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Department:  
Education  
**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION - 2005**

**ENGLISH SECOND/ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE P3**

**STANDARD GRADE**

**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2005**

**Marks: 80**

**2 Hours**

**This question paper consists of 6 pages.**



**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

SECTION A: Extended writing (40 marks)

SECTION B: Shorter pieces of writing (20 marks)

SECTION C: Other shorter pieces of writing (20 marks)

1. Candidates are required to answer **ONE** question from **EACH** section.
2. Use the **TITLE** provided for your essay. For the shorter pieces, use the **HEADING** given next to the question number.
3. Number each question you have chosen exactly as it appears on the question paper.
4. Start each section on a new page.
5. Do not write in capital letters.
6. Write neatly and legibly to assist markers to mark your work.
7. Pay special attention to spelling, grammar and sentence construction.
8. We recommend that you plan your work and make rough drafts.
9. Neatly cross out all rough work before handing in your work.
10. We recommend that you re-read your work before you hand it in.



**SECTION A: EXTENDED WRITING****INSTRUCTIONS**

- Answer ONE of the following questions.
- Spend about 60 minutes (1 hour) on this section.
- It is advisable to draw up a brief plan before you write your essay.
- Write an essay of 200 – 250 words.

**QUESTION 1**

If at first you don't succeed, try again. Success comes from perseverance and hard work.

Write an essay in which you tell a story about someone who achieved success because of hard work and the ability to carry on despite setbacks.

**Entitle your essay: Success comes from perseverance and hard work** (40)

**OR**

**QUESTION 2**

Although I did not want to admit it, I knew that it was my fault.

Write an essay in which the above statement appears.

**Entitle your essay: I knew it was my fault** (40)

**OR**

**QUESTION 3**

Give your views on the quality of medical services provided at hospitals or clinics in South Africa. Clearly state if the services are adequate or not and give examples to support your views. If necessary, make suggestions on how the services could be improved.

**Entitle your essay: Medical services in South Africa** (40)

**OR**



**QUESTION 4**

First impressions of people can be very misleading.

Write an essay in which you describe how at first you misjudged somebody, but later found that you were wrong.

**Entitle your essay: Do not judge a book by its cover** (40)

**OR**

**QUESTION 5**

There are many dishonest people who trick and cheat others.

Write an interesting story about how you were tricked or cheated out of money or possessions.

**Entitle your essay: I was cheated!** (40)

**TOTAL SECTION A: [40]**



**SECTION B: SHORTER PIECES OF WRITING****INSTRUCTIONS**

- Spend about 30 minutes on this section.
- Choose ONE of the topics in this section to write on.
- Write about 120 – 150 words.
- If you choose a dialogue, the introductory words must not be included in the allocated number of words.
- If you choose a letter, the address(-es), salutation and ending must not be included in the allocated number of words.

**QUESTION 6: DIALOGUE**

A beggar refuses to accept a fresh loaf of brown bread from a café owner and insists on R20 cash.

Write the conversation that takes place between the beggar and the café owner. The outcome of the conversation must be clear.

**Begin as follows:**

Café owner: Here's a fresh loaf of brown bread.

Beggar: No, I don't want food. I told you I want R20. (20)

**OR**

**QUESTION 7: FORMAL LETTER**

You left school three years ago. You wish to apply for a new job and you need a testimonial.

Write a letter to the principal of your old school in which you ask for a testimonial. Tell him about the job you wish to apply for. Remind the principal of your achievements at school and participation in school activities. (20)

**OR**

**QUESTION 8: INFORMAL LETTER**

You have not spoken to an old friend for a while because of a silly argument that the two of you had.

Write a letter to your friend in which you express regret at the loss of your friendship. Remind him/her about the good times that you had in the past. Express your desire to renew your friendship. (20)

**TOTAL SECTION B: [20]**



**SECTION C: OTHER SHORTER PIECES OF WRITING**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Spend about 30 minutes on this section.
- Choose ONE of the topics in this section to write on.
- The length of the piece of writing should be 120 – 150 words.

**QUESTION 9: PARAGRAPH(S)**

Write one or two paragraphs in which you explain why you are proud to be a South African. (20)

**OR**

**QUESTION 10: REPORT**

A large company donated a million rand for the upgrading of your community.

Write a report on how the money was spent and how the community has benefited from the sponsorship. The report is to be submitted to the Managing Director of the company. (20)

**OR**

**QUESTION 11: DIARY ENTRY**

You recently went to visit your uncle on his farm, where you experienced many new and interesting things. Record your experiences in your diary.

The diary entries should be headed Day 1, Day 2 and Day 3. (20)

**TOTAL SECTION C: [20]**  
**GRAND TOTAL: 80**

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