

HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL



ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE

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Grade 8, Paper 1

Time: 2 hours

Marks: 60

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N.B. This question paper consists of 14 pages

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Section		Question	Mark
A	Comprehension	1	/ 20
B	Summary	2	/ 10
C	Advert	3	/ 5
	Cartoon	4	/ 5
D	Language	5	/ 20

Grand Total: _____ / 60

Percentage: _____ %

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE ANSWERING THE
QUESTIONS**

1. Read and follow ALL instructions carefully.
2. Use your time carefully. Suggested time management:
 - Section A: approximately 40 minutes
 - Section B: approximately 30 minutes
 - Section C: approximately 20 minutes
 - Section D: approximately 30 minutes
3. This paper consists of three sections:

Section A:	Comprehension	20 marks
Section B:	Summary	10 marks
Section C:	Visual literacy	10 marks
Section D:	Language structures	20 marks
4. You are required to answer questions from all three sections.
5. Answer all the questions from section A.
6. Answer all the questions from section B.
7. Answer all the questions from section C.
8. Answer all the questions from section D.
9. Write neatly and legibly.

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION**QUESTION 1**

Refer to **Text A** and answer the questions that follow.

TEXT A:

Read the passage below and answer the questions which follow

TIK TOK: THE NEW CRAZE

By Lucy Laughbaum

- 1 Tiktok, an emerging video streaming platform, is becoming a centrepiece in millennial social interaction and engagement. Tiktok's short video clips capture the attention of viewers as they scroll through an endless array of entertainment.
- 2 Tiktok is an application launched in 2017 by ByteDance, a Chinese company. In just a few years, the app has skyrocketed, replacing YouTube and Instagram as the most downloaded app. As of May 2020, Tiktok has reached over 2 billion downloads as well as 800 million users worldwide. Most users range from young teens to young adults, with a wide variety of videos that can relate to any age.
- 3 Tiktok users have the freedom to share their own thirty-second videos, while being able to view others in return. One of the most popular aspects on Tiktok is learning new fast-paced dances. Other than dancing, users post comedic stories, art tutorials, special talents, destinations, challenges, and many other short videos. Although these videos are posted to share with friends, many users post videos in hopes to "go viral." This is a term often used by creators as they strive to feel the rush of having thousands of people view their video. A single Tiktok video of a teenager and a young boy dancing on an escalator in a shopping mall, received 219 million views and 24.3 million likes, becoming the most viewed Tiktok in the world.
- 4 Those who gain millions of views begin to develop a large following, and they soon become what people call "Tiktok famous." Some of these well-known users earn thousands of dollars each time they post a thirty-second video. The most followed "Tiktoker," Charli D'Amelio, is 15 years old and has 65.4 million followers. She earns around \$48,000 a post, and Tiktok has opened many doors for this young teen, including, starring on the Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon, dancing with Jennifer Lopez, and being sponsored by Dunkin Donuts.
- 5 Other celebrities have begun to join Tiktok including Jason Derulo, Amy Shumer, Kevin Hart, and Dr. Phil. Famous tiktokers have made collaborations with some of these celebrities to help boost their public profile, while many celebrities use the platform to promote their careers. Songs played as audios on Tiktok have the potential to be heard by millions, launching or growing a musician's career. Megan Thee Stallion's song, "Savage," became a Tiktok dancing trend called the Savage Challenge, leading the song to be #2 in the Billboard Top 100 list.
- 6 Other than audio, Tiktok has a wide variety of other effects. One feature allows an account to "duet" another user's video, which shows the original post beside a new video when a user is filming. There is also a wide range of filters used to change

the colour and effect on the screen of your video. Tiktok is constantly adding new audios, filters, and effects to keep the app fresh and entertaining.

Adapted from: <http://www.soviewsmag.com/interviews/2020/12/1/tik-tok-the-new-craze>

Questions

- 1.1 Refer to paragraph 1:
Quote THREE consecutive words that explain what Tiktok is. (1)

- 1.2 Refer to paragraph 2:
What year was Tiktok launched? (1)

- 1.3 State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE. Quote to support your answer. (2)

ByteDance is an American company.

- 1.4 Name two apps that Tiktok has surpassed in terms of popularity. (2)

- 1.5 What is the common age group of Tiktok users? (1)

- 1.6 Refer to paragraph 3:
List three popular aspects on Tiktok. (3)

1.7 Explain the term “go viral” in your OWN WORDS. (1)

1.8 Refer to paragraph 4:
Why is Charli D’Amelio considered “Tiktok famous” (1)

1.9 List two ways in which Tiktok has opened doors for Charli D’Amelio. (2)

1.10 Refer to paragraph 5:
How does TikTok help musicians’ careers? Use your own words. (2)

1.11 Do you think TikTok is a good use of time or not? Explain. (2)

1.12 Look at the title. Do you think it suits the passage? Explain. (2)

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TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS

SECTION B: SUMMARY**QUESTION 2**

Read the passage (TEXT B) below and list **SEVEN** points on **the negative impacts of Tiktok**.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Your summary should include 7 points and NOT exceed 90 words.
- Your summary must be in point form.
- Number each point and write in full sentences.
- You are NOT required to include a title for your summary.
- Indicate an accurate word count clearly at the end of your summary.

TEXT B:**The negative impacts of Tiktok**

Tik Tok is a popular app that delivers interesting and unique special effects to create wonderful short videos. Teenagers are extremely enthusiastic about this application. This has led to addiction as well as a few other issues. In this article, we will look at the negative impacts of the TikTok application on the youth.

Though the developers of this application made this app to provide innocent fun, it has become a problem in society, as teenagers have become increasingly dependent on it. This addiction has created much tension between the youth and their parents.

This application is a time-waster. People spend a great deal of time unnecessarily creating music videos. The time they put into creating these videos could be invested instead in learning or developing a new skill, which would be more advantageous to them in the future. They are addicted to a meaningless app that brings no value to their thought processes.

Some people use this application to mock people, communities, religions, etc. It has become far more than a source of harmless fun. People also use the TikTok application as a means to portray others in a bad light.

Parents are worried about inappropriate content on the application. The age limit for this application should be a minimum of sixteen years because of the privacy risks and mature nature of the content. By increasing the age limit, many teens would be removed from this platform.

Parents do not like their young daughters singing along to the beats of explicit lyrics that are degrading to women. The surging fame of the app among young girls exposes them to disturbing comments and potential abuse. Girls using this app have also been asked for their contact details or to post provocative pictures of themselves.

Whether teens use it for a genuine career or for fun, this app comes with risky consequences.

Adapted from: <https://myessaybook.com/positive-and-negative-effects-of-tiktok/>

SECTION C: VISUAL LITERACY

QUESTION 3

ANALYSING ADVERTISEMENT

TEXT C:



Free Wi-Fi served at all restaurants

Source:
<https://images.app.goo.gl/t5sZs8b3FV4Sxc5M9>

3.1 What company is being advertised in text c? (1)

3.2 What are they advertising? (1)

3.3 Does this advert appeal to you? Provide TWO reasons to support your answer. (2)

3.4 What is the target market for this advert? (1)

(5)

QUESTION 4

ANALYSING CARTOON



Source:
<https://il.wp.com/www.toonsmag.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/5A2AE37A-8954-4471-A647-2845B150FD61-scaled.jpeg?fit=662%2C468&ssl=1>

4.1 What apps are occupying the woman in the cartoon? (2)

4.2 How do we know the dog wants to leave the house? Provide TWO points. (2)

4.3 What does the cartoon tell us about the society we are living in today? (1)

(5)

TOTAL FOR SECTION C = 10 MARKS

SECTION D: LANGUAGE STRUCTURES**QUESTION 5**

Refer to the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

(This passage contains deliberate errors.)

1	In today's world, many of us rely on social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, YouTube, and Instagram to find and connect with each other. While each has its benefits, it's important to remember that social media can never be a replacement for real-world human connection. It requires in-person contact
5	with others to trigger the hormones that relieve stress and make you feel happier, healthier, and more positive. Ironically for a technology that's designed to bring people closer together, spending too much time engaging with social media can actually make you feel more lonely and isolated—and intensify mental health
9	problems such as anxiety and depression. If you're spending a large amount of time on social media and feelings of sadness, dissatisfaction, frustration, or loneliness are impacting your life, it may be time to re-examine your online habits and find a healthier balance.
Adapted from: https://www.helpguide.org/articles/mental-health/social-media-and-mental-health.htm	

5.1 State the function of the following punctuation marks:

(a) Apostrophe (line 1) (1)

(b) Hyphen (line 4) (1)

(c) Commas (lines 10 and 11) (1)

5.2 Provide an antonym for the word "happier" (line 5) (1)

5.3 Provide an antonym for the word "together" (line 7) (1)

5.4 Provide a synonym for the word "designed" (line 6) (1)

5.5 Identify the correct part of speech for the words listed below:

(a) "us" (line 1) (1)

(b) "connect" (line 2) (1)

(c) "large" (line 10) (1)

(d) "frustration" (line 11) (1)

5.6 Provide the correct degrees of comparison: (2)

Beautiful	(a)	Most beautiful
Shy	Shyer	(b)

5.7 Complete the following sentence using the correct punctuation:

(a) "I cant wait to move to johannesburg" said Tumi (2) √x4

(b) Im exhausted` exclaimed Lucy. (2) √x4

5.8 Rewrite the following word without the suffix: "loneliness" (1)

5.9 While each has its benefits, it's important to remember that social media can never be a replacement for real-world human connection. (1)

(a) Rewrite the sentence with the main clause only. (1)

(b) State what type of sentence it is.

(1)

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TOTAL FOR SECTION D = 20 MARKS
