

HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL



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ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE

GRADE 10  
PAPER 3

Time: 2 hours

Marks: 100

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N.B. This question paper consists of 6 pages

**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

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

1. This question paper consists of TWO sections:  
**SECTION A: Essay (100 marks)**  
**SECTION B: Transactional Writing (2 x 25 = 50 marks)**
2. Follow the instructions at the beginning of each section carefully.
3. You are required to write ONE essay and TWO transactionals.  
Recommended time allocation:  
Essay: 1 hour  
Transactional: 1 hour (2 x 30 minutes)
4. Number your answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
5. Start EACH section on a NEW page.
6. Write neatly and legibly.

**SECTION A: ESSAY**

**QUESTION 1**

Write an essay of 300 – 350 words (2 – 2 ½ pages) on ONE of the following topics.  
Write down the NUMBER and TITLE/HEADING of your essay.

1.1. "Life unfolds itself in mysterious ways." –*Kahlil Gibran* (50)

OR

1.2. The garden of fire (50)

OR

1.3. "Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference." ~ *Winston Churchill* (50)

OR

1.4. A cold winter morning (50)

OR

1.5. Courtesy and good manners are no longer part of today's society. (50)

OR

1.6. "Once you've learned how to build your own track, it'll take you to the finish line" ~  
*Pentatonix (First Things First)* (50)

OR

1.7. The following pictures may 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.

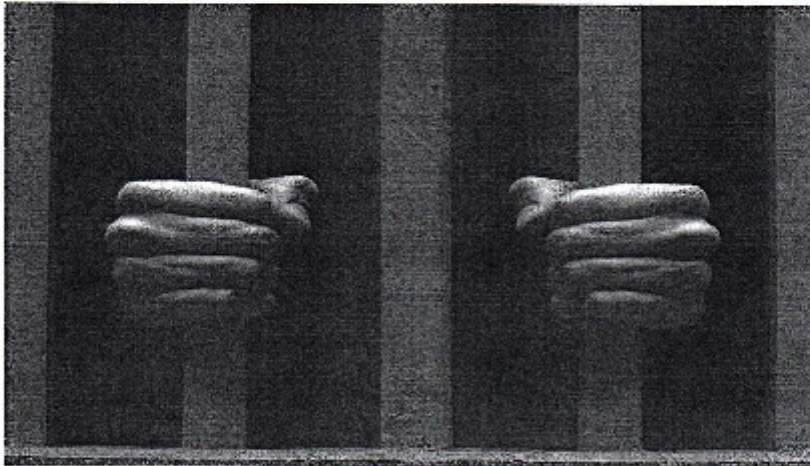
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OR

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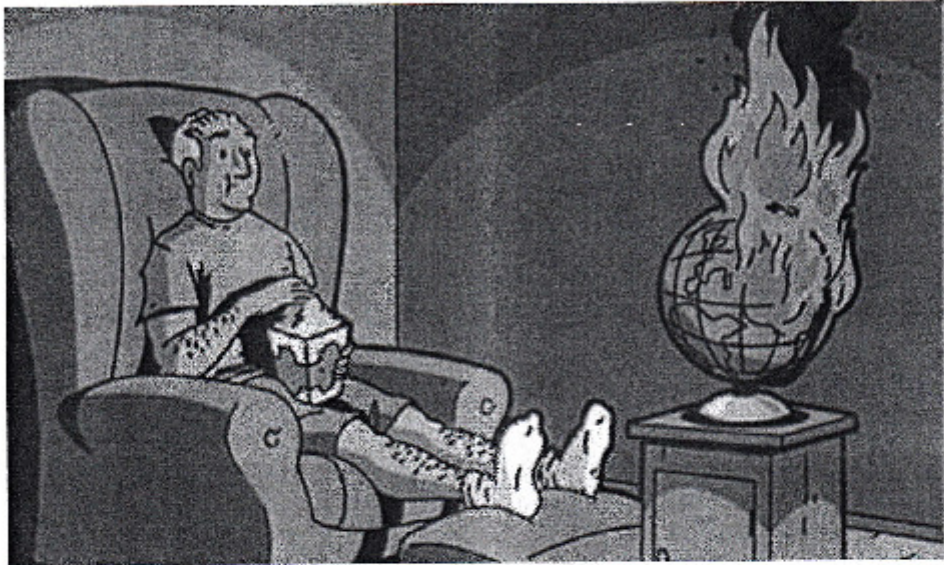
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OR

1.7.3.



(50)

TOTAL: SECTION A (50 MARKS)

**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) in length.

Pay careful attention to the following:

- Audience, register, tone and style
- Choice of words and language structure
- Format

Write down the NUMBER and TITLE/HEADING of the text you have chosen, e.g. 2.1  
Letter to the Editor

**2.1. FORMAL LETTER**

Hillcrest High School is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As the Chairperson of the RCL, you are tasked with getting sponsors for the celebration.

Write a letter to a local business asking them to contribute to this event. [25]

OR

**2.2. DIALOGUE**

Think of someone whom you admire for what he/she has achieved in his/her lifetime. This person may be someone whom you know, someone famous, or someone who has died. Imagine that you can have a brief conversation with this person.

Write out the transcript of the conversation. Use the dialogue format. [25]

OR

**2.3. OBITUARY**

Write an obituary on a celebrity who has passed away recently. Make sure to include relevant details. [25]

OR

**2.4. FRIENDLY LETTER**

Your best friend has asked if he/she can come and live with your family for a year while he/she finishes school. There is no space in your house for this.

Kindly refuse the request, and suggest alternatives.

[25]

OR

**2.5. MAGAZINE ARTICLE**

Young people of today experience an enormous amount of pressure to have material things.

Write an article for publication in your favourite magazine, in which you give advice on how to deal with this aspect of teenage life.

[25]

**TOTAL: SECTION B (50 MARKS)**

**GRAND TOTAL: 100 MARKS**

