



Hillcrest High School English Department

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ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE

Paper 2

Marks: 70 This paper consists of 17 pages Time: 2 hours

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Class: _____

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Question 1	Comprehension */30	
Question 2	Summary */10	
Question 3	Cartoons */10	
Question 4	Unseen poem */5	
	Seen poem */5	
Question 5	Short story */10	
Grand Total	/70	%

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 45 minutes
 - Section B: approximately 25 minutes
 - Section C: approximately 20 minutes
 - Section D: approximately 30 minutes
3. This paper consists of three sections:

Section A:	Comprehension	30 marks
Section B:	Summary	10 marks
Section C:	Cartoon	10 marks
Section D:	Literature	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 **Text B** and answer the questions that follow.

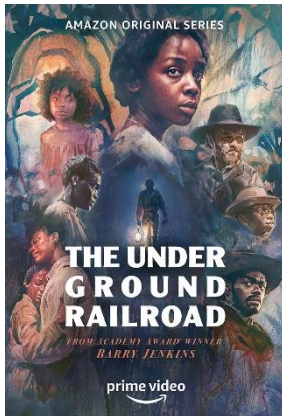
TEXT A:

Read the passage below and answer the questions which follow

THUSO MBEBU IS LIVING HER DREAM

- 1 In a parallel universe Thuso Mbebu might have been a dermatologist living and practising in her home suburb of Pelham in Pietermaritzburg. As a young girl growing up in KwaZulu-Natal and bothered by seasonal allergies that irritated her skin, Mbebu once dreamed of becoming the first member of her family to graduate as a dermatologist, much to her beloved grandmother's delight. The 29-year-old actress and her older sister were raised by their grandmother.

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In high school, she added a drama class to her timetable as a break from her Maths and Science classes, and quickly realized, 'This drama thing really has the potential to change people's lives.' Despite her grandmother's wishes of having a doctor in the family, things did not work out that way and today Mbebu is now living in Los Angeles, and is a lead actress in the popular series, *The Underground Railroad*. Mbebu is the first South African actress in history to lead a television series in the United States of America

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt6704972/>

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Mbebu studied dramatic arts at the *University of Witwatersrand* in Johannesburg, which included a five-week long summer acting exchange program at New York's Stella Adler Studio of Acting. She completed her studies and thought that acting roles would port in, but things did not go as planned. After being unemployed for six months, Mbebu landed her first starring role on television in the Mzansi Magic grama series *Is'Thunzi*, which first played on television in October 2016.



<https://www.dstv.com/mzansimagic/en-za/show/is-thunzi>

- 4 As the excitement and support for her talent increased, Mbebu, also began scoring supporting roles in other South African soap operas and series. *Is'Thunzi*, was a defining moment in the young actress' career as she received two International Emmy nominations. It was in 2017 and 2018, where she was nominated in the category of Best Performance by a Female Actress. In the Emmy-nominated show Mbebu played Winnie, the leader of a group of four best friends that called themselves 'ninjas'.
- 5 By the time she sent in her audition tape for her first role overseas, Mbebu was already a certified celebrity back home. Barry Jenkins, who directed and co-executive produces *The Underground Railroad* says, 'Thuso is just such a powerful performer, she found a way to access this character so that when I spoke to her, I consistently saw Cora.' Set in the American South during the pre-Civil War 1800s, the Amazon series, focuses on Cora, a young woman who escapes the Georgia plantation where she has spent her entire life in slavery.
- 6 With all the success that Thuso has found living in America, she expressed how being away from home has taken its toll on her. She shared how she often turned to social media to stay connected with friends and fans and family during the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 7 She has well over a million devoted followers on Instagram and almost five-hundred thousand Twitter followers. She describes her fans as being her biggest cheerleaders. Later this year Thuso will have her first appearance in a film as she will co-star with Viola Davis in her feature film *The Woman King*, which is a historical movie that is set in the 19th-century Kingdom of Dahomey.
- 8 While Mbube's grandmother may not have witnessed most of her granddaughter's overnight success, Mbebu, who is religious, probably feels that she is somewhere smiling down on her with pride and admitting that maybe dermatology was not the right choice after all.

Source: Adapted from: www.elle.com

TEXT B:



Source:

<https://www.quora.com/Is-social-media-connecting-people-or-isolating-us>

Questions

Refer to the title:

- 1.1 What does it mean to “live your dream”? (1)

Refer to paragraph 1:

- 1.2 What was Thuso Mbebu’s dream job? Explain her reason behind this desire. (2)

- 1.3 What is Thuso Mbebu’s occupation? (1)

Refer to paragraph 2:

- 1.4 Why did Thuso Mbebu add drama to her class timetable? Explain your response in your own words. (2)

- 1.5 How has Mbebu made history? (1)

Refer to paragraph 3:

- 1.6 Which tertiary institution did Mbebu go to? (1)

- 1.7 Explain why the statement below is FALSE (do NOT just quote from the passage). (1)

After Mbebu graduated, she immediately got acting roles.

Refer to paragraph 4:

- 1.8 Why do you think the author mentions all of Thuso Mbebu’s awards? (1)

- 1.9 What does the author mean by “Is’Thunzi, was a defining moment in the young actress’ career”? (1)

Refer to paragraph 5:

- 1.10 *“Thuso is just such a powerful performer, she found a way to access this character so that when I spoke to her, I consistently saw Cora.”* (2)

What is the meaning of this sentence?

Refer to paragraph 6:

- 1.11a What effect did being away from home have on Thuso Mbebu? (1)

- 1.11b How did she deal with it? Explain your response. (2)

Refer to paragraph 7:

- 1.12 Why does the author mention how many followers Mbebu has on her various social media platforms? (1)

- 1.13 Why is "The Woman King" written in italics? (1)

Refer to paragraph 8:

- 1.14 When is "The Woman King" set? (1)

- 1.15 Explain the phrase "overnight success". (1)

Refer to the text as a whole:

- 1.16 Thuso Mbebu is a positive role model to the youth of South Africa. (2)
Do you agree with the above statement? Explain your answer.

Refer to Text B:

1.17 Identify any FOUR of the logos (symbols) shown in the image. (4)

1.18a Explain the message of the image in Text B. (2)

1.18b How is Text B linked to paragraph 7 of Text A? (2)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A: 30 MARKS

SECTION B: SUMMARY**QUESTION 2**

Read the passage (TEXT C) below and provide SEVEN points on **how to take care of a parrot**.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Your summary should include 7 points and NOT exceed 80-90 words.
- Your summary must be in a well-written paragraph.
- You are NOT required to include a title for your summary.
- Indicate an accurate word count clearly at the end of your summary.

TEXT C:**Getting ready to own a parrot**

There are many different kinds of birds that people keep as pets but owning a parrot is unique, as these birds are known to be very intelligent, as they require extra care.

Owning a bird may seem easy but these feathered friends may prove to be a lot of hard work. Although owning a parrot is rewarding, there are many challenges to consider when taking care of it.

You need to purchase a safe, spacious cage as giving your bird enough room to move around while in a cage is essential. It is important to ensure that your parrot receives enough sunshine and fresh air so you must have the ideal spot to keep your parrot.

Parrots are very noisy. This may not sit well with neighbours who live close so it is important that there is distance between you and your neighbours so that your parrot can freely 'chat'. Feed your parrot a balanced diet consisting of fruits, seeds, and nuts. Cleaning the cage where you keep your parrot regularly is important as a dirty cage may lead to your parrot falling ill.

Parrots are intelligent birds, but they do get bored. You must buy toys for your parrot and chewable treats to keep it busy while you are away at work. Like any other pet, parrots need regular check-ups. Therefore, it is important to have a veterinarian nearby in case of emergencies. Parrots are teachable. They must be trained slowly and carefully; this requires you to be patient when teaching them different tricks and behaviours.

Source: adapted from Animal Antics

SECTION C: LANGUAGE STRUCTURE AND USE

QUESTION 3

ANALYSING CARTOONS

TEXT D:



Source: <https://za.pinterest.com/pin/234539093071650364/>

FRAME 1

FRAME 2

FRAME 3

FRAME 4

Refer to frame 3:

- 3.1 Give a visual clue that shows Hobbes is thinking in frame three. (1)

Refer to the cartoon as a whole:

- 3.2 What is Calvin’s attitude throughout this cartoon? (1)

- 3.3 Give TWO visual clues that show this attitude. (1)

Refer to frame 4:

- 3.4 What does Calvin mean by: “the world bores you when you’re cool.” (2)

(5)

TEXT E:



Source:

<https://www.pinterest.ca/pin/496873771363378647/>

FRAME 1

FRAME 2

Refer to frame 1:

3.5 How is Calvin feeling in frame one? (1)

3.6 How do we know Calvin feels this way? (1)

Refer to frame 2:

3.7 Give a visual clue that shows Hobbes cannot see. (2)
Explain why this visual clue tells us that he cannot see.

3.8 What does Calvin mean by 'hang around' in frame two? (1)

(5)

TOTAL FOR LANGUAGE SECTION: 50

- 4.4 Explain what the speaker/persona means by
“If you can't be the sun be a star” (line 14) (2)

(5)

SEEN POEM - Text G

Read the poem below and answer the questions which follow.

Follower ~ By Seamus Heaney

My father worked with a horse-plough,
His shoulders globed like a full sail strung
Between the shafts and the furrow.
The horse strained at his clicking tongue.

An expert. He would set the wing 5
And fit the bright steel-pointed sock.
The sod rolled over without breaking.
At the headrig, with a single pluck

Of reins, the sweating team turned round 10
And back into the land. His eye
Narrowed and angled at the ground,
Mapping the furrow exactly.

I stumbled in his hob-nailed wake,
Fell sometimes on the polished sod;
Sometimes he rode me on his back 15
Dipping and rising to his plod.

I wanted to grow up and plough,
To close one eye, stiffen my arm.
All I ever did was follow 20
In his broad shadow round the farm.

I was a nuisance, tripping, falling,
Yapping always. But today
It is my father who keeps stumbling
Behind me, and will not go away.

4.5 Name the figure of speech used in line 2. (1)
 "His shoulders globed like a full sail strung"

4.6 Explain the effectiveness of the above figure of speech. (2)

4.7 How do we know that the speaker's father took his job seriously? Quote from the poem as your answer. (1)

4.8 What do you think the poet's message is? (1)

(5)

QUESTION 5

SHORT STORIES

Her First Ball ~ By Katherine Mansfield

Text H

"Oh, dear, how hard it was to be indifferent like the others! She tried not to smile too much; she tried not to care. But every single thing was so new and exciting...Meg's tuberose, Jose's long loop of amber, Laura's little dark head, pushing above her white fur like a flower through snow. She would remember this forever. It even gave her a pang to see her cousin Laurie throw away the wisps of tissue paper he pulled from the fastenings of his new gloves. She would like to have kept those wisps as a keepsake, as a remembrance. Laurie leaned forward and put his hand on Laura's knee."

5.1 Where are the characters going in the above text? (1)

5.2 What is a "tuberose"? (1)

5.3.1 How is the main character, Leila, feeling in this extract? (1)

5.3.2 How do you know she is feeling this way? (1)

5.3.3 Quote to support your answers from 5.3.1 and 5.3.2 (1)

TEXT I

“Leila gave a light little laugh, but she did not feel like laughing. Was it – could it be true? It sounded terribly true. Was this first ball only the beginning of her last ball, after all? At that the music seemed to change; it sounded sad, sad; it rose upon a great sigh. Oh, how quickly things changed! Why didn’t happiness last forever? Forever wasn’t a bit too long.”

5.4 What has caused Leila to feel this sudden change in emotion? Explain your answer fully. (3)

Reference to the text as a whole:

5.5 What does this short story show about the different roles of men and women? (2)
Explain your answer.

TOTAL FOR SECTION D = 20 MARKS

TOTAL FOR ENTIRE PAPER = 70 MARKS