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Education  
**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

## **NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE**

**GRADE 12**

**ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE P3**

**NOVEMBER 2008**

**MARKS: 100**

**TIME: 2 ½ hours**

**This question paper consists of 9 pages.**

**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. This question paper consists of **THREE** sections. Answer **ONE** question from **EACH** section:  
  
SECTION A: Creative Writing (50 marks)  
  
SECTION B: Longer Transactional Texts (30 marks)  
  
SECTION C: Shorter Transactional Texts (20 marks)
2. Start **EACH** section on a **NEW** page.
3. Number the answers according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
4. It is recommended that you:
  - Plan your responses and make rough drafts **before** writing out the final versions of your answers;
  - Neatly cross out all plans and rough drafts; and
  - Re-read your work carefully and correct any errors before you hand in the answer book.
5. Do **NOT** use memorised responses.
6. Pay attention to spelling, choice of words, grammar, punctuation and paragraphing.
7. Write neatly and legibly.

**SECTION A: CREATIVE WRITING****QUESTION 1**

- Write an essay of between 200 and 250 words (approximately 1 to 1½ pages) on ONE of the following topics.
- Write down the number and title of your essay correctly. Supply your own title if one has not been given.
- You are advised to spend approximately 80 minutes on this section.
- You may, if you wish, use the ideas suggested on some of the topics or write a response that is entirely your own. The suggested ideas only serve as guidance on what you could include in your essay.

1.1 It is great being a teenager in South Africa!

Some ideas:

- Teenagers' rights
- Opportunities for teenagers
- Challenges that may have been experienced by teenagers in the past and have now been resolved

**[50]**

**OR**

1.2 The best gift I have ever received.

Some ideas:

- Description of the gift
- The gift may either be something that has been bought or something that cannot be bought (e.g. love, friendship, etc.)
- Why you consider it to be the best gift

**[50]**

**OR**

1.3 I am an ageing animal and this is the story of my life.

Some ideas:

- Reflect on the life of the chosen animal (e.g. cat, dog, cow, lion, elephant, etc.)
- Describe some important events
- Relationship with humans and with other animals

**[50]**

**OR**

- 1.4 The number of young people taking alcohol and/or drugs is increasing at an alarming rate. Discuss the problem and suggest possible solutions. **[50]**

**OR**

- 1.5 In today's world, there is no such thing as 'man's work' or 'woman's work'.

Do you agree? Discuss your views.

Some ideas:

- Roles of men and women as defined by tradition and culture
- Reasons for the changing roles of men and women in society
- Gender equity in the world of work

**[50]**

**OR**

- 1.6 Choose ONE of the following pictures and write an essay on a topic that comes to mind.

Write the question number and give your essay a suitable title.

**EITHER**

1.6.1



Some ideas:

- The innocence of childhood
- Love and friendship
- Thoughts on the future of children or South African society

**[50]**

**OR**

1.6.2



Some ideas:

- Leaving home to begin a new life
- Going on a holiday
- Going off to study at university or college

**[50]**

**TOTAL SECTION A: 50**

**SECTION B: LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS****QUESTION 2**

- Respond to ONE of the following transactional writing tasks.
- The body of your response should be between 120 and 150 words (approximately 12 – 15 lines).
- Write down the number and the heading of the text you have chosen to write.
- Pay particular attention to language, register and audience.
- You are advised to spend approximately 40 minutes on this section.
- You may, if you wish, use the ideas suggested on some of the topics or write a response that is entirely your own. The suggested ideas only serve as guidance on what you could include in your response.

**2.1 MAGAZINE ARTICLE**

You are a member of the editorial team of a teen magazine. You have been asked to write an article on *problems experienced by teenagers today*. Write out the article you would submit.

Some ideas:

- Peer pressure
- Relationships
- Physical and emotional changes

**[30]****OR****2.2 DIALOGUE**

You recently had an accident while driving your father's/mother's car without his/her permission. Your parent was very upset with you and questioned you about the incident. Write out the conversation that took place between you and your parent.

NOTE: You must use the dialogue format.

Some ideas:

- Reason for taking the car without permission
- Details of the accident and damage to the vehicle
- Disciplinary measures

**[30]****OR**

**2.3 FRIENDLY LETTER**

You have just returned from an unforgettable trip with your classmates. Write a letter to a friend describing some of the places you visited and your experiences.

**[30]****TOTAL SECTION B: 30**



**SECTION C: SHORTER TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS****QUESTION 3**

- Choose ONE of the following topics and write a short transactional text.
- The body of your response should be between 80 and 100 words (approximately 8 – 10 lines).
- Write the number and the heading of the text you have chosen.
- You may, if you wish, use the ideas suggested on some of the topics or write a response that is entirely your own. The suggested ideas only serve as guidance on what you could include in your response.

**3.1 DIARY ENTRIES**

Imagine that you are a famous pop star who records experiences in a diary. Write down the diary entries for any three days in your life as a pop star.

NOTE: Each entry should start with the date.

Some ideas:

- Thoughts on your first public appearance, or on the release of your latest album or CD
- Feelings after a successful event, such as a concert
- Thoughts on your future as a pop star

**[20]****OR****3.2 INSTRUCTIONS**

You have been asked to do a short oral presentation for a Life Orientation lesson on how to study effectively for an examination. Write down a list of about SEVEN tips you would give your classmates in your presentation.

Some ideas:

- The importance of drawing up a study timetable
- Factors to consider when drawing up a study timetable (e.g. time available, other responsibilities, subjects that require more attention, etc.)
- The need for rest, relaxation and a balanced diet

**[20]****TOTAL SECTION C: 20****GRAND TOTAL: 100**