

Hillcrest High School

Grade 10

ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE P3

October 2025

MARKS: 100

TIME: 3 Hours

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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of TWO sections:

SECTION A: Essay (50)

SECTION B: Transactional Texts (2 x 25) (50)

2. Answer ONE question from SECTION A and TWO questions from SECTION B.
3. Write in the language in which you are being assessed.
4. Start EACH section on a NEW page.
5. You must plan (e.g. Using a mind-map/ a diagram/ flow chart/ key words, etc.), edit and proofread your work. The plan must appear BEFORE the essay.
6. All planning must be clearly indicated as such. It is advisable to draw a line through all planning.
7. You are strongly advised to spend your time as follow:
SECTION A: approximately 100 minutes
SECTION B: approximately 80 (2 x 40) minutes
8. Number the answers correctly and according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
9. The title/heading must NOT be considered when doing a word count.
10. Write neatly and legibly.

Section A: Essay

Question 1

Write an essay of 300-350 words on ONE of the following topics.

Write down the NUMBER and TITLE/HEADING of your essay.

1.1 That day, I told myself that sticks in a bundle are unbreakable. [50]

1.2 There is no such thing as privacy in the 21st century. [50]

1.3 "A tongue may weigh little, but it can crush a man" [50]

- Chinese Proverb

1.4 I can see it...it's right there! [50]

1.5 "I am so tired of waiting, aren't you,
For the world to become good
And beautiful and kind?" [50]

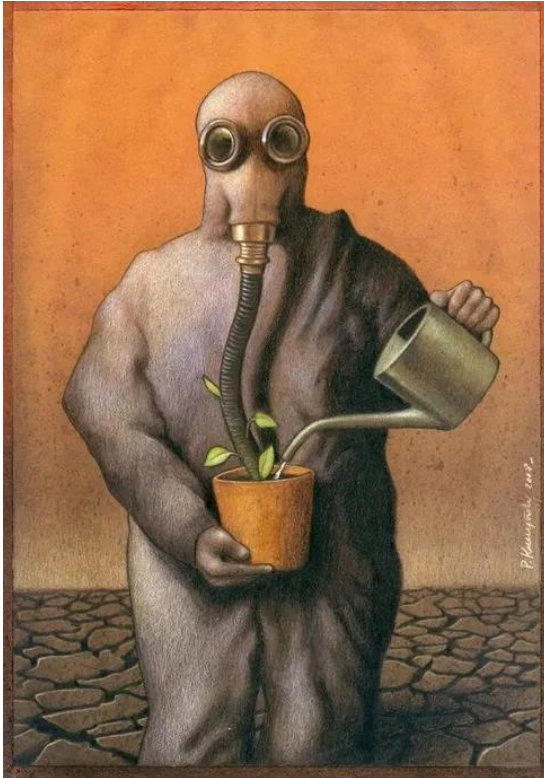
[Langston Hughes]

The pictures below 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 (1.6, 1.7, OR 1.8) 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.

1.6



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1.7



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1.8



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TOTAL SECTION A: 50

Section B: Transactional Texts

Question 2

- Respond to TWO of the following topics.
- The body of each of your answers 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
 - Format
- Write down the NUMBER and TITLE/HEADING of the text you have chosen, e.g. 2.1 SPEECH.

2.1 SPEECH

[25]

You are the representative of a group of students who are interested in increasing the number of languages offered at your school. You have been tasked with addressing the school governing body to propose your idea.

Write out the speech that you would deliver to the governing body.

2.2 DIALOGUE

[25]

Your neighbour has some irritating habits and in order to preserve the peace, you have remained quiet over the years. However, she/he has pushed you to the limit. You have decided to address the issues.

Write the dialogue that ensues.

2.3 MAGAZINE ARTICLE

[25]

A group of ex-convicts and former gang leaders started a youth development programme in your community. The success of this programme deserves praise.

Write an article, to be published in a magazine, in which you highlight the successes of the project and convince the readers that a similar project should be initiated in other communities.

2.4 LETTER TO THE PRESS**[25]**

Your local newspaper recently ran an article claiming that teenagers today are “lazy and unmotivated.”

As a young person, you strongly disagree with this statement. Write a Letter to the Editor in which you defend the youth of today.

2.5 FILM REVIEW**[25]**

You recently watched the South African film “Moffie” (2019), directed by Oliver Hermanus. The film tells the story of Nicholas, a young man conscripted into the apartheid-era South African army, who must hide his true identity in a harsh and prejudiced environment.

Write a review of the film for your school newspaper.

2.6 EMAIL**[25]**

Many learners at your school are feeling stressed due to exams, homework, and social pressures.

Write an email to your principal recommending ways the school could support learners’ mental health. Your email should include practical ideas to help students deal with stress and how these ideas will help students perform better and feel more supported.

TOTAL SECTION B: 50**GRAND TOTAL: 100**