

GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

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

Possible Answers Supp 2007

QUESTION 1 COMPREHENSION

- 1.1
- 1.1.1 Oxymoron; paradox (1)
- 1.1.2 A sense of anti-climax. Heroes are supposed to be looked up to; admired; often seem to be more than mere mortals. We do not wish them to be ordinary. (2)
- 1.2 Amused – at the foibles of the public who hero-worship such ordinary people; amused by actors' arrogance, etc. (Maximum of 2)
Bemused – confused, muddled. Cannot understand why such people are viewed as heroes = 3.
Candidate might state "both". Accept depending on argument. Global mark (3)
- 1.3 All examples listed suggest lack of sincerity. Words such as "feign" and "simulate". (2)
- 1.4 We have been convinced that they are gods and must be held in reverence. Although this is nonsense, we have been brainwashed and we pay them homage as deities/superior beings. Global mark (3)
- 1.5 Their "skill" and "greatness" is in remembering a few lines yet they cannot speak coherently when called on to make an acceptance speech. It must not seem as if they have prepared a speech so they feign surprise and do this very badly YET they are receiving an award for acting! (4)
- 1.6 The writer does not feel that these ceremonies are worthy of a capital letter – he does not view them as important or meaningful. (2)
- 1.7 Nostalgia, sentimental/a longing for the past. (1)
- 1.8 Speaking as if she were still a young child/indicative of the innocence of childhood / past. (2)
- 1.9 She is implying that people who were once TV stars can now find no other employment but as unknown presenters of infomercials. They are "nobodies"/ no longer popular/famous – relegated to unimportant/menial presentations. (2)
- 1.10
- 1.10.1 Both writers are commenting on the fact that these people are not super-heroes. They are human; they are fickle; have failings, weaknesses/are subject to the same problems as we are. (2)

- 1.10.2 He is saying that we thrive on the gossip about these celebrities and that if there were only computer-generated characters, we would have no meaning in our lives. He is commenting on the shallowness of the public who attach great importance to such trivial detail. (3)
- 1.10.3 Icons are venerated, idolised. She wants “real” heroes back on TV BUT the heroes are the characters not the actors – that is why they can be icons (no human failings). If candidates give an example of such a character (i.e. Superman/Batman or any other heroic character, accept for up to a maximum of 2. Some explanation must be given for full marks. Name of character = 1 only. (3)
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QUESTION 2 STYLE AND TEXTUAL EDITING

- 2.1 Plate cannot actually speak. (1)
- 2.2 B (1)
- 2.3 Must indicate “practice” as a NOUN (2)
- 2.4 The African tenants’ offices (1)
- 2.5 Metaphor (1)
- 2.6 We feel sympathetic. They are “victims”. (2)
- 2.7
- 2.7.1 parenthesis (1)
- 2.7.2 who was one of (1)
- 2.8 semi-colon. (1)
- 2.9 fate/situation/circumstances (anything similar). (1)
- 2.10 Johannesburg / township (1)
- 2.11
- 2.11.1 Acronym pronounced as a word. = 1
VIP not pronounced as a word but as letters. = 1 (2)
- 2.11.2 Abbreviation ends in same letter as full word therefore no full-stop. (1)
- 2.12 no. (must write fullstop for full marks). No fullstop 1 mark. (2)
- 2.13 Doing exactly what he wanted them to do. (Anything similar) (2)
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QUESTION 3 SUMMARY

Candidates should include all or most of the following points:

1. Reeve was an unknown stage actor who was cast in the role of the invincible Superman in 1979.
2. His height and dark rugged athletic looks got him the part.
3. Always did his own stunts, however dangerous.
4. In May 1995 broke his neck in riding accident.
5. Had to breathe with respirator; confined to a wheelchair.
6. Turned personal tragedy into public crusade.
7. Although in wheelchair, continued artistic career and won an award.
8. Supported research for treatment and cures for spinal cord injuries.
9. Activist for disabled – wanted to improve quality of life, help them go back to work but still receive disability benefits.
10. Championed research into diseases and embryonic stem-cells.
11. Died at age 52.

A title (not to be included in the word count) must be provided.

Word count must be indicated.

Any number of paragraphs but must be written in continuous prose.

Penalties:

- 1 for no title
- 1 for not indicating word count
- 1 for 120 – 130 words
- 2 over 130 words
- 2 for blatant dishonesty

PENALISE UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 3 MARKS.

Mark	Descriptor
10	Outstanding. All criteria fulfilled. Fluent and interesting. Error free
9	Excellent. All criteria met. Flowing English. Clear. Relevant
8	Distinctive. Clear and fluid. Most facts included.
7	Very good. Reasonable command of English. Most facts included.
6	Pleasing. A reasonable attempt to meet criteria. Average skills in writing and synthesis.
5	Mediocre. Limited understanding of task/passage. Pedestrian language.
4	Weak. Has not understood question or passage. An attempt.
3	Poor. Has not followed instructions. Limited language skills.
2	Very poor. Irrelevant information and/or limited language skills.
1	Drivel. Irrelevant. Illiterate
0	Question not attempted

If question is incomplete, please attempt to fit it into one of the categories.

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QUESTION 4 ADVERTISING

- 4.1
- 4.1.1 He overcame his fear of mice by means of a pencil – by drawing a mouse he became famous. Two simple drawings show how a simple solution can be a winning solution. (3)
- 4.1.2 Mickey Mouse (1)
- 4.2 Appropriate – set out as a news article. Dramatic heading/headline; print column – not across the page. If candidate says it is not typical – no credit. (2)
- 4.3 Innovative, creative, facing challenges – this is why they are successful. Do not believe in following the conventional / staid methods; encourage new ideas. Successful / diversity / job satisfaction. (4)
- 4.4 Pun – black and white (MUST comment) newspaper/racist ideology. Message of advertiser – put down the newspaper and turn on the TV. Advertiser is the TV channel SABC 1. It is advertising a documentary on Mandela's life – wishes reader to put down the newspaper and turn on the TV. Humour/wit contained in pun on black and white (4)
- 4.5
- 4.5.1 Cardies sells greeting cards, stationery. Cursive writing makes message seem more personal – as you would write in a card/message. Sentimental. Quotes his own words. (2)
- 4.5.2 Cardies is sending Mr Mandela a message in his own language – slogan 'says it best'. Cardies has taken Mr Mandela's words literally and sent him a message in Xhosa. While he will understand the message in English, the Xhosa will "go to his heart". A sophisticated answer might refer to the company being in the fore-front in relation to language-sensitive issues. (2)
- 4.6
- 4.6.1 B (1)
- 4.6.2 Rule: singular subject singular verb.
Example B implies that the firm "Cardies" is a plural subject. (1)
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QUESTION 5 CARTOON STUDY

- 5.1 Eve and her friend have hidden behind the radio and pretended that they are news presenters. Madam believes the broadcast is real and thinks she could qualify as a “truly great madam”. (3)
- 5.2 Emphasised – Words which really impact on Madam. (2)
- 5.3
- 5.3.1 excited; eager (anything similar) (1)
- 5.3.2
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|---|---|-------------|
| Throws newspaper aside |) | |
| Running |) | |
| Body language – smile |) | must list 4 |
| “EVE” written in large letters |) | |
| double exclamation mark |) | (4) |
| gleeful anticipation, outstretched |) | |
| arms, wide open mouth - shouting loudly and excitedly |) | |
| haste – running free |) | |
- 5.4 Eve agreed and commented that she was so good that sometimes she scared herself.
Must be past tense otherwise O.
If inverted commas, O.
Personal pronouns must change. (2)
- 5.5 Take the game so seriously, become very stressed, match becomes issue of national importance, etc. / bad losers. (3)
- 5.6 Testy = bad tempered, unhappy, irritable
Testy = with reference to test match. (2)
- 5.7 Tone is sarcastic/biting, yet smile on her face seems friendly – not a sneer. (3)

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TOTAL: 100