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SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

ENGLISH PRIMARY LANGUAGE HG
(First Paper: Comprehension and
Language)

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QUESTION 1
COMPREHENSION

1.1

- To entertain the reader in a humorous way.
- To illustrate that women are often taken for granted in a relationship.
- To show that people have to prioritise (i.e. cut down on expenses, do the morally correct thing instead of the financially expedient thing).
- To comment on the dangers of stereotyping.

Any **ONE** answer, similar to the above, well-expressed. (2)

1.2.1 To cope with a difficult situation in a cheerful manner (similar) (2)

1.2.2 The word grunt implies that he is not coping with the situation in a cheerful manner, he is not happy in his new role but has no choice but to put up with it (bear it) for a while. (2)

1.3.1 Simile / extended metaphor (accept either) Effect – rumblings refer to the dissatisfaction with his job which he ignored because of his financial security. Eruption refers to the actual act of resigning with its disastrous effects on his lifestyle. Candidates must compare these with the physical eruption of a volcano in order to achieve full marks. (4)

OR

1.3.2 Tornado – violent storm of small extent with whirling winds. Home seems like this to him, full of frenetic activity. He finds it frightening and stressful as his job has always allowed him to escape this.

Compares himself with a beast – a fearsome creature as he is obviously having to cope with discipline and therefore has to assert his authority. (4)

1.4.1 Person who believes in maintaining the accepted roles / Someone who clings to customs or beliefs which have been handed down to posterity / respect or support for accepted roles (something similar). (2)

1.4.2 Yes / No / Combination. (No mark for this). Mark reasons according to logic and expression. Candidates do not have to give 3 reasons. Credit mature, well-founded answers. Before he resigned, he was obviously satisfied with the stereotyped roles and he would like to return to his status of being the breadwinner but his experience of running the household has made him realise the stereotyped breadwinner actually escapes the mundane but very real responsibilities of everyday life. (Credit well founded variations). (3)

- 1.5.1 Morally / ethically he had to resign as he no longer believed in / agreed with decisions made by his employers, but financially he was putting his family at risk (something similar). (2)
- 1.5.2 PEB is an acronym which he has created from the three words Planet Equal Breadwinner (Acronyms are very popular in South Africa). The abbreviation is clumsy, less satisfactory when one considers that a new word can be created in this context. (2)
- 1.6 Because his wife has always coped with the household expenses, he has never thought about the actual cost of anything and has simply eaten what he has enjoyed. Prosciutto is an extremely expensive cold meat. Once he has considered the price of food, he decides that they will have to downgrade to ham. However, after he has taken all the other household expenses into consideration, he realises they might have to resort to eating polony, which is the cheapest of cold meats. The humour is tongue-in-cheek but is created by the fact that he is being forced to face reality. (3)
- 1.7.1 They actually sat down and communicated.
Although his wife was very supportive, she forced him to face facts.
He had to share the household tasks with her.
(Any valid points – candidates must give 3 points.) (3)

OR

- 1.7.2 The word **frazzled** means to be worn out or exhausted. In this context it implies that his wife would be very tired after a full day's work with the added responsibility of being the new breadwinner and possibly have little time to attend to his or the children's needs. **Wallowing** in the context implies that there was a danger that he would indulge in self-pity as a result of his dissatisfaction with his change in lifestyle. (3)
- 1.8 He might be begging the bank manager to grant him a loan / extended overdraft facilities. (Something similar) (2)
- 1.9 Any good example
Suggestions: "From Breadwinner to Bread-Butterer"
"The closest I was going to get to being pampered was buying and changing Pampers".

Answers must include an explanation of both sides of the pun and its effectiveness for full marks. (3)

OR

- 1.10 Style is relaxed, informal, figurative language used. Register largely colloquial
Source is a magazine, therefore style and register target a very broad audience.
Diction mixed – kids, prosciutto
Tone – wry, humorous, tongue-in-cheek. (3)

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QUESTION 2 SUMMARY

- The summary must be in the form of a newspaper article.
- The article must have a headline. The headline is not included in the word count.
- Register should be colloquial but no slang should be used.
- Word count must be indicated

Penalties:

Penalties for incorrect **FORMAT** and **REGISTER** will be imposed according to the grid.

- 1 for no headline
- 1 for not indicating word count
- 1 for 160 – 170 words
- 2 for more than 170 words

The summary should include most of the following points:

- Our lives are in good hands.
- Unexpected changes often bring rewards.
- Stumbling blocks / setbacks may make us question life.
- Serendipity (making happy discoveries by accident) provides relief.
- Always work towards your dreams.
- Action brings opportunity
- 'Big issues' become less important.
- Failure and the unknown are not worth worrying about.
- Failure can breed success.
- Taking risks is important.
- Other people subscribe to these beliefs.

Summary Evaluation Grid

Mark	Descriptor
10	Outstanding. All criteria fulfilled. Fluent and interesting. Error Free.
9	Excellent. All criteria met. Flowing English. Clear. Relevant.
8	Distinctive. Clear and fluid. Most facts included.
7	Very good. Reasonable command of English. Most facts included.
6	Pleasing. A reasonable attempt to meet the criteria. Average skills in writing and synthesis.
5	Mediocre. Limited understanding of task / passage. Pedestrian language.
4	Weak. Has not understood question or passage. An attempt.
3	Poor. Has not followed instructions. Limited language skills.
2	Very poor. Irrelevant information and / or limited language skills.
1	Drivel. Irrelevant. Illiterate.
0	Question not attempted.

If question is incomplete, attempt to fit it into one of the categories.

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**TEXT 3
ADVERTISING**

TEXT 3A

- 3.1 Mothers / fathers concerned about the health of their family.
All health-conscious people
Busy people who might need to supplement their diet. (Any 1) (2)

OR

- 3.2 As people live very busy lives, they may not be able to eat balanced meals on a daily basis. Natrodale products provide the necessary supplements in this event. (Something similar.) (2)
- 3.3.1 The slogan makes us believe that these products are natural and so encourages us to buy them. There is a suggestion of scientific evidence in the word 'balance'. (Any 1) (2)
- 3.3.2 The 'Proudly South African' logo encourages the consumer to buy local products. (2)
- 3.4 From the most active child to the demanding lifestyles of active adults, moms and dads, Natrodale's range of multivitamins is specifically tailored to meet the needs of each family member. (2)
- 3.5 For a baby to have bent the bars of its cot and to have escaped from its confines, it must be a strong and healthy baby, therefore the Natrodale products are working (something similar). (2)

TEXT 3B

- 3.6 Soft, feminine, emotional, unique, unpredictable, independent, decisive, strong, ambitious. (Any 2 with acceptable alternatives). (2)
- 3.7 Any good choice of emotive language with explanation. (2)
- 3.8 Our attention is first drawn to the picture of the beautiful woman. We then read the copy and cannot escape focusing on the photograph of the watches between the two columns. (3)
- 3.9 The repetition of the word connects the present, the woman, and the product and implies that today's woman has the courage, instinct, intelligence and means to make informed choices (something similar). (3)

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QUESTION 4
CONTEXTUAL EDITING

- 4.1.1 Relaxing (something similar) (1)
- 4.1.2 (a) The text is largely written in an informal style, using colloquial diction therefore this contraction is appropriate. (1)
- (b) Jo'burg (1)
- 4.2 deserted (2)
irritated
- 4.3.1 These 'sentences' start with conjunctions (admittedly for effect) therefore they are not grammatically acceptable. (2)
- 4.3.2 Accept variations
- The paragraph could consist of one long sentence **WITHOUT** commas before the conjunctions.
- Candidates might decide to reword sentence 2 and join it to sentence 3. Mark according to grammatical correctness. (4)
- 4.4.1 Man-type – compound adjective
- Beach-going – compound adjective (2)
- 4.4.2 Type / sort, class (something similar) (1)
- 4.5.1 Parenthesis
Adding personal point of view.
Information which, if excluded, does not change the meaning of the sentence.
Unnecessary information in the sentence
(Any 1) (2)
- OR**
- 4.5.2 Additional information
An explanation of the first part of the sentence. (2)

- 4.6.1 This sentence may be corrected by turning everything into the singular or everything into the plural.

I know the metrosexual is defined as a straight, sensitive, well-educated, urban dweller who's in touch with his feminine side.

OR

I know that metrosexuals are defined as straight, sensitive, well-educated, urban **dwellers** who are in touch with their feminine side. (2)

- 4.6.2 Tough, old-fashioned men went to / go to barbers while metrosexuals, with their focus on external appearance would go to a hair stylist. The word barber implies a less sophisticated / more basic approach (something similar). (2)

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QUESTION 5 MEDIA MANIA

TEXT 5A: Cartoon

- 5.1.1 Granny Anderson turns her head away from the television in disbelief / disgust when she hears that there will be an interruption in the programme in order to report on the trivial news of a change in David Beckham's hairstyle. She glares at Eve and Thandi when she is requested to turn up the sound. She sits forward and her mouth turns down in order to indicate her utter disgust at this turn of events. Her horror is displayed by the words in frame 8 and her reaction to Madam's (Gwen's) new hairstyle. Her scream of horror (Frame 9) and the act of covering her eyes with her hand (Frame 10) clearly indicate this. (Any 4 points which indicate that Granny Anderson is realistic). (4)

OR

- 5.1.2 Eve asks for the television to be turned up in Frame 3. Eve and Thandi are glued to the television in frames 4 – 7. Madam takes note of, and follows, fashion trends. Only Granny Anderson is disgusted by the interruption of trivial news. (4)
- 5.2 Satire is the use of ridicule, humour, irony etc to expose vice or foolishness in society. The purpose of satire is to reform society. This cartoon highlights the fact that we focus on unimportant issues / ignore important issues / are slaves to fashion. (Something similar – definition plus **one** good reason.) (3)
- 5.3 The television announcer stated (emphatically) that the new hairstyle had been African inspired, and was manly, with sweeping textures and colours. He added that, in his opinion, other international soccer players would have their work cut out for them to beat that bold new look. (Negative marking - ½ per error). (3)

TEXT 5B

- 5.4 Small country but accounts for 33% of sub-Saharan landmass GDP.
Average GDP growth up to 28% since 1994
Tourism thriving
Basic services have improved.
Black people now have top jobs. (Any 3 points) (3)
- 5.5 Unemployment is a huge problem.
Aids is a huge threat to future generations
Life expectancy goes down. (3)
- 5.6 Mark globally
Information must be presented in the form of a paragraph.
Candidates must comment on the shifting control of the country's wealth
and why this has occurred. (4)
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TOTAL: 100