

# HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL



August 2020

## ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE

### Grade 12 Paper 3

Time: 3 hours  
Examiner: Miss S. Ramsout

Marks: 100  
Moderator: Mrs N. Atkinson

N.B. This question paper consists of 8 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 & TWO from Section B.
3. Rule off on completion of EACH section.
4. Number each response as it is numbered on the question paper.
5. Write neatly and legibly.

**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/a flow chart/key words), edit and proofread your work. The plan must appear BEFORE the answer.
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 follows:  
SECTION A: approximately 90 minutes  
SECTION B: approximately 90 (2 x 45) minutes
8. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
9. The title/heading must NOT be included when doing a word count.
10. Write neatly and legibly.

**SECTION A: ESSAY**

**Question 1:**

Write an essay of 400–450 words (2–2½ pages) on ONE of the following topics.

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

1.1. “What is infinite? The universe and the greed of men.” — Leigh Bardugo,  
Shadow and Bone [50]

**OR**

1.2. Social media activism is useful but not compulsory – silence is an option. [50]

**OR**

1.3. “Hold fast to dreams  
For if dreams die  
Life is a broken-winged bird  
That cannot fly.” – Langston Hughes [50]

**OR**

1.4. I survived, I thrived and I became the person I am today. [50]

**OR**

1.5. Education is the one thing nobody can take from you. [50]

**OR**

1.6. 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 (1.6.1, 1.6.2 or 1.6.3) of your choice and give your essay and title.

NOTE: There must be a clear link between your essay and the picture you have chosen.

1.6.1.



Source: <https://www.pennmedicine.org/news/-/media/images/pr%20news/news/2020/july/ww2.ashx>

OR

1.6.2.



Source: <https://kidsguidemagazine.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/bonfire5-1024x538.jpg?x25763>

OR

1.6.3.



Source: <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/the-nature-cure/>

**TOTAL SECTION A: 50 MARKS**

## 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 structure
  - Format
- Write down the NUMBER and TITLE/HEADING of the text you have chosen, e.g. 2.1 Letter to the Editor.

#### **2.1. Letter to the Editor**

The following is an extract from an article discussing mental health in children.

##### **Children Won't 'Grow Out Of It' - They Must Be Taught Mental Health In School**

Cara-Louise Scott discusses the heartbreaking mental health crisis, arguing that children must be taught mental health in schools.

Around 1 in 5 of the world's children and adolescents have a mental disorder, and about half of mental disorders begin before the age of 14. When these figures make up these disturbing statistics, there leaves no questions on why we should be pushing schools to teach children about mental health.

<https://www.redbrick.me/children-wont-grow-out-of-it-they-must-be-taught-mental-health-in-school/>

Write a letter to the editor of *The Sunday Times* in which you discuss your opinions on this topic. [25]

#### **2.2. Speech**

The Emerging Young Leaders Award Program recognises youth around the world for their efforts to create positive social change. You were the South African winner for 2021.



Source: <https://www.legacyintl.org/emerging-young-leaders-award/>

Write the speech you deliver to your school discussing why you received the award and what it means to be a Young Leader today. [25]

### 2.3. Obituary

A community leader from your area recently passed away after a long illness. Write their obituary for inclusion in the local newspaper. [25]

### 2.4. Magazine Article



Source: <https://cdn.broadbandsearch.net/blog/internet-safety-kids/cyberbullying.jpg>

Write an article for the *You Magazine* in which you discuss cyberbullying. Provide some sound advice to young people who may be victims - or perpetrators. [25]

### 2.5. Letter of Application



The France - South Africa Scholarship Programme is directed at South African students who intend to study in universities in France for postgraduate degrees.

Write your letter of application, indicating the characteristics and qualifications which make you the ideal candidate to receive this scholarship. [25]

**2.6. Interview:**



Source: <https://www.newscientist.com/issue/3230/>

You are a journalist for *New Scientist Magazine* and you have the opportunity to interview either Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos or Richard Branson to discuss their interest in and attempts to go to space.

Write out the transcript of the interview.

[25]

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

**GRAND TOTAL: 100 MARKS**

