

**HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL**



**JUNE 2015**

**ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 3 – WRITING**

**Grade 9**

**Time: 2 hours**

**Marks: 100**

**N.B. This question paper consists of 4 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 minutesApproximately 30 minutes for each transactional

## INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This paper consists of two sections:  
SECTION A: Essay (50 marks)  
SECTION B: Transactional @25 marks each (50 marks)

You are required to answer questions from both sections.

2. Answer ONE question from section A
3. Answer TWO questions from section B
4. Start each section on a new page.
5. You must plan (e.g. mind map/diagram/flow chart/key words etc.), edit and proof-read your work. The plan must appear before your piece.
6. All planning must be clearly indicated as such. It is advisable to draw a line across all planning.
7. Number each response as the topics are numbered in the question paper.
8. Give each response a suitable title/heading.  
Note the title/heading must not be included when doing a word count.
9. Write neatly and legibly.

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

Write an essay of between 300 – 350 words (1½ – 2 pages) on **ONE** of the following topics below. (1.1 – 1.5). If you choose to write about 1.6 do not forget to write a heading for your essay.

1.1 African beauty. [50]

OR

1.2 Tantalising tastes. [50]

OR

1.3 In an instant. [50]

OR

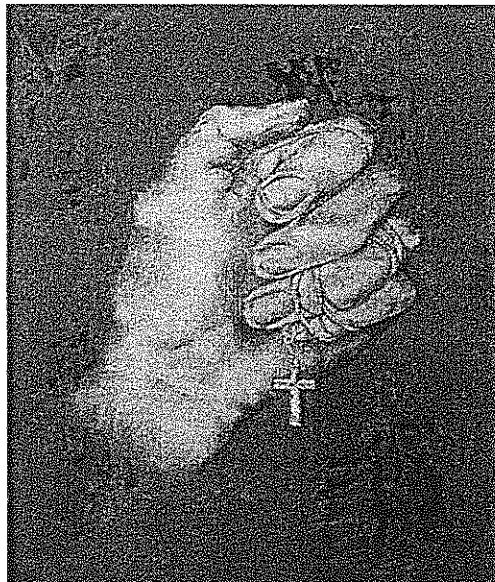
1.4 With this alien technology I would... [50]

OR

1.5 Laughter is food for the soul. [50]

OR

1.6 [50]



[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
  - Remember to show your planning before your final piece of work

2.1            INFORMAL LETTER [25]

You enjoyed the December holidays with your best friend. Write a letter thanking him/her for the memorable time you spent together.

2.2            FORMAL LETTER [25]

You recently saw an advertisement in the *Highway Mail* that was offering holiday work to a “hard working and responsible” high school learner. The person to contact was Mr Kent from “Holiday Work Expeditions” in Hillcrest. Write a formal letter of application to Mr Kent, explaining to him why you would be the best person for the job.

2.3            DIALOGUE [25]

You and a friend decide to create a project to improve the community in which you live. Write a dialogue in which you discuss the development and necessity of this project with your friend.

2.4            DIARY ENTRY [25]

You are a character from a fairy tale. You have found yourself in a situation and have become totally isolated from the rest of the fairy tale characters. Write two diary entries to describe your situation.

**TOTAL FOR PAPER: 100 MARKS**