



HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL
ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE
NOVEMBER 2018, GRADE 9
PAPER 3 (WRITING)



Time: 2 hours
Examiner: Mr R. Neale

Marks: 40
Moderator: Mrs N. Atkinson

INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS

Setting out your work

1. Draw a 2cm wide margin on the right-hand side of each page of your answer booklet.
2. Write your English teacher's name on your answer booklet.
3. Use the inside cover of your answer booklet's cover page to plan.
4. You must plan (e.g. a mind map/diagram/flow chart/key words etc.), edit and proofread your work. The plan must appear BEFORE the answer.
5. All planning must be clearly indicated as such. It is advisable to draw a line through all planning.
6. Number each response as the topics are numbered in the question paper.
7. Rule off after each question.

Structure of the paper:

8. This question paper consists of TWO sections:
 - a. Section A: Creative Writing 20 marks
 - b. Section B: Transactional Texts 2 x 10 = 20 marks
9. You are required to answer ONE question from Section A and TWO questions from Section B.

Advice

11. Ensure that you have all 4 pages of this question paper.
12. Write legibly and present your work neatly.
13. Use your time carefully. Suggested time management:
 - a. 60 minutes on SECTION A
 - b. 60 minutes on SECTION B

SECTION A: ESSAY

Question 1

Write an essay on ONE of the following topics below (1.1 – 1.9)

- If you choose an image, you must provide your own title for your essay.
- Length: 250 – 300 words (1½ to 2 pages)

The following will be assessed:

1. Content and planning (50%)
2. Language and Editing (25%)
3. Structure (25%).

There are six written prompts and three images to choose from. Choose only ONE.

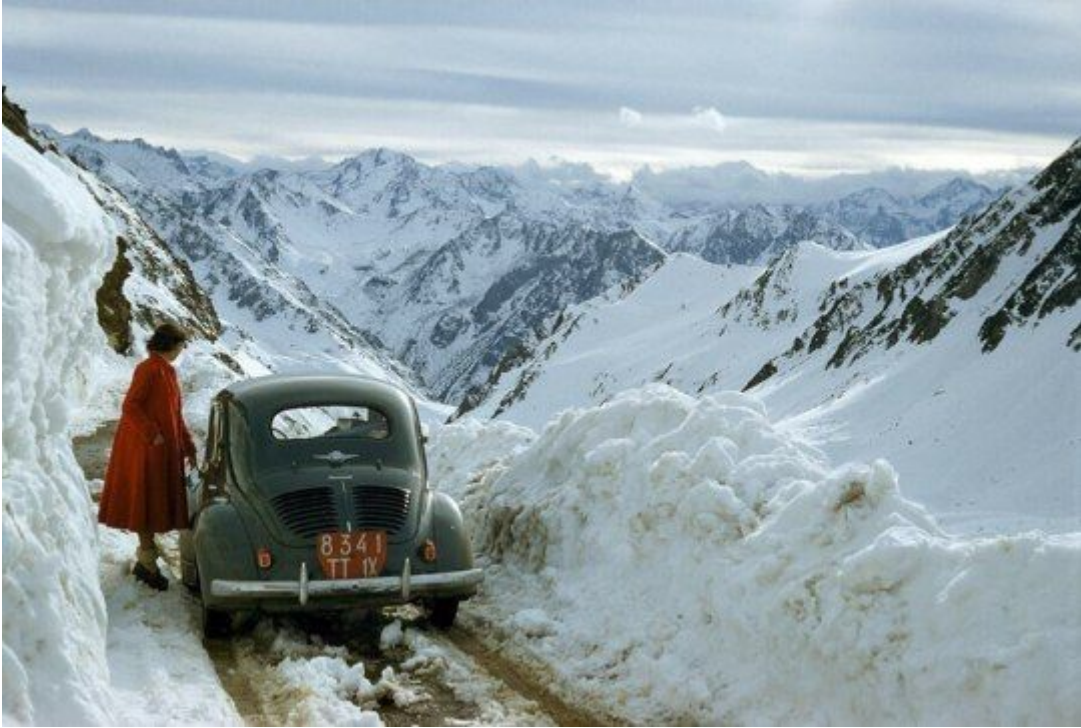
1. These dark woods.
2. In a dusty corner of the cosmos.
3. A snowball fight.
4. I was a child and it was a summer's afternoon.
5. Flowers on his chest.
6. Haunted.

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[TOTAL SECTION A: 20 MARKS]

SECTION B: Transactional Writing
Question 2

Respond to TWO of the following topics.

- Length: the body of your answer should be 160 – 180 words.

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
- Language, style and editing

2.1 INFORMAL LETTER

A certain teacher made a big impression on you this year. Write to a friend telling them about your chosen teacher.

2.2 FORMAL LETTER

You are a general during WWII. One of your soldiers died heroically in combat. Write a letter home to his parents informing them of his death.

2.3 DIALOGUE

Write a dialogue between a character in a fantasy novel or film and their mentor. The character has been tasked with a magical mission of epic proportions and the mentor wants to have one last encouraging conversation with him or her, reminding him or her of the important aspects of the mission.

2.4 MAGAZINE ARTICLE

In your experience, high school romances can be very exciting, but there are also things to be wary of. Write a magazine article in which you touch on both these aspects, as well as give some tentative advice to your fellow students.

2.5 REVIEW

You recently saw a film which made a big impression on you. Write a review in which you discuss the film. Your review may include (but should not be limited to) the following aspects: setting, characters, plot, acting, cinematography and social relevance.

[TOTAL SECTION B: 10 x 2 = 20 MARKS]

[GRAND TOTAL: 40 MARKS]