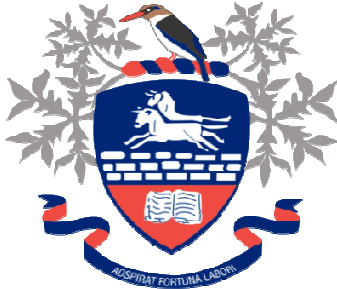


# HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL



**November 2015**  
**ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 3 – WRITING**

**Grade 8**

**Time: 2 hours**

**Marks: 100**

**N.B. This question paper consists of 7 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 piece)



**SECTION A: ESSAY**  
**QUESTION 1**

Write an essay of between 250 – 300 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 *African Thunderstorm* [50]

**OR**

1.2 "One day your life will flash before your eyes. Make sure it's worth watching."  
*Unknown*

[50]

**OR**

1.2 **THE MORNING FRESHNESS**

[50]

**OR**

1.3 *the power of music* [50]

**OR**

1.4 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.

1.5.1



[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 MAGAZINE ARTICLE

As a committee member of the school's magazine, *The Outlook*, write a magazine article on the highlights of Hillcrest High school's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

(You will not be assessed on the accuracy of facts but rather on your content and structure)

[25]

#### 2.2 ADVERTISEMENT

Your family runs a home business, making products such as cards, jewellery, cup cakes etc.

Create an advertisement to promote the sale of one of the products to your community.

You should include a brand name, a slogan, logo, details of the product, the price, where you can find it etc.

(Remember to include a variety of language devices in your advertisement.)

[25]

**2.3 SPEECH**

It is “environment friendly” week at your school. As a member of the school’s “Eco Club”, you have been asked to address the staff and learners on the importance of recycling.

Write the speech that you would deliver.

[25]

**2.4 FORMAL LETTER**

You and a group of learners plan to assist the “Gardening Club” along with “Interact” in landscaping a garden for the CANSA association, so that children suffering from cancer have a place to spend time with their loved ones whilst they are receiving treatment. In order for this project to be successful, you are required to find sponsors.

Write a letter to Mr Pillay, the manager at Checkers (Hillcrest), asking him to sponsor this worthy project.

[25]

**TOTAL SECTION B: 50**

**TOTAL MARKS [100]**