



KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

EDUCATION
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**NATIONAL
SENIOR CERTIFICATE**

GRADE 12

ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE P3

PREPARATORY EXAMINATION

SEPTEMBER 2025

MARKS: 100

TIME: 3 hours

This question paper consists of 7 pages.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of TWO sections:

SECTION A: Essay (50)

SECTION B: Transactional Texts (2 x 25) (50).

2. Answer ONE question in SECTION A and TWO questions in SECTION B.

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 the answer.

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

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

SECTION A: approximately 100 minutes

SECTION B: approximately 80 (2 x 40) minutes.

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

9. The title/heading must NOT be included when doing a word count.

10. Write neatly and legibly.

SECTION A: ESSAY**QUESTION 1**

Write an essay of 400 – 450 words (2 – 2½ pages) on ONE of the following topics. Write down the NUMBER and TITLE/HEADING of your essay.

1.1 A moment that took me out of my comfort zone [50]

1.2 Social Media: A tool for connection or a source of destruction? [50]

1.3 'I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy – myself.

– Native American Proverb [50]

1.4 A backpack and a dream [50]

1.5 'Some say love, it is a river
That drowns the tender reed
Some say love, it is a razor
That leaves your heart to bleed
But I say love, it is a flower,
And you, its only seed"

[Song lyrics by Janis Joplin] [50]

The pictures reproduced on page 4 may evoke a reaction or feeling in you or stir your imagination.

Select ONE picture and write an essay in response. Write the question number (1.6, 1.7 OR 1.8) of your choice and give your essay a title.

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

1.6



[Source: <https://depositphotos.com/photos/directions.html>]

1.7



[Source: www.pinterest.com]

1.8



[Source: www.snexplores.org/article/social-robot-friend-companion-artificial-intelligence]

TOTAL SECTION A: 50

SECTION B: TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS**QUESTION 2**

- 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 structure
 - Format
- Write down the NUMBER and TITLE/HEADING of the text you have chosen, e.g. 2.1 LETTER TO THE PRESS.

2.1 LETTER TO THE PRESS

As a young South African, you are gravely concerned about the number of school children who are experimenting with drugs, both in and out of school.

Write a letter to the press, outlining your concerns and providing some practical solutions.

[25]**2.2 E-MAIL**

As a grade 12 learner, you are feeling pressurised with the amount of work that you have to complete in the school day.

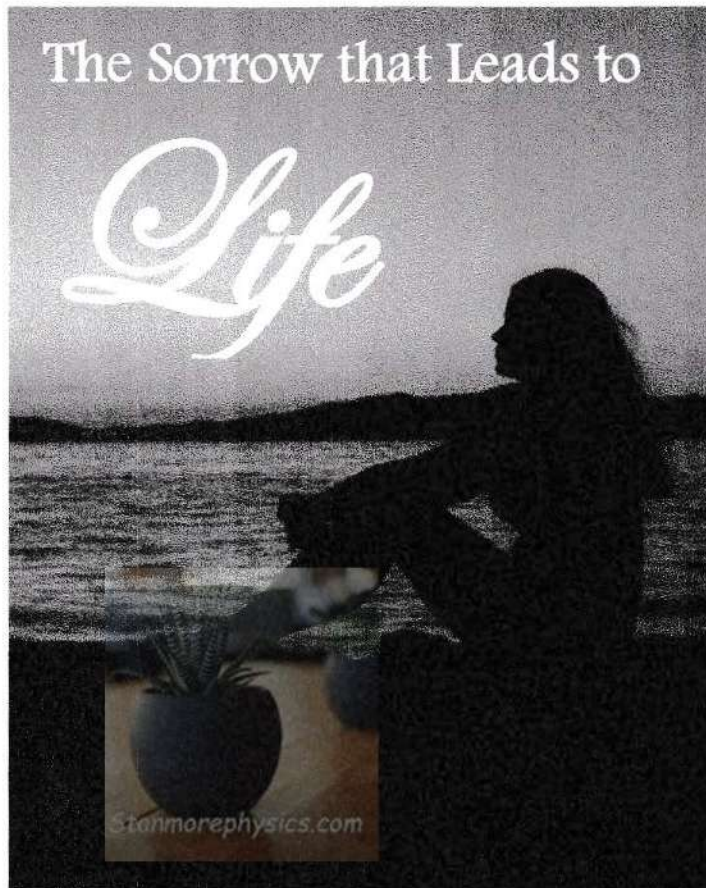
Write an e-mail to your principal suggesting that some subjects be available to learners on a work-at-home basis. Motivate for your suggestion to be implemented.

[25]**2.3 INTERVIEW**

A young social entrepreneur recently launched a platform that connects volunteers with local community service opportunities. The platform has gained significant traction and has helped thousands of individuals get involved in meaningful volunteer work. As the chairperson of the RCL, you have been tasked to interview the entrepreneur.

Write out the interview.

[25]

2.4 BOOK REVIEW

A well-known public figure has written her/his memoir.

Write a review of the book.

[25]

2.5 OBITUARY

A founding member of a non-profit organisation, that has made tremendous contributions to your community, has passed on.

Write her/his obituary.

[25]

2.6 SPEECH

You are the President of the Environmental Club in your community. You have been asked to give a formal speech to the youth about making good environmental decisions to preserve the world that they live in.

Write out the speech that you would deliver.

[25]

TOTAL SECTION B: 50

GRAND TOTAL: 100