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MARKS: 80

TIME: 2 hours

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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 after each answer.

6. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.

7. For multiple-choice questions, write only the letter (A–D) next to the question number in the ANSWER BOOK.

8. Pay special attention to spelling and sentence construction.

9. Use the following time frame as a guideline:

   SECTION A: 50 minutes
   SECTION B: 20 minutes
   SECTION C: 50 minutes

10. Write neatly and legibly.

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION

QUESTION 1

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

TEXT A

SOUTH AFRICA BREWS UP ROOIBOS TOURISM

1 Rooibos tea is an exceptional South African product that has captivated the global market, reaching over 30 countries. It is growing in popularity due to its various wellness properties. Few things soothe the soul as much as a steaming cup of tea, but South Africa's indigenous tea is more than just a beverage.

2 Due to its numerous health benefits, unique flavour and caffeine-free properties, Rooibos tea is celebrated widely. Rooibos has been integrated successfully into various products, from cosmetics to culinary flavourings. This versatility or flexibility speaks to its appeal as a wellness product. It is perfectly positioned to be the cornerstone of South Africa's wellness tourism.

3 Rooibos tea thrives mainly in the Cederberg area in the Western Cape. The Cederberg area is part of the Cape Floristic Region, a World Heritage Site and one of the world's biodiversity[1] hotspots. The breathtaking landscapes of this region offer vast potential for ecological and adventure tourism. The region showcases a significant opportunity for sustainable development through tea tourism, particularly focusing on Rooibos tea. More than 70 000 tourists visit the area annually. Most of the residents live in rural settings, and tourism is a critical part of their livelihood as it contributes significantly to their income.

4 Professor Martinette Kruger from North-West University forms part of the research unit known as Tourism Research in Economics, Environs and Society (TREES). She conducts research in collaboration with Curtin University (Australia) that seeks to uncover and develop the numerous tourism possibilities that rooibos plants hold. Their research explores both the supply and demand sides of the Rooibos tourism sector, and aims to identify the industry's challenges and opportunities. Kruger says that by promoting rooibos as a unique element of our national identity, we can create various tourism experiences that appeal to people all over the world.

5 The research explores the full potential of rooibos, aiming to enhance and differentiate the region's tourism offerings. These include rooibos-related travel routes, as well as tea cafés and educational tours.

6 The focus on Rooibos tea does not only promote a product, but also celebrates a rich cultural legacy. The findings of this research could be used to create experiences that resonate deeply with locals and visitors, highlighting the cultural and economic importance of rooibos.

7	In a landmark recognition, the European Union awarded Rooibos tea the prestigious Protected Designation of Origin status in 2021, making it the first African product to receive such recognition. This designation secures the South African origin of Rooibos tea and celebrates our rich agricultural tradition, making Rooibos tea a compelling attraction for international tourists. Integrating rooibos into South Africa's tourism offerings is an exciting opportunity for development.	35
8	Two significant milestones that form the foundation for the expansion of Rooibos tea as an attraction for tourists were the establishment of the Rooibos Route in 2017 and the 2019 Access and Benefit-sharing (ABS) agreement. The ABS agreement ensures that the local communities receive fair and ongoing benefits from the commercial use of Rooibos.	40
9	Moreover, the Geographical Indication that legally prevents other areas from branding their products as Rooibos will enable South Africa to market rooibos more effectively. This label connects the quality and reputation of rooibos directly to its South African roots. Such strategies have been successful in other contexts, such as wine tourism.	45
10	The tourism sector can exhibit the entire journey of Rooibos tea (from leaf to cup) through tourism packages. By concentrating on rooibos – from its cultivation to its deep cultural and historical roots – the authenticity of the tourists' experience can be enhanced. Rooibos is a cultural treasure and a gateway to experiencing South Africa's unique fauna and flora.	50
	[Adapted from https://news.nwu.ac.za]	

GLOSSARY

[1]biodiversity: the variety of plants and animals in a particular place

1.1 Refer to paragraph 1.

1.1.1 Why is Rooibos tea becoming so popular? (1)

1.1.2 What do the words 'soothe the soul' suggest about the benefits of tea? (2)

1.1.3 Quote ONE word to show that Rooibos is a home-grown product. (1)

1.2 Refer to paragraph 2.

1.2.1 Using your OWN words, identify TWO of the qualities of Rooibos tea. (2)

1.2.2 Provide evidence that the rooibos plant is versatile. State TWO points. (2)

1.3 Refer to paragraph 3.

Why does the writer refer to 'more than 70 000 tourists' (line 15)? (2)

1.4 Refer to paragraph 4.

1.4.1 In what way does the reference to Professor Kruger impact the reader? State TWO points. (2)

1.4.2 Why is the acronym 'TREES' (line 20) relevant in this context? (2)

1.5 Refer to paragraph 5.

Why is the following statement FALSE?

The research focuses only on what Rooibos can offer as a beverage. (1)

1.6 Choose the CORRECT answer to complete the following sentence:

The word 'legacy' (line 31) means …

A asset.
B object.
C purpose.
D heritage. (1)

1.7 Refer to paragraph 7.

What are TWO positive outcomes of Rooibos tea being awarded Protected Designation of Origin status? (2)

1.8 Refer to paragraph 8.

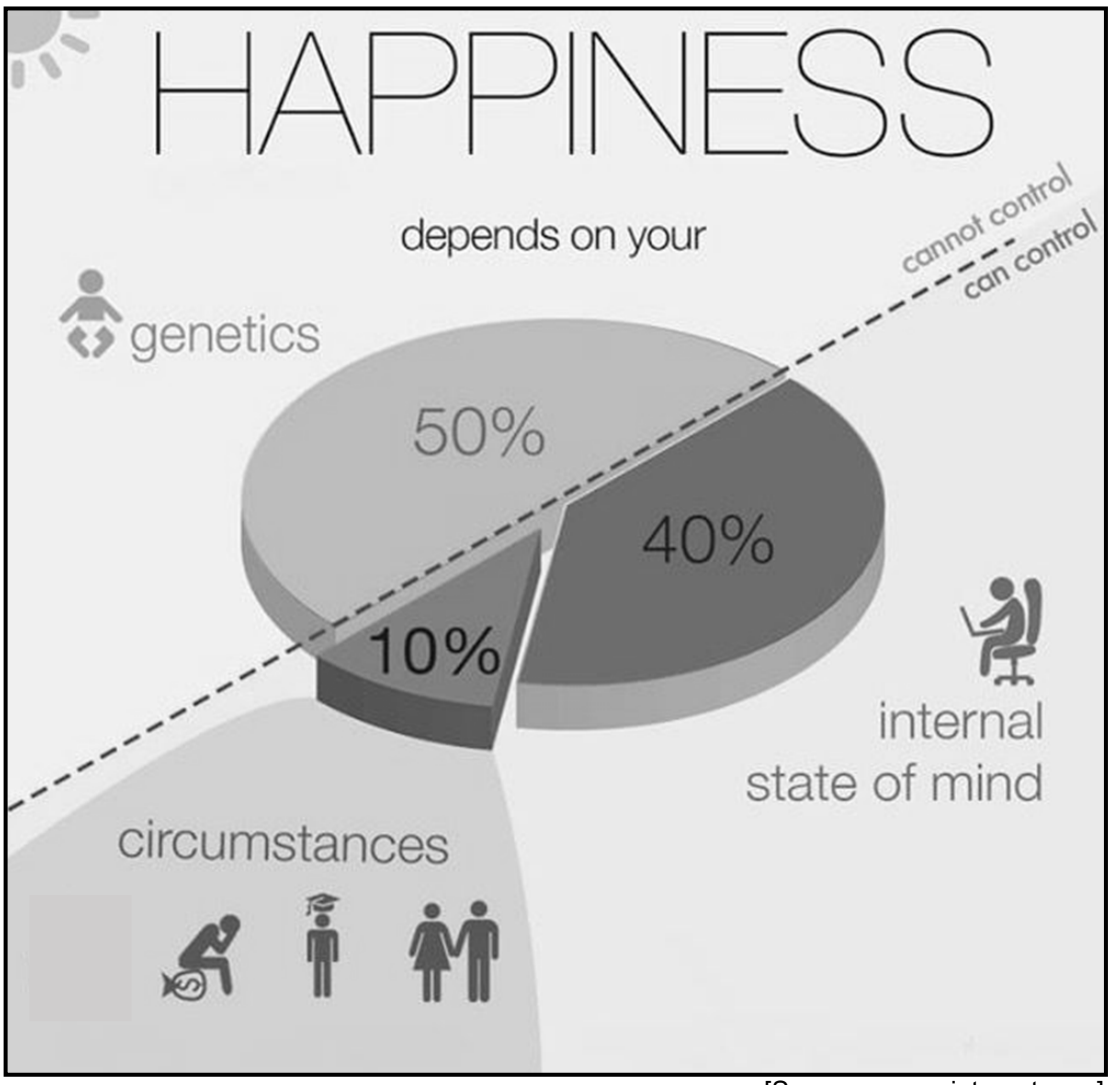
Explain what the words 'fair and ongoing' suggest about the benefits the community will receive. (2)

1.9 Consider the text as a whole.

In your opinion, should rooibos-related tourism be promoted in South Africa? Substantiate your answer. (2)

1.10 Discuss the suitability of the title, 'SOUTH AFRICA BREWS UP ROOIBOS TOURISM'. (2)

TEXT B



[Source: www.pinterest.com]

1.11 Refer to the visuals below, 'circumstances'.

Identify TWO circumstances that could affect a person's happiness. (2)

1.12 Discuss the message that TEXT B conveys about one's internal state of mind. (2)

1.13 In your view, is the inclusion of the visual of the sun (top left corner) relevant? Substantiate your answer. (2)

TOTAL SECTION A: 30

SECTION B: SUMMARY

QUESTION 2

Books are a window to the world. It is important to keep books in good shape so that they can last a long time.

Read the passage (TEXT C) below and list SEVEN **points on how to take care of books**.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Your summary must be written in point form.
2. List your SEVEN points in full sentences, using no more than 70 words.
3. Number your sentences from 1 to 7.
4. Write only ONE point per sentence.
5. Use your OWN words as far as possible.
6. Indicate the total number of words you have used in brackets at the end of your summary.

TEXT C

HOW TO CARE FOR BOOKS

Although printed books are not as popular as they used to be, they are still valuable. It is therefore important to know how to take care of books.

If you do not already own a book shelf, buy one as you will need it to store books. You can also display picture frames and decorations on the book shelf. Keep books in an upright position by supporting them with book ends so they will not get damaged.

Always ensure your hands are clean when handling books. This will prevent you from transferring dirt or stains onto the books. Also consider using protective book covers or sleeves to prevent wear and tear.

Many people fold the pages of books to remember where they stopped reading. You should use a bookmark all the time, preferably a flat one. This will protect your books.

The spine of a book is important as it holds all the pages together. When picking up a book stored on a book shelf, hold it in the middle of the spine and pull it out carefully. This helps to preserve and keep the spine in place.

Direct sunlight and any high intensity light are not good for books as they cause fading of paper and colours. Books should be stored in places with good lighting as this will enhance their lifespan.

Children and pets love playing with books, especially if the books are left lying around. Therefore, it is important to keep books out of their reach.

Enjoy your beautiful books!

[Adapted from www.rovingbookworm.com]

TOTAL SECTION B: 10

SECTION C: LANGUAGE

QUESTION 3: ANALYSING AN ADVERTISEMENT

Study the advertisement (TEXT D) below and answer the set questions.

TEXT D



[Source: www.unileverprofessional.co.za]

The text in small font on the bottle reads as follows:

DO NOT MIX with other chemicals

PROFESSIONAL

MULTI-SURFACE & FLOOR CLEANER

5 L

GLOSSARY:

Probiotics: tiny living organisms that provide powerful ongoing cleaning by digesting and breaking down dirt, germs and stains

3.1 Identify the company that manufactures Handy Andy Probiotic. (1)

3.2 Refer to the words, 'BETTER CLEAN BETTER BUSINESS'.

Why is the word, 'better' repeated? (1)

3.3 Refer to the visual of the product.

3.3.1 What is the function of the hyphen in the word, 'MULTI-SURFACE'? (1)

3.3.2 Write the abbreviation 'L', as used in '5 L', in full. (1)

3.4 Explain why the inclusion of the visual of the magnifying glass is relevant. (2)

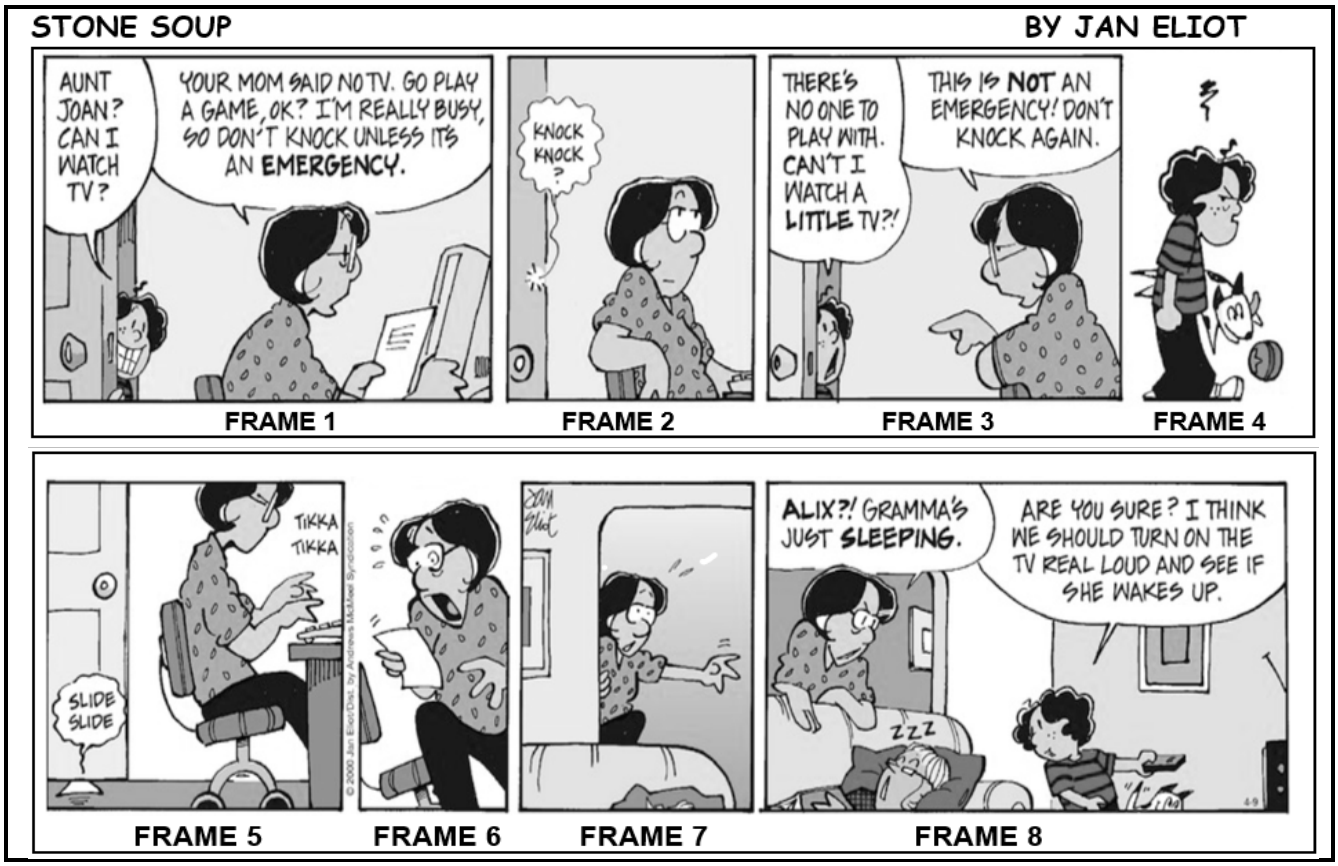
3.5 Explain the advertiser's intention in including the words, 'The Future of Clean'. (2)

3.6 Do you think the advertiser succeeds in convincing the reader to buy this product? Substantiate your answer. (2)
[10]

QUESTION 4: ANALYSING A CARTOON

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

TEXT E



[Source: https://www.gocomics.com]

NOTE: In this cartoon, the woman is Aunt Joan and the young girl is Alix. 'Gramma' is Alix's grandmother.

4.1 Refer to FRAME 1.

How does Aunt Joan's body language support the words, 'I'm really busy, …'? (1)

4.2 Refer to FRAME 2.

Why is a different bubble used for the words, 'KNOCK KNOCK'? (1)

4.3 Refer to FRAME 3.

How does the cartoonist indicate that Aunt Joan is serious? Refer to ONE visual and ONE verbal clue in your answer. (2)

4.4 Explain how Alix's body language in FRAME 4 is in contrast to her body language in FRAME 8. (2)

4.5 Rewrite the following sentence in reported speech:

Aunt Joan said, 'Gramma is just sleeping.' (2)

4.6 Do you think the cartoonist succeeds in creating humour in this cartoon? Discuss your view. (2)
[10]

QUESTION 5: LANGUAGE AND EDITING SKILLS

5.1 Read the passage (TEXT F) below, which has some deliberate errors, and answer the set questions.

TEXT F

SOUTH AFRICAN *MEALIE PAP*: A CULINARY STAPLE

1 *Mealie pap* is a staple food in South Africa, enjoyed for people of all ages. This harty dish is made from milled white maize. It is often served with milk and sugar for breakfast. Some people enjoys it alongside savoury stews and sauces for lunch or dinner.

2 *Mealie pap's* versatility makes it a more popular choice then rice. It is served as part of both simple and elaborate meals. *Mealie pap* holds a special place in South African cuisine and culture.

3 The explorers who introduced maize to South Africa in the 16th century were of Portuguese origin. Maize quickly became a vital agricultural commodity and a cornerstone of the local diet. Most people adopted *mealie pap* as a staple. This dish is often associated with comfort and shared meals.

4 *Mealie pap* is more than just a food. It is a symbol of South African resilience and resourcefulness. It embodies the spirit of togetherness. This spirit reminds people of their shared heritage and cultural connection.

[Adapted from mykingsgate.co.za]

5.1.1 Correct the SINGLE error in EACH of the following sentences. Write down ONLY the question numbers and the words you have corrected.

(a) *Mealie pap* is a staple food in South Africa, enjoyed for people of all ages. (1)

(b) This harty dish is made from milled white maize. (1)

(c) Some people enjoys it alongside savoury stews and sauces for lunch or dinner. (1)

(d) *Mealie pap's* versatility makes it a more popular choice then rice. (1)

5.1.2 Provide a synonym for the underlined word in the following sentence:

Mealie pap holds a special place in South African <u>cuisine</u> and culture. (1)

5.1.3 Give the correct form of the word in brackets:

The explorers who introduced maize to South Africa were from (Portuguese). (1)

5.1.4 State the part of speech of EACH of the underlined words as used in the sentence below.

It <u>quickly</u> became a vital agricultural commodity and <u>a</u> cornerstone of the local diet. (2)

5.1.5 Complete the following tag question. Write down only the missing words.

Most people adopted *mealie pap* as a staple, …? (1)

5.1.6 Rewrite the following sentence in the active voice:

This dish is often associated with comfort and shared meals. (1)

5.1.7 Rewrite the following sentence in the present perfect tense:

Mealie pap is more than just a food. (1)

5.1.8 Identify the root of the underlined word in the sentence below.

Mealie pap is a symbol of South African resilience and <u>resourcefulness</u>. (1)

5.1.9 Rewrite the following sentence in the negative form:

It embodies the spirit of togetherness. (1)

5.1.10 Give the singular form of the underlined word in the following sentence:

This spirit reminds the <u>people</u> of their shared heritage and cultural connection. (1)

5.2 Study the text (TEXT G) below and answer the questions.

TEXT G



[Source: www.google.com]

5.2.1 Combine the following sentences into a single sentence.

Richard is not wearing his new running shoes.
Tshepo is not wearing his new running shoes.

Begin with: **Neither** … (2)

5.2.2 The word 'can' expresses ability. Replace it with a word that expresses possibility.

But you can! (1)

5.2.3 Give the correct form of the word in brackets:

The 500-series trainers are (good) than the previous design. (1)

5.2.4 Name the TWO bold punctuation marks in the following sentence:

Are you ready to push your limits with these new trainers**?** (2)
[20]

TOTAL SECTION C: 40
GRAND TOTAL: 80

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