

**GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION**

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

Possible Answers Supp 2007

**QUESTION 1
COMPREHENSION**

- 1.1 The passage is about Lenie Pienaar who gave up her job to take care of abandoned children. (2)
- 1.2 By not mentioning her name, the writer wants the reader to read on to discover who the person is. The first paragraph captures the readers' attention because they want to discover the identity of a person who can willingly make such a sacrifice. (Mark globally) (3)
- 1.3 1.3.1 She has taken the place of the children's real mothers. (Any acceptable answer) (1)
- 1.3.2 She cares about children. She has made a personal sacrifice of giving up her livelihood so that 11 children can have love and attention in their lives. (Any acceptable answer) (2)
- 1.4 The word moved has a "double" meaning. Lenie felt great sympathy and love for the boy. (1) She was spurred into action. (1) Candidates must recognise that the word 'moved' has a double meaning. Both interpretations must be given for full credit. If one half is given, award 1 mark. 1+1=(2)
- 1.5 Yes. She needed all her time to take care of the children. Bringing up so many children is a full-time job and she would have neglected the children if she wanted to keep her shop.

OR

- No. The shop was her only source of income. It was a popular shop. She could have used the income from the shop to provide money for bringing up the children.
(Mark globally.) Credit YES or NO for full marks depending on the reasons. Do not credit Yes or No only. (3)
- 1.6 The grant she receives is minimal. (Any acceptable answer but this answer must be literal.) (2)
- 1.7 He was the first child who was brought to her. He gave her a purpose in life. Through her he was able to learn about the meaning of love. (Any acceptable answer – mark globally). (2)

- 1.8 1.8.1 Admiration (Something similar) (1)
- 1.8.2 The writer admires Lenie for her stance. She has made personal sacrifices to take care of 'strangers'. The writer is moved by the fact that there are individuals who can care for others whilst asking for nothing in return. (Mark globally – any acceptable answer.) (2)
- 1.8.3 Her life revolves around the children. She does not regret that she has very few material possessions. Her spiritual upliftment is reward enough. She does not want people to feel sorry for her. The paragraph leaves a lasting impression on the reader / creates an emotive response in the reader. (Mark globally.) (2)
- 1.9 Readers like to read about such people / admire such people / see such people as role models. Makes public aware of the less fortunate people. Reminds public that they have a responsibility to the less fortunate (Mark globally.) (2)
- 1.10 Any acceptable answer. (1)
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QUESTION 2

STYLE AND TEXTUAL EDITING

- 2.1 People usually hate to admit that they are HIV positive because of the stigma attached to it. In this instance the speaker has embraced and accepted her HIV positive status. She also realises that if she accepts her status she will be able to fight her illness (Any acceptable answer.) (1)
- 2.2 2.2.1 Contraction / Omission OR The apostrophe replaces the letters 'n' and 'o'. (If the candidate uses the second part both letters must be stated. If only one letter is stated a zero must be awarded.) (1)
- 2.2.2 Denotes possession (singular) (1)
- 2.3 Indicates where one clause ends and another clause begins OR It separates two sentences OR It is used stylistically because a comma plus AND provides a heightened pause. (2)
- 2.4 2.4.1 Prevalent (1)
- 2.4.2 Urban (only acceptable answer.) (1)
- 2.5 It separates parts of a sentence OR It gives additional information OR It separates a comment or afterthought from the rest of the sentence OR It creates a dramatic pause. (Any ONE) (1)
- 2.6 2.6.1 It gives the English meaning of Wola Nani. (1)
- 2.6.2 Brackets OR Commas (1)
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QUESTION 3 SUMMARY

The summary should include the following:

- February 1990 Mandela released after 27 years in jail.
- On his release he delivered his first public speech in 30 years.
- 1992 Mandela separated from his wife, Winnie.
- 1993 Mandela won the Nobel Peace Prize with F. W. de Klerk,
- 27 April 1994 Mandela voted for the first time in his life.
- 10 May 1994 Mandela became President of South Africa.
- Mandela responsible for the reconciliation process among South Africans.
- 1998 Mandela married Graca Machel.
- 2004 Mandela lost his first wife, Evelyn.
- 2005 Mandela lost his son.

Penalties

- No title / heading - minus 1
- If candidate has not used full sentences - minus 1
- If points are too long - minus 1
- For not using bullets or numbers - minus 1
- More than 120 words - minus 1
- No word count - minus 1
- For blatant dishonesty - minus 1

Maximum penalty - minus 3

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QUESTION 4 ADVERTISING

- 4.1 The word dominates the advertisement and the readers' eyes are attracted to it. The word INSIST means to demand and implies that the reader has the right to know more about the product / has the right to demand the best product. The huge lettering of the word makes it appear to be an instruction. (Mark globally.) (3)
- 4.2 He wants to give the reader the idea that his product is superior to any other product on the market. His product is superior because it is made from genuine materials and is not manufactured by machine but by hand. When a product is handcrafted, greater care is taken. Each individual shoe is given attention by the manufacturer (Mark globally.) (3)
- 4.3 The product is made in South Africa. The advertiser wishes to capitalise on the feeling of patriotism. If the product is made in South Africa it should be cheaper than other similar products. The product will be full value for money. (Two separate points to be given) $1 + 1 = 2$ (2)

- 4.4 The shoe is what is being advertised so it is prominently displayed. All the claims project how good a product it is. The reader is made aware of the durability of the product. The reader also assumes that the products used to manufacture the shoe mean that the advertiser will not be embarrassed by the product. The shoe is crafted to enable the young child's feet to grow without doing any damage. (Mark globally.) (3)
- 4.5 People who enjoy being outdoors / people who enjoy being in the sun / people who have sensitive skins / people who are health conscious (Any other acceptable answers) (2)
- 4.6 Literally - people will cover their faces with the product. The product will protect them from the harsh effects of the sun. (2)
- 4.7 4.7.1 CANSA is the Cancer Association of South Africa. Many people in South Africa are susceptible to cancer of the skin because they are exposed to the harsh rays of the sun. If this association displays its logo in the advertisement, it means the Association has endorsed the product. Many people will buy the product because CANSA is a respected organisation. (Mark globally.) (2)
- 4.7.2 A new word is formed from the first letters of the full name of the association (something similar) (1)
- 4.8 The product is effective and lasts for a long period of time. This would mean that the consumer will get value for money. (2)
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QUESTION 5

VISUAL LITERACY

- 5.1 Eve is so excited / nervous about meeting Nelson Mandela that she practises what she is going to say. When she finally shakes his hand she is so nervous that she mixes up her words and the meeting, to which she has so looked forward, is spoiled. (2)
- 5.2 Her eyes are wide open, registering her nervous excitement. Her hands are straight down the side of her body giving the impression that her body is stiff with nervous anticipation. Any comment on Eve's mouth is to be CREDITED (Candidates must mention two ways to be awarded full marks. If only one aspect is mentioned, one mark is to be awarded.) (2)
- 5.3 5.3.1 Eve uses vulgar language to cover her embarrassment. She buries her face in her hands. This is a universal sign of despair. (To be awarded full marks the candidate must mention the vulgar language and the physical action. If only one aspect is mentioned one mark should be awarded.) (2)
- 5.3.2 His words indicate sincerity in feeling pleasure at meeting Eve. There is no indication of an ironic or sarcastic tone. (2)

- 5.4 5.4.1 Disbelief / Amazement (something similar) (1)
- 5.4.2 Madam wanted to know from Eve whether / if she was nervous about meeting Nelson Mandela.

Penalties

- No preposition - minus $\frac{1}{2}$
 - 'You' must change to 'she'. If not – minus $\frac{1}{2}$
 - Sentence must have 'was'. If not – minus $\frac{1}{2}$
 - If the candidate uses quotation marks, zero must be awarded (1)
- [10]**

TOTAL: 75