

HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL



November 2013

ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE

PAPER 3 – WRITING

Grade 8

Time: 2 hours

Marks: 100

N.B. This question paper consists of 6 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

SECTION A: ESSAY
QUESTION 1

Write an essay of between 300 – 350 words (1½ to 2 pages) on ONE of the following topics below. (1.1 – 1.5)

The following will be assessed:

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

1.1 The sound of children's laughter. [50]

OR

1.2 The lonely old person on the park bench [50]

OR

1.3 Africa [50]

OR

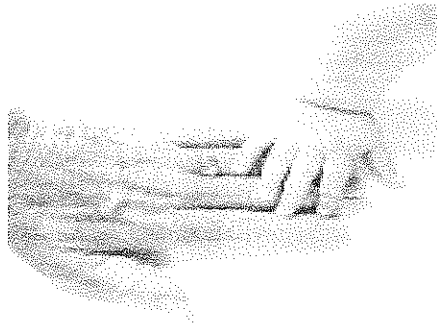
1.4 This is a story that I will tell my children one day [50]

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.

1.51



[50]

OR

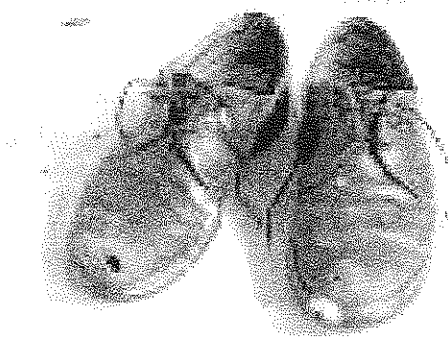
1.5.2



[50]

OR

1.5.3



[50]

TOTAL SECTION A: 50

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 (60%)
- Language, style and Editing (40%)

2.1 SPEECH [25]

You feel very strongly about a certain cause, for example, water conservation, assisting people or animals in need etc.

Write a speech in which you persuade your peers to join you in your fight for change.

2.2 FORMAL LETTER [25]

Your family recently went for dinner at a local restaurant.

Write a letter to the manager of the restaurant in which you either compliment or criticise her on the service and quality of the meal that you received.

2.3 ADVERTISEMENT

[25]

Use the photograph below to create a suitable advertisement for a product or service of your choice.



NOTE: Marks will NOT be awarded for drawings, sketches etc.

2.4 INSTRUCTIONS

[25]

Write a set of instructions for next year's grade 8s on how to successfully prepare for high school examinations.

TOTAL SECTION B : 50

TOTAL MARKS [100]