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GRADE 12

**ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE P3
PREPARATORY EXAMINATION 2008**

MARKS: 100

TIME: 2 ½ hours

This question paper consists of 8 pages.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of THREE sections:

SECTION A: Creative writing (50 marks)
SECTION B: Longer transactional texts (30 marks)
SECTION C: Shorter transactional texts (20 marks)
2. Candidates are required to answer ONE question from EACH section.
3. Start EACH section on a NEW page.
4. Pay attention to spelling, sentence construction and language.
5. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
6. You are advised to plan, proof-read and edit your work.
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 topics below.

1.1 A glorious sunset [50]

OR

1.2 Just then I turned around to face him/her and ...
Use this as part of a story that you have to tell. [50]

OR

1.3 As it happened, that was truly a blessing in disguise. [50]

OR

1.4 My most prized possession. [50]

OR

1.5 South Africa: land of many faces. [50]

OR

1.6 The challenges of being a parent in the 21st century. [50]

OR

1.7 A sporting event that lives on in my memory. [50]

OR

- 1.8 The pictures reproduced on the following pages 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 (1.8.1, 1.8.2 or 1.8.3) of your choice and give your essay a title.

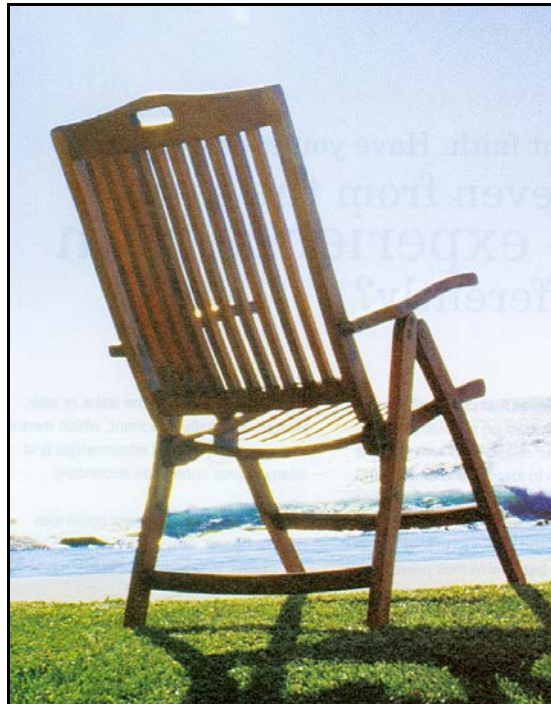
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[50]

OR

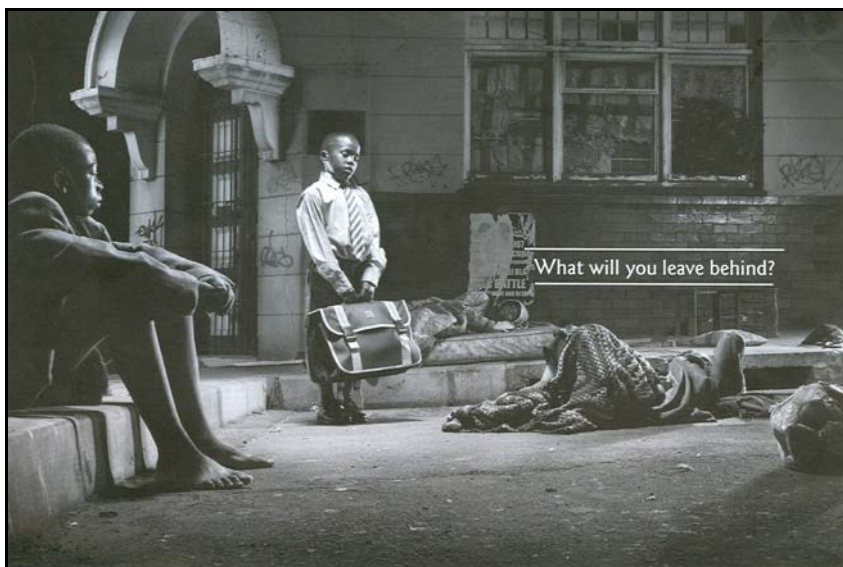
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[50]

OR

1.8.3



[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 the following:
 - o Audience, register, tone and style.
 - o Choice of words and language structures.
 - o Format

2.1 INFORMAL SPEECH

A teacher for whom you have great respect is leaving to teach overseas. Write the speech that you will make to the class on his/her last day at school. **[30]**

OR

2.2 PERSONAL LETTER

A close relative kindly sponsored you on a trip to an exciting holiday destination. Write a letter of thanks in which you refer to the highlights of the trip. **[30]**

OR

2.3 ARTICLE

Your school is planning a fund-raising Fun Day. There will be various stalls and a well-known celebrity has been invited. This, however, needs help from everyone. Write an article that will appear in the monthly newsletter. Describe the event, giving all the necessary information. **[30]**

OR

2.4 FORMAL LETTER

You are very concerned about soaring fuel and food prices. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper to express your views on this issue. **[30]**

TOTAL SECTION B: 30

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

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

3.1 DIRECTIONS

You have a new neighbour. He/She has asked you for directions from his/her home to the local supermarket. Write the directions you will give him/her.

In the directions, you should include at least three turns and three landmarks, as well as indications of distance and direction between these landmarks. Your answer should be 100 – 120 words in length.

[20]**OR****3.2 DIARY ENTRIES**

Something has happened that has had a tremendous impact on your life.

Write THREE diary entries in which you show how this event has influenced your life. The entries should take place over a week. Your entry should be 100 – 120 words in length.

[20]**OR**

3.3 ADVERTISEMENT

Look carefully at the picture below.



Now write the text for an advertisement, based on the picture. You may choose any product or service you wish. The text for this advertisement, including headings (if any), should be 100 – 120 words in length.

[20]

TOTAL SECTION C: 20

GRAND TOTAL: 100