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ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE P3

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MARKS: 100

TIME: 2½ hours

This question paper consists of 6 pages.

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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of THREE SECTIONS:

SECTION A:	Essay	(50)
SECTION B:	Longer Transactional Text	(30)
SECTION C:	Shorter Transactional Text	(20)

2. Answer ONE question from EACH section.

3. Write in the language in which you are being assessed.

4. Start EACH section on a NEW page.

5. You must plan (e.g. using a mind map/diagram/flow chart/key words), edit and proofread your work. The plan must appear BEFORE each text.

6. All planning must be clearly indicated as such and handed in. It is advisable to draw a line through all planning.

7. You are strongly advised to spend your time as follows:

   SECTION A: 80 minutes
   SECTION B: 40 minutes
   SECTION C: 30 minutes

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

9. Give each response a suitable title/heading, where required.

10. Do NOT consider the title/heading when doing a word count.

11. Write neatly and legibly.

SECTION A: ESSAY

QUESTION 1

- Write an essay of between 250 and 300 words in length on ONE of the following topics.
- Write down the NUMBER and TITLE of the essay you have chosen correctly, e.g. 1.1 A view from my window.
- Give your own title if your choice is QUESTION 1.6, 1.7 OR 1.8.
- Spend approximately 80 minutes on this section.

1.1 A view from my window **[50]**

1.2 The day I stopped pretending **[50]**

1.3 It felt like a lifetime **[50]**

1.4 The most important conversations are the ones we never have. **[50]**

1.5 'To get lost is to learn the way.' – African Proverb **[50]**

Choose ONE of the following pictures and write an essay on a topic that comes to mind. Write the question number (1.6, 1.7 OR 1.8) and give your essay a suitable title.

NOTE: There must be a clear link between your essay and the picture you have chosen.

1.6



[Source: www.freepik.com] **[50]**

1.7



[Source: https://media.cnn.com] **[50]**

1.8



[Source: www.vecteezy.com] **[50]**

SECTION B: LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT

QUESTION 2

- Choose ONE of the following topics and write a longer transactional text.
- The body of your response should be between 120 and 150 words in length.
- Write down the NUMBER and the HEADING of the text you have chosen, e.g. 2.1 FORMAL LETTER.
- Pay particular attention to format, language and register.
- Spend approximately 40 minutes on this section.

2.1 FORMAL LETTER

Water leaks and burst pipes are causing severe water shortages in your community. As a concerned resident, you have decided to write a letter to the municipal manager to alert him/her of the water wastage. You would also like to provide possible solutions.

Write the letter. **[30]**

2.2 E-MAIL

The town council has announced that the local library will be closed permanently at the end of the year. This is due to the decrease in the number of people who visit the library. As a learner who knows the benefits of having a library in your community, you are opposed to its closure. You have decided to write an e-mail to the mayor in which you make recommendations on how the library could be saved.

Write the e-mail. **[30]**

2.3 OBITUARY

Your friend, whom you have known since pre-school, has passed away in an accident. His/Her distraught family has requested you to write the obituary.

Write the obituary in which you pay tribute to the deceased. **[30]**

2.4 DIALOGUE

Your mother spoke to you about her dissatisfaction with the way you dress. She would like you to dress more smartly. However, you do not share her views and you have decided to discuss this matter with her.

Write the dialogue that takes place between you and your mother. **[30]**

TOTAL SECTION B: 30

SECTION C: SHORTER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT

QUESTION 3

- Choose ONE of the following topics and write a shorter transactional text.
- The body of your response should be between 80 and 100 words in length.
- Write down the NUMBER and the HEADING of the text you have chosen, e.g. 3.1 POSTER.
- Spend approximately 30 minutes on this section.

3.1 POSTER

Your school is planning to start a support group where senior learners will assist junior learners with homework and assignments in a supervised environment. The principal has requested you, as the chairperson of the Representative Council of Learners (RCL), to create a poster promoting this academic support programme.

Write the content of the poster.

NOTE: Do NOT include illustrations or drawings. **[20]**

3.2 DIARY ENTRIES

You registered for your first five kilometre (5 km) fun run. However, bad weather conditions forced the organisers to cancel the race a few hours before it was due to start.

Write TWO diary entries. The first entry must express your feelings BEFORE you received the message that the race was cancelled and the second entry must express your feelings AFTER you received the message. **[20]**

3.3 DIRECTIONS

You have invited classmates for a study session at your home. They have requested you to give them directions from the school to your home.

Write the directions you would give your classmates. Remember to include distances in kilometres, directions and landmarks. **[20]**

TOTAL SECTION C: 20
GRAND TOTAL: 100

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