KWAZULU-NATAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

GREENBURY SECONDARY

HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATION

ENGLISH H.L. - GRADE 12

DATE: 06 –06-2018

TIME: 2 ½ HRS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 100

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NAME OF LEARNER: **GR/DIV: 12**

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION PAGE:

1. This paper consists of 7 **PAGES.**
2. This paper consists of **THREE SECTIONS**:

   SECTION A: LANGUAGE (25 marks)

   SECTION B: NOVEL – *LIFE OF PI* (25 MARKS)

   SECTION C: TRANSACTIONAL WRITING (50 marks)
3. Answer all the question in Section A and B. In Section C, you have choices. You must choose and answer **only TWO questions** in Section C.
4. Draw a **margin** on the right-hand-side of each answer sheet.
5. **SUGGESTED TIME ALLOCATION**:

   SECTION A: 45 minutes

   SECTION B: 45 minutes

   SECTION C: 60 minutes
6. Write **neatly** and **legibly**.

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SECTION A: SUMMARY

QUESTION 1: SUMMARISING IN YOUR OWN WORDS

TEXT A provides insight into how to be happy. Summarise, in your own words, **the secret to happiness.**

NOTE : 1. Your summary should include **SEVEN POINTS** and **NOT** exceed **90 WORDS**.

2. You must write a fluent **PARAGRAPH.**

3. You are **NOT** required to include a title for the summary.

4. Indicate your **word count** at the end of your summary.

TEXT A

Do you often feel like a hammer stuck on a wheel spinning endlessly? Work, home, kids, chores, ...? From the moment you open your eyes in the morning you're on the go, tackling to-do lists. By the end of the day you're exhausted but, as you flop onto the bed, you can't help wondering surely there is more to life than this? Then your mind drifts. What is it that would make you happy? A new car would be good. So would a long holiday or being able to buy a bigger house. What you are looking for is a happiness that stays, even amid the chaos of everyday life.

Physical experiences colour your emotional state. Don't battle through life with small discomforts that build up and cause you to suffer. Take care of your health and diet and get enough exercise and sleep, but also pay attention to ailments. Do not spend time pretending to have fun by shopping, going to nightclubs and partying yet you are uncomfortable. Spend time thinking about what's important to you. Try to strengthen existing relationships and create new, meaningful ones. We all get caught up in things we have to do and don't make enough time to forge ahead and keep connected. Keep family traditions, throw a party and invite someone new. Start a book group with friends or talk to someone at a local café.

When you are in the midst of something that feels like an assault, or you are distraught, finding a glint of something funny helps. It does not mean cracking jokes but simply "switching on" the comedy. Laughing, even to yourself, feels good. If you do not have a sense of humour about life, you cannot pick yourself up emotionally. We are all peacocks and we need to figure out which colours to show. A lot of it comes from accomplishing something: any challenge that helps you find some self-esteem. Don't go with the crowd or what is expected but find a quiet place where your brain can settle down without you apologizing for it. We think that by adding

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things to our lives we will find happiness. The mistake we make is that when something good does come our way we don't pay attention to it for very long.

We spend too much of time evaluating what we are doing and not enough time allowing ourselves to enjoy the flow of experience. It is important to recognize that an experience is worthwhile in itself. Experiences can capture the richness of our daily lives. Neuroscience shows that when we help others it activates the reward centre in our brain in the same way as receiving a gift does. Helping is a really good strategy for forming connections which make us happy. The happier we are, the more likely we are to help others.

Studies show that identifying our 'signature' strengths and finding new ways to use them can have a lasting impact on our happiness. Our strengths come naturally to us and are often energizing, easy to learn and enjoyable. Sometimes, we don't recognize them because they are so natural that we tend to focus more on our weaknesses.

(Adapted from *You Magazine)*

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QUESTION 2 – ANALYSING ADVERTISING

Study the advertisement (TEXT B) on the next page and answer the set questions.

GLOSSARY:

1. Manhattan - a city in the USA.
2. Guilders – monetary unit .

QUESTIONS:

2.1 What is the advertiser's intention in the caption: 'Compound interest is considered the most powerful force in the universe'. (2)

2.2 'You need to harness this force to become a successful investor.' Discuss the emotive appeal of the above claim. (2)

2.3 Comment on the impact of the visual image in the context of the advertisement. (3)

2.4 Refer to the written text: 'The Lenape Indians....trillions to spare.' In your view, is the style of expression effective in convincing the reader? Justify your response. (3)

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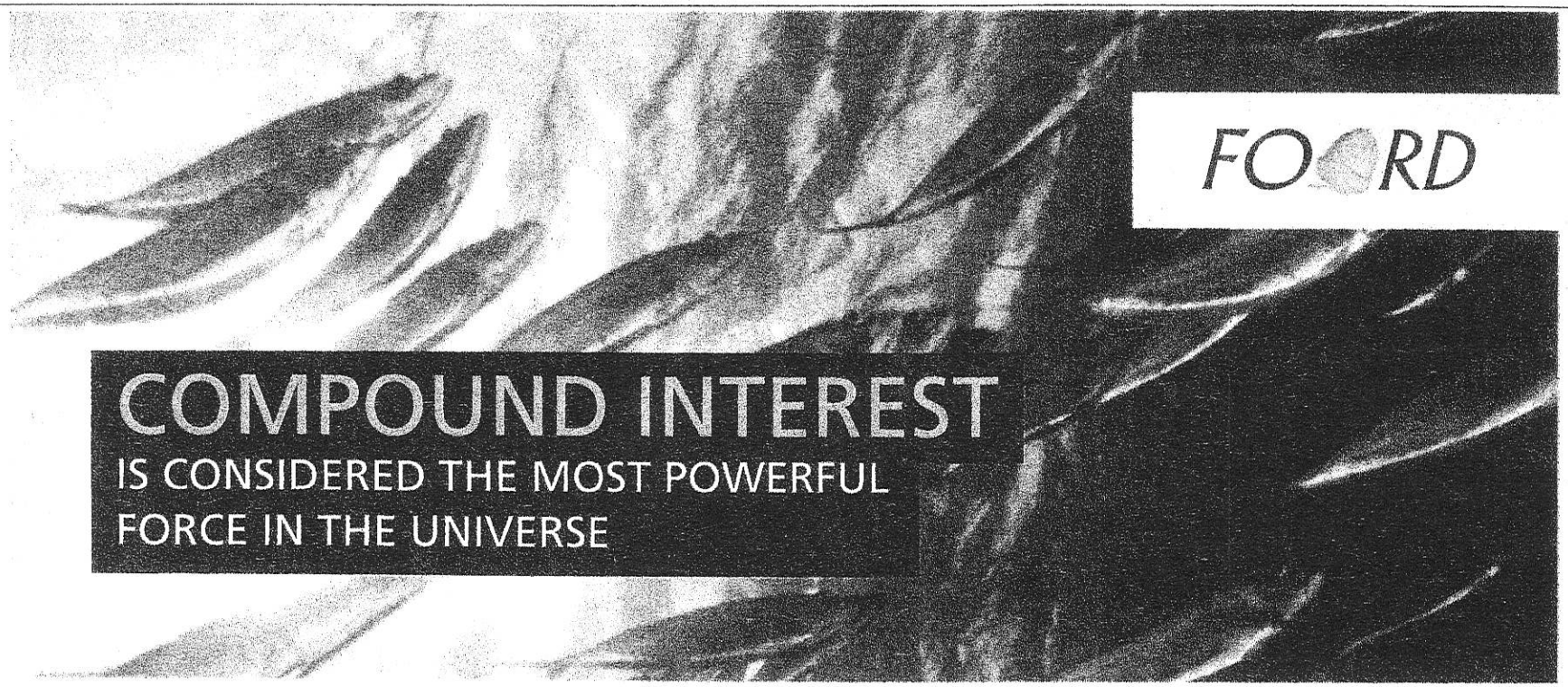
TEXT B



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The Lenape Indians sold Manhattan to the Dutch in 1626 for a bunch of beads estimated to have been worth 60 guilders at the time. At a 7% per annum rate of return the current value would exceed €5.5 trillion, allowing the Indians' descendants to buy Manhattan back and have trillions to spare.

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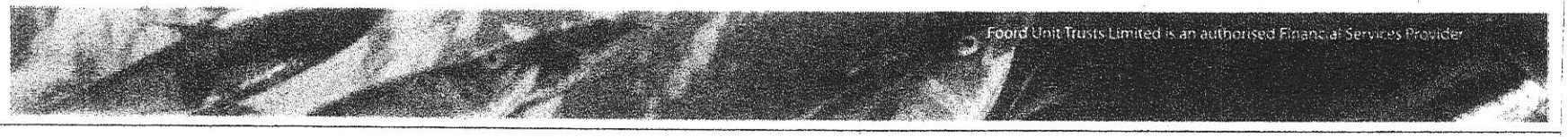

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QUESTION 3: UNDERSTANDING OTHER ASPECTS OF THE MEDIA

Study TEXT C and answer the set questions.

TEXT C : CARTOON

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Frame 1 Frame 2 Frame 3

3.1 What does Flo's body language in FRAME 1 reveal about her attitude towards the Vicar? (2)

3.2 Discuss the humour in this cartoon by making reference to both the visual and verbal elements. (3)

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QUESTION 4

LIFE OF PI – Yann Martel

ESSAY QUESTION

It is Pi's early childhood experiences that ensure his survival after the shipwreck.

Critically discuss the extent to which you agree with the above statement.

Your response should take the form of a well-constructed essay of 400 – 450 word (2 – 2.5 pages).

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QUESTION 5

- Respond to TWO of the following topics
- The body of each of your answers should be 180-200 words (20-25 lines) in length.
- Pay careful attention to the following:
  - Audience, register, tone and style.
  - Choice of words and language structures.
  - Format
- Write down the NUMBER and TITLE/HEADING of the text you have chosen eg. 5.1 Dialogue

5.1 **DIALOGUE**

After weighing up your options, you have decided to study abroad when you matriculate. However, your dad insists that you should apply to local universities/colleges.

Write the dialogue between you and your dad. (25)

5.2 **OBITUARY**

A close friend of yours, who is a well-known musician and social activist, died whilst performing at a live concert.

Write an obituary for publication in the local newspaper. (25)

5.3 **SPEECH**

There has been an increase in incidents of burglary and petty-thieving in your neighbourhood. As the chairperson of the Phoenix Civic Association, you have been requested to meet with the community and discuss measures that could be taken to reduce these incidents.

Write the speech you would deliver at the meeting. (25)

5.4 **LETTER TO THE PRESS**

The numerous video clips on teacher assault and violence in schools are alarming.

Write a letter to the editor of a national newspaper expressing your concerns. (25)

[2 x 25 = 50]

FINAL TOTAL: 100

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