This memorandum consists of 9 pages.
INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

Use this memorandum together with the attached English Second Additional Language assessment rubrics for SECTIONS A, B and C.

SECTION A: ESSAY

QUESTION 1

Instructions to Markers:

- Candidates are required to write on ONE topic only.
- The ideas listed below the topics are only some ways in which the topics could be interpreted. **Full credit must be given for the candidate’s own interpretation.**
- Marking must be objective. Consider the background of the candidates and give credit for relevant ideas, even if they are not listed below the topics.
- Do not penalise candidates if an essay type other than that given (Narrative or Descriptive) is written.
- Use the 40-mark assessment rubric on page 7 and 8 to mark the essays.

1.1 Miracles really do happen!

- Narrative essay.
- The candidates may mention, **among others:**
  - details of why a miracle was needed
  - what the miracle was
  - why the change was miraculous
  - the reactions to/results of the miracle.  

1.2 I heard a loud crash, followed by a tinkling sound and then running footsteps. I hurried to see what had happened.

Write an essay which starts with the sentences above.

- Narrative essay.
- The candidates may mention, **among others:**
  - when and where the incident took place
  - details of what had happened
  - who was involved
  - the outcome of the situation.  

1.3 People who inspire me

- Descriptive essay.
- The candidates may describe, **among others:**
  - who the people are
  - what these people do or say
  - their reasons for feeling inspired
  - how being inspired affects their lives.  
1.4 A journey through the night

Write an essay in which you describe the sights, sounds and feelings you experienced during the journey.

- Descriptive essay.
- The candidates may describe, among others:
  - when and to where they journeyed
  - their mode of transport
  - what they saw and heard along the way
  - their thoughts and feelings during the journey.

1.5 Interpretation of pictures.

- Candidates should provide a suitable title.
- Candidates may interpret the pictures in any way.
- The interpretation should be clearly linked to the picture.

1.5.1 The candidates may write about, among others:
  - the beauty of nature
  - peace and tranquillity
  - the dog as 'man's best friend'
  - loneliness
  - searching for something.

1.5.2 The candidates may write about, among others:
  - having a sense of responsibility
  - the joy of gardening
  - opportunities to grow
  - protecting/nurturing something precious.

1.5.3 The candidates may write about, among others:
  - the appreciation of nature and wildlife
  - the tourism industry
  - elephant poaching
  - an encounter with a herd of elephants.

1.5.4 The candidates may write about, among others:
  - the role of parents
  - the importance of family
  - childhood memories
  - healthy and fun activities
  - the joys of parenting.

TOTAL SECTION A: 40
SECTION B: LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT

QUESTION 2

Instructions to Markers:

- Candidates are required to answer ONE question.
- The ideas listed below the topics are only some ways in which the topics could be interpreted. **Full credit must be given for the candidate's own interpretation.**
- Marking must be objective. Consider the background of the candidates and give credit for relevant ideas even if they are not listed below the topics.
- Use the 20-mark assessment rubric on page 9 to mark the responses in this section.

2.1 DIALOGUE

- The following aspects of format should be included:
  - name of each speaker
  - colon after the name of each speaker throughout the dialogue.
- The candidates should include, among others:
  - a response to the friend's reminder
  - an explanation of what has kept them apart
  - a discussion of the way forward.

2.2 FORMAL LETTER

- The letter should be addressed to the manager of the bus company.
- The tone and register of the letter should be formal.
- The letter should be written in paragraphs.
- The following aspects of format should be included:
  - address of sender
  - date
  - address of recipient
  - greeting/salutation
  - subject line
  - suitable ending
  - signature and name of sender.
- The candidates may mention, among others:
  - a description of the bus driver's behaviour every day
  - how the driver responds to the learners' complaints
  - their fears and concerns
  - how the situation must be resolved.
2.3 **SPEECH**

- The following aspects of style should be considered:
  - a strong/clever opener to attract attention
  - fairly short sentences containing clear points
  - the flow of the speech
  - speech must convey enthusiasm and conviction
  - the closing should leave a powerful message with the audience.

- The candidates may include, among others:
  - the types of extramural activities offered by the school
  - reasons for and advantages of participating in these activities
  - encouragement for learners to participate. [20]

2.4 **FRIENDLY LETTER**

- The letter should be addressed to a teacher.
- The letter should be written in paragraphs.
- The tone and register of the letter could be informal to semi-formal, but respectful.
- The following aspects could be included:
  - brief reference to the support given
  - how the support affected the candidate's life
  - the candidate's feelings of appreciation.

- The following information should be included in the letter:
  - address of sender
  - date
  - greeting/salutation
  - suitable ending
  - name/signature. [20]

**TOTAL SECTION B:** 20
SECTION C: SHORTER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT

QUESTION 3

Instructions to Markers:

- Candidates are required to answer ONE question.
- The ideas listed below the topics are only some ways in which the topics could be interpreted. Full credit must be given for the candidate's own interpretation.
- Marking must be objective. Consider the background of the candidates and give credit for relevant ideas even if they are not listed below the topics.
- Use the 20-mark assessment rubric on page 9 to mark the responses in this section.

3.1 POSTER

- Candidates may include the following, among others:
  - the heading
  - what the talk is about
  - date, time and place of the talk
  - reasons why learners should attend the talk.

NOTE: Do NOT award marks for drawings or illustrations. [20]

3.2 INVITATION CARD

- The following details should be provided, among others:
  - name of the sports club
  - who is invited
  - purpose of the function
  - the venue, date and time of the dinner
  - name and contact details of person to respond to.
- The style can be formal or informal.

NOTE: Do NOT award marks for drawings or illustrations. [20]

3.3 DIARY ENTRY

- The following aspects of format and style should be considered:
  - date must be given
  - writing must be in the 1st person
  - writing must be personal.
- The candidates may include, among others:
  - some idea of what is happening in their lives at that moment
  - a personal reflection on their lives
  - resolutions and plans for the future.

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TOTAL SECTION C: 20
GRAND TOTAL: 80
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