



HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

English home language

May 2018, Grade 9

Paper 3 (Writing)



Time: 2 hours
Examiner: Mr R. Neale

Marks: 40
Moderator: Mrs N. Atkinson

INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS

Setting out your work

1. Draw a 2cm wide margin on the right-hand side of each page of your answer booklet.
2. Write your English teacher's name on your answer booklet.
3. Use the inside cover of your answer booklet's cover page to plan.
4. 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.
5. All planning must be clearly indicated as such. It is advisable to draw a line through all planning.
6. Number each response as the topics are numbered in the question paper.
7. Rule off after each question.

Structure of the paper:

8. This question paper consists of TWO sections:
 - a. Section A: Creative Writing 20 marks
 - b. Section B: Transactional Texts 2 x 10 = 20 marks
9. You are required to answer ONE question from Section A and TWO questions from Section B.

Advice

11. Ensure that you have all 4 pages of this question paper.
12. Write legibly and present your work neatly.
13. Use your time carefully. Suggested time management:
 - a. 60 minutes on SECTION A
 - b. 60 minutes on SECTION B

SECTION A: ESSAY

Question 1

Write an essay on ONE of the following topics below (1.1 – 1.9)

- If you choose an image, you must provide your own title for your essay.
- Length: 250 – 300 words (1½ to 2 pages)

The following will be assessed:

1. Content and planning (50%)
2. Language and Editing (25%)
3. Structure (25%).

There are six written prompts and three images to choose from. Choose only ONE.

1. Winter is my favourite season.
2. Werewolves bleed too.
3. Hold me.
4. Discovering an inhabitable planet.
5. The last time I saw him.
6. A fighter pilot.

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[TOTAL SECTION A: 20 MARKS]

SECTION B: Transactional Writing

Question 2

Respond to TWO of the following topics.

- Length: the body of your answer should be 160 – 180 words.

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. INFORMAL LETTER

A friend of yours recently confided in you that they are struggling with a particular decision that they must make. They have asked you to help them weigh up the pros and cons of their possible choices. Write a letter in which you assist them with this.

2.2 FORMAL LETTER

In order to apply for prefectship, the candidates must submit a letter of recommendation from a junior of their choice. A friend of yours in grade 11 has asked you to write a letter to Mr Girvin recommending them as a prefect. You may want to mention some of their good character traits, what you think they can contribute to the Student Leadership Team, as well as something they did that demonstrates their suitability for their potential role as a prefect.

2.3 DIALOGUE

You have been feeling rather unwelcome among your usual group of friends lately. You want to figure out whether your feelings are justified and why they have been acting coldly towards you. Write a dialogue in which you speak to one of these friends and try to resolve the matter.

2.4 NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

You have been doing some thinking lately and have come to the conclusion that there are certain flaws in the education system. Write a newspaper article where you discuss these flaws. In doing so, you should draw from your own experience or the experience of people you know.

2.5 REVIEW

You have been particularly engrossed in a television series lately. Write a review in which you discuss the series.

[TOTAL SECTION B: 10 x 2 = 20 MARKS]

[GRAND TOTAL: 40 MARKS]