

GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

ENGLISH PRIMARY LANGUAGE SG
(First Paper: Comprehension, Summary
and Language)

QUESTION 1
COMPREHENSION

Exotic fish get a raw deal on the way to market

- 1.1 The fish lose out, many die; they don't benefit in any way from the trading. (2)
- 1.2 The fish is described as **tiny**; it is **nimble**; it **darts away** from Kurulo; it is the **size of a man's thumb**. This description emphasises the fish's small size, speed and agility.
In contrast, Kurulo is described as a **lumbering giant**. His huge size and clumsiness are emphasised. (3)
- 1.3 He could be happy with his income as his \$100 per week earnings is more than twice the Fiji per capita earnings, even though it isn't much compared to the high income of his boss, which might be a source of dissatisfaction. Kurulo also has to work far away from his family, which could be a source of unhappiness. (3)
- 1.4 Kurulo sends his earnings back to a remote island village, where his wife and daughter live. (1)
- 1.5 The fish travels across the world in an aeroplane; this is not natural. The fish has no choice in being moved; it is not moving to a new location through instinct.
The fish will be moved to an unnatural environment: a small tank. (2)
- 1.6
- 1.6.1 The centre of trade/the place where all the trading action takes place
- OR**
- 1.6.2 most popular/trendy/in fashion at the moment (1)
- 1.7 Wealth and status are emphasised by these details; the car he drives tells us that Walt Smith makes a highly lucrative living as an exotic fish wholesaler. (2)

- 1.8 They make very little; their work is arduous for little return. (1)
- 1.9 Marine biologists and environmentalists would have the following objections:
The coral reefs are being destroyed.
Many species of fish are now in danger of extinction.
Cyanide is used to stun fish, which will pollute the environment and kill the fish soon after.
Many fish die in the transport process.

Give ANY THREE. (3)
- 1.10 Collectors breathe from plastic air tubes, which they wrap around their waist; the tubes are attached to old paint compressors, therefore toxic fumes are inhaled. (2)
- 1.11 Cyanide poisoning – **many fish die of poisoning**
Lack of oxygen – **stale water/boxes short on water**
Overheating – **stewing in hot plastic**
Overcrowding – **scooped from ... stuffed Styrofoam boxes**

Give ANY TWO. (2)
- 1.12 An aquarium, as a pet fish (1)
- 1.13 Yes. The trade is a source of income and a livelihood for many; it is a \$235 million industry, etc.
No. There is little consideration for the suffering of the fish and the marine environment is being destroyed and species threatened with extinction, etc.

These are examples of possible answers. (2)

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QUESTION 2
STYLE AND CONTEXTUAL EDITING

- 2.1.1 Pity:
scrounging through bags
having long put aside her dignity
faces everyone's waste/the rotting smells of society's discards
she lifts the heavy load on top of her head (2)
- 2.1.2 Admiration:
collects more than her total body weight every day
rises before dawn
rips open ... relentlessly
she lifts the heavy load on top of her head
her slight frame belies the strength and poise

Give ANY TWO. (2)

- 2.2 Changes in style:
It becomes objective.
It becomes factual.
No more emotive language – neutral tone is used

Give ANY TWO. (2)
- 2.3 Colon: it introduces an example of/to illustrate the kind of waste she finds (1)
- 2.4.1 hyphen (1)
- 2.4.2 to form a compound adjective (1)
- 2.5 apostrophe of possession $\frac{1}{2}$
It indicates that the association belongs to a number of collectors. $\frac{1}{2}$ (1)

QUESTION 3 SUMMARY

Mark content points out of 10, then halve
Mark style out of 10, then halve
Deduct penalties

Content:

Paragraph one:

Conservationist organisations in New York have daily calls to rescue and adopt unwanted pet tortoises.
African spurred tortoises cannot be released into the wild as they will die in a cold climate.

Paragraph two:

Baby tortoises are very appealing as they are small and cute.
Baby tortoises are inexpensive to purchase.
Baby tortoises are sold in every pet shop.

Paragraph three:

Adult tortoises do not make good pets as they grow to a huge size and mass of over 20 kg.
Because tortoises are instinctive burrowers they damage flooring, gardens and house foundations and they shift furniture.
Tortoises produce huge quantities of dung which makes them increasingly unpopular as they grow.
Tortoises live up to 150 years which makes them unsuitable as a child's pet or a family pet.

Style to be assessed on the following rubric:

- Candidate has understood instructions – comprehensive summary with minimal errors and own words used. 10-9
- Candidate has mostly followed instructions – summary may have some unnecessary detail (e.g. some examples and description) – words lifted from the original text. 8-5

Candidate has not understood what is required – summary is largely a re-write of the original, using too many words found in the original text. 4-3

Candidate has failed to follow instructions – too much unnecessary detail/words copied from the original text – general misunderstanding of what is required. 2-3

Penalties:

-1 for not including a word count

-1 for every five words over 110

-1 for incorrect word count

-1 for not separating content into the three required paragraphs

QUESTION 4 ADVERTISING

- 4.1 Any lover of the outdoors who enjoys walking: **able to handle the roughest terrain and easy on the feet**
A wildlife lover who would respond to the **Warthogs** brand name.

Mark globally. (3)
- 4.2 A magazine aimed at outdoor lovers, nature lovers, explorers
Examples: **Getaway, Earthyear, National Geographic, Africa Environment and Wildlife**
A specific magazine does not have to be named. (1)
- 4.3 There is a pun in the headline: **making tracks** means getting ahead or becoming known, as well as that boots make footprints, or human “tracks”. (2)
- 4.4 4.4.1 The label cleverly includes the outline of a warthog, which is humorous and eye-catching, therefore adding impact to the advertisement.
- 4.4.2 The warthog tracks that lead off from the warthog in the label are effective. They arouse one’s interest and when one follows them, they draw one’s attention to the Warthog label.
The visual pun of the tracks literally emphasises the pun in the heading, i.e. making tracks
- 4.4.3 The photograph shows the potential buyer what the boot actually looks like; it is evidently tough and well-made. (2)
- (ONE is required.)
- 4.5 ‘Durable’ indicates that the boot will last a long time / it is well made. (2)
- 4.6 It is trying to get people to contribute to the SOS Fund. (2)

- 4.7 SOS Fund providing relief for:
thousands of birds affected by South West Cape oil spill
protecting the rare dugong off the Bazaruto Archipelago
stopping exploitation of the wildlife in Eastern Cape nature reserves (3)
- 4.8 The SOS is an emergency relief fund, so it is for emergencies that are, by definition, not planned, but they can still be prepared for. (2)
- 4.9 The South African coastline is notorious for oil spills where penguins are often major victims of such disasters. By including penguins in the advertisement the advertiser reminds the reader of the most vulnerable wildlife affected, which hopefully will lead people to contribute to the S.O.S. fund. (2)
- 4.10 WWF South Africa (World Wildlife Foundation) (1)
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QUESTION 5 VISUAL LITERACY

- 5.1.1 Game – buck, rhino, lion, etc. (1)
5.1.2 domesticated animals – chickens and pets/humans (1)
- 5.2 The dog has bitten off its “master’s” hand and is bragging about its hunting exploit to its fellow dog. Human hunters, their trophies and their boasting are being satirised. It is humorous that **man’s best friend** views his master as prey. (2)
- 5.3 George’s wife hysterically told him to drive because the lion was trying to get into their car with a bent coat hanger. (2)

hysterically or fearfully	½
told	½
because or as	½
was trying	½

- 5.4 The lions are surrounding the car, eagerly anticipating a meal. The one lion is being pro-active. It is opening up the door with a coat hanger. Human criminals break into cars with coat hangers, the humanising of the lions is humorous, as is their intent; it must often cross the minds of lions in parks that they would like to sample the animals inside the cars. (2)
- 5.5 The crocodile is not an interesting pet; it just lies around all day; it is also dangerous, which Charles’s missing nose indicates. It is a wild animal / predator.

The creature (pterodactyl) is far too big to be a suitable pet; no doubt it would end up eating the boy.

1+1=(2)

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TOTAL: 75