

MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PREPARATORY EXAMINATION

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GRADE 12

**ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE
PAPER 3**

TASK 14.3

MARKS: 100

TIME: 2 ½ hours

This question paper consists of 9 pages

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of THREE sections. You are required to answer ONE question from EACH section:

SECTION A: Creative writing (50)

SECTION B: Longer transactional texts (30)

SECTION C: Shorter transactional texts (20)

2. Start each section on a new page.
3. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
4. Pay attention to spelling, choice of words, grammar, punctuation and paragraphing.
5. It is recommended that you:
 - Plan your responses and make rough drafts **before** writing out the final versions of your answers;
 - Neatly cross out all plans and rough drafts; and
 - Re-read your work carefully and correct any errors before you hand in the ANSWER BOOK.
6. Do not use memorized responses.
7. Write neatly and legibly.

SECTION A: CREATIVE WRITING

QUESTION 1

- Write an essay between 200 – 250 words (approximately 1 to 1 ½ pages) on ONE of the following topics.
- Write down the number and title of your essay correctly. Supply your own title if one has not been given.
- You are advised to spend approximately 80 minutes on this section.
- You may, if you wish, use some of the ideas suggested on the topics or write a response that is entirely your own. The suggested ideas only serve as guidance toward what you could include in your essay.

EITHER

1.1 Perseverance is the mother of success

Write an essay in which you agree with the above statement. You may write from your own personal experience or experiences of a close relative or friend or a story you read from a newspaper or magazine.

Some ideas that may be used:

- Humble beginnings – poverty, lacking financial resources etc
- Meeting challenges and frustrations
- Steady up-rise and commitment to a goal
- Achieving success at last

[50]

OR

1.2 SERVICE DELIVERY

Do you think your municipality has lived up to the election promises made? Consider at least three service delivery issues in your essay. Give practical examples in support of your opinion.

[50]

OR

1.3 MY PETS ...

'PET' is a word which means 'favourite'. Describe some of your pet likes and dislikes which may include the following:

- Animals
- Hobbies
- Foods

[50]

1.4 Passing a drivers' licence...what a feeling!

Many young people dream of driving their own cars one day but the road to achieving a driver's licence may be challenging and frustrating sometimes.

Write an essay in which you share some of your frustrating moments you went through before you finally got your licence, and also share your feelings and dreams now.

Some ideas you may consider:

- Struggling to pass your learners licence first / possible challenges
- Financial constraints, pressure from friends or family
- Difficulty getting a car for the testing day
- Repeated trials, reasons for not getting the licence at once
- Finally got it... the joy and dreams! (The feelings!)

[50]

OR

1.5 Men must be the sole providers of everything for their families. Do you agree or disagree?

Write an essay expressing your view on the above statement.

Some ideas that may be used

- The cost of living – food, shelter, education, bills etc.
- Happiness – entertainment, holidaying etc.
- Relationships – parenting, responsibility
- Health
- Death and misfortunes

[50]

OR

1.6 '... and then, darkness'

Write an interesting story in which the above words appear. The words can appear anywhere in the essay

[50]**OR****1.7**

Write an essay based on the following picture. Your essay must be linked to the picture.



Some ideas you may consider

- Music as a career – successes and challenges
- Entering a music competition (e.g. Pop idols, gospel etc.)
- Winning a competition on music
- Discovering talent in music

[50]**OR**

1.8

Write an essay based on the following picture. Your essay must be linked to the picture.



Some ideas you may consider

- The plight of rural women- Challenges and strategies for survival
- Water- a scarce resource in South Africa
- What can government do for rural communities
- The simple and quiet life of the country-side

[50]

TOTAL SECTION A: 50

SECTION B: LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS

QUESTION 2

- Respond to ONE of the following transactional tasks.
- The body of your response should be between 120 and 150 words (Approximately 12 – 15 lines)
- Write down the number and the heading of the text you have chosen to write.
- Pay particular attention to language, register and audience.
- You are advised to spend approximately 40 minutes on this section.
- You may, if you wish, use some of the ideas suggested on the topics or write a response that is entirely your own. The suggested ideas only serve as guidance towards what you could include in your essay.

EITHER

2.1 INFORMAL LETTER

There have been many thoughts, ideas and even possibly events surrounding your career prospects once you finish school.

Write a letter to a friend in which you express some of your hopes and dreams, as well as your fears for the future.

The body of your letter should be 120 – 150 words in length.

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OR

2.2. NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Imagine you are a member and correspondence secretary of the FIFA committee that was responsible for organizing the South African Confederations cup games in June 2009. Part of your task was to evaluate the success of the games, including accommodation for the guests, security and match attendance in the stadiums.

Using the experience of the Confederations Cup, write a newspaper article in which you give your opinion on whether South Africa is fully prepared to host the 2010 World Soccer games.

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OR**2.3 FORMAL LETTER**

You attended a provincial sports or cultural competition and were awarded a certificate and a trophy. Your name has been spelled incorrectly on both the trophy and the certificate. Write a polite letter to the organisers to make arrangements to have the name corrected. The certificate and trophy are at your school.

The body of your letter should be 120 – 150 words in length.

[30]**OR****2.4 SPEECH**

A close relative is celebrating an important occasion in his / her life. You have been asked to deliver a speech at this occasion in which you give background information about your relative to the other guests.

Create a speech of no more than 150 words in which you describe the person above in a manner appropriate to the occasion.

[30]**TOTAL SECTION B: 30****SECTION C: SHORTER TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS****QUESTION 3**

- Choose ONE of the following topics and write a short transactional text.
- The body of your response should be between 80 and 100 words (Approximately 8 – 10 lines)
- Write the number and the heading of the text you have chosen.
- You may, if you wish, use some of the ideas suggested on the topics or write a response that is entirely your own. The suggested ideas only serve as guidance towards what you could include in your response.

EITHER

3.1 DIARY ENTRIES

A momentous occasion has occurred in your life.

Write **TWO** diary entries that describe the time leading up to the event, the incidents that occurred during the event and how you felt throughout the experience.

Your answer should be 80 – 100 words in length.

[20]

OR

3.2 POSTER

An annual event to be held at your school is advertised in all the local shops and the local newspaper.

You have been asked to provide the wording that will appear on the poster that will be put up in the local shop windows. Remember to include all the relevant details.

Your answer should be approximately 100 words in length.

[20]

OR

3.3 INVITATION CARD

Your school has decided to hold an end-of-year Excellence Award Ceremony at which the academic, sports and cultural achievements of learners will be recognised. You have been asked to design an invitation card that will be printed by a professional printer. The invitation will be sent to all the guests of honour and the parents of the learners who will receive awards.

Write the wording that will be printed on the inside of the card.

Mention all the details that the guests will need.

Your answer should not exceed 100 words in length.

[20]

OR

3.4 E-MAIL MESSAGE

Your friend has lost a family member or someone special in his or her life. Write an e-mail message to send to him or her during this time of bereavement.

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TOTAL SECTION C: 20

GRAND TOTAL: 100