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**NATIONAL  
SENIOR CERTIFICATE**

**GRADE 12**

**SEPTEMBER 2023**

**ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE P3**

**MARKS: 100**

**TIME: 2½ hours**

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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 etc.), edit and proofread your work. The plan must appear BEFORE each text.
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 approximately:
  - 80 minutes on SECTION A
  - 40 minutes on SECTION B
  - 30 minutes on SECTION C
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, for example 1.1. At last ...
- 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 At last ... [50]

1.2 Fear [50]

1.3 You may get it wrong before you finally get it right. [50]

1.4 "A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new."  
– Albert Einstein [50]

1.5 Children are more depressed now than they used to be before [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



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1.7



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[50]

1.8



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**TOTAL SECTION A: 50**



**SECTION B: LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT****QUESTION 2**

- Respond to ONE of the following longer transactional writing texts.
- 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, for example: 2.1 FORMAL LETTER.
- Pay particular attention to format, language and register.
- Spend approximately 40 minutes on this section.

**2.1 FORMAL LETTER**

You read in your local newspaper about an elderly couple that was attacked in their home in your community. You have decided to write a letter to the station commander of your local police station against the rising rate of crime against elderly people.

Write the letter in which you make suggestions for the safety and security of the elderly people. [30]

**2.2 DIALOGUE**

You arrived at school fifteen minutes late after accompanying your younger sibling to nursery school. Your sibling was stubborn and difficult to deal with. Your class teacher is strict and does not tolerate late-coming.

Write out the conversation between yourself and your class teacher in which you explain your situation. [30]

**2.3 OBITUARY**

A well liked and loved prominent member of your family has died. He/She was the 'glue' that held your family together. You shared a special bond with this family member. Your family has requested you to write the obituary.

Write the obituary for this family member and also pay tribute to him/her. [30]

**2.4 SPEECH**

A recent health survey done in schools has shown a steady growth and increase of obesity among school children. As part of a Grade 12 initiative started by your Life Orientation teacher to create awareness of this growing problem, you were selected to deliver a short speech in your morning assembly creating awareness of this problem.

Write out the speech. [30]

**TOTAL SECTION B: 30**

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

- Choose ONE of the following topics and write a short 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, for example 3.1 DIARY ENTRY.
- Spend approximately 30 minutes on this section.

**3.1 DIARY ENTRY**

You have been invited to attend a very luxurious wedding of a family friend. You had mixed feelings about what looked like an occasion to remember for a long time.

Write ONE diary entry about how you felt AFTER attending the wedding. **[20]**

**3.2 INVITATION CARD**

You have an uncle who is retiring soon. Your family wants to honour him as the only remaining elderly relative and has organised a surprise party for him. You have been tasked to send out the invitations to family and friends.

Write out the invitation.

**NOTE:** No marks are awarded for drawings or illustrations. **[20]**

**3.3 DIRECTIONS**

Your local athletics club has been chosen to host the District Athletics Championships for 2023. Athletics teams from the surrounding towns have been invited to participate in this event. Provide the directions for the visiting teams from the entrance to the town to the venue hosting the athletics competition.

You must include landmarks, distances and specific directions in your response.

**NOTE:** No marks are awarded for drawings or illustrations. **[20]**

**TOTAL SECTION C: 20**  
**GRAND TOTAL: 100**