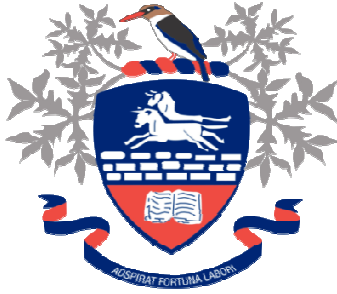


HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL



May 2016
ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE

PAPER 3 – WRITING

Grade 8

Time: 2 hours

Marks: 40

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 (50%)
- Language and Editing (25%)
- Structure (25%)

1.1 *Temptations* [20]

OR

1.2 ***Miracles do happen*** [20]

OR

1.3 **ON THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN** [20]

OR

1.4 "My pen is my weapon. It is yellow and blue plastic and seems extremely insignificant; yet it is a channel through which my thoughts fly onto paper".

Charlene Swanepoel

[20]

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



[20]

OR

1.5.2



[20]

OR

1.5.3



[20]

TOTAL SECTION A: 20

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
- Language, style and Editing

2.1 INSTRUCTIONS

Many of your fellow classmates are struggling with the enormous workload and stress associated with high school.

Write a set of instructions for your fellow classmates on how to survive grade 8 at Hillcrest High school.

(Remember to focus on your use of verbs.)

[10]

2.2 DIALOGUE

Your best friend has asked you to attend the concert of a lifetime. Unfortunately, you have already committed to spending the evening with your grandmother.

Write a dialogue in which you seek advice from one of your parents.

[10]

2.3 FORMAL LETTER

Your English teacher has recently informed you about a scholarship that is being awarded to a worthy grade 8 participant, by a foundation called “*Working Towards Great Minds*”.

This scholarship will ensure that your school fees are covered for the remainder of your high school career.

Write a letter of application to Mrs Thompson, The President of “*Working towards great minds*”, in which you explain why you deserve this scholarship.

Her address is as follows:

29 Old Main Road

Hillcrest

3610

[10]

2.4 SPEECH

Hillcrest High School is a school that is most concerned about our surrounding community. Our school has many clubs (for example: *Interact*, *The Angel Fund*, *Wild at Heart*, *People to People* etc) that work towards helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Write a speech in which you encourage your peers to join one of these clubs in order to give back to our community and to help those who are in need.

[10]

TOTAL SECTION B: 20

TOTAL MARKS [40]