



Hillcrest High School

Grade 8

LIFE ORIENTATION

NOVEMBER 2025

MARKS: 70

EXAMINER: Mrs McLaughlin

TIME: 1 Hour

MODERATOR: Mr Majola

NAME: _____

LO TEACHER: _____

- Write only in black or blue pen. *Work in pencil or any other colour will not be marked. Do not use correction fluid or highlight any answers.*
- Remember to write your name and your LO teacher's name in the space above.

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Section A (20)	Section B Q1 (15)	Section B Q2 (15)	Section C Q 1 (10)	Section C Q 2 (10)	

Section A: Short Questions (30 Marks)

Answer all the questions. Write the correct answer in the space provided.

True or False (5 marks)

1. Nation building only means building infrastructure such as roads and schools.
2. Heritage Day in South Africa is celebrated on 24 September each year.
3. Ubuntu means living in isolation and independently from others.
4. Buying Proudly South African products contributes to nation building.
5. Everyone has the right to an environment that is not harmful to their health or well-being.

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Multiple Choice (5 marks)

6. Which of the following is a natural World Heritage Site in South Africa?
 - a) Robben Island
 - b) Cradle of Humankind
 - c) Cape Floral Region
 - d) Mapungubwe

7. Which campaign was launched in 2010 to encourage South Africans to build national pride?
 - a) Proudly South African
 - b) Lead SA
 - c) Gift of the Givers
 - d) Mandela Day

8. Which of the following is an example of environmental crime?
 - a) Recycling plastics at home
 - b) Dumping hazardous waste illegally
 - c) Planting indigenous trees
 - d) Using energy-saving lightbulbs

9. Gender-based violence (GBV) can best be described as:

- a) Violence only between strangers.
- b) Harmful acts directed at a person based on their gender.
- c) Violence that only happens in schools.
- d) A crime that does not affect human rights.

10. Which of the following is a responsibility of learners in school?

- a) To disrupt teaching and learning.
- b) To respect teachers and fellow learners.
- c) To ignore school rules.
- d) To litter in the classroom.

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Definitions (10 marks): Provide a definition in full sentence, for the following words/concepts

11. Environmental Crime:

12. Culture:

13. Ubuntu:

14. Earth Day:

15. Incineration:

Section B: Contextual Questions

Question 1:

"Lead SA is a campaign to remind South Africans that we have the power to change our country for the better. We all have a responsibility to make the world a better place. This can be something small like smiling at a stranger or something big like protecting human rights."

1.1 What is the main aim of Lead SA? (2)

1.2 Discuss two examples of how learners can take responsibility in their community. (2x2)

1.3 Explain how campaigns like Lead SA can contribute to nation building. (3)

1.4 Insert the correct name for the following South African symbols:

National Bird _____

National Animal _____

National Flower _____

National Fish _____

National Tree _____

National Anthem _____

(6)

Question 2

"Sipho notices that a learner at his school is being bullied online because she spoke out against gender-based violence. Some learners make hurtful comments and spread lies about her."

2.1 Identify the type of violence Sipho's classmate is experiencing. (2)

2.2 Which right of the learner is being violated? (2)

2.3 Suggest two ways Sipho and other learners can support the victim. (2x2)

2.4 Explain why it is important for schools to address GBV. (2)

2.5 Bullying through social media can be called _____ (1)

2.6 Discuss 2 reasons why people think it is easy to get away with bullying others online (2x2)

