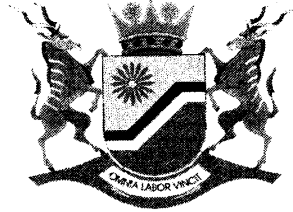


MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE

PAPER 3

PREPARATORY EXAMINATION

SEPTEMBER 2009

TIME: 2½ hours

MARKS: 100

– TASK 14.3 –

This question paper consists of 1 pages.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. Start each section on a NEW page.
2. Write neatly and legibly.
3. Pay attention to spelling, sentence construction and language.
4. It should be evident that you have *planned*, *proof-read* and *edited* your work.

CHOICE OF ANSWERS

1. This question paper consists of THREE sections.
 - SECTION A Creative writing (50 marks)
 - SECTION B Longer transactional texts (30 marks)
 - SECTION C Shorter transactional texts (20 marks)
2. Candidates are required to answer ONE question from each section. Read carefully through the entire question paper before making your choices.

SECTION A: ESSAY

Answer any **ONE** of the following questions. Your essay should be between **400 – 450** words.

1.1 “When the team loses, the coach is to blame!”

Say whether you agree or disagree with the given statement, giving reasons for your point of view.

OR

1.2 Write a humorous story ending with the following words:

“Where have you been all my life,” the man/woman asked, winking at me. “Hiding from you,” I answered curtly, turning away.

OR

1.3 “Local is ‘lekker’!”

We are bombarded in the press by everything that goes wrong in our country. The fact of the matter is that many South Africans are happy here and won’t ever consider leaving.

Describe the things that you enjoy most about South Africa.

OR

1.4 *Facebook*. A curse forever or a blessing in disguise? Discuss.

OR

1.5 “If the body be feeble,
the mind will not be strong.”

- Thomas Jefferson

OR

1.6 Write an essay in response to any one of the pictures given.
Supply your essay with a suitable title.

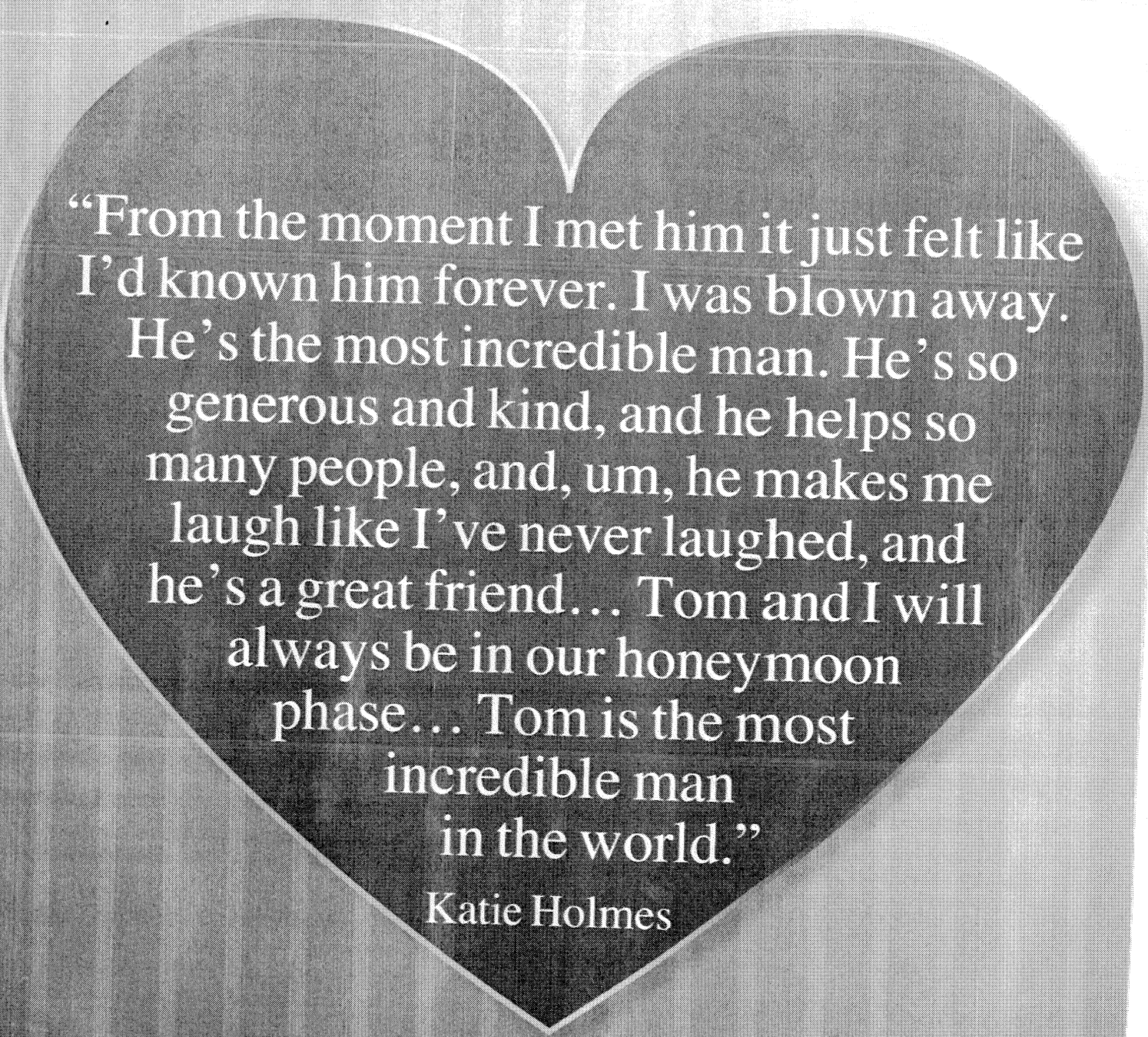
1.6.1

Retrenched!



OR

1.6.2



“From the moment I met him it just felt like I’d known him forever. I was blown away. He’s the most incredible man. He’s so generous and kind, and he helps so many people, and, um, he makes me laugh like I’ve never laughed, and he’s a great friend... Tom and I will always be in our honeymoon phase... Tom is the most incredible man in the world.”

Katie Holmes

**Eeeuw. You too, like Katie Holmes,
can find eternal love.**

Go to www.heatdating.co.za

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OR

1.6.3



Iridia, 15

Sometimes in life you face challenges — today I took on 15 of them. Impossible is Nothing.

adidas.com/women

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Me, Myself.

OR

1.6.4



TOTAL FOR SECTION A: 50

SECTION B: LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS

QUESTION 2

- Respond to ONE of the following topics.
- The body of your answer should be 180 – 200 words (20 – 25 lines).
- Pay careful attention to the following:
 - Audience, register, tone and style
 - Choice of words and language structures
 - Format

2.1 FORMAL LETTER

The local town council has invited members of the public to indicate interest in accommodating guests who will be visiting South Africa next year, 2010, for the World Cup Games.

Write a letter to the committee in the local town council that organizes the 2010 events, expressing your willingness to be considered for hosting the guests next year. In your letter you must describe the kind of property you have, capacity, price per person, comfortability and other amenities that may attract the committee to consider your place.

[30]

OR

2.2 PERSONAL LETTER

Your neighbours, who are on holiday overseas at the moment, have asked you to keep an eye on their home or property while they are away. Because of high telephone costs, you decide to write them a letter.

Write the letter to your neighbours telling them about the status of their house, the garden, changes that you have noticed and anything that may enthuse them.

[30]

OR

2.3 ARTICLE

You have recently noticed that there are so many stray dogs roaming your neighbourhood streets these days that you cannot jog on the streets every morning without having to run away from a dog attacking you.

Write an article for your local newspaper in which you express your concern about these dogs and how they disturb your jogging routine. You also need to indicate some possible solutions that the dog owners may consider.

[30]

OR

2.4 SPEECH

An important annual event is being held at your school. Your teacher has asked you to give the speech that will welcome all the guests and explain the programme that will be followed.

Write the speech. Your answer should not exceed 150 words in length.

[30]

TOTAL SECTION B: 30

SECTION C: SHORTER TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS

QUESTION 3

- Respond to ONE of the following topics.
- The word length given after each question in this section should be used as a guide and the length of the answer must be determined by the requirements of the topic.
- Pay careful attention to the following:
 - Audience, register, tone and style
 - Choice of words and language structures
 - Format

3.1 A FLIER

Your family is opening a particular business (Not a grocery shop) in your town very soon. Prepare a flier that will bear information for the public to know where your business will be, and what kind of products or services you are going to provide. You also need to have a marketing strategy in your flier to attract even unwilling customers.

Your answer should be 100 – 120 words.

[20]

OR

3.2 OBITUARY

Your family has been privileged to have had a well-known relative who, while still alive, had been successful and contributed positively to your community.

Write an obituary for this person, indicating who she/he was, what his/her successes and contributions were.

Your answer should be 100 – 120 words.

[20]

OR

3.3 DIALOGUE

Imagine this is you in the picture below. Write a short dialogue between yourself and the person holding the syringe that will capture in words (100 – 120 words) your feelings at this moment.



[20]

TOTAL SECTION C: 20

GRAND TOTAL: 100