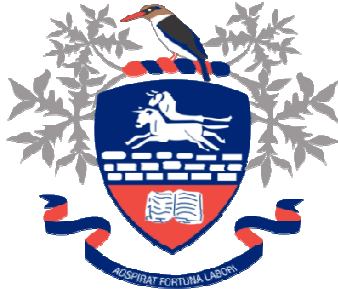


HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL



May 2015
ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE

PAPER 3 – WRITING

Grade 8

Time: 2 hours

Marks: 100

N.B. This question paper consists of 7 pages

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS

1. Draw a 2cm wide margin on the right-hand side of each page of your answer booklet.
2. Read and follow ALL instructions carefully.
3. Rule off on completion of EACH section and start each section on a new page.
4. Use your time carefully. Suggested time management:
 - Section A: Approximately 60 minutes
 - Section B: Approximately 60 minutes
(Approximately 30 minutes for each transactional piece)

SECTION A: ESSAY
QUESTION 1

Write an essay of between 250 – 300 words (1½ to 2 pages) on **ONE** of the following topics below. (1.1 – 1.5)

The following will be assessed:

- Content and planning (60%)
- Language and Editing (30%)
- Structure (10%)

1.1 *That day will forever haunt me* [50]

OR

1.2 *“What you say in silence in front of no one, say it loud in front of the crowds!”*
Mehmet Murat ildan
[50]

OR

1.3 **SUNRISE** [50]

OR

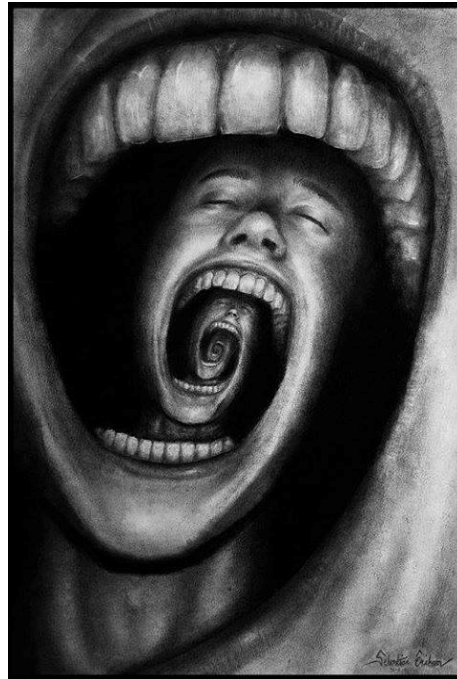
1.4 *the Beauty of laughter* [50]

OR

1.5 The pictures reproduced on the following page are likely to evoke some reaction or feeling in you. They may stir your imagination.

Select ONE of the pictures and write an essay in response. Write the question number (1.5.1, 1.5.2 or 1.5.3) of your choice and give your essay a title.

1.5.1



[50]

OR

1.5.2



[50]

OR

1.5.3



[50]

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).
- Pay careful attention to the following:
 - Audience, register, tone and style
 - Choice of words and language structure
 - Format

The following will be assessed:

- Content, planning and format (60%)
- Language, style and Editing (40%)

2.1 SPEECH

A local wildlife organisation in your area is at risk of closing down for financial reasons.

This organisation does outstanding work and relies solely on the community for financial aid.

As President of the *Conservation Club*, it is your responsibility to motivate your peers to work together in order to support this organization.

Write the speech you would deliver. [25]

2.2 FRIENDLY LETTER

Your friend has recently immigrated to the United Kingdom.

Write a letter to your friend in which you discuss the recent occurrences in South Africa and what your hopes and dreams are for the future of your country.

You must ensure that your letter has a positive tone. [25]

2.3 INTERVIEW

You have been shortlisted for a temporary job during the school holiday.

Write an interview between the manager of this company and yourself, in which you “sell yourself” as the ideal candidate.

[25]

2.4 FORMAL LETTER

Your English teacher recently informed you about a bursary that is available to deserving grade 8 learners.

Write a letter to the administrator of the De Beer’s Trust in which you explain why you should be considered for the bursary.

In your letter, remember to mention the different areas in which you excel.
[25]

TOTAL SECTION B: 50

TOTAL MARKS [100]