

SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION - 2005

ENGLISH SECOND/ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE P3 HIGHER GRADE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2005

Marks: 80

2 Hours

This question paper consists of 8 pages.



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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

SECTION A: Extended writing (40 marks)

SECTION B: Shorter pieces of writing (20 marks)

SECTION C: Other shorter pieces of writing (20 marks)

- 1. Candidates are required to answer **ONE** question from **EACH** section.
- 2. Use the **TITLE** provided for your essay. For the shorter pieces, use the **HEADING** given next to the question number.
- 3. Number each question you have chosen exactly as it appears on the question paper.
- 4. Start each section on a new page.
- 5. Do not write in capital letters.
- 6. Write neatly and legibly to assist markers to mark your work.
- 7. Pay special attention to spelling, grammar and sentence construction.
- 8. We recommend that you plan your work and make rough drafts.
- 9. Neatly cross out all rough work before handing in your work.
- We recommend that you re-read your work before you hand it in.



SECTION A: EXTENDED WRITING

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer ONE of the following questions.
- Spend about 60 minutes (1 hour) on this section.
- It is advisable to draw up a brief plan before you write your essay.
- Write an essay of 250 300 words.

QUESTION 1

Modern life is stressful. Various demands are made on us at work and at home. Describe some of these demands and suggest ways in which we can reduce our stress levels.

Entitle your essay: Coping with stress (40)

OR

QUESTION 2

When people obtain positions of power, they often abuse this power for their own benefit.

Do you agree with this statement or not? Give examples to support your arguments.

Entitle your essay: Power corrupts (40)

OR

QUESTION 3

Women perform better at work than men.

Write an essay in which you argue either for or against this statement. You may consider some of the following: efficiency, productivity, decision-making, communication skills and leadership.

Entitle your essay: Do women perform better at work than men? (40)

OR

QUESTION 4

I will never forget those eyes! Write a story in which these words appear.

Entitle your essay: I will never forget those eyes (40)

OR



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QUESTION 5

Write an essay in which you identify and describe the things that you are grateful for.

Entitle your essay: Things that I am grateful for (40)

TOTAL SECTION A: [40]



SECTION B: SHORTER PIECES OF WRITING

INSTRUCTIONS

- Spend about 30 minutes on this section.
- Choose ONE of the topics in this section to write on.
- Write about 120 150 words.
- If you choose a letter, the address(-es), salutation and ending must not be included in the allocated number of words.

QUESTION 6: INFORMAL LETTER

Study the school report below and follow the instructions given:

PROGRESS HIGH SCHOOL —JUNE REPORT 2005			
Name of learner Grade No. of days absent School reopens	Jonas Smith 10B 15 22 July 2005	Results Class teacher	Failed J.P. Baloyi
Subject	Mark	Remarks	
Maths	13%	Must improve	
Geography	22%	You can do better!	
Accounting	16%	Poor work!	
Physics	21%	Pull up your socks	
Biology	16%	Weak	
Sepedi	31%	Must work harder	

Instruction

Your younger brother, Jonas Smith, who is at boarding school, has done badly in the June examination. You are upset because you know that he is clever and can do much better. Write a letter to motivate him, and advise him on how to improve his marks.

(20)

OR



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QUESTION 7: LETTER TO THE PRESS

The following letter appeared in *The Village Press*:

Sir

Our education system does not do enough to encourage and develop children who are good at sport. Instead, academic achievement is over-emphasised. In view of the wonderful opportunities in sport and the huge salaries earned by professional sports people, should our education system not offer more opportunities for the sporting child?

Parent of a not-so-academic child

Write a letter to the editor of *The Village Press*, responding to this letter. Give your view on whether sport should receive more attention in schools or not. Motivate your opinion.

(20)

OR

QUESTION 8: DIALOGUE

A reckless young man loses control of his car, crashes through your fence and knocks down a wall of your house. You rush out to find him getting out of his car. He seems unhurt.

Write the conversation that takes place between you and the young man. (20)

TOTAL SECTION B: [20]



SECTION C: OTHER SHORTER PIECES OF WRITING

INSTRUCTIONS

- Spend about 30 minutes on this section.
- Choose ONE of the topics in this section to write on.
- The length of the piece of writing should be 120 150 words.

QUESTION 9: PARAGRAPHS

SHOSHOLOZA RADIO SURVEY

Shosholoza Radio wishes to review their programmes to ensure that they meet their listeners' needs. Please assist us by giving us your opinion.

Choose the TWO categories from those given below that you find most interesting.

Music Gardening

Cooking Health and well-being

Movies Business

Sport Travel and leisure

Write one paragraph on each of the categories you have chosen. In each of the two paragraphs tell us:

- why you would like us to broadcast more programmes in this category; and
- what you would like us to include in the programmes in this category.

(20)

OR



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QUESTION 10: MINUTES

You work for a large company that wishes to sponsor sport equipment for a school. You invite the principal and the School Governing Body to your company headquarters. You send out the following agenda:

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome by the company chairman
- 2. Business of the day
 - 2.1 Description of needs by the school principal
 - 2.2 Proposals by the company chairperson
 - 2.3 Proposed implementation plans
- 3. Date of the next meeting
- 4. Closure

Write out the minutes of this meeting. Use full sentences.

(20)

OR

QUESTION 11: WRITING A SPEECH

The local municipality has arranged a public awareness day on alcohol and drug abuse. The MEC for Health has been requested to be the guest speaker.

Write the speech on the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse that will be delivered by the MEC.

(20)

TOTAL SECTION C: [20]
GRAND TOTAL: 80

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