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**MARKS: 80**

**TIME: 2 hours**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. This question paper consists of THREE sections.
2. You are required to answer ONE question from EACH section:  

SECTION A: Creative writing	(40 marks)
SECTION B: Longer transactional texts	(20 marks)
SECTION C: Shorter transactional texts	(20 marks)
3. Read ALL the questions carefully.
4. Follow ALL instructions carefully.
5. Start EACH section on a NEW page.
6. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
7. We recommend that you:
  - plan your responses and make rough drafts **before** writing out the final versions of your answers;
  - neatly cross out all plans and rough drafts; and
  - re-read your work carefully and correct any errors before you hand in your answer book.
8. Pay attention to spelling, sentence construction, paragraphing and grammar.
9. Write neatly and legibly.

**SECTION A: CREATIVE WRITING****QUESTION 1**

**Write an essay of 200 to 250 words (1 to 1½ pages) on ONE of the following topics.**

- Write down the number and title of your essay correctly.
- You are advised to plan, proofread and edit your work.
- 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 on what you could include in your essay.

**EITHER****1.1 I had to tell somebody about it, so I broke the silence.**

Write about what had happened.

Some ideas:

- An exciting story you cannot keep to yourself. The story may be personal, sensational, incredible, humorous, etc.
- An event that is about to take place or that has already taken place, e.g. a robbery, a wedding, etc.
- Abuse (e.g. domestic violence, drug/substance abuse).

**[40]****OR****1.2 I felt like I was in heaven.**

Write a story about what you experienced to make you feel that way.

Some ideas:

- A positive experience (e.g. exciting, happy, relaxing).
- A happy, exciting, special, insightful moment.

**[40]****OR**

**1.3 I am truly proud of my family.**

Some ideas:

- Description of some of the members of your family.
- The problems/challenges they have had to face.
- What they have achieved.

**[40]****OR****1.4 This is our country.**

Some ideas:

- Description of the beautiful aspects of the country.
- Description of the people of the country.
- Description of the changes that the country is undergoing and has undergone.

**[40]****OR****1.5 The perfect friend**

Some ideas:

- Description of a close friend OR the type of person you would want as a friend.
- The qualities that make him/her the perfect friend.
- Some important moments you have shared with your friend.

**[40]****OR****1.6 He/She always brings a smile to my face.**

Some ideas:

- Description of the person who brings you joy.
- Your relationship with the person.
- How this person has changed your life.

**[40]****OR**

- 1.7 Choose ONE of the following pictures and write an essay on a topic that it brings to mind.

Write the question number and give your essay a suitable title.

1.7.1



Some ideas:

- Memories of a pleasant holiday near the sea.
- Living and/or working in high-rise buildings.
- The joys and challenges of living in a city.

**[40]**



1.7.2



Some ideas:

- My favourite sport – soccer.
- An exciting soccer match I have watched.
- The value of sport.
- Sport in post-apartheid South Africa.
- The Soccer World Cup.

**[40]****TOTAL SECTION A: 40**

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

**Respond to one of the following transactional writing tasks.**

- The body of your response should be 80 to 100 words (8 to 10 lines).
- Write down the number and the heading of the text you have chosen to write.
- Pay particular attention to language, style and register.
- You are advised to plan, proofread and edit your work.
- 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 on what you could include in your essay.

**EITHER****2.1 FORMAL LETTER**

Your school has hosted a grand farewell party for all matric pupils. Write a letter to your school principal and staff, thanking them for the function.

You are advised to pay careful attention to the format of the letter.

Some ideas:

- Express your appreciation.
- It was a memorable evening.
- Indicate which aspects you enjoyed most.

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

You are going to study at a college or university in another town, where you have relatives. You do not have enough money to pay for accommodation in the hostel as it is too expensive.

Write a letter to one of your relatives, enquiring whether you can stay with them during the time that you will be studying.

Some ideas:

- Explain why you need to be accommodated.
- Explain what other alternatives you have explored.
- Indicate how long you will stay.
- Say how you plan to repay them.

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

**2.3 DIARY ENTRY**

You have recently had the privilege of meeting a famous person. Write a diary entry of this experience.

Start the entry with a date.

Some ideas:

- Circumstances of meeting.
- Place, date and time.
- Your feelings on meeting the famous person.
- Your interest in his/her career.

**[20]****OR****2.4 DIALOGUE**

You and your friend are discussing what you want to do when you have completed matric. Write a dialogue in which you discuss your plans for the future.

NOTE: You are required to use the dialogue format.

Some ideas:

- Career paths you wish to follow.
- Your hopes and/or your fears.

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



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

- Choose ONE of the following topics and write a short transactional text.
- The body of your response should be 60 to 80 words (6 to 8 lines).
- Write the number and the heading of the text you have chosen to write.
- You are advised to plan, proofread and edit your work.
- 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.

**EITHER**

3.1

**SPEECH**

Your best friend is celebrating his/her eighteenth birthday. You have been asked to give a speech at his/her birthday party. Write the speech you would give.

Some ideas:

- Your friend's character/personality and achievements.
- Special moments shared with your friend.
- Advice and good wishes.

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

3.2

**POSTER**

You are a member of your school's sports committee. This committee has organised a Family Sports Day.

Design a poster to advertise this event.

Your poster should include:

- An interesting heading or slogan.
- Date, time and venue.
- Different games/sports codes that can be played.

NOTE: Your ideas should be presented in point form.

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

### 3.3 INSTRUCTIONS

Your family will be going away on holiday for a week. Your best friend has agreed to take care of your house and/or pet in your absence. Write out clear instructions on what your friend needs to do to take good care of your house and/or pet.

Some ideas:

- House:  
Security measures (e.g. locking up the house and gates, switching the lights on and off, clearing the mail box).
- What to do in an emergency (e.g. whom to call, location of main switches and taps or medicine for your pet).
- Pet:  
Taking care of the pet (e.g. food, water, exercise). **[20]**

**TOTAL SECTION C: 20**

**GRAND TOTAL: 80**