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SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS

ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE P3

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MARKING GUIDELINES

MARKS: 100

These marking guidelines consist of 11 pages.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

This memorandum must be used together with the attached English FAL assessment rubrics for SECTIONS A, B and C.

SECTION A: ESSAY**QUESTION 1****Instructions to Markers:**

- Candidates are required to write on ONE topic only.
- The ideas listed below the topics are only **some ways** in which the topic could be interpreted.
- Full credit must be given for the candidate's own interpretation.
- Marking must be objective. Give credit for relevant ideas.
- Use the 50-mark assessment rubric to mark the essays. The texts produced by candidates must be assessed according to the following criteria as set out in the assessment rubric:
 - Content and planning (30 marks)
 - Language, style and editing (15 marks)
 - Structure (5 marks)

NOTE: No additional penalties may be imposed as the rubric itself imposes penalties.

1.1 You know my name, but ...

Narrative/Reflective/Descriptive

- If narrative, the essay must have a strong story line and an interesting ending.
- If reflective, the essay should convey emotional reactions and feelings experienced by the writer.
- If descriptive, the candidate should create a picture in words, trying to use as many senses as possible to make the description clear.

NOTE: A candidate may write an essay which contains elements of more than one type of essay.

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1.2 My favourite destination

Narrative/Reflective Descriptive

- If narrative, the essay must have a strong story line and an interesting ending.
- If reflective, the essay should convey emotional reactions and feelings experienced by the writer.
- If descriptive, the candidate should create a picture in words, trying to use as many senses as possible to make the description clear.

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[50]**1.3 If I were given a second chance ...**

Reflective/Narrative/Descriptive

- If reflective, the essay should convey emotional reactions and feelings experienced by the writer.
- If narrative, the essay must have a strong story line. This topic lends itself to the possibility of being written in both the past and the present tense. The essay must have an interesting ending.
- If descriptive, the candidate should create a picture in words, trying to use as many senses as possible to make the description clear.

NOTE: A candidate may write an essay which contains elements of more than one type of essay.

[50]**1.4 Nowadays there is hardly any privacy, since everything gets posted online.**

Argumentative/Discursive/Reflective

- If argumentative, the essay must reflect a specific argument or viewpoint for or against the topic. The candidate should give a range of arguments to support and substantiate his/her view. The conclusion should be a strong, clear and convincing statement of the writer's opinion.
- If discursive, the arguments for and against must be well-balanced and clearly presented in the essay. The candidate must provide supporting evidence for his/her arguments. The candidate may come to a particular conclusion at the end of the essay, which should include recommendations.
- If reflective, the candidate must still take a stance for or against the topic. Personal feelings and emotions must be evident.

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1.5 Our age is not determined by the date on the calendar, but by the mind.

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- If reflective, the candidate must still take a stance for or against the topic. Personal feelings and emotions must be evident.

NOTE: A candidate may write an essay which contains elements of more than one type of essay.

[50]**1.6 Happiness is a choice.**

Discursive/Argumentative/Reflective

- If discursive, the arguments for and against must be well-balanced and clearly analysed in the essay. The candidate must provide supporting evidence for his/her arguments. The candidate may come to a particular conclusion at the end of the essay, which should include recommendations.
- If argumentative, the essay must reflect a specific argument or viewpoint for or against the topic. The candidate should give a range of arguments to support and substantiate his/her view. The conclusion should be a strong, clear and convincing statement of the writer's opinion.
- If reflective, feelings and emotions must be evident.

NOTE: A candidate may write an essay which contains elements of more than one type of essay.

[50]**1.7 Interpretation of pictures**

The candidate

- should give the essay a suitable title.
- may interpret the pictures in any way.
- may choose to write any type of essay, provided it is in direct relation to the picture chosen.
- may write in any appropriate tense.

1.7.1 Picture: **A window**

- Literal interpretations: a view from a window, home environment.
- Figurative interpretations: a window to the world, the world of opportunities, escape into a world of your own.

[50]1.7.2 Picture: **A boy on shoulders**

- Literal interpretations: parent-child relationships, a delightful experience.
- Figurative interpretations: caring, racial harmony, trust.

[50]**TOTAL SECTION A: 50**

SECTION B: LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT**QUESTION 2****Instructions to Markers:**

- Candidates are required to answer ONE question.
- Marking must be objective. Give credit for relevant ideas.
- Use the 30-mark assessment rubric to mark the responses in this section. The texts produced by candidates must be assessed according to the following criteria as set out in the assessment rubric:
 - Content, planning and format (18 marks)
 - Language, style and editing (12 marks)

NOTE: No additional penalties may be imposed as the rubric itself imposes penalties.

2.1 LETTER TO THE PRESS

A letter to the editor about road accidents

- The letter should be addressed to the editor of a newspaper.
- The letter should have an introduction, a body and a conclusion.
- The tone and register of the letter should be formal.
- Acceptable variations of the format must be allowed.
- The following aspects of format should be included:
 - Address of sender
 - Date
 - Recipient (Editor)
 - Address of newspaper
 - Salutation
 - Subject line
 - Suitable ending
 - Signature
 - Name of sender
- The following information should be included in the letter, **among others:**
 - Details of road accidents
 - Expression of views and feelings about the accidents
 - Suggestions about ways in which future road accidents may be avoided

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2.2 OBITUARY

An obituary of a teammate

- The tone must be formal.
- The following aspects of format should be included:
 - Full name of the deceased
 - Date of birth
 - Date of death
- The following information may also be included:
 - Birthplace
 - Where the person was living at the time of death
 - Key survivors
 - Date, time and place of funeral
 - Biographical information
- A tribute must be paid to the deceased.

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2.3 AGENDA AND MINUTES OF A MEETING

Minutes of a meeting

- The language must be concise and formal.
- Items must be numbered.
- Headings and bullets may be used.
- The minutes must be written in the past tense.
- The following aspects of format should be included:
 - The name of the organisation
 - The date, time and place of the meeting
 - A list of people present as well as apologies tendered
 - A record of discussions and decisions/actions taken
 - The time at which the meeting ended
- The minutes must provide a summary of what was proposed and finally agreed upon.

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2.4 DIALOGUE

A conversation between a parent/guardian and a child

- A context must be provided at the beginning of the dialogue.

The dialogue must be between the parent/guardian and a child

- The tone must be informal.
- The child must convince the parent/guardian.
- The following aspects of the dialogue format must be included:
 - The names of the speakers written on the left side of the page.
 - A colon used after the name of the character who is speaking.
 - A new line used to indicate each new speaker.
 - Where necessary, actions must be given in brackets before the words are spoken.

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TOTAL SECTION B: 30

SECTION C: SHORTER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT**QUESTION 3****Instructions to Markers:**

- Candidates are required to answer ONE question.
- Marking must be objective. Give credit for relevant ideas.
- Use the 20-mark assessment rubric to mark the responses in this section. The texts produced by candidates must be assessed according to the following criteria as set out in the attached rubric:
 - Content, planning and format (12 marks)
 - Language, style and editing (8 marks)

NOTE: No additional penalties may be imposed as any deviations are addressed by the rubric.

3.1 FLYER

Sale of items

- The following aspects should be included in the flyer, **among others**:
 - Eye-catching headline or slogan
 - Catchy words and phrases should be used.
 - Sufficient details of the items for sale
 - Your contact details
- The language may be formal or informal but not slang or colloquial.

NOTE: Do not award marks for illustrations.

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3.2 DIARY ENTRIES

The candidate's feelings BEFORE and AFTER the first day at work

- There MUST be TWO diary entries with two different dates/times.
- The entries should express the candidate's feelings before and after the first day of work.
- The diary entries should be written in the first person.
- The language should be simple and informal.
- The tone must reflect emotions suited to the topic.

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3.3 DIRECTIONS

Directions to the hall

- The directions may be in either point or paragraph form.
- Complete sentences are not necessary.
- Directions must be in the correct sequence, including reference to distance, turns and landmarks.

NOTE: Do not award marks for illustrations.

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TOTAL SECTION C: 20
GRAND TOTAL: 100

SCE – Marking Guidelines

ASSESSMENT RUBRIC FOR ESSAY – FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE [50 MARKS]

Criteria		Exceptional	Skilful	Moderate	Elementary	Inadequate
CONTENT & PLANNING (Response and ideas) Organisation of ideas for planning; Awareness of purpose, audience and context 30 MARKS	Upper level	28–30	22–24	16–18	10–12	4–6
		-Outstanding/Striking response beyond normal expectations -Intelligent, thought-provoking and mature ideas -Exceptionally well organised and coherent (connected), including introduction, body and conclusion/ending	-Very well-crafted response -Fully relevant and interesting ideas with evidence of maturity -Very well organised and coherent (connected), including introduction, body and conclusion/ending	-Satisfactory response -Ideas are reasonably coherent and convincing -Reasonably organised and coherent, including introduction, body and conclusion/ending	-Inconsistently coherent response -Unclear ideas and unoriginal -Little evidence of organisation and coherence	-Totally irrelevant response -Confused and unfocused ideas -Vague and repetitive -Unorganised and incoherent
	Lower level	25–27	19–21	13–15	7–9	0–3
		-Excellent response but lacks the exceptionally striking qualities of the outstanding essay -Mature and intelligent ideas -Skilfully organised and coherent (connected), including introduction, body and conclusion/ending	-Well-crafted response -Relevant and interesting ideas -Well organised and coherent (connected), including introduction, body and conclusion	-Satisfactory response but some lapses in clarity -Ideas are fairly coherent and convincing -Some degree of organisation and coherence, including introduction, body and conclusion	-Largely irrelevant response -Ideas tend to be disconnected and confusing -Hardly any evidence of organisation and coherence	-No attempt to respond to the topic -Completely irrelevant and inappropriate -Unfocused and muddled
LANGUAGE, STYLE & EDITING Tone, register, style, vocabulary appropriate to purpose/effect and context; Word choice; Language use and conventions, punctuation, grammar, spelling 15 MARKS	Upper level	14–15	11–12	8– 9	5–6	0–3
		-Tone, register, style and vocabulary highly appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Language confident, exceptionally impressive -Compelling and rhetorically effective in tone -Virtually error-free in grammar and spelling -Very skilfully crafted	-Tone, register, style and vocabulary very appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Language is effective and a consistently appropriate tone is used -Largely error-free in grammar and spelling -Very well crafted	-Tone, register, style and vocabulary appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Appropriate use of language to convey meaning -Tone is appropriate -Rhetorical devices used to enhance content	-Tone, register, style and vocabulary less appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Very basic use of language -Tone and diction are inappropriate -Very limited vocabulary	-Language incomprehensible -Tone, register, style and vocabulary not appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Vocabulary limitations so extreme as to make comprehension impossible
	Lower level	13	10	7	4	
		-Language excellent and rhetorically effective in tone -Virtually error-free in grammar and spelling -Skilfully crafted	-Language engaging and generally effective -Appropriate and effective tone -Few errors in grammar and spelling -Well crafted	-Adequate use of language with some inconsistencies -Tone generally appropriate and limited use of rhetorical devices	-Inadequate use of language -Little or no variety in sentence -Exceptionally limited vocabulary	
STRUCTURE Features of text; Paragraph development and sentence construction 5 MARKS		5	4	3	2	0–1
		-Excellent development of topic -Exceptional detail -Sentences, paragraphs exceptionally well-constructed	-Logical development of details -Coherent -Sentences, paragraphs logical, varied	-Relevant details developed -Sentences, paragraphs well-constructed -Essay still makes sense	-Some valid points -Sentences and paragraphs faulty -Essay still makes some sense	-Necessary points lacking -Sentences and paragraphs faulty -Essay does not sense
MARK RANGE		43–50	33–40	23–30	13–20	0–10

ASSESSMENT RUBRIC FOR LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT – FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE [30 MARKS]

Criteria	Exceptional	Skilful	Moderate	Elementary	Inadequate
CONTENT, PLANNING & FORMAT Response and ideas; Organisation of ideas for planning; Purpose, audience, features/conventions and context 18 MARKS	15–18 -Outstanding response beyond normal expectations -Intelligent and mature ideas -Extensive knowledge of features of the type of text -Writing maintains focus -Coherence in content and ideas -Highly elaborated and all details support the topic -Appropriate and accurate format	11-14 -Very good response demonstrating good knowledge of features of the type of text -Maintains focus – no digressions -Coherent in content and ideas, very well elaborated and details support topic -Appropriate format with minor inaccuracies	8-10 -Adequate response demonstrating knowledge of features of the type of text -Not completely focused – some digressions -Reasonably coherent in content and ideas -Some details support the topic -Generally appropriate format but with some inaccuracies	5-7 -Basic response demonstrating some knowledge of features of the type of text -Some focus but writing digresses -Not always coherent in content and ideas -Few details support the topic -Necessary rules of format vaguely applied -Some critical oversights	0–4 -Response reveals no knowledge of features of the type of text -Meaning obscure with major digressions -Not coherent in content and ideas -Very few details support the topic -Necessary rules of format not applied
LANGUAGE, STYLE & EDITING Tone, register, style, purpose/effect, audience and context; Language use and conventions; Word choice; Punctuation and spelling 12 MARKS	10–12 -Tone, register, style and vocabulary highly appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Grammatically accurate and well-constructed -Virtually error-free	8–9 -Tone, register, style and vocabulary very appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Generally grammatically accurate and well-constructed -Very good vocabulary -Mostly free of errors	6–7 -Tone, register, style and vocabulary appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Some grammatical errors -Adequate vocabulary -Errors do not impede meaning	4–5 -Tone, register, style and vocabulary less appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Inaccurate grammar with numerous errors -Limited vocabulary -Meaning obscured	0–3 -Tone, register, style and vocabulary do not correspond to purpose, audience and context -Error-ridden and confused -Vocabulary not suitable for purpose -Meaning seriously impaired
MARK RANGE	25–30	19–23	14–17	9–12	0–7

ASSESSMENT RUBRIC FOR SHORTER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT – FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE [20 MARKS]

Criteria	Exceptional	Skilful	Moderate	Elementary	Inadequate
CONTENT, PLANNING & FORMAT Response and ideas; Organisation of ideas; Features/conventions and context 12 MARKS	10–12 -Outstanding response beyond normal expectations -Intelligent and mature ideas -Extensive knowledge of features of the type of text -Writing maintains focus -Coherence in content and ideas -Highly elaborated and all details support the topic -Appropriate and accurate format	8-9 -Very good response demonstrating good knowledge of features of the type of text -Maintains focus – no digressions -Coherent in content and ideas, very well elaborated and details support topic -Appropriate format with minor inaccuracies	6-7 -Adequate response, demonstrating knowledge of features of the type of text -Not completely focused –some digressions -Reasonably coherent in content and ideas -Some details support the topic -Generally appropriate format but with some inaccuracies	4-5 -Basic response, demonstrating some knowledge of features of the type of text -Some focus but writing digresses -Not always coherent in content and ideas -Few details support the topic -Necessary rules of format vaguely applied -Some critical oversights	0-3 -Response reveals no knowledge of features of the type of text -Meaning obscure with major digressions -Not coherent in content and ideas -Very few details support the topic -Necessary rules of format not applied
LANGUAGE, STYLE & EDITING Tone, register, style, vocabulary appropriate to purpose and context; Language use and conventions; Word choice; Punctuation and spelling 8 MARKS	7–8 -Tone, register, style and vocabulary highly appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Grammatically accurate and well-constructed -Virtually error-free	5-6 -Tone, register, style and vocabulary very appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Generally grammatically accurate and well-constructed -Very good vocabulary -Mostly free of errors	4 -Tone, register, style and vocabulary appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Some grammatical errors -Adequate vocabulary -Errors do not impede meaning	3 -Tone, register, style and vocabulary less appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Inaccurate grammar with numerous errors -Limited vocabulary -Meaning obscured	0–2 -Tone, register, style and vocabulary do not correspond to purpose, audience and context -Error-ridden and confused -Vocabulary not suitable for purpose -Meaning seriously impaired
MARK RANGE	17–20	13–15	10–11	7–8	0–5