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**GRADE 12**

**ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE P3**

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**MARKS: 100**

**TIME: 2½ hours**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. This question paper consists of THREE sections.
  - SECTION A: Creative writing (50)
  - SECTION B: Longer transactional texts (30)
  - SECTION C: Shorter transactional texts (20)
2. You are required to answer ONE question from EACH section.
3. Start EACH section on a NEW page.
4. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
5. Pay attention to spelling, sentence construction and language.
6. We recommend that you plan your responses before writing out and editing the final version.
7. Write neatly and legibly.

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

Write an essay of 400 – 450 words (2 – 2 ½ pages) on ONE of the following topics.

- 1.1 I can sit for hours, just watching people go by. **[50]**
- 1.2 Sport has become big business and, in the process, we have lost something very valuable and worthwhile.  
Discuss your views on this topic. **[50]**
- 1.3 *Everything changes*  
Everything changes.  
We plant  
Trees for those born later –  
But what's happened has happened  
And poisons poured into the seas  
Cannot be drained out again ...  
Everything changes.  
We plant  
Trees for those born later.  
[From: *Everything changes* – Cissy Herbert] **[50]**
- 1.4 Write an essay beginning with the following words:  
Books and people – if only I could describe all those that I have known and read ... **[50]**
- 1.5 It may have been just an old-fashioned watch but, to me, it was my most treasured possession.  
Write a narrative or reflective essay on this topic. **[50]**
- 1.6 Do you long for the past or look forward to the future?  
Express your personal thoughts on this question. **[50]**
- 1.7 The funny side of life. **[50]**

- 1.8 The pictures reproduced below may evoke a reaction or feeling in you or stir your imagination.

Select ONE picture and write an essay in response.

Write the question number of your choice and give your essay a title.

**EITHER**

1.8.1

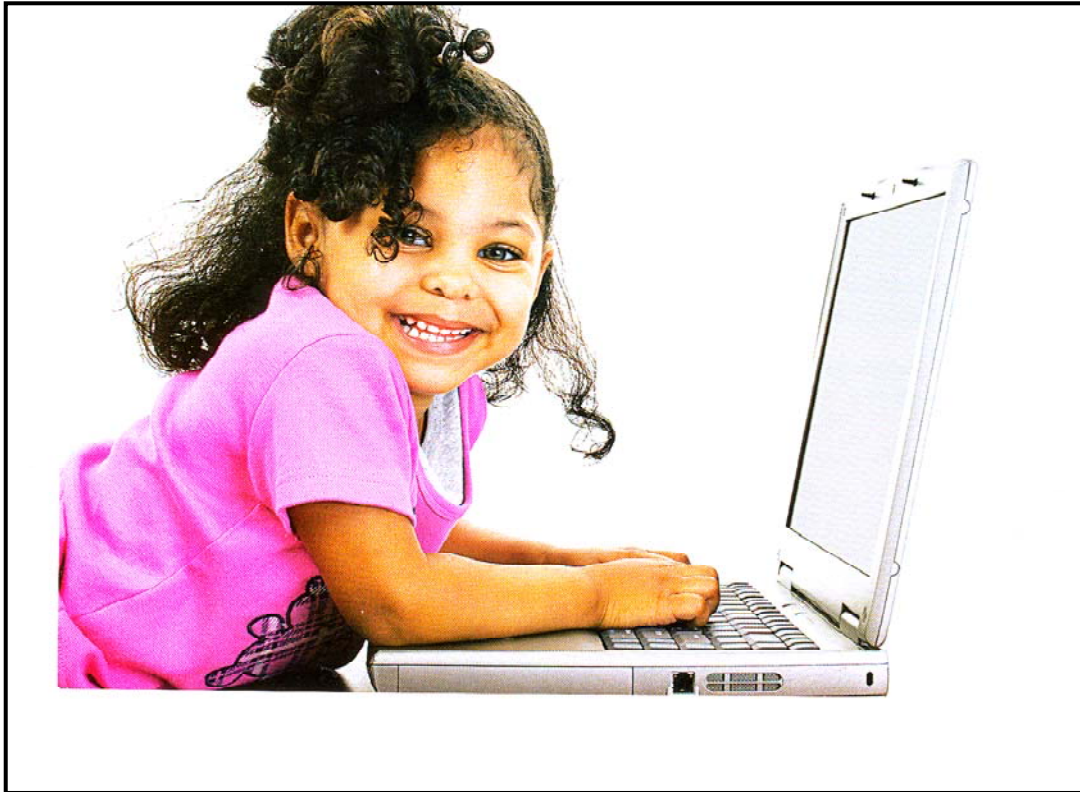


[From: *Celebrate Reading*]

**[50]**

**OR**

1.8.2



[From: *Health Wise*]

**[50]**

**OR**

## 1.8.3

***The trail at a glance***

**DAY 1** After an afternoon and night in Elands Bay, hikers walk to Steenbokfontein. The route follows the beach for 17 kilometres.

**DAY 2** Steenbokfontein to Lambert's Bay, a distance of nine kilometres, also along the beach. After lunch, a car takes hikers to Doring Bay.

**DAY 3** The walk from Doring Bay to Papendorp is 15 kilometres and the trail goes along cliff tops and then onto the beaches. A car takes hikers from Papendorp to Ebenhaeser. There is an option to stay at Papendorp for the night.

**DAY 4** The fourth day is spent walking back from Ebenhaeser to Papendorp along the Olifants River (a distance of 10 kilometres), where a car collects hikers and takes them back to Elands Bay.

If you stay at Papendorp, then hikers spend the fourth day walking to Ebenhaeser, overnighing at Ebenhaeser, and returning on the morning of the fifth day to Elands Bay.



[From: *Satyagraha*]

[50]

**TOTAL SECTION A:**

**50**

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

- Respond to ONE of the following topics.
- The body of your answer should be 180 – 200 words (20 – 25 lines).
- Pay careful attention to:
  - Audience, register, tone and style
  - Choice of words and language structures
  - Format

**2.1 Speech**

Your team is top of the league in either a sporting or cultural event.

Write the speech you will make to your team members, reminding them of the year's programme and achievements.

**[30]****2.2 Personal Letter**

You have been asked by a close friend to act as a tour guide when a group of overseas learners visits your town/city. You are pleased to be able to assist.

Write a letter accepting the invitation and giving an indication of some of the special places of interest you intend touring with the visitors.

**[30]****2.3 Article**

There is an energy and fuel crisis – not only in South Africa but worldwide.

Write an article that will be printed in your local newspaper, suggesting how learners can contribute to conserving energy and fuel.

**[30]****2.4 Formal Letter**

You are the manager of a restaurant. You have been interviewing learners for a part-time job as cashier/waitron.

Write a letter to a successful candidate, congratulating him/her on the appointment. Inform the candidate of the conditions of employment and of a training course that will take place before he/she starts work.

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

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

- Respond to ONE of the following topics.
- The length of the answer must be determined by the requirements of the topic. The word length given after each question in this section should be used as a guide only.
- Pay careful attention to:
  - Audience, register, tone and style
  - Choice of words and language structures
  - Format

**3.1 Diary Entries**

As part of an English assignment, you have been asked to keep a diary for a week. It is meant to record day-to-day events as they happen in your life.

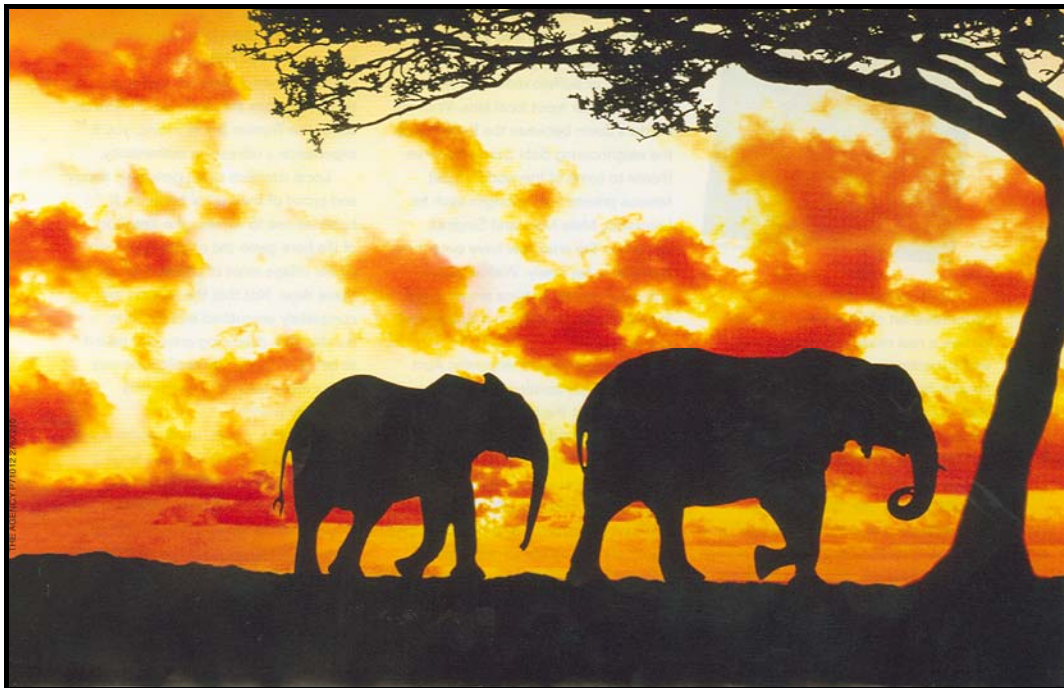
Write three entries from your diary. Begin each entry with a date.

Length: 100 – 120 words.

[20]

**3.2 Advertisement**

Look carefully at the picture below.



[From: SAWUBONA]

Now write the text for an advertisement for any product, based on the picture.  
Length: 100 – 120 words (including headings if any).

[20]

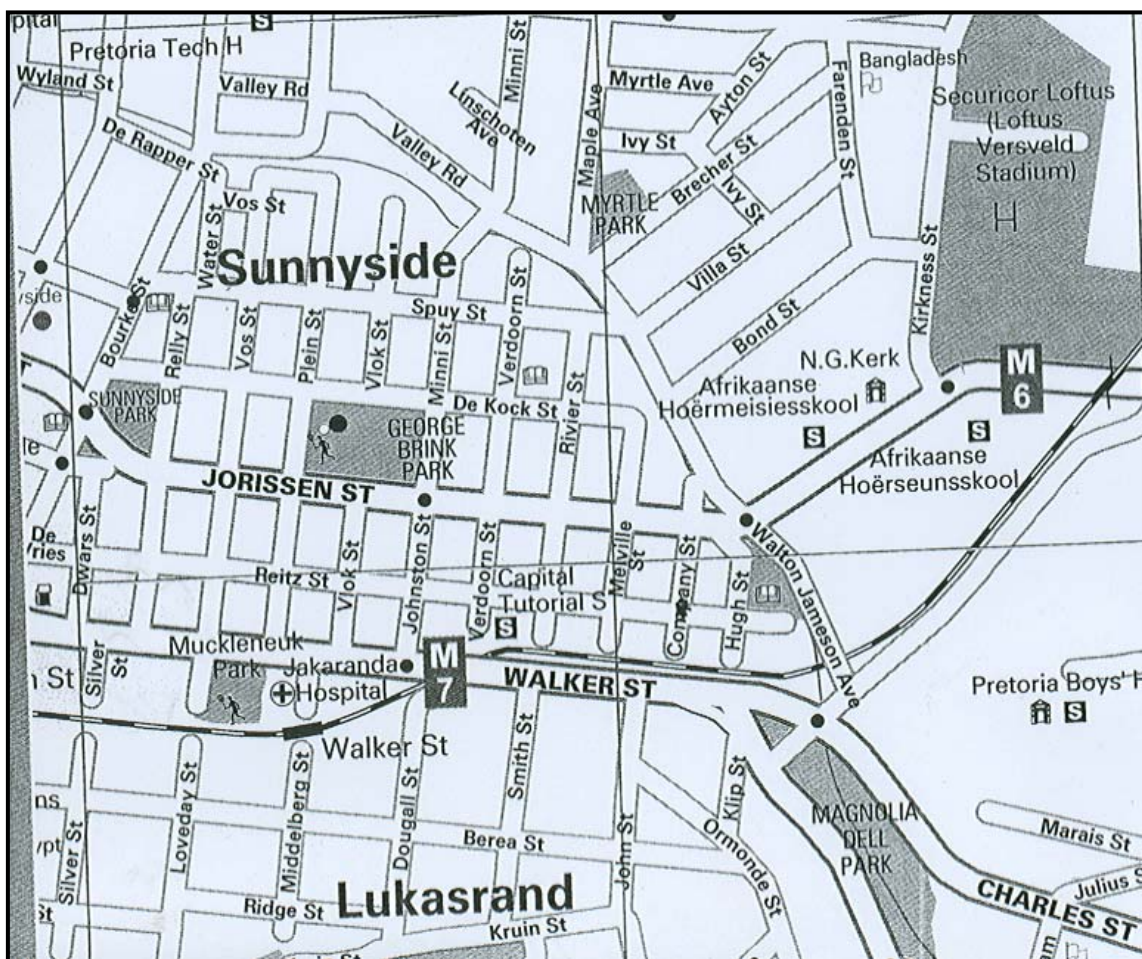
**3.3 Directions**

Look carefully at the map below. Pretoria Technical High School is in the top left corner and the Securicor Loftus (Loftus Versfeld Stadium) is in the top right corner.

Your sports team has to travel by bus from Pretoria Technical High School to Securicor Loftus (Loftus Versfeld Stadium).

Write the directions you would give the driver of the bus.

Length: 100 – 120 words.



[20]

**TOTAL SECTION C: 20**

**GRAND TOTAL: 100**