



GCSE

4942/02

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE
HIGHER TIER
UNIT 2**



A.M. THURSDAY, 5 June 2014

1 hour 45 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Resource Material for use with Section A.

A 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **all** questions in Section A and B.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

You are advised to spend your time as follows:

- Section A - about 15 minutes reading
 - about 45 minutes answering the questions
- Section B - about 10 minutes planning
 - about 35 minutes writing

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Section A (Reading): 30 marks.

Section B (Writing): 30 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

SECTION A: 30 marks

Answer all the following questions.

The passage on the opposite page, 'The Lion King', is an account of a visit to Shamwari Reserve by Georgie Thompson.

The separate Resource Material for use with Section A is a newspaper article, 'South Africa's Animal Rescue', by Britt Collins.

Read lines 1-29 of 'The Lion King' by Georgie Thompson on the opposite page.

A1. What did Georgie Thompson think and feel during her visit to Shamwari Reserve? [10]

You must use evidence from the text to support your answer.

Now read the article 'South Africa's Animal Rescue' by Britt Collins in the separate Resource Material.

A2. How does Britt Collins try to show that Shamwari Reserve is "an important force for good"? [10]

You must use evidence from the text to support your answer.

To answer the next question you will need to refer to both texts.

A3. Compare and contrast what the two writers say about Johan Joubert. [10]

You must make it clear from which text you get your information.

The Lion King

“Welcome to Shamwari Reserve,” I was told by my hosts when I arrived. “The lions are looking forward to meeting you.”

Many people will never get the chance to experience what I and my flatmate – Sky News presenter Sarah Mee – did that day. The big cats on the reserve are rare and endangered so when Sarah and I were offered the chance to see them in as natural a habitat as you could hope to find them, we didn’t think twice.

There is absolutely nothing like a safari holiday to remind you of your place in the world. It tends to put life, particularly your own, into perspective.

Mine was certainly brought into sharp focus during our stop at the Shamwari Reserve near Port Elizabeth. On our first game drive, we encountered a pride of lions feasting on their kill – a couple of warthogs – and we thought our days were numbered when Jules, our guide, left us on a ledge while he went on a search for the best possible angles for us to see the hunted and the hunters.

We saw lions stalk, sleep and eat and we were reminded of how small we are in the grand scheme of things – all the more so here because there was no fence to keep us from them, or them from us.

These are ferocious wild beasts – and we were grateful for the space that kept them from making us breakfast. My mortality was made abundantly clear to me by these huge, beautiful kings among animals.

This knowledge only made the experience of being on their patch all the more special. The sense of danger is one of the reasons a safari is such an adventure; the unpredictability is one of the key attractions.

You can make a safari holiday even more magical by enjoying it in extreme luxury, and this is what Shamwari offers in abundance.

There are several lodges you can choose – from those designed for families to those built with celebrities in mind. We stayed in Eagles Crag, a series of luxurious lodges each carefully positioned far enough from the next for complete privacy. The individual plunge pools were a very welcome treat after a long morning tracking animals.

Conservation is the watchword at Shamwari, with the education of future generations fundamental to the philosophy of Johan Joubert and John O’Brien, who run the park. The famous Born Free Foundation is based at Shamwari and two sanctuaries on site house lions that have previously been mistreated, malnourished and held captive in awful environments. Here they see out their final years in far more comfortable surroundings. We were touched in particular by one lioness, Achee, who had been rescued from a French Circus. Such was the poor quality of her care as a cub that she was unable to walk properly and had no chance of being released into the wild.

There is also an animal hospital on the reserve where Johan carries out his duties as a real-life Doctor Dolittle. When we met him, he stumbled into lunch wearing a plaster cast on his right leg. He told us he had been walking in the bush, alone and without a phone, when he tripped and fell, breaking his leg. He was rescued hours later, having avoided an encounter with anything carnivorous by hugging the perimeter fence. What a man!

Georgie Thompson

SECTION B : 30 marks

In this section you will be assessed for the quality of your writing skills.

Half of the marks are awarded for content and organisation; half of the marks are awarded for sentence structure, punctuation and spelling.

Think about the purpose and audience for your writing.

You should aim to write about 350-500 words.

B1. Your school wants to raise money for charity.

You have the chance to speak in an assembly to persuade the school to support a charity of your choice. You could consider charities such as Oxfam, Children in Need or the Born Free Foundation, but you may have an idea of your own.

You might consider:

- why it is a good charity to support;
- why and how students should get involved.

Write what you would say.

[30]

The space below can be used to plan your work.



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'Get here before sunset.' The warning loomed in my mind as we raced the fading light across the rugged landscape towards Shamwari Reserve.

As we reached the dirt road at the entrance, the sky darkened and a sleek, tawny-and-white animal I'd never seen before skittered across our path. We stopped to let her pass undisturbed, but she stopped and stared at us, her liquid eyes glowing in the dark. This animal, an oryx, makes a life for itself in the harshest conditions – a reminder of why we'd gone there.



Stretching across 61,000 acres of bush, Shamwari is a rare mixture of luxury game park and animal sanctuary. Here you can spot wildlife or do volunteer work at the Born Free Foundation, where lions and leopards that have been mistreated in captivity are resettled. On the edge of the reserve, Born Free offers volunteers a chance to help tend the big cats and other rescue animals such as orphaned antelopes and giraffes.

We ate dinner by a crackling fire and were escorted to our lodge by an armed guard, there to protect us from any predators. Monkeys darted across the paths and at our door, the guard reminded us to lock the windows and doors at night as 'the monkeys will swoop in and steal everything'. Our romantic lodge had all the comforts of a hotel: vintage copper bath, four-poster bed and a private sundeck. Beyond the glass doors, the trees and grassland stirred with the rustlings of the wild.

Shamwari is an important force for good. It immerses volunteers in one of South Africa's last great wilderness areas, where they can do a little of everything from the exciting and the dramatic (helping vets to nurse the casualties of forest fires or putting radio collars on predators) to the practical (maintenance work). When we arrived, there were many young people hard at work with the staff, clearing scrub and repairing fences.

The following morning, we met the so-called Big Cat doctor, Johan Joubert. He had a fresh scar across his cheek from a close encounter with a lioness that didn't take too kindly to his treatment table. He runs the Born Free centre which nurses traumatised animals that have been rescued from captivity. He also oversees an armed unit that acts as a deterrent to poachers. Working as a resident vet and wildlife manager since 1995, Dr Joubert has had many scrapes with the wildlife.

'The scariest thing happened when I was walking through the bush and this angry black rhino came out of nowhere. I scrambled up the nearest tree, which unfortunately was a prickly pear. I was in agony because I was covered in thorns and then my mobile went off and the rhino went mad and charged the tree. I fell out of the tree onto her back and she tried to gore me. Fortunately, I got away with a few cuts and bruises.'

After showing us the lions sunbathing in their compound, the Big Cat Doctor took us to a hiding place to see a leopard. He spotted this shy, elusive cat lurking in the bushes. 'Don't try this at home,' he whispered, before creeping towards the leopard, clutching the rifle he said he had never used. The leopard, overcome by curiosity, peered out. Encounters such as this are, he says, one of the thrills of the natural world.

The next day we were whisked off to Born Free to meet the lions. We were told about their harrowing experiences in circuses and zoos by one of the staff. As we walked past the lion cubs, they thrust their paws through the fence in search of the touch of another mammal. Playful and curious, they were abandoned pets, found in an empty flat in Romania.

We were introduced to a lively baby elephant that was saved by rangers when his mother died. Like humans, baby elephants need constant care so the staff take turns in sleeping beside him, getting up to feed him when he cries.



In a neighbouring enclosure, I fed milk to a two-month-old giraffe from a litre bottle, though at seven feet tall, he towered over me.

Leaving Born Free, we found ourselves in a gridlock of elephants crossing the road. The driver switched off his engine and we sat in silence, watching these grey ghosts of Africa melting into the dusk.

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