)
 - SECTION B: Longer transactional texts (30 marks)
 - SECTION C: Shorter transactional texts (20 marks)
2. Answer ONE question only from EACH section.
3. Start EACH section on a NEW page.
4. Pay attention to spelling, sentence construction and language.
5. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
6. It is strongly recommended that you plan your responses before writing out and editing the final version.
7. Memorised responses will be penalised.
8. Write neatly and legibly.

SECTION A: CREATIVE WRITING**QUESTION 1**

Write an essay of 400 – 450 words (2 – 2 ½ pages) on ONE of the following topics.

1.1 *Dreams*

Hold fast to dreams
For if I die
Life is a broken-winged
Bird
That cannot fly.

Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.

– Langston Hughes

[50]

OR

1.2 A trophy carries dust. Memories last forever.

Write about an event where a great achievement was attained that will remain in your memory for many years to come.

[50]

OR

1.3 'Now what I want is, Facts. Teach these boys and girls nothing but Facts. Facts alone are wanted in life. Plant nothing else, and root out everything else ... Stick to facts, sir!'

These lines come from *Hard Times*, a novel by Charles Dickens, written in 1854.

Write a response to the above excerpt, bearing in mind your experience at school and the way in which you have been taught.

[50]

OR

1.4 Since the beginning of time, history has tended to render Woman invisible.

No more! Her story has to be told!

[50]

OR

- 1.5 Suddenly it was all before me. I gasped at the sheer power and splendour of it all. **[50]**

OR

- 1.6 Stories like ours have happy endings. **[50]**

OR

- 1.7 Eighteen is now the legal age of adulthood. The question is: are the teenagers ready for it? **[50]**

OR

- 1.8 The pictures reproduced below 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 (1.8.1, 18.2 or 1.8.3) of your choice and give your essay a title.

EITHER

1.8.1



[50]

[Original sketch extracted from *Mirror, Mirror and other reflections*]

OR

1.8.2



[50]

OR

1.8.3



[Original photograph extracted from *Satyagraha*] **[50]**

TOTAL SECTION A: 50

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

- Respond to ONE of the following topics.
- The body of your answer should be 180 – 200 words (20 – 25 lines).
- Pay careful attention to the following:
 - Audience, register, tone and style
 - Choice of words and language structures
 - Format

2.1 INFORMAL SPEECH

The Grade 11 learners have given the Grade 12s a farewell dinner. As the chosen spokesperson, write a short, informal speech you will deliver to the Grade 11s, giving them an insider's view of their final year of high school.

[30]**OR****2.2 PERSONAL LETTER**

It is a long-established custom in your family to gather together for an annual festive function. You are holidaying with a group of close friends and the annual family event is approaching. You have been invited to extend your stay, but the time will clash with your family time.

Write a letter breaking the news to your family. Ask for permission to stay with your friends.

[30]**OR****2.3 ARTICLE**

You feel very strongly about the fact that the planet is being polluted at an alarming rate.

Write an article in which you put forward your views. This is to be published in your school magazine, under the heading: *Save our Planet – or we have no future.*

[30]**OR****2.4 FORMAL LETTER**

An end-of-the-year function at a restaurant developed into an embarrassing moment for you and your friends. Write a letter of apology to the manager explaining how you intend to remedy the situation.

[30]**TOTAL SECTION B: 30**

SECTION C: SHORTER TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS**QUESTION 3**

- Respond to ONE of the following topics.
- The length of the answer is indicated after each question.
- Pay careful attention to the following:
 - Audience, register, tone and style
 - Choice of words and language structures
 - Format

3.1 DIARY ENTRIES

By the age of eighteen, one will have had at least one life-changing experience.

Write THREE diary entries that reflect a time in your life when you experienced one of these moments. Your diary entries should reflect your feelings during and after the event.

Your answer should be about 100 – 120 words in length.

[20]**OR****3.2 ADVERTISEMENT**

Look carefully at the picture below.



Now write the text for an advertisement based on the picture. You may choose any product or service that is related to the contents of the picture.

The text of the advertisement, including headings (if any), should be 100 – 120 words.

[20]**OR**

3.3 DIRECTIONS

It is your grandmother's birthday. A friend has offered to pick up the birthday cake on his/her way to the celebration.

Write detailed directions for him/her on how to reach your grandmother's house, first stopping off at the shop/bakery to collect the cake.

Your route should include the following:

- The name and address of the shop/bakery
- At least THREE landmarks
- At least FIVE streets/roads
- The direction that must be taken at each intersection

Your directions should be about 100 – 120 words.

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TOTAL SECTION C: 20

GRAND TOTAL: 100