

# HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL



**MAY 2015**

## ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE

**PAPER 3**

**Grade 12**

**Time: 2½ hours**

**Marks: 100**

N.B. This question paper consists of 5 pages.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS**

This question paper consists of TWO sections:

SECTION A: Essay (50)  
SECTION B: Transactional Texts: 2 x 25 (50)

1. Answer ONE question from SECTION A and TWO questions from SECTION B.
2. Start EACH section on a NEW page.
3. You must plan (e.g. a mind map/diagram/flow chart/key words etc.), edit and proofread your work. The plan must appear BEFORE the answer.
4. All planning must be clearly indicated as such. It is advisable to draw a line through all planning.
5. You are strongly advised to spend approximately:
  - 80 minutes on SECTION A
  - 70 minutes on SECTION B
6. Number each response as the topics are numbered in the question paper.
7. The title/heading must NOT be considered when doing a word count.
8. Write neatly and legibly.

## SECTION A: ESSAY

### QUESTION 1

Write an essay of 400–450 words (2–2½ pages) on ONE of the following topics. Write down the NUMBER and TITLE/HEADING of your essay.

- 1.1 I know why the caged bird sings. (Maya Angelou) [50]
- 1.2 The Colour of Magic (Terry Pratchett) [50]
- 1.3 Oranges are not the only fruit (Jeanette Winterson) [50]
- 1.4 “Give me juicy autumnal fruit, ripe and red from the orchard.” Walt Whitman, ‘The Complete Poems’ [50]
- 1.5 Before this happened, I planned to buy a dog and name it Support. [50]
- 1.6 “There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats its children.” (Nelson Mandela) [50]
- 1.7 A country gets the government it deserves. [50]
- 1.8 The pictures reproduced on pages 2 and 3 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, 1.8.2 or 1.8.3) your choice and give your essay a title.  
NOTE: There must be a clear link between your essay and the picture you have chosen.

1.8.1



[www.pinterest.com]

OR

1.8.2



OR

1.8.3



[[www.mydomaine.com](http://www.mydomaine.com)]

**TOTAL SECTION A: 50**

## SECTION B: TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS

### QUESTION 2

- Respond to TWO of the following topics.
- The body of your answer should be 180–200 words (20–25 lines) in length.
- Pay careful attention to the following:
  - Audience, register, tone and style
  - Choice of words and language structure
  - Format
- Write down the NUMBER and TITLE/HEADING of the text you have chosen, e.g. 2.1 Newspaper article.

#### 2.1

##### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

You have recently read an article titled: 'Zapiro told to curb his pencil.'

Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper, highlighting your concerns about freedom of speech in South Africa.

[25]

#### 2.2

##### NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

The beggars at the robots on the way to and from school have become more aggressive.

Write an article, for publication in a newspaper, highlighting the opposing views held by members of the community towards the beggars.

[25]

#### 2.3

##### OBITUARY

A famous person (e.g. celebrity, novelist, playwright, entertainer) has died.

Write an obituary that will appear in a newspaper.

[25]

#### 2.4

##### DIALOGUE

You are researching universities in South Africa, with a view to attending one of them next year.

You meet with the School Counsellor, who is extremely well-informed, to acquire information and to discuss the options available to you. Write the transcript of the conversation that takes place.

[25]

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2.5

### LETTER OF THANKS

In December 2014 your uncle paid for you to visit him in Europe. Below is a photograph that you took while on holiday there. Write a letter expressing your gratitude to your uncle, describing the highlights of your experience.



[Source:www.onthesnow.co.uk]  
[25]

2.6

### REVIEW

You recently visited a new restaurant called “Delightful Dining” at a local mall with your friends. Write a review of your experience for the school newspaper. [25]

**TOTAL SECTION B: [50]**

**GRAND TOTAL: 100**