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GRADE 12

ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE P1

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MARKS: 80

TIME: 2 HOURS

This question paper consists of 13 pages.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of THREE sections:

SECTION A: Comprehension	(30)
SECTION B: Summary	(10)
SECTION C: Language	(40)

2. Answer ALL the questions.

3. Read ALL the instructions carefully.

4. Start EACH section on a NEW page.

5. Leave a line after each answer.

6. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.

7. For multiple-choice questions, write only the letter (A–D) next to the question number in the ANSWER BOOK.

8. Pay special attention to spelling and sentence construction.

9. Use the following time frames as a guideline:

   SECTION A: 50 minutes
   SECTION B: 20 minutes
   SECTION C: 50 minutes

10. Write legibly and neatly.

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION

QUESTION 1

Read BOTH TEXT A and TEXT B and answer the set questions.

TEXT A

	The Value of Teaching Literature	
1	In today's technology-filled world, where 140-character limits are the norm, is there any place for long, old-fashioned novels in the classroom? There are a number of reasons why English teachers are turning back to literature as a way to develop students' academic and life skills.	
2	Literature plays a vital role in education, shaping the way learners perceive the world, express their thoughts, and understand human experiences. Studying literature is not merely about reading stories, poems, and plays; it is about learning valuable life lessons, developing critical thinking, and gaining a deeper appreciation for different cultures and perspectives. Literature enables learners to become well-rounded individuals who can engage with society in meaningful ways.	5 10
3	John Keating, the fictional teacher from *Dead Poets Society*, famously said, "We don't read and write poetry because it's cute. We read and write poetry because we are members of the human race. And the human race is filled with passion." This quote beautifully captures the essence of literature — it is not just about words on a page, but about emotions, ideas, and the shared human experience.	15
4	One of the most significant reasons for studying literature is its ability to teach empathy. Through stories, poems and plays, learners experience life from different perspectives. It encourages learners to communicate with others, by sharing their thoughts and feelings about the story. They step into the shoes of characters from diverse backgrounds, facing struggles, triumphs, and emotions that may be different from their own. This helps them develop compassion and a deeper understanding of others. For example, reading Malala Yousafzai's memoir, *I Am Malala*, allows students to grasp the struggles of young girls fighting for the right to education.	20 25
5	Students engage with the attitudes and opinions expressed by the author or the characters. This helps students to develop their sense of self, their moral code, and their understanding of the world. This ability to analyse and think critically is essential not only in academic settings, but also in everyday life. It allows individuals to evaluate situations, understand different viewpoints, and make informed decisions.	30
6	When you study literature, your language and communication skills improve. Exposure to rich vocabulary and different writing styles enhances a learner's ability to express themselves clearly and effectively. Reading and analysing texts also improve comprehension skills. Most	35

	English language literature is written for people whose home language is English, it prepares learners, from different language levels, for the types of language they will have to read and understand in the real world.	40
7	Literature encourages creative writing, helping learners articulate their thoughts and emotions in a structured and meaningful way. Reading and studying the writing of others – from the greats of literature to pulp fiction – helps to expand the range of your imagination, gives you new ideas, frees you from tired old tropes and lets you write something original and readable.	45
8	Literature also plays an important role in cultural awareness and identity. By reading works from different cultures, learners gain insight into traditions, beliefs, and societal norms from around the world. This fosters respect for diversity and broadens learners' worldview. At the same time, studying literature from their own culture helps them appreciate their heritage. This will make them understand the historical and social influences that shape their identity. South Africa's former president, Nelson Mandela often credited literature such as the poem *Invictus* by William Ernest Henley, for giving him strength and resilience during his imprisonment.	50 55
9	Another key benefit of learning literature is its ability to inspire and motivate. Literature is filled with stories of perseverance, courage, and hope. Despite challenges, many characters maintain their faith and hope, representing strength in the face of adversity.	60
10	Most importantly, by fostering a love of reading from a young age, students become independent learners who, whenever they pick up a book to read for pleasure, are actually improving their language skills more than any homework task ever could.	
	[Adapted from: *www.Oxford.com*]	

NOTE:

- Answer ALL the questions in your OWN words.
- For one-word answers, write only the question number and the word.
- For multiple-choice questions, write only the question number and letter (A–D) of the correct answer.

1.1 Refer to paragraph 1.

1.1.1 Choose the correct answer to complete the following sentence:
'old-fashioned' (line 2), in the context of this passage, means …

A modern.
B outdated.
C current.
D informal. (1)

1.2 Refer to paragraph 2.

1.2.1 How does literature enable learners to become well-rounded individuals? (1)

1.2.2 What does the passage suggest about how literature helps learners understand people from different backgrounds? (2)

1.2.3 Using your own words, define the term 'literature'. (2)

1.3 Refer to paragraph 3.

What do the words in lines 13-15 ('We don't read … filled with passion') suggest about literature? (2)

1.4 Refer to paragraph 4.

1.4.1 What are the TWO possible positive outcomes of teaching empathy? (2)

1.4.2 Why is the following statement FALSE?

Malala Yousafzai's memoir is about men fighting for survival. (1)

1.5 Refer to paragraph 6.

In your own words, explain how studying literature can help improve a learner's language and communication skills. (2)

1.6 Refer to paragraph 8.

1.6.1 Explain, in your own words, how literature helps learners to understand cultural identity. (2)

1.6.2 What is the relevance of the writer referring to former president Nelson Mandela? (2)

1.6.3 Quote ONE word which has the same meaning as the word 'encourage'. (1)

1.7 Refer to paragraph 9.

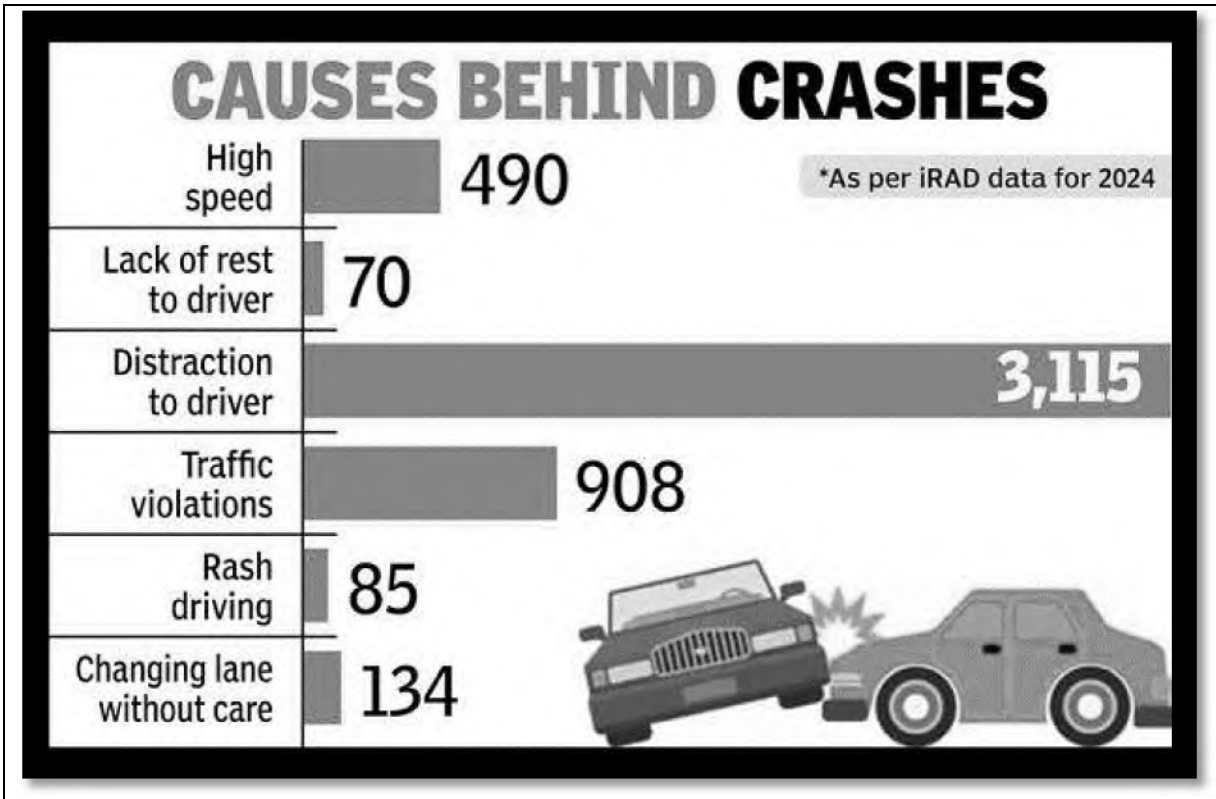
What does the writer mean by 'strength in the face of adversity'? (2)

1.8 Consider the text as a whole.

Do you think it is important for young people to study literature in this age? Substantiate your answer. (2)

1.9 Discuss the suitability of the title, 'The Value of Teaching Literature'. (2)

TEXT B



[Adapted from: *www.vecteezy.com*]

1.10 How do traffic violations contribute to car crashes? Support your answer. (2)

1.11 According to the image, what is the leading cause of crashes? Support your answer. (2)

1.12 Discuss whether the visual of cars crashing is effective. Substantiate your answer. (2)

TOTAL SECTION A: 30

SECTION B: SUMMARY

QUESTION 2

There are many disadvantages that one should consider when using the Artificial Intelligence application called ChatGPT.

Read TEXT C below and list SEVEN of **the disadvantages of using ChatGPT.**

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Your summary must be written in point form.
2. List your SEVEN points in full sentences, using not more than 70 words.
3. Number your sentences from 1 to 7.
4. Write only ONE point per sentence.
5. Use your OWN words as far as possible.
6. Indicate the total number of words you have used in brackets at the end of your summary.

TEXT C

The limitations of relying on ChatGPT

ChatGPT is an AI (artificial intelligence) chatbot. It is designed in such a way that the model can respond to queries and everyday questions

Excessive reliance on it can hinder academic growth. It provides instant answers, which may discourage learners from developing independent critical thinking skills. Information provided by ChatGPT can seem plausible, but it lacks insight and may not be necessarily accurate. It can be difficult to detect exactly which portions of the information are factually inaccurate.

Keep in mind that the content often lacks originality and personal voice. In English, teachers reward unique interpretations, yet ChatGPT's responses can be generic, preventing learners to expressing their own insights. A human educator can understand the emotions of students and respond accordingly. It is not the case with virtual chatbots like ChatGPT, which lack Emotional Intelligence and thus are unable to comprehend human emotions.

AI chatbots are trained on a massive dataset. If the dataset contains biases, chances are that some of the responses produced by ChatGPT will be biased. Though ChatGPT is trained with a lot of information, there's still some information it cannot access. Due to this, it may not be able to provide good answers about specific topics. It may also not be aware of the recent developments in different fields.

Relying on AI to write your assignments, will also increase the risk of plagiarism. ChatGPT can be a useful tool for guidance, but learners must engage actively with their work to ensure meaningful learning.

[Adapted from *www.hurix.com*]

TOTAL SECTION B: 10

SECTION C: LANGUAGE

QUESTION 3: ANALYSING AN ADVERTISEMENT

Study the following advertisement (TEXT D) below and answer the set questions.

TEXT D



[Source: *www.shutterstock.com*]

3.1 Who is the target audience in this advertisement? (1)

3.2 Write down 18th in words. (1)

3.3 Choose the correct answer to complete the following sentence:

"Come enjoy a futuristic evening of Food, Music, Entertainment and Fun!"

The sentence above is an example of …

A question.
B command.
C statement.
D exclamation. (1)

3.4 Mention ONE activity that attendees can expect at the event. (1)

3.5 How do the visuals of the cupcake and doughnut affect the reader? (2)

3.6 What does the phrase "a futuristic evening" suggest about the event? (2)

3.7 Do you think the advertisement is successful? Substantiate your answer. (2)

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QUESTION 4: ANALYSING A COMIC STRIP

Study the cartoon (TEXT E) below and answer the set questions.

TEXT E



FRAME 1 **FRAME 2** **FRAME 3** **FRAME 4**

NOTE: In this cartoon, the boy's name is Calvin and the tiger is Hobbes.

4.1 Refer to FRAME 1.

State ONE visual clue which shows that Calvin is discouraged. (1)

4.2 Refer to FRAME 2.

Why are the words, 'A WHOLE PARAGRAPH!!' written in bold? Give TWO reasons. (2)

4.3 Refer to FRAME 3.

4.3.1 How does Calvin convey his frustration. Refer to ONE visual clue in your answer. (1)

4.3.2 What does Calvin's reaction suggest about his attitude toward schoolwork? State TWO points. (2)

4.4 Refer to FRAME 4.

4.4.1 Rewrite the following sentence in formal English.

How's it coming? (1)

4.4.2 Study the following sentence:

What did you do besides watch <u>TV</u>?

Write the underlined word out in full. (1)

4.5 Do you think this cartoon is humorous? Substantiate your response. (2)

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QUESTION 5: LANGUAGE AND EDITING SKILLS

5.1 Read the passage (TEXT F) below, which has some deliberate errors, and answer the set questions.

TEXT F

How Media Shapes Public Opinion

1 The media play a crucial role in shaping public opinion. It influences how people perceeve issues and individuals. It allows people to stay updated from current events. Social media platforms give people an voice. It creates discussions on important issues.

2 *The Daily Times* has published pieces which expose corruption and wrongdoing, holding leaders accountable. It was discovered that the media had manipulated public opinion through biased reporting. Sensationalism and fake news spread quickly through social media. This led to misconceptions uninformed decisions based on emotions rather than facts.

3 The media has the power to educate, inform, and bring about positive change. It also carries the responsibility to report fairly and accurately. The editor of the *Daily Mirror* said, "Accuracy is not optional, but our duty to the public." It is important for the public to think critically about the information they receive.

4 Different media platforms help people form opinions on social and economic matters. However, this influence can be both positive and negative. It is for this reason that readers should know how to differentiate facts from opinions.

[Adapted from *www.britannica.com*]

5.1.1 Correct the SINGLE error in EACH of the following sentences. Write down ONLY the question numbers and the words you have corrected.

(a) The media play a crucial role in shaping public opinion. (1)

(b) It influences how people perceeve issues and individuals. (1)

(c) It allows people to stay updated from current events. (1)

(d) Social media platforms give people an voice. (1)

5.1.2 Why is *The Daily Times* written in italics in this passage? (1)

5.1.3 Rewrite the following sentence in the passive voice.

Media manipulated public opinion through biased reporting. (1)

5.1.4 Rewrite the following sentence in simple future tense.

Sensationalism and fake news spread quickly through social media. (1)

5.1.5 Complete the following tag question. Write down only the missing words.

The media has the power to educate, inform, and bring about positive change, …? (1)

5.1.6 Study the following sentence:

It also carries the responsibility to report fairly and accurately.

State the part of speech of EACH of the underlined words used in this sentence. (2)

5.1.7 Rewrite the following sentence in reported speech:

The editor of the *Daily Mirror* said, "Accuracy is not optional, but our duty to the public." (3)

5.1.8 Rewrite the following sentence in the negative form:

It is important for the public to think critically about the information they receive. (1)

5.2 Study the text (TEXT G) below and answer the questions.

TEXT G



[Source: *www.garyvarvel.com*]

5.2.1 Give the correct degree of comparison in the following sentence:

Social media is (popular) than written assignments among teenagers. (1)

5.2.2 Combine the following sentences into a single sentence.

A phone is used for sending messages.
A phone is used to search for information.

Start with the following words: Not only … (2)

5.2.3 Give the correct form of the word in brackets:

The teacher is being (sarcasm). (1)

5.2.4 Give the plural form of the underlined word in the following sentence:

The students write the essays in their notebook. (1)

5.2.5 Give an antonym (word with opposite meaning) of the underlined word in the following sentence:

The teacher asked for a brief explanation. (1)

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TOTAL SECTION C: 40
GRAND TOTAL: 80