This memorandum consists of 10 pages.
INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

This memorandum must be used together with the attached English FAL 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.
- Full credit must be given for the candidate's own interpretation.
- Use the 50-mark assessment rubric to mark the essays. The texts produced by candidates must be assessed according to the following criteria as set out in the attached rubric:
  - Content and planning (30 marks)
  - Language, style and editing (15 marks)
  - Structure (5 marks)

NOTE: NO additional penalties may be imposed as any deviations are addressed by the rubric.

1.1 There was a knock on the door.

- Narrative/Descriptive/Reflective
- The following must be considered:
  - If narrative, a strong story line must be evident in which a series of events leads to an outcome. There must be a logical sequence of tense.
  - If descriptive, there must be a vivid description of an incident. The candidate should create a picture in words using adjectives, adverbs and figurative language, e.g. simile, metaphor, personification.
  - If reflective, there must be a personal account of thought processes and feelings/emotions. Personal pronouns should be used.
  - A candidate may write an essay which contains elements of more than one type of essay.
1.2 Flowers

- Descriptive/Narrative/Reflective
- The following must be considered:
  - If descriptive, there must be a vivid literal or figurative description of flowers. The candidate should create a picture in words using adjectives, adverbs and figurative language e.g. simile, metaphor, personification.
  - If narrative, a strong story line must be evident in which a series of events leads to an outcome. There must be a logical sequence of tense.
  - If reflective, there must be a personal account of thought processes and feelings/emotions. Personal pronouns should be used.
  - A candidate may write an essay which contains elements of more than one type of essay.

1.3 My moment of fame

- Narrative/Descriptive/Reflective
- The following must be considered:
  - If narrative, a strong story line must be evident in which a series of events leads to the moment of fame. There must be a logical sequence of tense.
  - If descriptive, there must be a vivid description of an incident. The candidate should create a picture in words using adjectives, adverbs and figurative language e.g. simile, metaphor, personification.
  - If reflective, there must be a personal account of thought processes and feelings/emotions. Personal pronouns should be used.
  - A candidate may write an essay which contains elements of more than one type of essay.

1.4 After the storm

- Descriptive/Narrative/Reflective
- The following must be considered:
  - If descriptive, there must be a vivid literal or figurative description of the storm and the period thereafter. The candidate should create a picture in words using adjectives, adverbs and figurative language e.g. simile, metaphor, personification.
  - If narrative, a strong story line must be evident in which a series of events leads to an outcome. There must be a logical sequence of tense.
  - If reflective, there must be a personal account of thought processes and feelings/emotions. Personal pronouns should be used.
  - A candidate may write an essay which contains elements of more than one type of essay.
1.5 Cellphones should be used in classrooms to promote better teaching and learning. Do you agree?

- Argumentative/Discursive
- The following must be considered:
  - If argumentative, the essay must offer one distinct opinion; therefore the essay must be either FOR OR AGAINST the topic given. There should be a clear defence/motivation/argument for the position taken. The conclusion should be a strong, clear and convincing statement of the writer’s opinion.
  - If discursive, a balanced view of both sides of the statement must be reflected. Opposing views must be presented impartially. The writer may come to a particular conclusion at the end of the essay.

1.6 Peer pressure influences the choices teenagers make. Discuss.

- Discursive/Argumentative
- The following must be considered:
  - If discursive, a balanced view of both sides of the statement must be reflected. Opposing views must be presented impartially. The writer may come to a particular conclusion at the end of the essay.
  - If argumentative, the essay must offer one distinct opinion; therefore the essay must be either FOR OR AGAINST the topic given. There should be a clear defence/motivation/argument for the position taken. The conclusion should be a strong, clear and convincing statement of the writer’s opinion.

1.7 Interpretation of pictures

- The candidate may interpret the pictures in any way.
- The interpretation should be linked to the pictures.
- The candidate should give the essay a suitable title.
- The candidate may write in any appropriate tense.
- The following ideas, (among others) may be explored in response to the pictures:

  1.7.1  - Literal interpretation, e.g. light/lighting/electricity/littering/etc.
  - Abstract interpretation, e.g. enlightenment/hope/intelligence/etc.

  1.7.2  - Literal interpretations, e.g. memories/reflections/mementos/relationships/etc.
  - Abstract interpretation, e.g. protection/innocence/care/etc.

**TOTAL SECTION A: 50**
SECTION B: LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT

QUESTION 2

Instructions to Markers:

- Candidates are required to answer ONE question.
- Use the 30-mark assessment rubric to mark the responses in this section. The texts produced by candidates must be assessed according to the following criteria as set out in the attached rubric:
  - Content, planning and format (18 marks)
  - Language, style and editing (12 marks)

NOTE: NO additional penalties may be imposed as any deviations are addressed by the rubric. If the word limit of 150 has been exceeded, read to the end of the sentence and ignore the rest.

2.1 FRIENDLY LETTER

- Acceptable variations of the format must be allowed.
- The letter should be addressed to a friend.
- The tone and register of the letter should be informal.
- The following aspects of format should be included:
  - Address of sender
  - Date
  - Salutation
  - Suitable ending
  - Name/Signature of sender

2.2 MAGAZINE ARTICLE

- The article should inform, educate and enlighten learners on the problem of littering and how to keep the school environment clean.
- The heading must be attractive and interesting.
- The article should stimulate interest and keep the reader absorbed.
- The style should be personal, speaking directly to the reader.
- The article must be written in paragraphs.
- Rhetorical questions and emotive words may be used.

2.3 FORMAL REPORT

- The report must have:
  - A topic
  - A recipient
  - A sender
  - A context
  - An account of the events that took place
- The tone and language must be formal.
2.4 DIALOGUE

A conversation between a parent and a child

- The tone may be formal or informal.
- The following aspects of the dialogue format must be included:
  - A brief scenario (context) must be sketched before the speakers start speaking.
  - The names of the speakers must appear on the left-hand side of the page.
  - A colon must appear after the name of a speaker.
  - A new line should be used to indicate each speaker.
  - Stage directions (tone or voice, actions, etc.) must be written in brackets before the spoken words, if applicable.
- The following ideas may be explored, among others:
  - The reasons why the candidate should be allowed to attend the music festival.
  - Parent’s reasons why the candidate should/should not attend the festival. [30]

TOTAL SECTION B: 30
SECTION C: SHORTER TEXT

QUESTION 3

Instructions to Markers:

- Candidates are required to answer ONE question.
- Use the 20-mark assessment rubric to mark the responses in this section. The texts produced by candidates must be assessed according to the following criteria as set out in the attached rubric:
  - Content, planning and format (12 marks)
  - Language, style and editing (8 marks)

NOTE: NO additional penalties may be imposed as any deviations are addressed by the rubric.
If the word limit of 100 has been exceeded, read to the end of the sentence and ignore the rest.

3.1 POSTER

- The following information should be included on the poster, among others:
  - An attractive and interesting heading
  - Sufficient details of the talent show (e.g. date, venue, time, entry fee and contact details)
  - Catchy words and phrases should be used.
- Full sentences are not necessary.
- Do NOT award marks for illustrations.

3.2 DIARY ENTRIES

- There should be TWO entries.
- Each entry must bear a date.
- The tone must be personal and should reflect suitable emotions.
- The diary entries should be written in the first person.
- The language should be simple and to the point.

3.3 E-MAIL

- The following information should be included in the e-mail, among others:
  - Recipient's email address
  - CC address if applicable
  - Subject line
  - Salutation
- The message to the manager of the club enquiring about how to become a member.

TOTAL SECTION C: 20
GRAND TOTAL: 100
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| Response and ideas; Organisation of ideas for planning; Purpose, audience, features/conventions and context | - Outstanding response beyond normal expectations  
- Intelligent and mature ideas  
- Extensive knowledge of features of the type of text  
- Writing maintains focus  
- Coherence in content and ideas  
- Highly elaborated and all details support the topic  
- Appropriate and accurate format | - Very good response demonstrating good knowledge of features of the type of text  
- Maintains focus – no digressions  
- Coherent in content and ideas, very well elaborated and details support topic  
- Appropriate format with minor inaccuracies | - Adequate response demonstrating knowledge of features of the type of text  
- Not completely focused – some digressions  
- Reasonably coherent in content and ideas  
- Some details support the topic  
- Generally appropriate format but with some inaccuracies | - Basic response demonstrating some knowledge of features of the type of text  
- Some focus but writing digresses  
- Not always coherent in content and ideas  
- Few details support the topic  
- Necessary rules of format vaguely applied  
- Some critical oversights | - Response reveals no knowledge of features of the type of text  
- Meaning obscure with major digressions  
- Not coherent in content and ideas  
- Very few details support the topic  
- Necessary rules of format not applied |
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- Very good vocabulary  
- Mostly free of errors | - Tone, register, style and vocabulary appropriate to purpose, audience and context  
- Some grammatical errors  
- Adequate vocabulary  
- Errors do not impede meaning | - Tone, register, style and vocabulary less appropriate to purpose, audience and context  
- Inaccurate grammar with numerous errors  
- Limited vocabulary  
- Meaning obscured | - Tone, register, style and vocabulary do not correspond to purpose, audience and context  
- Error-ridden and confused  
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