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ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE: Paper 3

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MARKS: 100

TIME: 2½ hours

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This question paper consists of 6 pages.

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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of THREE SECTIONS:

SECTION A:	Essay	(50)
SECTION B:	Longer Transactional Text	(30)
SECTION C:	Shorter Transactional Text	(20)

2. Answer ONE question from EACH section.

3. Write in the language in which you are being assessed.

4. Start EACH section on a NEW page.

5. You must plan (e.g. using a mind map/diagram/flow chart/key words), edit and proofread your work. The plan must appear BEFORE each text.

6. All planning must be clearly indicated as such and handed in. It is advisable to draw a line through all planning.

7. You are strongly advised to spend your time as follows:

   SECTION A: 80 minutes
   SECTION B: 40 minutes
   SECTION C: 30 minutes

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

9. Give each response a suitable title/heading, where required.

10. Do NOT consider the title/heading when doing a word count.

11. Write neatly and legibly.

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SECTION A: ESSAY

QUESTION 1

- Write an essay of between 250 and 300 words in length on ONE of the following topics.
- Write down the NUMBER and TITLE of the essay you have chosen correctly, e.g. 1.1 The story behind my smile.
- Give your own title if your choice is QUESTION 1.6, 1.7 OR 1.8.
- Spend approximately 80 minutes on this section.

1.1 The story behind my smile **[50]**

1.2 It gets easier **[50]**

1.3 A promise that I could not keep **[50]**

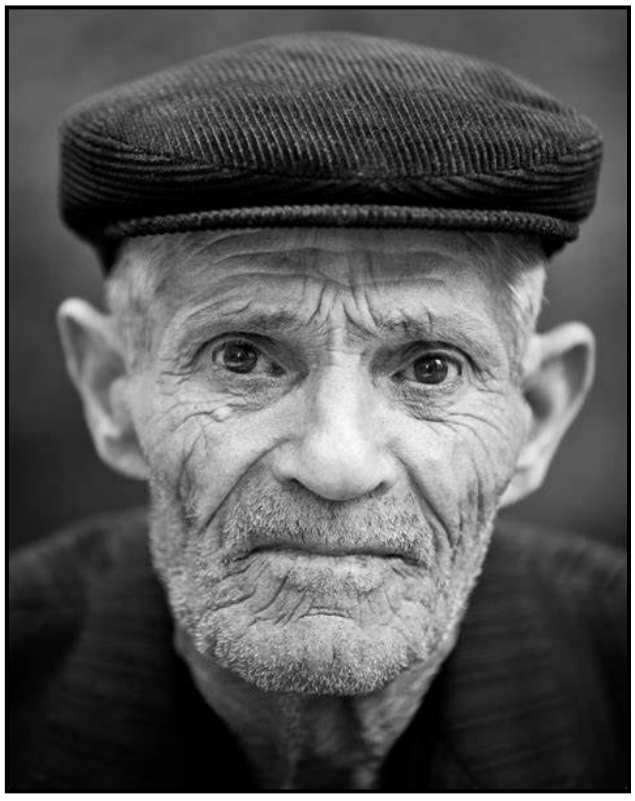
1.4 When the mask falls off **[50]**

1.5 'We don't see things as they are, we see them as we are.' – Anaïs Nin **[50]**

Choose ONE of the following pictures and write an essay on a topic that comes to mind. Write the question number (1.6, 1.7 OR 1.8) and give your essay a suitable title.

NOTE: There must be a clear link between your essay and the picture you have chosen.

1.6



[Source: https://www.bing.com] **[50]**

1.7



[Source: www.x.com] **[50]**

1.8



[Source: https://unsplash.com] **[50]**

TOTAL SECTION A: 50

SECTION B: LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT

QUESTION 2

- Choose ONE of the following topics and write a longer transactional text.
- The body of your response should be between 120 and 150 words in length.
- Write down the NUMBER and the HEADING of the text you have chosen, e.g. 2.1 E-MAIL.
- Pay particular attention to format, language and register.
- Spend approximately 40 minutes on this section.

2.1 E-MAIL

Your Grade 8 Life Orientation teacher has retired recently. As you reach the end of your secondary schooling career, you wish to thank him/her for the positive impact he/she has made on your life. You would also like to inform him/her about your future plans.

Write the e-mail. **[30]**

2.2 REVIEW

You recently had dinner at a new restaurant in your town. As a social media influencer, you have decided to write a review of your overall experience at this restaurant.

Write the review. **[30]**

2.3 DIALOGUE

The book you borrowed from the local library was damaged while in your possession. The librarian is not happy with the condition of the book that you are returning and would like an explanation from you.

Write the dialogue that takes place between you and the librarian. **[30]**

2.4 SPEECH

Your school will be hosting a farewell assembly for the Grade 12 learners.

The principal has requested you, as the outgoing Representative Council of Learners' (RCL) chairperson, to deliver a farewell speech.

Write the speech. **[30]**

TOTAL SECTION B: 30

SECTION C: SHORTER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT

QUESTION 3

- Choose ONE of the following topics and write a shorter transactional text.
- The body of your response should be between 80 and 100 words in length.
- Write down the NUMBER and the HEADING of the text you have chosen, e.g. 3.1 FLYER.
- Spend approximately 30 minutes on this section.

3.1 FLYER

Your school principal is hosting a career exhibition for all Grade 12 learners in your community. He/She has requested you, as a member of the organising committee, to create a flyer promoting the exhibition.

Write the content of the flyer.

NOTE: Do NOT include illustrations or drawings. **[20]**

3.2 *WHATSAPP* MESSAGE

Your class is planning to have a movie night in the school hall. You have some ideas which you would like to share on the class *WhatsApp* group.

Write the *WhatsApp* message that you will send to your classmates.

NOTE: Avoid using slang in your message. **[20]**

3.3 INSTRUCTIONS

Your friend is impressed by how clean your white sneakers are. He has asked you to provide him with a list of instructions on how to clean his white sneakers at home.

Write the instructions.

NOTE: Do NOT include illustrations or drawings. **[20]**

TOTAL SECTION C: 20
GRAND TOTAL: 100

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