

# HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL



August/September 2019

## ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE

### Grade 12

**Time: 2 ½ hours**

**Paper 3**

**Marks: 100**

**Examiner: Miss S. Boyce**

**Moderator: Mrs N. Atkinson**

N.B. This question paper consists of 9 pages

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

1. This question paper consists of TWO sections:  
Section A: Creative Writing 50 marks  
Section B: Transactional Texts (25 x 2) 50 marks
2. You are required to answer ONE question from Section A and TWO from Section B.
3. Draw a 2 cm margin on the right hand side of each page of your answer booklet.
4. Rule off on completion of EACH section.
5. You MUST plan, edit and proof-read your work. The plan must appear BEFORE the answer.  
Remember to draw a line through all planning.
6. Number each response as it is numbered on the question paper.
7. Write neatly and legibly.

## **SECTION A: ESSAY**

### **Question 1**

**Instructions:**

Write an essay of 400 – 450 words (2 – 2 ½ pages) on ONE of the following topics:

The following will be assessed:

- Content and planning (60%)
- Language and editing (30 %)
- Structure (10%)

- 1.1 “Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale.” Hans Christian Anderson [50]  
**OR**
- 1.2 “The heart was made to be broken.” - Oscar Wilde [50]  
**OR**
- 1.3 Set it free [50]  
**OR**
- 1.4 “Our greatest fear should not be of failure... but of succeeding at things in life that don’t really matter.” - Francis Chan [50]  
**OR**
- 1.5 The pursuit of the ordinary [50]  
**OR**
- 1.6 “Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone.” - Pablo Picasso [50]  
**OR**
- 1.7 The pictures reproduced on page 3 and 4 might 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.

1.7.1



Source: <https://digital-photography-school.com/focus-on-thomas-leuthard-street-photographer/>

[50]

OR

1.7.2



Source: <https://www.trendhunter.com/trends/caras-ionut>

[50]

OR

1.7.3



Source: <http://weknowyourdreams.com/shadow.html>

[50]

**TOTAL SECTION A: 50 MARKS**

## **SECTION B: TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS**

### **QUESTION 2:**

#### **Instructions:**

Respond to TWO of the following topics.

- The body of your answer should be 180 – 200 words.
- Pay careful attention to word choice and language structures and ensure the correct format is used.

The following will be assessed:

- Content, planning and format (60 %)
- Language, style and editing (40%)

### **2.1 DIALOGUE**

A member of your family is unhappy about the choices you are making about your first year out of school. Write the dialogue between you and one of your family members using the quote below as your stimulus.



Source: <https://www.practical-personal-development-advice.com/choices-quotes.html>

[25]

**OR**

## 2.2 OBITUARY

A close friend of yours died after a short illness. He/she always reminded you that “A friend is someone who understands your past, believes in your future, and accepts you just the way you are.”

Write his/her obituary.

[25]

OR

## 2.3 LETTER TO THE EDITOR

*More websites blocked as China launches new internet cleanup campaign*

China has launched a campaign to clean up its internet, state media said on Wednesday, amid a fresh wave of apparent censorship by authorities that has blocked more foreign media websites and shut down domestic accounts on social media.

The "rectification" effort was launched in May by the cyberspace administration, the information technology ministry, the public security bureau and the markets regulator and will run until the end of the year, the official Xinhua news agency said.

The campaign will punish and expose websites for "illegal and criminal actions", failing to "fulfil their obligation" to take safety measures or the theft of personal information, it added.

The campaign follows a series of shutdowns and blockages of certain websites and social media accounts.

Several foreign media beyond Beijing's control, such as the Washington Post and The Guardian, have not been accessible online since last weekend, adding to a list of blocked sites that includes Reuters.

Online Chinese financial news publication Wallstreetcn.com said on Monday it took its website and mobile app offline at the authorities' request, but gave no details of the rules it may have broken.

Social media accounts ranging from those publishing politically sensitive material to financial news have also been shut.

Source: Adapted from an article written by Huizhong Wu published online at <https://www.iol.co.za/news/world/more-websites-blocked-as-china-launches-new-internet-cleanup-campaign-26057741>

You feel strongly about the issue raised in the extract above.

Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper in which you express your views on the matter.

[25]

OR

## 2.4 REVIEW

You recently went to watch a new film adaptation of “The Picture of Dorian Gray”. Write a review of the film that would be published in a local newspaper.



Source: [https://www.movieposter.com/poster/MPW-75574/Dorian\\_Gray.html](https://www.movieposter.com/poster/MPW-75574/Dorian_Gray.html)

[25]

OR



## 2.6 MAGAZINE ARTICLE



Source: <http://www.lovethepic.com/image/346968/darkness-cannot-drive-out-darkness-only-light-can-do-that>

You have been asked to write an article for your local teen magazine on the importance of acceptance and tolerance in the wake of the recent surge in xenophobia.

Write the article you would submit using the quote above as a starting point.

[25]

**TOTAL SECTION B: 25 x 2 = 50 marks**

**GRAND TOTAL: 100 MARKS**