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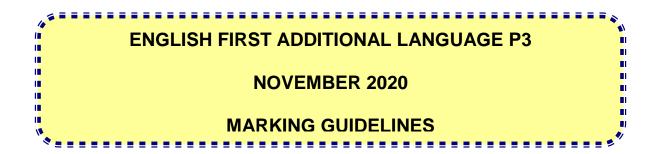


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Department: Basic Education **REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

SENIOR CERTIFICATE/ NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE

GRADE 12



MARKS: 100

These marking guidelines consist of 12 pages.

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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

These marking guidelines must be used together with the attached English FAL assessment rubrics for SECTIONS A, B and C.

SECTION A: ESSAY

QUESTION 1

Instructions to Markers:

- Candidates are required to write on ONE topic only.
- The ideas listed below the topics are only **some ways** in which the topic could be interpreted.
- Full credit must be given for the candidates' own interpretation.
- Marking must be objective. Give credit for relevant ideas.
- Use the 50-mark assessment rubric to mark the essays. The texts produced by candidates must be assessed according to the following criteria as set out in the assessment rubric:
 - Content and planning (30 marks)
 - Language, style and editing (15 marks)
 - Structure (5 marks)
- **NOTE:** Adhere to the length of 250–300 words as prescribed in the CAPS document. However, should the maximum word count be reached midsentence, read to the end of that sentence.
 - No additional penalties may be imposed as the rubric itself imposes penalties.

1.1 **My family, my life**

Descriptive/Narrative/ Reflective

- If descriptive, the candidate should create a picture in words, using as many senses as possible to make the description clear.
- If narrative, the essay must have a strong story line and a captivating ending.
- If reflective, the essay should convey the writer's/candidate's reactions and feelings.
- **NOTE:** A candidate may write an essay which contains elements of more than one type of essay.

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1.2 Later can easily become never.

Reflective/Argumentative/Discursive/Narrative

- If reflective, the essay should convey the writer's/candidate's reactions and feelings.
- If argumentative, the essay must reflect a specific argument or viewpoint for or against the topic. The candidate should give a range of arguments to support and substantiate his/her view. The conclusion should be a strong, clear and convincing statement of the writer's opinion.
- If discursive, the arguments for and against must be well-balanced and clearly analysed in the essay. The candidate must provide supporting evidence for his/her arguments. The candidate may come to a particular conclusion at the end of the essay, which should include recommendations.
- If narrative, the essay must have a strong story line and a captivating ending.

NOTE: A candidate may write an essay which contains elements of more than one type of essay.

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1.3 **It was a wrong assumption.**

Narrative/Reflective/Descriptive

- If narrative, the essay must have a strong story line and a captivating ending.
- If reflective, the essay should convey the writer's/candidate's reactions and feelings.
- If descriptive, the candidate should create a picture in words, using as many senses as possible to make the description clear.

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1.4 It was a season of ...

Narrative/Reflective/Descriptive

- If narrative, the essay must have a strong story line and a captivating ending.
- If reflective, the essay should convey the writer's/candidate's reactions and feelings.
- If descriptive, the candidate should create a picture in words, using as many senses as possible to make the description clear.
- **NOTE:** A candidate may write an essay which contains elements of more than one type of essay.

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1.5 **'You cannot change how people treat you or what they say about you.** All you can do is change how you react to it' – Mahatma Gandhi.

Reflective/ Argumentative/Discursive/Narrative/Descriptive

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- If argumentative, the essay must reflect a specific argument or viewpoint for or against the topic. The candidate should give a range of arguments to support and substantiate his/her view. The conclusion should be a strong, clear and convincing statement of the writer's opinion.
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- If narrative, the essay must have a strong story line and a captivating ending.
- If descriptive, the candidate should create a picture in words, using as many senses as possible to make the description clear.
- **NOTE:** A candidate may write an essay which contains elements of more than one type of essay.

1.6 **There is more to education than just a certificate.**

Argumentative/Discursive/Reflective

- If argumentative, the essay must reflect a specific argument or viewpoint for or against the topic. The candidate should give a range of arguments to support and substantiate his/her view. The conclusion should be a strong, clear and convincing statement of the writer's opinion.
- If discursive, the arguments for and against must be well-balanced and clearly analysed in the essay. The candidate must provide supporting evidence for his/her arguments. The candidate may come to a particular conclusion at the end of the essay, which should include recommendations.
- If reflective, the essay should convey the writer's/candidate's reactions and feelings.
- **NOTE:** A candidate may write an essay which contains elements of more than one type of essay.

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1.7 Interpretation of pictures

- The candidate should give the essay a suitable title.
- The candidate may interpret the pictures in any way.
- The candidate may choose to write any type of essay.
- The interpretation must be linked to the picture.
- The candidate may write in any appropriate tense.

1.7.1 Picture: **A coin**

Narrative/Descriptive/Reflective/Argumentative/Discursive

- Literal interpretations: saving money, finance, cost of living, money, crop farming and profits.
- Figurative interpretations: the effects of money on our lives, planning for the future, materialism.

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1.7.2 Picture: **Boys playing**

Narrative/Descriptive/Reflective/Argumentative/Discursive

- Literal interpretations: playtime, friendship, fun, childhood.
- Figurative interpretations: innocence, childhood, memories, creativity, innovation, teamwork.

TOTAL SECTION A: 50

SECTION B: LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT

QUESTION 2

Instructions to Markers:

- Candidates are required to answer ONE question.
- Marking must be objective. Give credit for relevant ideas.
- Use the 30-mark assessment rubric to mark the responses in this section. The texts produced by candidates must be assessed according to the following criteria as set out in the assessment rubric:
 - Content, planning and format (18 marks)
 - Language, style and editing (12 marks)
- **NOTE:** Adhere to the length of 120–150 words as prescribed in the CAPS document. However, should the maximum word count be reached midsentence, read to the end of that sentence.
 - No additional penalties may be imposed as the rubric itself imposes penalties.

2.1 FORMAL LETTER

A letter to thank the manager.

- Allow for acceptable variations of the format.
- The letter should be addressed to the manager of a local supermarket.
- The tone and register of the letter should be formal.
- The letter should have an introduction, a body and a conclusion.
- The following aspects of format must be included:
 - Address of sender
 - o Date
 - Recipient: The Manager
 - Address of recipient
 - Greeting/Salutation
 - Subject line
 - Suitable ending
 - Signature
 - Name of sender
- The letter must include details showing appreciation and gratitude to the manager.

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2.2 DIALOGUE

A conversation between siblings.

- A brief context must be provided at the beginning of the dialogue.
- The dialogue must be between the siblings.
- The tone must be informal.
- The following aspects of the dialogue format must be included:
 - The names of the speakers written on the left side of the page.
 - A colon used after the name of the character who is speaking.
 - A new line used to indicate each new speaker.
 - Where necessary, actions must be given in brackets before the words are spoken.

2.3 **OBITUARY**

Your brother-in-law has recently passed away.

- The tone must be formal.
- The following aspects of format must be included:
 - Full name of the deceased
 - Date of birth
 - Date of death
 - Birthplace
 - Where the person was living at the time of death
 - Key survivors (spouse, children) and their names
 - Date, time and place of funeral
- Biographical information may also be included.
- A tribute must be paid to the deceased.

2.4 MAGAZINE ARTICLE

An article for a local magazine giving career advice.

- The article must have a suitable heading.
- It must have clearly defined paragraphs.
- It must provide advice to the reader on careers.
- The style should be personal, speaking directly to the reader.
- The language may be formal.
- The article should be stimulating to the reader.

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TOTAL SECTION B: 30

SECTION C: SHORTER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT

QUESTION 3

Instructions to Markers:

- Candidates are required to answer ONE question.
- Marking must be objective. Give credit for relevant ideas.
- Use the 20-mark assessment rubric to mark the responses in this section. The texts produced by candidates must be assessed according to the following criteria as set out in the attached rubric:
 - Content, planning and format (12 marks)
 - Language, style and editing (8 marks)
- **NOTE:** Adhere to the length of 80–100 words as prescribed in the CAPS document. However, should the maximum word count be reached midsentence, read to the end of that sentence.
 - No additional penalties may be imposed as the rubric itself imposes penalties.

3.1 **DIARY ENTRIES**

The candidate's feelings before and after the friend's visit.

- There MUST be TWO diary entries with two different dates/ times.
- The first entry must express the candidate's feelings before the friend's visit and the second entry must express the candidate's feelings after the friend's visit.
- Reference must be made to the gift either implicitly or explicitly.
- The diary entries must be written in the first person.
- The language must be simple and informal.
- The tone must reflect suitable emotions.

3.2 ADVERTISEMENT

The sale of a bicycle.

- The advertisement must:
 - Have a catchy headline to attract the attention of the reader.
 - Inspire action.
 - Create interest in and the desire for the advertised item.
 - Have the following details: a description of the bicycle, (the cost involved) and the contact details of the seller.
- The target market should be clear.
- The language may be formal or informal but not slang or colloquial.

NOTE: Do not award marks for illustrations.

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3.3 DIRECTIONS

Directions to the sports stadium

- The directions may be in either point or paragraph form.
- Complete sentences are not necessary.
- Directions must be in the correct chronological order.
- Landmarks, distances and turns must be included.

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TOTAL SECTION C: 20

GRAND TOTAL: 100

ASSESSMENT RUBRIC FOR ESSAY – FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE [50 MARKS]

Criteria		Exceptional	Skilful	Moderate	Elementary	Inadequate
CONTENT &		28–30	22–24	16–18	10–12	4-6
PLANNING (Response and ideas) Organisation of ideas for planning; Awareness of purpose, audience and context 30 MARKS	Upper level	-Outstanding/Striking response beyond normal expectations -Intelligent, thought-provoking and mature ideas -Exceptionally well organised and coherent (connected), including introduction, body and conclusion/ending	-Very well-crafted response -Fully relevant and interesting ideas with evidence of maturity -Very well organised and coherent (connected), including introduction, body and conclusion/ending	-Satisfactory response -Ideas are reasonably coherent and convincing -Reasonably organised and coherent, including introduction, body and conclusion/ending	-Inconsistently coherent response -Unclear ideas and unoriginal -Little evidence of organisation and coherence	-Totally irrelevant response -Confused and unfocused ideas -Vague and repetitive -Unorganised and incoherent
		25-27	19–21	13–15	7–9	0–3
	Lower level	-Excellent response but lacks the exceptionally striking qualities of the outstanding essay -Mature and intelligent ideas -Skilfully organised and coherent (connected), including introduction, body and conclusion/ending	-Well-crafted response -Relevant and interesting ideas -Well organised and coherent (connected), including introduction, body and conclusion	-Satisfactory response but some lapses in clarity -Ideas are fairly coherent and convincing -Some degree of organisation and coherence, including introduction, body and conclusion	-Largely irrelevant response -Ideas tend to be disconnected and confusing -Hardly any evidence of organisation and coherence	-No attempt to respond to the topic -Completely irrelevant and inappropriate -Unfocused and muddled
LANGUAGE, STYLE &		14–15	11–12	8–9	5–6	0–3
EDITING Tone, register, style, vocabulary appropriate to purpose/effect and context; Word choice; Language use and conventions, punctuation, grammar,	Upper level	-Tone, register, style and vocabulary highly appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Language confident, exceptionally impressive -Compelling and rhetorically effective in tone -Virtually error-free in grammar and spelling -Very skilfully crafted	-Tone, register, style and vocabulary very appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Language is effective and a consistently appropriate tone is used -Largely error-free in grammar and spelling -Very well crafted	-Tone, register, style and vocabulary appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Appropriate use of language to convey meaning -Tone is appropriate -Rhetorical devices used to enhance content	-Tone, register, style and vocabulary less appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Very basic use of language -Tone and diction are inappropriate -Very limited vocabulary	-Language incomprehensible -Tone, register, style and vocabulary not appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Vocabulary limitations so extreme as to make comprehension impossible
spelling		13	10	7	4	
15 MARKS	Lower level	-Language excellent and rhetorically effective in tone -Virtually error-free in grammar and spelling -Skilfully crafted	-Language engaging and generally effective -Appropriate and effective tone -Few errors in grammar and spelling -Well crafted	-Adequate use of language with some inconsistencies -Tone generally appropriate and limited use of rhetorical devices	-Inadequate use of language -Little or no variety in sentence -Exceptionally limited vocabulary	
STRUCTURE		5	4	3	2	0–1
Features of text; Paragraph development and sentence construction 5 MARKS		-Excellent development of topic -Exceptional detail -Sentences, paragraphs exceptionally well-constructed	-Logical development of details -Coherent -Sentences, paragraphs logical, varied	-Relevant details developed -Sentences, paragraphs well- constructed -Essay still makes sense	-Some valid points -Sentences and paragraphs faulty -Essay still makes some sense	-Necessary points lacking -Sentences and paragraphs faulty -Essay does not sense

ASSESSMENT RUBRIC FOR LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT – FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE [30 MARKS]

Criteria	Exceptional	Skilful	Moderate	Elementary	Inadequate
CONTENT, PLANNING	15–18	11–14	8–10	5–7	0–4
& FORMAT	-Outstanding response	-Very good response	-Adequate response	-Basic response	-Response reveals no
	beyond normal	demonstrating good	demonstrating	demonstrating some	knowledge of features
Response and ideas;	expectations	knowledge of features	knowledge of features	knowledge of features	of the type of text
Organisation of ideas	-Intelligent and mature	of the type of text	of the type of text	of the type of text	-Meaning obscure with
for planning;	ideas	-Maintains focus – no	-Not completely focused	-Some focus but writing	major digressions
Purpose, audience,	-Extensive knowledge	digressions	-Some digressions	digresses	-Not coherent in content
features/conventions	of features of the type of	-Coherent in content	-Reasonably coherent	-Not always coherent in	and ideas
and context	text	and ideas, very well	in content and ideas	content and ideas	-Very few details
	-Writing maintains focus	elaborated and details	-Some details support	-Few details support the	support the topic
18 MARKS	-Coherence in content	support topic	the topic	topic	-Necessary rules of
	and ideas	-Appropriate format with	-Generally appropriate	-Necessary rules of	format not applied
	-Highly elaborated and	minor inaccuracies	format but with some	format vaguely applied -Some critical	
	all details support the		inaccuracies		
	topic -Appropriate and			oversights	
	accurate format				
LANGUAGE, STYLE &	10–12	8–9	6–7	4–5	0–3
EDITING			· · · ·		•••
Ebring	-Tone, register, style	-Tone, register, style	-Tone, register, style	-Tone, register, style	-Tone, register, style
Tone, register, style,	and vocabulary highly appropriate to purpose,	and vocabulary very appropriate to purpose,	and vocabulary appropriate to purpose,	and vocabulary less appropriate to purpose,	and vocabulary do not correspond to purpose,
purpose/effect,	audience and context	audience and context	audience and context	audience and context	audience and context
audience and context;	-Grammatically	-Generally	-Some grammatical	-Inaccurate grammar	-Error-ridden and
Language use and	accurate and well-	grammatically accurate	errors	with numerous errors	confused
conventions;	constructed	and well-constructed	-Adequate vocabulary	-Limited vocabulary	-Vocabulary not suitable
Word choice;	-Virtually error-free	-Very good vocabulary	-Errors do not impede	-Meaning obscured	for purpose
Punctuation and	virtually error nee	-Mostly free of errors	meaning	Meaning obcourse	-Meaning seriously
spelling					impaired
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12 MARKS					

ASSESSMENT RUBRIC FOR SHORTER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT – FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE [20 MARKS]

Criteria	Exceptional	Skilful	Moderate	Elementary	Inadequate
CONTENT, PLANNING	10–12	8–9	6–7	4–5	0–3
& FORMAT Response and ideas; Organisation of ideas; Features/conventions and context 12 MARKS	-Outstanding response beyond normal expectations -Intelligent and mature ideas -Extensive knowledge of features of the type of text -Writing maintains focus -Coherence in content and ideas -Highly elaborated and all details support the topic -Appropriate and accurate format	-Very good response demonstrating good knowledge of features of the type of text -Maintains focus – no digressions -Coherent in content and ideas, very well elaborated and details support topic -Appropriate format with minor inaccuracies	-Adequate response, demonstrating knowledge of features of the type of text -Not completely focused -Some digressions -Reasonably coherent in content and ideas -Some details support the topic -Generally appropriate format but with some inaccuracies	-Basic response, demonstrating some knowledge of features of the type of text -Some focus but writing digresses -Not always coherent in content and ideas -Few details support the topic -Necessary rules of format vaguely applied -Some critical oversights	-Response reveals no knowledge of features of the type of text -Meaning obscure with major digressions -Not coherent in content and ideas -Very few details support the topic -Necessary rules of format not applied
LANGUAGE, STYLE &	7–8	5–6	4	3	0–2
EDITING Tone, register, style, vocabulary appropriate to purpose and context; Language use and conventions; Word choice; Punctuation and spelling 8 MARKS	-Tone, register, style and vocabulary highly appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Grammatically accurate and well- constructed -Virtually error-free	-Tone, register, style and vocabulary very appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Generally grammatically accurate and well-constructed -Very good vocabulary -Mostly free of errors	-Tone, register, style and vocabulary appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Some grammatical errors -Adequate vocabulary -Errors do not impede meaning	-Tone, register, style and vocabulary less appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Inaccurate grammar with numerous errors -Limited vocabulary -Meaning obscured	-Tone, register, style and vocabulary do not correspond to purpose, audience and context -Error-ridden and confused -Vocabulary not suitable for purpose -Meaning seriously impaired
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