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ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE P3

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MARKS: 100

TIME: 3 hours

This question paper consists of 7 pages.

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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of TWO sections:

   SECTION A: Essay (50)
   SECTION B: Transactional Texts (2 x 25) (50)

2. Answer ONE question in SECTION A and TWO questions in SECTION B.

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 the answer.

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

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

   SECTION A: approximately 100 minutes
   SECTION B: approximately 80 (2 x 40) minutes

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

9. The title/heading must NOT be included when doing a word count.

10. Write neatly and legibly.

SECTION A: ESSAY

QUESTION 1

Write an essay of 400–450 words (2–2½ pages) on ONE of the following topics. Write down the NUMBER and TITLE/HEADING of your essay.

1.1 Why do we fear the unknown? **[50]**

1.2 The world is spinning out of control. **[50]**

1.3 'There are always flowers for those who want to see them.'
– Henri Matisse **[50]**

1.4 The road to my paradise **[50]**

1.5 I was looked at with such pleading eyes. Walking away would have meant keeping my dreams but sacrificing my humanity. **[50]**

The pictures reproduced on pages 4 and 5 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 (1.6, 1.7 OR 1.8) of your choice and give your essay a title.

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

1.6



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

1.7



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

1.8



[Source: https://www.thephotoargus.com] **[50]**

TOTAL SECTION A: 50

SECTION B: TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS

QUESTION 2

- Respond to TWO of the following topics.
- The body of each of your answers should be 180–200 words (20–25 lines) in length.
- Pay careful attention to the following:
  - Audience, register, tone and style
  - Choice of words and language structure
  - Format
- Write down the NUMBER and TITLE/HEADING of the text you have chosen, e.g. 2.1 DIALOGUE.

2.1 DIALOGUE

You were involved in a heated argument with a fellow employee. The next day, you were summoned to the supervisor's office, while your colleague was not.

Write the dialogue that ensues. **[25]**

2.2 E-MAIL

A visit to your local clinic was an eye-opening experience for you.

Send an e-mail to the clinic administrator, expressing your views. **[25]**

2.3 NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Instances of online scamming have become alarming.

Write a newspaper article in which this topic is explored. **[25]**

2.4 LETTER TO THE PRESS

As a consumer activist, you are concerned that the public is not getting value for money. The recent price hikes have confirmed your observation.

Write a letter to the editor of a national newspaper in which you address this concern. **[25]**

2.5 **FORMAL REPORT**

In pursuit of a safer town, your municipality has proposed the conversion of certain roads into pedestrian and cycling lanes. As the local councillor, you have been requested to investigate this proposal.

Write the report which you will submit to the Mayor. **[25]**

2.6 **SPEECH**

As the elected provincial delegate, you have to deliver a speech, titled 'From Fear to Hope', at a National Youth Conference.

Write the speech that you will present. **[25]**

TOTAL SECTION B: 50
GRAND TOTAL: 100

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