



# basic education

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Basic Education  
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## NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE

GRADE 12

ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE P3

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**MARKS: 100**

**TIME: 2½ hours**

**This question paper consists of 7 pages.**

**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. This question paper consists of THREE sections:  

SECTION A: Essay	(50)
SECTION B: Longer Transactional Text	(30)
SECTION C: Shorter Text – Transactional/Referential/Informational	(20)
2. Answer ONE question from EACH section.
3. Write in the language in which you are being assessed.
4. Start each section on a NEW page.
5. Plan (for example a mind map/diagram/flowchart/keywords), edit and proofread your work. The plan must be clearly indicated and appear BEFORE the answer. Draw a line across all planning.
6. You are advised to spend approximately:
  - 80 minutes on SECTION A
  - 40 minutes on SECTION B
  - 30 minutes on SECTION C
7. Number each response as the topics are numbered in this question paper.
8. Write down the title/heading of each response. Give a suitable title/heading if one has not been provided.  
  
**NOTE:** The title/heading must NOT be considered when doing a word count.
9. Write neatly and legibly.

**SECTION A: ESSAY****QUESTION 1**

- Write an essay of between 250 and 300 words (1 to 1½ pages) on ONE of the following topics.
- Write down the number and heading of your essay correctly, for example 1.1 It was the greatest day of my life.
- Give your own title if your choice is QUESTION 1.7.1 or QUESTION 1.7.2.
- You are advised to spend approximately 80 minutes on this section.

1.1 It was the greatest day of my life. [50]

**NOTE:** The words given in the topic MUST be included somewhere in the essay. [50]

1.2 'I wish I hadn't ...'  
**NOTE:** The words given in the topic MUST be included somewhere in the essay. [50]

1.3 Friendship  
Write an essay about how friendship has enriched your life. [50]

1.4 Most teenagers today do not pay much attention to leading a healthy lifestyle.  
Do you agree? [50]

1.5 Sport can unite or divide people.  
Discuss your views. [50]

1.6 What I see on my way to school [50]

1.7 Choose ONE of the pictures on the next page and write an essay on a topic that comes to mind. Write the question number (1.7.1 OR 1.7.2) and give your essay a suitable title/heading.

**NOTE:** There must be a clear link between your essay and the picture you have chosen.

1.7.1



[Source: *Momentum Health*, 2010]

[50]

1.7.2



[Source: *Oprah*, May 2010]

[50]

**TOTAL SECTION A: 50**

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

- Choose ONE of the following transactional writing tasks.
- The body of your response should be between 120 and 150 words (12 to 15 lines).
- Write down the number and the title/heading of the text you have chosen, for example 2.1 INFORMAL LETTER.
- Pay careful attention to the following:
  - Format
  - Language
  - Register
  - Audience
- You are advised to spend approximately 40 minutes on this section.

**2.1 INFORMAL LETTER**

Your friend has experienced a major disappointment. At the moment he/she is very depressed.

Write a letter to encourage and support your friend.

**[30]****2.2 INTERVIEW**

An item of clothing has gone missing from a friend's bag at school. The principal interviews you about this in order to get more details.

Write the interview that takes place between you and the principal.

**NOTE:** Use the dialogue format.

**[30]****2.3 MEMORANDUM**

Imagine that you are the chairperson of the Representative Council of Learners (RCL). You are not satisfied with the behaviour of most of the learners at school.

Write a memorandum that you would send to the other members of the RCL, suggesting ways to improve the discipline of learners at school.

**[30]**

**2.4 BROCHURE**

Your local municipality has organised a competition to promote tourism in the area where you live.

Write a brochure that you would use to attract tourists.

Include the following:

- Name of the area
- Interesting places to visit
- How to get there
- Contact details
- Any other interesting information

**NOTE:** Do NOT include illustrations.

**[30]**

**TOTAL SECTION B: 30**

**SECTION C: SHORTER TEXT – TRANSACTIONAL/REFERENTIAL/INFORMATIONAL****QUESTION 3**

- Choose ONE of the following topics and write a short text.
- The body of your response should be between 80 and 100 words (8 to 10 lines).
- Write the number and the heading of the text you have chosen, for example 3.1 FORMAL INVITATION.
- You are advised to spend approximately 30 minutes on this section.

**3.1 FORMAL INVITATION**

The couple living next door to you have been married for 50 years. They are planning to celebrate this by hosting a formal function. You have been asked to prepare the invitation.

Write out the invitation that will be sent to their families and friends.

**NOTE:** Do NOT include illustrations.

**[20]****3.2 DIARY**

You are a finalist in a national competition.

Write ONE diary entry expressing your thoughts and feelings as follows:

- Before the announcement of the winner
- After the announcement of the winner

**[20]****3.3 DIRECTIONS**

You have forgotten your Life Orientation project at a friend's house. As you are unable to fetch it yourself, you have asked your brother to do so.

Write out directions for your brother to follow from your home to your friend's house.

Your directions should include the following:

- At least THREE turns into streets/roads
- At least TWO landmarks, such as prominent buildings and shops in an urban area OR bridges and land features in a rural area
- Approximate distances between the various points along the route

**NOTE:** Do NOT include illustrations.

**[20]****TOTAL SECTION C: 20****GRAND TOTAL: 100**