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**ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE P1**

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**MARKS: 80**

**TIME: 2 hours**

**This question paper consists of 14 pages.**

**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. This question paper consists of THREE sections:  
  
SECTION A: Comprehension (30)  
SECTION B: Summary (10)  
SECTION C: Language (40)
2. Answer ALL the questions.
3. Read ALL the instructions carefully.
4. Start EACH section on a NEW page.
5. Leave a line between answers.
6. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
7. Pay special attention to spelling and sentence construction.
8. Write neatly and legibly.

**SECTION A: COMPREHENSION****QUESTION 1**

Read BOTH TEXT A and TEXT B and answer the set questions.

**TEXT A**

1	In South Africa, more than 8 million children currently receive social grants from the state. The Department of Social Welfare regards 1,5 million children as orphaned or vulnerable, but only 500 000 of these children have been placed in foster care, leaving a large number still waiting to be placed. Another cause for concern is that 20 000 households in our country are headed by children. Only 1 900 children are adopted in South Africa every year.	5
2	Poverty is often a root cause of child abandonment, threatening the hopes and dreams of these innocents. A mended pair of pants still shows its damage, and so it is with children who adapt to their environment but carry scars with them throughout their lives. Yet ever so often someone comes along and does a great patch-up job.	10
3	They say home is where the heart is. For the children of House Jerome, in Irene, the joy on their faces is proof of this. At first glance, you would not know that many were abandoned in dirty toilets or on rubbish dumps.	15
4	The family home of Basil and Dehlia Fernie serves as a shelter for abandoned babies and children seeking crisis care. Living in a household with ten children who are not your own seems like a job for an abnormal person. Why would anyone choose this lifestyle? For the past 28 years they have opened up their home to more than 300 children; nurtured and cared for them. Their purpose is to provide a stable place of safety which will help prepare these children for long-term foster families or potential adoptions.	20
5	The Fernies are a happy couple with a good sense of humour. After many years of being involved in children's ministries, they established House Jerome as a means to help children in need. With four biological children already, their home became a playground filled with love and dedication.	25
6	I notice Basil drinking coffee out of a mug with a picture of a teddy bear on it. What seems like a job that could truly drive a person insane is, in actual fact, the source of peace and contentment in their lives.	
7	One such example is the story of Jerome. At only ten days old, he was taken to House Jerome and set up for a possible adoption. It is just coincidence that the little boy carried the same name as the shelter. This encouraged the Fernies to adopt him as their own. Jerome was one of the first adoptions by a family from a different race. A decision that was unheard of before the 1994 elections has become a worldwide trend in recent years. Jerome confesses his upbringing was never focused around growing up with white parents. "I am here, this is me and this is my home. My family is just as normal as yours."	30  35

8	Jerome has had to face a number of challenges in his life, such as Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)*, academic failure and a struggle with drug addiction. Now 19, he is an optimistic young man about to write his matric. Dehlia notes that even though these children come with baggage, you cannot blame rejection for a child's wrongdoings. In the end, it was her love and commitment that saw Jerome through his teenage troubles. The family works closely with social workers to ensure a detailed screening process is done before all placements, and the majority are given the gift of a happy ending.	40  45
9	While some come and go, for Basil and Dehlia the joy lies in seeing how the child has grown and knowing they played a role in making a difference.	

[Adapted from *Center'd*, Spring 2010]

**GLOSSARY:**

- \* *Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)*: A condition causing people not to be able to concentrate on something for a long period of time.

**NOTE:**

- All questions must be answered in your own words, unless you are asked for a quotation.
- For one-word answers, write only the question number and the word.

1.1 Refer to paragraph 1.

1.1.1 Who is responsible for giving the numbers of 'orphaned or vulnerable' children? (1)

1.1.2 A large number of children are awaiting foster care or adoption. Identify another social problem mentioned in this paragraph. Do NOT quote. (1)

1.1.3 Choose the correct answer to complete the following sentence.

By using the word 'only' in line 6, the writer is emphasising that the number of children adopted is ...

- A acceptable.  
B too small.  
C incorrect.  
D too large. (1)

1.2 Refer to paragraph 2.

1.2.1 Using your OWN words, explain what is meant by the phrase 'root cause'. Refer to BOTH words. (2)

1.2.2 Explain why the writer compares 'a mended pair of pants' to children who 'carry scars with them'. (2)

- 1.3 Refer to paragraph 3.
- Quote FIVE consecutive words from the text that support the idea that the children of House Jerome are satisfied. (1)
- 1.4 Refer to paragraph 4.
- Using your OWN words, say what Basil and Dehlia Fernie's TWO long-term aims are in providing shelter for abandoned children. (2)
- 1.5 Refer to paragraph 5.
- 1.5.1 Why is it important for the Fernies to have a good sense of humour? (1)
- 1.5.2 Is the following statement TRUE or FALSE? Give a reason to support your answer.
- The Fernies do not have any children of their own. (2)
- 1.6 Refer to paragraph 6.
- 1.6.1 Do you think the picture of the teddy bear on Fernie's mug is suitable? Give TWO reasons for your answer. (2)
- 1.6.2 Quote a synonym for 'insane' (line 28). (1)
- 1.7 Refer to paragraph 7.
- 1.7.1 What encouraged the Fernies to adopt Jerome? (1)
- 1.7.2 What was unusual about Jerome's adoption? (1)
- 1.8 Refer to paragraph 8.
- 1.8.1 Write down any TWO difficulties Jerome has had to face in his life. (2)
- 1.8.2 In lines 41–42 it is stated: '... you cannot blame rejection for a child's wrongdoings'.
- Do you agree? Give a reason to support your answer. (2)
- 1.9 This passage does not have a title.
- 1.9.1 Provide a suitable title of no more than SIX words for this passage. (1)
- 1.9.2 Explain why you have chosen this particular title. (2)

**TEXT B**

## JOURNEY TO CONFIDENCE

When you are self-assured, you can tackle challenges head-on. But self-belief does not come naturally to everyone. Sometimes you need some help on the way to a more confident you.

**NOTE:** In this picture the girl is a mountain climber, swinging from a rope.

1.10 Refer to the following:

'... you can tackle challenges head-on.'

The word head-on, in the context of TEXT B, means ...

- A facing challenges directly.
- B hitting challenges with your head.
- C thinking about challenges often.
- D avoiding challenges. (1)

1.11 In your OWN words, explain what is meant by 'journey to confidence'. (2)

1.12 How is the idea of self-confidence supported by the picture? (2)

**TOTAL SECTION A: 30**

**SECTION B: SUMMARY WRITING****QUESTION 2**

Last year has been one of the most exciting yet stressful years of your life. You have been asked to talk to your fellow learners at the next school assembly on how to manage stress.

Read the passage (TEXT C) below and write a list of SEVEN points for inclusion in your talk.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. List SEVEN points in full sentences using NO MORE THAN 70 words.
2. Number your sentences from 1 to 7.
3. Write only ONE point per sentence.
4. Use your OWN words.
5. Indicate the total number of words you have used in brackets at the end of your summary.

**TEXT C****BEAT THE BURN**

We live in a stressful world. The general truth is that stress is not something that happens to you, but something you do to yourself. The good news is that there are a few things you can do to turn your stress into joy.

Our thoughts create stress. When you have negative pictures in your mind, deliberately change them into positive thoughts and paint the best possible pictures in your mind. Repeat this as many times as it takes. The purpose of meditation is to keep your attention in the present moment, away from stressful thoughts that are in the past or future. When your mind runs away, mentally relax and focus on your breathing. When you are stressed, you deprive your body of precious oxygen. At regular intervals, take ten deep breaths in and out, feeling your stomach move. Visualise oxygen going to your toes, fingertips and brain. Creativity takes your mind away from difficult issues, forcing you to focus on the task at hand. Being creative can, therefore, help you feel good while creating something beautiful.

Any form of exercise rids the body of unfriendly hormones. Exercise causes your body to release hormones which will leave you feeling great. Science has proven that laughing can beat illnesses, including cancer. Laughing rids the body of bad chemicals. Fill your diet with vegetables, fruit, nuts, lean meat and fish. Limit your caffeine intake which will not only stabilise your blood-sugar level, but also your mood. Do not have too many late nights as you could be deprived of sufficient rest.

Only you can turn your stress into joy.

[Adapted from *Longevity*, June 2009]

**TOTAL SECTION B: 10**

**SECTION C: LANGUAGE****VISUAL LITERACY****QUESTION 3: ANALYSING AN ADVERTISEMENT****NOTE:**

- For one-word answers, write only the question number and the word.
- For multiple-choice questions, write only the question number and the letter (A–D) of the correct answer.

Study the advertisement (TEXT D) on the next page and answer the set questions.

- 3.1 Why are the words 'New' and 'Smooth' written in a larger font (letters)?  
Give TWO possible reasons. (2)
- 3.2 Choose the correct answer to complete the following sentence.  
  
The advertiser repeats the words 'Number 1' because this product is ...  
  
A the best one available.  
B the only one available.  
C the oldest one on the market.  
D new on the market. (1)
- 3.3 Name TWO ingredients in this product that will ensure that the consumer will have enough energy. (2)
- 3.4 How does the picture of the three women support the message of the advertisement? (2)
- 3.5 Refer to the following words:  
  
'... keep your body fuelled up and ready to go.'  
  
What is the body being compared to in these words? (1)
- 3.6 Do you think this advertisement will appeal to male readers?  
Support your answer. (2)
- [10]**



## TEXT D

**NOTE:**



# New MAGEU NUMBER 1 Smooth

## • Need a Boost?

...then why not try new Mageu Number 1 Smooth!

Filled with the goodness of maize, this refreshingly smooth low fat energy drink is loaded with essential Vitamins and added Vitamin C to keep your body fuelled up and ready to go. Using the trusted Mageu Number 1 fermentation process but a finer grade of maize meal, Mageu Number 1 Smooth is creamier on the taste buds and so much more refreshing!

Available in three exciting new flavours, **Banana Custard, Strawberry Cream and Lemon & Lime**, Mageu Number 1 Smooth is conveniently packed in a 330ml carton with a resealable top.

**Mageu Number 1 Smooth ...  
@ work... @ home... @ play!**



**QUESTION 4: ANALYSING A CARTOON****NOTE:**

- For one-word answers, write only the question number and the word.
- For multiple-choice questions, write only the question number and the letter (A–D) of the correct answer.

Read the following cartoon (TEXT E) and answer the set questions.

**TEXT E**

**NOTE:** In this cartoon, Andy is the man in the striped jersey and Chalkie is his friend.

4.1 Refer to frame 1.

4.1.1 Identify the sport that Andy and Chalkie are talking about. (1)

4.1.2 Give TWO reasons for your answer to QUESTION 4.1.1. (2)

4.2 Refer to frame 1.

4.2.1 Choose the correct word to complete the following sentence:

Andy's feeling towards Chalkie is one of ...

- A affection.
- B despair.
- C jealousy.
- D anger. (1)

4.2.2 Give a reason for your answer to QUESTION 4.2.1. (1)

4.2.3 How do Chalkie's body language AND facial expression support his words? (2)

- 4.3 Do you think Chalkie's apology has had any effect on Andy throughout the cartoon?  
Give TWO reasons for your answer. (2)
- 4.4 Refer to frame 2.
- Why is the word STOP written in bold capital letters? (1)  
**[10]**

**QUESTION 5: LANGUAGE AND EDITING SKILLS****NOTE:**

- For one-word answers, write only the question number and the word.
- For multiple-choice questions, write only the question number and the letter (A–D) of the correct answer.

Read the following passage (TEXT F), which contains some deliberate errors, and answer the set questions.

**TEXT F****HOW TO READ BODY LANGUAGE**

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|---|---|----|
| 1 | Body language make up 50 to 100% of a conversation, whether we mean it to or not. Since people do not always say what they mean, Robert Phipps, body language expert on a TV show, tells you how to interpret this non-verbal clues.  |    |
| 2 | Eye contact is one of the most important aspects of body language. Most of us are comfortable with a few second's eye contact, but anything longer can seem aggressive or intense. Equally, if you are talking to a friend who looks away a lot, assume he is bored.  | 5  |
| 3 | If someone is on the same wavelength as you, he will often adopt the same posture as you. So if people start too copy you, it means they are open to your ideas. Most people cross their arms if they are feeling defensive or negative. So, even if someone says he agrees with you and he still crosses his arms, he really does not agree. | 10 |
| 4 | If you are training someone, it is usefull to know how his mind works. If a person's eyes move up and to the left while you are talking to him, he processes information visually. Yesterday, Robert Phipps said, "Mary, your eyes are the windows to your soul."   | 15 |
| 5 | When a person is lying he tends to become generally less expressive with his hands, but makes a lot of shrugging and hand-to-face movements.  |    |

[Adapted from *Reader's Digest*, March 2010]

5.1 Correct the SINGLE error in each of the following sentences:

5.1.1 Body language make up 50 to 100% of a conversation. (1)

5.1.2 Robert Phipps, a body language expert, tells you how to interpret this non-verbal clues. (1)

5.1.3 Most of us are comfortable with a few second's eye contact. (1)

5.1.4 If people start too copy you, it means they are open to your ideas. (1)

5.1.5 If you are training someone, it is usefull to know how his mind works. (1)

5.2 Rewrite the underlined abbreviation in the following sentence in full.

Robert Phipps is a body language expert on a TV show. (1)

5.3 Choose the correct answer from the ones given below.

If two people are on the same wavelength it means they ...

- A disagree with each other.
- B hate each other's ideas.
- C share the same ideas.
- D always agree. (1)

5.4 Change the following sentence into a tag question by filling in only the blanks:

Most people cross their arms if they are feeling defensive, ... ...? (1)

5.5 Rewrite the following sentence in the negative:

Robert understands body language very well. (1)

5.6 Rewrite the following sentence in the passive voice, starting with the given words:

Robert is training someone every week.

Start with: Someone ... (2)

5.7 Give the correct form of the words in brackets:

5.7.1 Robert Phipps has (information) us about the importance of studying someone's eyes closely. (1)

5.7.2 So always keep the person you are talking to in (see). (1)

5.8 Rewrite the following sentence in reported speech:

Yesterday, Robert Phipps said, "Mary, your eyes are the windows to your soul." (3)

5.9 Rewrite the following sentence in the plural form:

When a person is lying, he tends to become generally less expressive. (4)  
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**TOTAL SECTION C: 40**  
**GRAND TOTAL: 80**