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ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE P1 MARKING GUIDELINES

MARKS: 80

These marking guidelines consist of 11 pages.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO MARKERS

1. Candidates are required to answer ALL the questions.

2. These marking guidelines serve as a guide to markers. Some responses may require a marker's discretion.

3. Candidates' responses should be assessed as objectively as possible.

MARKING THE COMPREHENSION

- Because the focus is on understanding, incorrect spelling and language errors in responses should not be penalised unless such errors change the meaning/understanding. (Errors must still be indicated.)

- If a candidate uses words from a language other than the one being examined, disregard those words, and if the answer still makes sense, do not penalise. However, if a word from another language is used in a text and required in an answer, this will be acceptable.

- For **open-ended questions,** no marks should be awarded for YES/NO or I AGREE/I DISAGREE. The reason/substantiation/motivation is what should be considered.

- When one-word answers are required and the candidate gives a whole sentence, mark correct **provided that** the correct word is underlined/highlighted.

- When two/three facts/points are required and a range is given, mark **only** the first two/three.

- Accept dialectal variations.

- For multiple-choice questions, accept BOTH the letter corresponding with the correct answer AND/OR the answer written out in full.

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SECTION A: COMPREHENSION

QUESTION 1

1.1 There has been a sharp population increase worldwide/fast population growth worldwide. ✓ (1)

1.2 1.2.1 essential ✓ (1)

1.2.2 Untreated water can pollute rivers/lakes/oceans ✓ which in turn poses a risk to organisms/plants that live in water. ✓ (2)

1.2.3 Fish/frogs/algae/sharks. ✓ (1)

1.2.4 These diseases can spread when people drink contaminated water.✓ (1)

1.3 1.3.1 The contaminants cause algae to grow very fast, which depletes the oxygen levels. This makes it very difficult for aquatic life to survive. ✓✓ (2)

1.3.2 B/the water is polluted. ✓ (1)

1.4 Wastewater can contain different contaminants such as chemicals or human and animal waste. ✓
Once the water has been treated, it will be used for different reasons. ✓ (2)

1.5 It would allow those working with the untreated water to see which waste products/types of chemicals are in the water. ✓ They would then have an idea of how to deal with the type of contaminant found. ✓ (2)

1.6 1.6.1 Farmers can use biosolids as fertiliser. ✓
Citizens/the country can benefit from electricity generated from methane gas. ✓ (2)

1.6.2 It is water which occurs naturally e.g. rivers, lakes or groundwater. ✓ It can be used as drinking water/for cooking.✓ (2)

1.7 1.7.1 The quality of the water is much better. ✓
Less electricity is used. ✓ (2)

1.7.2 The sensors and data analytics used ensure that monitoring and optimizing the treatment process is made easier. ✓ (1)

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1.8 Open-ended. Accept a suitable answer, e.g.

Yes.
Money spent on improving infrastructure and technology will ensure that wastewater will be treated effectively. This will result in a better quality of water produced. People would be able to access clean water and there would be fewer diseases (such as cholera or typhoid fever).
No.
People should work sparingly with the natural resources the country has. In a few years, the technology currently being used will not be good enough because times change and so would the type of contaminants. This would mean that more money will have to be invested as people search for better approaches to wastewater treatment.

NOTE: Accept other suitable answers. A candidate can score 1 mark for an answer that is not well-substantiated. Accept a combination answer. (2)

1.9 Open-ended. Accept a suitable response e.g.

The title is suitable because the passage deals with how our environment and health is affected by wastewater. We are provided with information regarding this problem, but we are also given information on what we can do to protect our health and our environment which will ultimately lead to a healthier life for humans and ecosystems.

OR

The title is not suitable because the passage only mentions wastewater treatment to ensure our environment and health is protected. This is not feasible as funds are not always available to implement this plan. Protecting our health and our environment is more than just wastewater treatment. The writer should have mentioned more practical plans which can be implemented especially in rural or poverty-stricken areas.

NOTE: Accept other suitable answers. A candidate can score 1 mark for an answer that is not well-substantiated. Accept a combination answer. (2)

1.10 Rand/currency used in South Africa ✓ (1)

1.11 01 April (2025) ✓ to 31 March (2026/the following year) ✓ (2)

1.12 A toll-free number means that people do not have to pay/use their data to call for assistance/may not have money readily available to make calls when they have a problem regarding their grant. (1)

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1.13 Open-ended. Accept a suitable response, e.g.

The inclusion of the three visuals ensures that people who do not understand the terminology or have a language barrier, are able to see which column is applicable to them. The combination of words and visuals ensures that people get the correct information regarding their grant.

OR

The three visuals are not effective and do not depict the three 'categories' of grant recipients correctly. Not all older people walk with a cane; disability does not necessarily mean person in a wheelchair; children's grant does not only identify as babies. People could also receive notifications of when their grants are paid into their accounts which makes the inclusion of the visuals unnecessary.

NOTE: The above are merely examples. Do not award a mark for Yes or No. Accept other suitable responses. A candidate can score 1 mark for an answer that is not well-substantiated. Accept a combination answer. (2)

TOTAL SECTION A: 30

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SECTION B: SUMMARY

QUESTION 2

The following points form the answer to the question.

	QUOTATIONS	FACTS (NOTE: Candidates may phrase the facts differently.)	
1	'Begin with your mindset and let go of thoughts that do not serve you.'	1	Change your way of thinking. / Do not overthink.
2	'Take time to rest – no chores, no reading, no work, just relax.'	2	You need to find some time to relax.
3	'Be in the moment, come back to the here and now.'	3	Live each day as it comes.
4	'Identify your top four values and let them guide your actions and priorities.'	4	Allow your values to guide what you do.
5	'Do a daily 'unload'.	5	Write down things you are anxious about.
6	'You can even try a digital detox…'	6	Spend some time without your cell phone.
7	'Track your energy to see which activities drain you and which calm you.'	7	Take note of the things which exhaust you or relaxes you.
8	'Start a new healthy habit and be intentional about it.'	8	Begin a healthy habit (and be purposeful about it).

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MARKING THE SUMMARY

Marking is on the basis of the inclusion of valid material and the exclusion of invalid material.

The summary should be marked as follows:

- **Mark allocation:**
  - 7 marks for 7 points (1 mark per main point)
  - 3 marks for language
  - Total marks: 10

- **Distribution of language marks when candidate has not quoted verbatim (word for word):**
  - 1–3 points correct: award 1 mark
  - 4–5 points correct: award 2 marks
  - 6–7 points correct: award 3 marks

- **Distribution of language marks when candidate has quoted verbatim:**
  - 6–7 quotes: award no language mark
  - 4–5 quotes: award a maximum of 1 language mark
  - 2–3 quotes: award a maximum of 2 language marks

NOTE:

- **Format**
  - Even if the summary is presented in the incorrect format, it must be assessed.

- **Word Count:**
  - Markers are required to verify the number of words used.
  - Do not deduct any marks if the candidate fails to indicate the number of words used, or if the number of words used is indicated incorrectly.
  - If the word limit is exceeded, read up to the last sentence above the stipulated upper limit and ignore the rest of the summary.

TOTAL SECTION B: 10

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SECTION C: LANGUAGE

- **Spelling:**
  - One-word answers must be marked correct even if the spelling is incorrect, unless the error changes the meaning of the word.
  - In full-sentence answers, incorrect spelling should be penalised if the error is in the language structure being tested.
- Where an abbreviation is tested, the answer must be punctuated correctly.
- Sentence structures must be grammatically correct and given in full sentences/per instructions.
- For multiple-choice questions, accept BOTH the letter corresponding with the correct answer AND/OR the answer written out in full as correct.

QUESTION 3: ANALYSING AN ADVERTISEMENT

3.1 Parents/caregivers who use this brand of wet wipes./People who use wet wipes. ✓ (1)

3.2 Teddy is a 'nickname' for a teddy bear which is what babies would play with. ✓ (1)

3.3 The product is made specifically for babies. ✓
The baby is smiling and looks happy, which the advertiser implies will happen if mothers use this product for their babies. ✓ (2)

3.4 Babies are fragile and are surrounded by everything which is soft. ✓
The advertiser implies that the product fits in well with the type of surroundings of a baby because it is just as soft. ✓ (2)

3.5 Gentle/tender ✓ (1)

3.6 babies' ✓

3.7 Open-ended. Accept a suitable response, e.g.,

Yes.
The advertiser has given information regarding the product which mothers/parents would like to hear. The fact that the product is 'hypoallergenic' is comforting because parents will know their babies will not have any allergic reaction is they should use the product.

OR

No.
Mothers/parents are very selective when choosing which products to use for/on their babies. There is no scientific evidence that the product has been tested to ensure that there will be no allergic reactions. Some parents have a specific brand they might have used and want to continue using that brand.

NOTE: The above are merely examples. Do not award a mark for Yes or No. A candidate can score 1 mark for an answer that is not well-substantiated. Accept a combination answer. (2)

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QUESTION 4: ANALYSING A CARTOON

4.1 4.1.1 He is slouching on the couch/his leg is hanging over the back of the couch. **OR**
He has his cell phone in his hand and he is eating. ✓ (1)

4.1.2 want to ✓ (1)

4.2 He is being sarcastic when speaking to his father./ He is asking because he wants to find out if his father really expects him to go with him. ✓ (1)

NOTE: The above are merely examples. Do not award a mark for Yes or No. A candidate can score 1 mark for an answer that is not well substantiated. Accept a combination answer. (2)

4.3 4.3.1 **Visual:** He leans forward, puts his hand on his father's shoulder and laughs.

Verbal: The repetition of the words 'HA! HA! HA! HA!'. ✓

NOTE: One **verbal** and one **visual** clue must be mentioned.
Visual: The candidate must mention all three actions to show that the emphasis is on '**very amusing**'.
Verbal: The candidate must mention the repetition of the word to show the emphasis is on '**very amusing**'. (2)

4.3.2 Pass me the salt. / I need a pass to walk in the corridor at school. ✓ (1)

4.3.3 FRAME 4 – Jeremy is standing/ he is leaning forward/his mouth is open/his eyes are open.
FRAME 6 – He is slouching on the couch/his mouth is closed/his eyes are half-closed. ✓✓

NOTE: Accept ANY other suitable response provided that the contrast is clear. Award 2 or 0 marks. (2)

4.4 Open-ended. Accept a suitable response, e.g.,

Yes. He is a considerate father and husband. He asks his son if he wants to accompany him to the hardware store. This could be seen as him wanting to spend some time with him. He also wants to leave because he can see his wife is busy cleaning and does not want him or Jeremy to be in her way.

OR

No. It is clear Jeremy knows the type of person his father is. When he says his father is good, he is implying that he is sly. His father knows his mother is busy cleaning and would be asking for help and because he does not want to help, he decides to visit the hardware store. (2)

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QUESTION 5: LANGUAGE AND EDITING SKILLS

5.1.1 (a) means ✓ (1)

(b) to ✓ (1)

(c) is ✓ (1)

(d) on ✓ (1)

5.1.2 Your professional and personal development can be helped by lifelong learning. ✓ (1)

5.1.3 The student commented that lifelong learning could ✓ be a challenge if you were ✓ not focussed on improving yourself.

NOTE: Award ONE mark for each underlined change and ONE mark for correct punctuation. (3)

5.1.4 worst ✓ (1)

5.1.5 isn't it? / is it not? (1)

5.1.6 inspire ✓ (1)

5.1.7 Neither sacrificing your time, nor being relentless in your pursuit of success, ✓ is ever easy. ✓

OR

Neither being relentless in your pursuit of success, nor sacrificing your time ✓ is ever easy. ✓ (2)

5.1.8 Lifelong learning does not/doesn't mean you know everything. ✓ (1)

5.2.1 that is ✓ (1)

5.2.2 I <u>knew</u> I would get an opportunity to create my own blog. ✓ (1)

5.2.3 diary ✓ (1)

5.2.4 you – pronoun ✓

passion – (abstract) noun ✓ (2)

5.2.5 converse ✓ (1)

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GRAND TOTAL: 80

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