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Department:  
Education  
**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL  
SENIOR CERTIFICATE**

**GRADE 12**

**ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE P3**

**EXEMPLAR 2008**

**MARKS: 100**

**TIME: 2½ hours**

**This question paper consists of 10 pages.**

**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. This question paper consists of THREE sections:
  - SECTION A: Creative writing (50 marks)
  - SECTION B: Longer transactional texts (30 marks)
  - SECTION C: Shorter transactional texts (20 marks)
2. Candidates are required to answer ONE question from EACH section.
3. Start each section on a NEW page.
4. Write neatly and legibly.
5. Pay attention to spelling, sentence construction and language.
6. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
7. It must be evident that you have *planned*, *proof-read* and *edited* your work.

**SECTION A: CREATIVE WRITING****QUESTION 1**

Write an essay of 400 – 450 words (2 – 2½ pages) on ONE the following topics.

- 1.1 *As the sun rose over the horizon, I had no idea of the dramatic events that would take place in the next 24 hours.*

Use this as part of a story that you have to tell. **[50]**

**OR**

- 1.2 Sport has become a media event. We no longer attend matches for the fun and shared excitement. Instead, we comfortably sit in front of the TV set – couch spectators rather than active, participating fans.

Do you agree? **[50]**

**OR**

- 1.3 Triumph of the human spirit **[50]**

**OR**

- 1.4 Mothers **[50]**

**OR**

- 1.5 The changing face of education ... what will *my* children learn one day? **[50]**

**OR**

- 1.6 TV, computers, e-mail, cell phones, Play Station and computer games ... . The world has changed a great deal in the past 20 years. The question is: How have these technological advances impacted on the lives of young people? **[50]**

**OR**

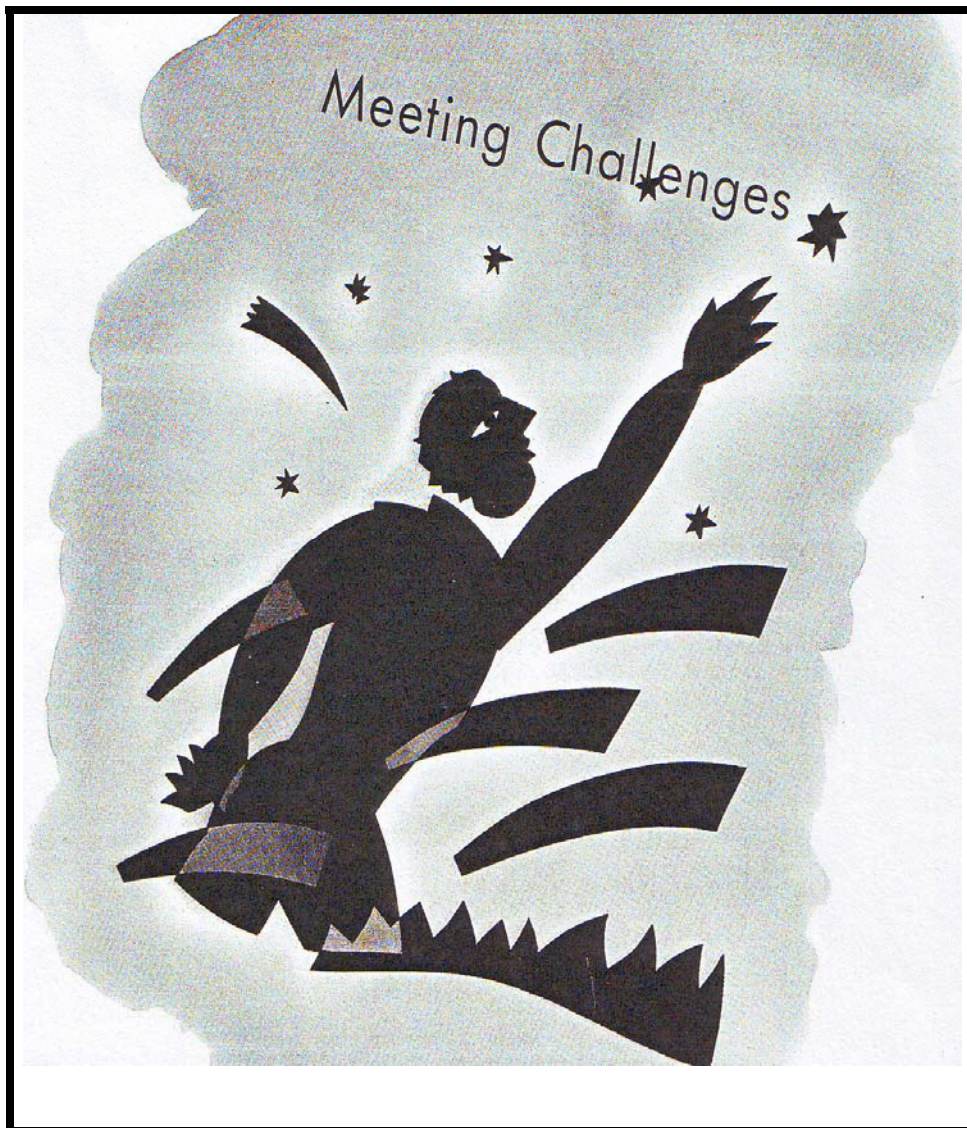
- 1.7 Autumn **[50]**

**OR**

- 1.8 The pictures reproduced on the following pages may evoke a reaction or feeling in you or stir your imagination.

Select ONE picture and write an essay in response. Write the question number (1.8.1, 1.8.2 or 1.8.3) of your choice and give your essay a title.

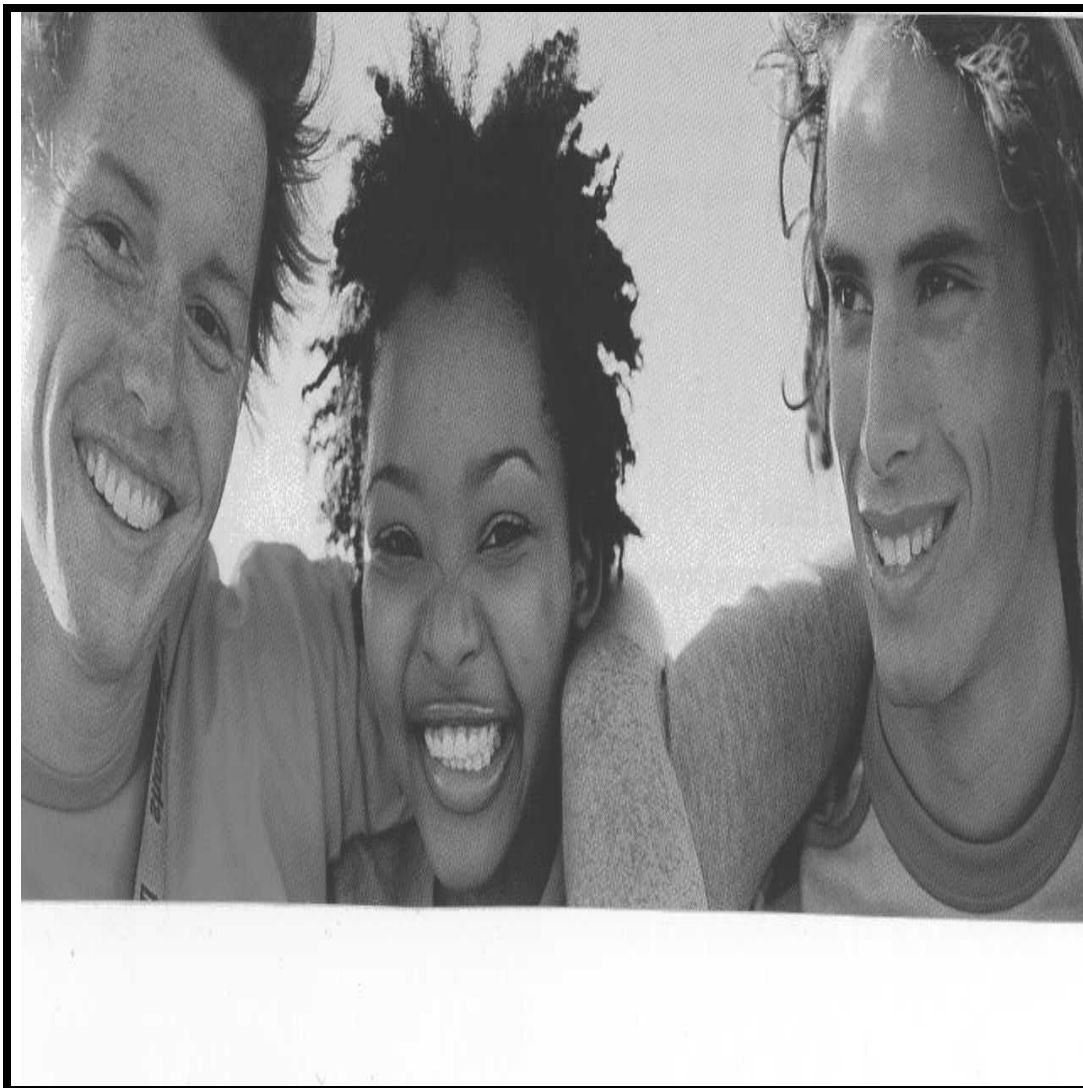
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[50]

OR

1.8.2



[50]

OR

1.8.3



[50]

TOTAL SECTION A: 50



**SECTION B: LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS****QUESTION 2**

- Respond to ONE of the following topics.
- The body of your answer should be 180 – 200 words (20 – 25 lines).
- Pay careful attention to the following:
  - Audience, register, tone and style
  - Choice of words and language structures
  - Format

**2.1 INFORMAL SPEECH**

As part of the end-of-year celebrations, your school's Sports or Cultural Club invites Grade 12 learners to a dinner held at the school.

At the conclusion of the evening you are asked to make a short, informal speech to thank the organisers and sponsors, and to conclude the evening. Write the speech you would make.

**[30]****OR****2.2 PERSONAL LETTER**

At a social occasion your friend took offence at some light banter. Write a tactful letter to this friend in which you apologise for the unintended insult.

**[30]****OR****2.3 ARTICLE**

The road that runs parallel to your school is very busy and learners have difficulty crossing. There are pedestrians trying to cross but many motorists ignore this.

Your school sends out a monthly newsletter. Write an article for this publication in which you explain the state of affairs and call for something to be done about the situation.

**[30]****OR**

## 2.4 FORMAL LETTER

Carefully examine the advertisement for Hulala Lakeside Lodge.



**HULALA LAKESIDE LODGE**  
**MPUMALANGA - NEAR WHITE RIVER**

*Fax No.*  
013  
714 1111  
*Postal*  
*address:*  
PO Box 56  
White River  
4960

Situated half an hour from the Kruger National Park, in close proximity to White River and the Panorama Route.

Nestled amongst giant granite boulders, on the spur of a deep blue lake. This secluded tranquil lodge is surrounded by rolling lawns and landscaped gardens. Fishing, walking, canoeing, peddle boats and the Sundowner Cruise are popular activities and bird life is prolific.

All 25 suites have magnificent views from private verandahs, and all come equipped with satellite television, lounges, fireplaces and en suite bathrooms.

**Call now on (013) 764 1893**  
**email [hulala@sevenseas.co.za](mailto:hulala@sevenseas.co.za)**  
**Website: [www.hulala.co.za](http://www.hulala.co.za)**



You are planning to spend a holiday at this resort. Write a formal letter you would send to Hulala Lakeside Lodge, making clear all your needs. Remember to include specific dates and personal requirements.

[30]

**TOTAL SECTION B: 30**



**SECTION C: SHORTER TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS****QUESTION 3**

- Respond to ONE of the following topics.
- The word length given after each question in this section should be used as a guide and the length of the answer must be determined by the requirements of the topic.
- Pay careful attention to the following:
  - Audience, register, tone and style
  - Choice of words and language structures
  - Format

**3.1 DIRECTIONS**

A close relative does not know how to reach the venue where she will be attending a prize-giving ceremony. Write the directions that will enable her to drive from her home to the venue.

In the directions, you should include at least three landmarks, as well as indications of distance and direction between these landmarks. Your answer should be 100 – 120 words.

**[20]****OR****3.2 DIARY ENTRIES**

You have a habit of recording your feelings in a diary. The final year of your school career has caused you to reflect seriously on your future.

Write THREE diary entries in which you make clear how you are dealing with this period of your life. The entries should be at least a week apart. Your speech should be 100 – 120 words in length.

**[20]****OR**

**3.3 ADVERTISEMENT**

Look carefully at this sketch of a family.



Now write the text for an advertisement, based on the sketch. You may choose any product or service you wish. The text for this advertisement, including headings (if any), should be 100 – 120 words in length.

**[20]****TOTAL SECTION C: 20****GRAND TOTAL: 100**