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ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE P1

MARKS: **80**

TIME: **2 hours**

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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 frame as a guideline:

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

10. Write neatly and legibly.

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SECTION A: COMPREHENSION

QUESTION 1

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

TEXT A

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT AND OUR HEALTH

1 Water is a precious resource that we often take for granted. However, with the rapid growth of the global population and increased industrialisation, water scarcity has become a serious issue. According to the United Nations, over 2 billion people worldwide lack access to safe drinking water, and by 2025, half of the world's population will be living in water-stressed areas.

2 One of the ways we can address this problem is by treating wastewater. This is an essential process that protects our health and helps preserve the delicate ecosystems that depend on clean water. Wastewater is any water that has been used and discarded. It can come from homes, businesses and industries and can contain various contaminants, including human and animal waste. If left untreated, wastewater can cause serious damage to the environment and pose a risk to public health. It can contaminate rivers, lakes, and oceans, harming aquatic life and making water unsafe for human consumption. It can also contribute to the spread of waterborne diseases, such as cholera and typhoid fever. In addition to these waterborne diseases, untreated wastewater can contain toxic chemicals such as heavy metals and pesticides.

3 When untreated wastewater is discharged into the environment, it can deplete oxygen levels in water bodies. It can also contribute to the growth of harmful algae blooms, which can have devastating effects on marine ecosystems. In addition, wastewater can contain high levels of nutrients, such as nitrogen and phosphorus, which can cause eutrophication. This is the process by which an excessive amount of nutrients in water causes an overgrowth of plants and algae. Untreated wastewater also contains organic matter, which can cause water to become cloudy and discoloured which in turn can reduce the amount of light reaching aquatic plants, thereby harming their growth and survival.

4 Wastewater treatment involves a series of processes which removes the contaminants from water. The goal is to produce clean water that can be safely discharged into the environment or reused for other purposes. The specific methods used for wastewater treatment vary, depending on the type of contaminants present and the desired end-use of the water. Exposure to these chemicals can cause various health problems including cancer, neurological damage and reproductive issues. In areas with limited freshwater resources, untreated wastewater can also be a major source of water pollution.

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5 The first step in wastewater treatment is screening which involves removing large objects to prevent damage to equipment. The next step is primary treatment which is the removal of suspended solids and organic matter. Once this is done, the wastewater is subjected to secondary treatment which involves using biological processes to remove dissolved organic matter.

6 Wastewater treatment offers a range of benefits to the environment and public health by reducing the risk of water pollution and the spread of waterborne diseases. It helps to protect our natural resources and preserve the delicate ecosystems that depend on clean water. In addition, wastewater treatment can produce valuable resources, such as biosolids and methane gas. Biosolids are nutrient-rich organic materials that can be used as fertiliser, while methane gas can be used to generate electricity. Wastewater treatment produces high-quality water that can be reused for irrigation or industrial processes. This can help to conserve freshwater resources and reduce the strain on existing water supplies.

7 As the global population grows, the need for wastewater treatment will continue to increase. However, advances in technology and innovation are making wastewater treatment more efficient and effective than ever before. New treatment methods, such as membrane bioreactors and sequencing batch reactors, are improving treated water quality and reducing the energy required for treatment. In addition, new technologies, such as sensors and data analytics, are making monitoring and optimising the treatment process easier.

8 As we look to the future, wastewater treatment will play an increasingly important role in safeguarding our planet and its inhabitants. Investing in wastewater treatment infrastructure and technology ensures we have access to clean, safe water for generations to come.

[Adapted from https://nuwater.com]

1.1 Refer to paragraph 1.

Why is the following statement FALSE?

There is a steady increase in the population in the world. (1)

1.2 Refer to paragraph 2.

1.2.1 Quote ONE word which has the same meaning as ‘crucial’. (1)

1.2.2 Using your OWN words, explain how untreated water can harm the environment. (2)

1.2.3 Give an example of the ‘aquatic life’ (line 13) which can be harmed by untreated water. (1)

1.2.4 How can waterborne diseases spread? (1)

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1.3 Refer to paragraph 3.

1.3.1 In your OWN words explain how the growth of algae can have a devastating effect on marine ecosystems. (2)

1.3.2 Choose the CORRECT answer to complete the following sentence.

When water becomes 'cloudy and discoloured' (line 24), it means…

A the water is colourful.
B the water is polluted.
C the water is not polluted.
D the water is clear. (1)

1.4 Refer to paragraph 4.

Explain why it is important that wastewater be treated in different ways. State TWO points. (2)

1.5 Refer to paragraph 5.

Why is it important that 'screening' be the first step in the treatment of wastewater. State TWO points. (2)

1.6 Refer to paragraph 6.

1.6.1 Who would benefit from resources produced by wastewater treatment? (2)

1.6.2 What in your opinion are freshwater resources and what would it be used for? (2)

1.7 Refer to paragraph 7.

1.7.1 Name TWO advantages of using new wastewater treatment methods. (2)

1.7.2 How does technology make the treatment process of wastewater easier? (1)

1.8 Refer to paragraph 8.

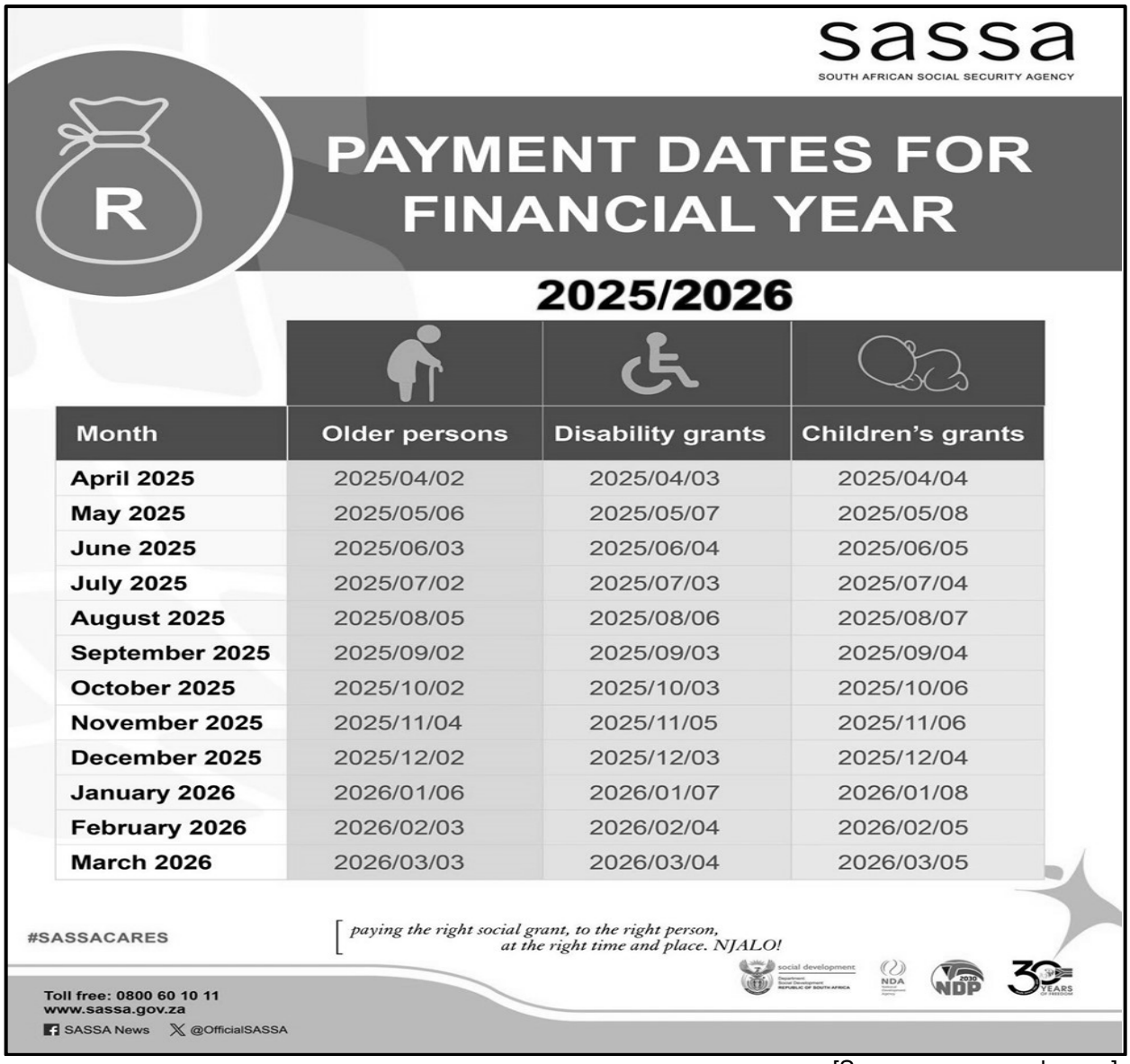
Do you agree with the writer's view that 'Investing in wastewater treatment infrastructure and technology ensures we have access to clean, safe water for generations to come'? Substantiate your answer. (2)

1.9 Discuss the suitability of the title, 'PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT AND OUR HEALTH'. (2)

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TEXT B



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PAYMENT DATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR

2025/2026

Month	Older persons	Disability grants	Children's grants
April 2025	2025/04/02	2025/04/03	2025/04/04
May 2025	2025/05/06	2025/05/07	2025/05/08
June 2025	2025/06/03	2025/06/04	2025/06/05
July 2025	2025/07/02	2025/07/03	2025/07/04
August 2025	2025/08/05	2025/08/06	2025/08/07
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December 2025	2025/12/02	2025/12/03	2025/12/04
January 2026	2026/01/06	2026/01/07	2026/01/08
February 2026	2026/02/03	2026/02/04	2026/02/05
March 2026	2026/03/03	2026/03/04	2026/03/05

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1.10 What does the 'R', in the left-hand corner represent? (1)

1.11 On which date would the financial year start and when would it end? (2)

1.12 Why has a **'toll-free'** number been included? (1)

1.13 Discuss the effectiveness of the inclusion of the three visuals above each column, on the leaflet. (2)

TOTAL SECTION A: 30

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SECTION B: SUMMARY

QUESTION 2

Cluttered minds can weigh people down and cause unnecessary stress.
Individuals can use simple practices to declutter and spring clean their minds.

Read TEXT C below and list SEVEN **tips on how to declutter your mind.**

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Your summary must be written in point form.
2. List your SEVEN points in full sentences, using no 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 number of words you have used in brackets at the end of your summary.

TEXT C

DECLUTTER YOUR MIND

September often brings thoughts of spring cleaning, decluttering and organising your home. A fresh start to a new season feels light and hopeful. However, how do you spring clean your mind, take stock and recommit to your goals you set?

Begin with your mindset and let go of thoughts that do not serve you. If your mind is trained on what is not going well, you will notice the negative more – and vice versa. Take time to rest – no chores, no reading, no work, just relax. Be in the moment, come back to the here and now. Identify your top four values and let them guide your actions and priorities. Knowing your top values helps keep your priorities and actions in check.

Do a daily 'unload'. Put all your worries and thoughts on paper first thing in the morning or keep a notebook and pencil by your bed to jot down random thoughts at night. You can even try a digital detox and spend a weekend screen-free to make room for creative thought. This will also allow you to appreciate the beauty around you.

Track your energy to see which activities drain you and which calm you. Spring ushers in a renewed sense of energy so get outside and get moving. This helps calm your mind and open creative thought. Start a new healthy habit and be intentional about it.

Remember, it is easier said than done so, taking it one small step at a time is far more effective for sustainability and follow-through.

[Adapted from www.psychology today.com]

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SECTION C: LANGUAGE

QUESTION 3: ANALYSING AN ADVERTISEMENT

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

TEXT D



[Adapted from www.google.com]

3.1 Who would this advertisement appeal to? (1)

3.2 Why is 'Teddy' a suitable name for this product? (1)

3.3 Why do you think the advertiser has included the visual of the baby in the advertisement? State TWO points. (2)

3.4 Explain what the advertiser is implying with the words, 'as soft as your babies's world'. (2)

3.5 Provide a synonym for the word 'soft'. (1)

3.6 Correct the punctuation error found in the slogan of the advertisement. (1)

3.7 Is the information provided effective in convincing readers to buy this product? Substantiate your answer. (2)

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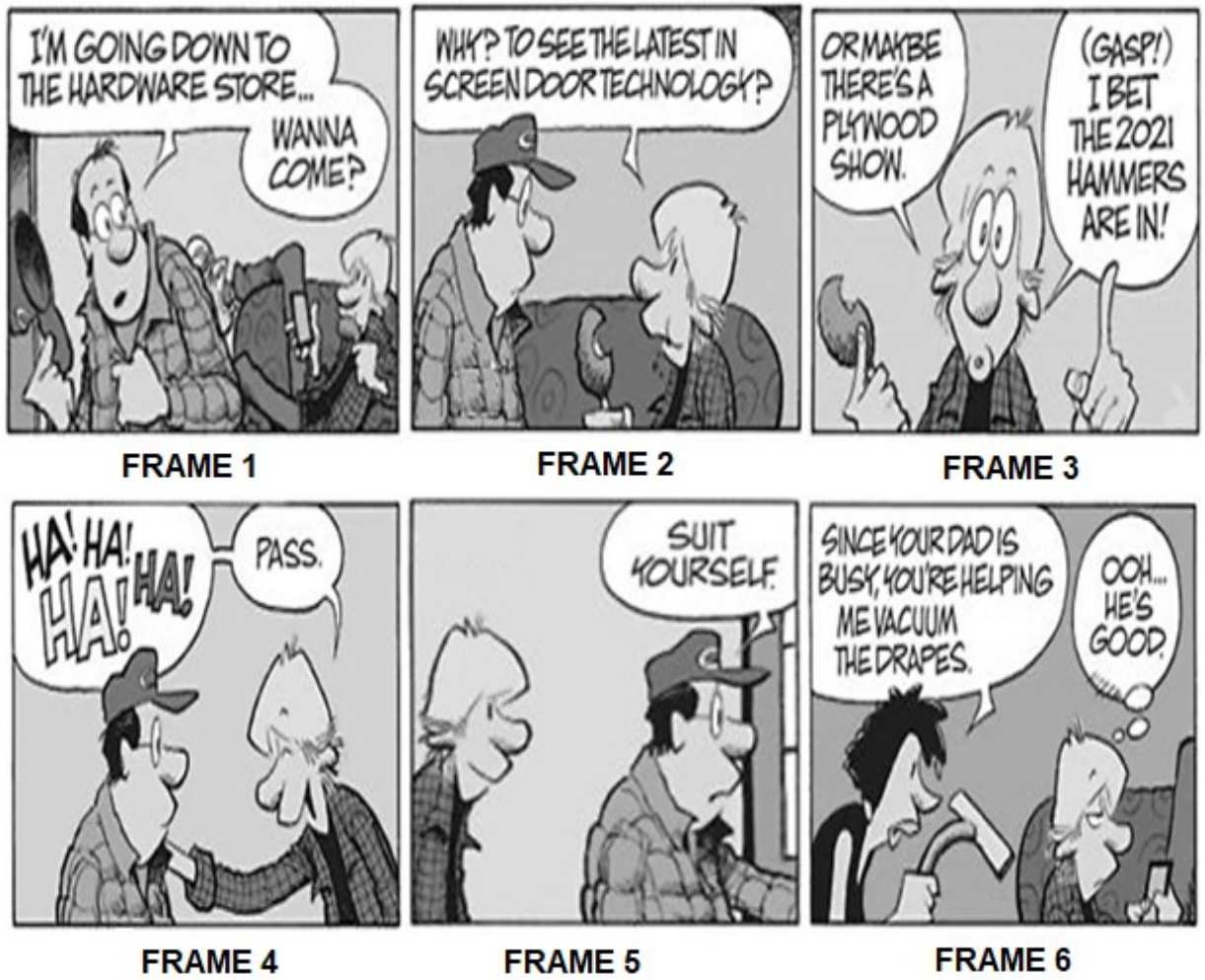
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QUESTION 4: ANALYSING A CARTOON

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

TEXT E

ZITS **by Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman**



[Source: www.google.com]

NOTE: In this cartoon, the young man is Jeremy, the older man is his father, and the lady is Jeremy's mother.

4.1 Refer to FRAME 1.

4.1.1 How do we know that Jeremy is relaxing? (1)

4.1.2 Write the word 'wanna' in proper English. (1)

4.2 Refer to FRAME 2 and 3.

Why is Jeremy asking his father a question in FRAME 2 and then continues by making suggestions in FRAME 3? (1)

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4.3 Refer to FRAME 4

4.3.1 Provide ONE visual clue and ONE verbal clue which proves that Jeremy finds what his father said, very amusing. (2)

4.3.2 Study the following sentence:

Jeremy said to his father, 'I'll let this opportunity to go to the hardware store pass me this time.'

Use a homonym for the word 'pass' in a sentence of your own. (1)

4.3.3 Describe how Jeremy's body language in FRAME 4 contrasts with his body language in FRAME 6. (2)

4.4 In FRAME 6 Jeremy says 'he's good' when he speaks about his father. By taking the cartoon as a whole into consideration, do you think Jeremy's father is 'good'. Substantiate your view. (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

WHAT IS LIFELONG LEARNING?

1 While there is no universal definition of lifelong learning, this generally refers to the concept that there is always something new to learn – regardless of whether it is for personal fulfilment, professional development or career advancement. Therefore, even once your days of formal education are complete, it is worthwhile to pursue more knowledge and skills.

2 This mean, lifelong learners never consider their education truly complete. They are not complacent; they are always seeking new ways to improve themselves.

3 This is not too say that lifelong learning cannot include formal education. From childhood curiosity to formal schooling to returning to school for an advanced degree, all forms of education certainly apply to the idea of lifelong learning.

4 Committing to a lifetime of ongoing learning are important. When you always have something new to learn, you can become a well-rounded person. Likewise, lifelong learning can help with your professional and personal development, empowering you to explore and uncover new insights about yourself. It can fuel you to strive to be better, improving your quality of life while boosting your own sense of self-worth. This in turn can rub off with others around you, inspiring your loved ones to do better for themselves.

[Adapted from www.lifelonglearning.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) This mean, lifelong learners never consider their education truly complete. (1)

(b) This is not too say that lifelong learning cannot include formal education. (1)

(c) Committing to a lifetime of ongoing learning are important. (1)

(d) This in turn can rub off with others around you, inspiring your loved ones to do better for themselves. (1)

5.1.2 Rewrite the following sentence in the passive voice:

Lifelong learning can help your professional and personal development. (1)

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5.1.3 Rewrite the following sentence in reported speech.

The student commented, 'Lifelong learning can be a challenge if you are not focussed on improving yourself.' (3)

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

The (bad) thing you can ever say is 'I know enough!' (1)

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

Learning something new every day is exciting, …? (1)

5.1.6 Give the correct form of the word in brackets in the sentence below.

When you show people you want to learn, you might just (inspiring) them to do the same. (1)

5.1.7 Combine the following sentences into a single sentence using the words neither … nor:

Sacrificing your time is never easy.
Being relentless in your pursuit of success is never easy. (2)

5.1.8 Rewrite the following sentence in the negative form.

Lifelong learning means you know everything. (1)

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5.2 Study the text below and answer the questions.

TEXT G



A blog is a website that's regularly updated with new content. The earliest blogs were online diaries. Blogs quickly evolved into powerful entities that fulfilled several personal and business-related blogging goals. Some of these included having a conversation with the world about your passion, brand awareness, and building relationships with customers or like-minded people.

[Adapted from www.what is a blog.com]

5.2.1 Write the contraction 'that's' in full. (1)

5.2.2 Study the following sentence:

A blog is a website that's regularly updated with new content.

Use a homophone for the word new in a sentence of your own. (1)

5.2.3 Give the singular form of the underlined word in the following sentence:

Diaries can help you to remember all you need to do. (1)

5.2.4 Study the following sentence:

Blogging allows you to share your passion with others.

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

5.2.5 What is the root word of 'conversation'? (1)

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TOTAL SECTION C: 40
GRAND TOTAL: 80

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