

HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL



April 2019

ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE

Grade 12

Time: 2 ½ hours

Paper 3

Marks: 100

Examiner: Miss S. Boyce

Moderator: Mrs N. Atkinson

N.B. This question paper consists of 8 pages

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS

1. This question paper consists of TWO sections:

Section A: Creative Writing	50 marks
Section B: Transactional Texts (25 x 2)	50 marks
2. You are required to answer **ONE** question from Section A and **TWO** from Section B.
3. Rule off on completion of EACH section.
4. You **MUST** plan, edit and proof-read your work. The plan must appear **BEFORE** the answer. Remember to draw a line through all planning. NO rough drafts are required.
5. Number each response as it is numbered on the question paper.
6. Write neatly and legibly.

SECTION A: ESSAY

Question 1

Instructions:

Write an essay of 400 – 450 words (2 – 2 ½ pages) on **ONE** of the following topics:

The following will be assessed:

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

1.1 “Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.” Victor Borge [50]

OR

1.2 Deception [50]

OR

1.3 “Embrace reality even if it burns you.” Pierre Berge [50]

OR

1.4 “I never stood a chance, did I?” Anonymous [50]

OR

1.5 Time is a treasure that we waste foolishly. [50]

OR

1.6 Beautiful things [50]

OR

1.7 The pictures reproduced on page 3 and 4 might evoke a reaction or feeling in you or stir your imagination. Select **ONE** picture and write an essay in response.

Write the question number (1.7.1, 1.7.2 or 1.7.3) of your choice and give your essay a title.

NOTE: There must be a clear link between your essay and the picture you have chosen.

1.7.1



Source: <https://daily.jstor.org/how-scary-is-too-scary/>

[50]

OR

1.7.2



Source: <http://blog.espaes.co.uk/espaes/2017/07/what-would-your-superpower-be.html>

[50]

OR

1.7.3



Source: <https://thoughtcatalog.com/jeanne-san-pascual/2015/03/wasting-time-is-not-always-a-cause-for-regret/>

[50]

TOTAL SECTION A: 50 MARKS

SECTION B: TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS

QUESTION 2:

Instructions:

Respond to TWO of the following topics.

- The body of your answer should be 180 – 200 words.
- Pay careful attention to word choice and language structures and ensure the correct format is used.

The following will be assessed:

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

2.1 DIALOGUE

You stumble upon a stack of “Missing Person” newspaper clippings under your parents’ bed. All of them have your picture on them. You have invited your friend over to help you figure out what you are going to say to your parents about this secret they have kept from you.

Write the conversation that would take place between you and your friend.



Source: <https://bloody-disgusting.com/movie/3402909/missing-poster-look-29-neibolt-street/>

[25]

OR

2.2 OBITUARY

Your mentor recently passed away. Write his/her obituary.

[25]

OR

2.3 LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Matriculants could soon choose when to write final exams

The Department of Education (DoE) is planning on implementing a “two exams system”, which gives Grade 12 pupils the choice of choosing when to write final exams, Northern Natal Courier reports.

This system is commonly referred to as modularisation or the multiple exam option (MEO), and is used to assist struggling pupils who were progressed to Grade 12. It will give them an opportunity to write their exams either in the October / November period, or in June the following year.

The reasoning behind this is to address high school dropout rates and increase school retention, explains Business Tech.

Instead of forcing learners to repeat a year, it gives them an opportunity to successfully progress to the next grade at their own pace.

Adapted from an article posted online at <https://citizen.co.za/news/south-africa/1962295/matriculants-could-soon-choose-when-to-write-final-exams/>.

Source: <https://oneway2day.wordpress.com/tag/jodie-ginsburg/>

The article above was recently reprinted in your local newspaper – the article first appeared in June 2018. You feel strongly about the issue raised in the article.

Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper in which you express your views on the matter.

[25]

OR

2.4 LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

You recently came across an advertisement calling for recommendations for an award for the person of the year in your greater community area. You know someone whom you think is worthy of the title.

Write a letter of recommendation to the organisers of the competition on behalf of your nominee.



Source: <https://www.blakkpepper.com/2015/12/time-magazines-editors-exclude-bernie-sanders-from-person-of-the-year-list-include-donald-trump/>

[25]

2.5 MAGAZINE ARTICLE

You have been asked to write a magazine article for the school newspaper with the title: “The life and times of the 21st century teenager”.

Write the article that you would submit.

[25]

OR

2.6 SPEECH

Use the image below as a starting point for a speech that you have been asked to give to your fellow grade 12s as their schooling career is rapidly coming to a close.

Write the speech you would deliver.

Life is like a camera...
Focus on what's important,
Capture the good times,
Develop from the negatives,
And if things don't work out,
Take another shot.

Source: <http://www.bitlanders.com/blogs/life-and-reality/79597>

[25]

TOTAL SECTION B: 25 x 2 = 50 marks

GRAND TOTAL: 100 MARKS