



**ENGLISH FAL PAPER 3 MEMORANDUM**

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**SECTION A: CREATIVE WRITING**

**QUESTION 1**

**Instructions to markers:**

- Candidates are required to write ONE essay.
- Marking must be objective. Give credit for relevant ideas, even if they do not agree with your own.
- Use the 50-mark assessment rubric to mark the essays.

**NOTE:**

The points given below each topic are intended as a guide to some of the ways candidates may interpret the topic. The list is not exhaustive.

Candidates may interpret the topic in a completely different way.

Candidates' responses must be marked on their own merits.

**1.1 An essay containing the words: I have never been so disappointed in my life.**

- Narrative/Descriptive/Reflective essay.
- Accept any creative interpretation of the topic.
- The words given in the topic should appear in the essay.
- The following ideas may be explored, among others:

A person or persons who may have caused the disappointment

An event or events that didn't turn out the way he/she expected

**1.2 Courtesy and good manners are no longer part of today's society.**

**Discuss your views.**

- Discursive/Argumentative essay.
- Candidates are expected to express an opinion on the topic and to motivate their point of view.

- The following ideas may be explored, among others:
  - Courtesy and good manners are not part of society
  - Reasons: cellphones are always answered even in company
  - Men no longer open doors for women
  - Courtesy and good manners are part of society
  - Times have changed and so have manners
  - Reasons for point of view must be given

**1.3 I love participating in sport because...**

- Narrative/Descriptive/Reflective essay.
- Accept any creative interpretation of the topic.
- The words given in the topic should appear in the essay.
- The following ideas may be explored, among others:
  - Sport helps keep one's body and mind healthy
  - Sport allows one to socialize
  - Sport is a sensible pastime

**1.4 These are the most important people in my life**

- Narrative/Descriptive/Reflective essay.
- Accept any creative interpretation of the topic.
- The following ideas may be explored, among others:
  - Parents are important because they are caregivers
  - Friends are important for support, socializing
  - Family are important because they stick together in a crisis

**1.5 We all have a responsibility to conserve SA's natural resources**

- Discursive/Argumentative essay.
- Candidates are expected to express an opinion on the topic and to motivate their point of view.
- The following ideas may be explored, among others:
  - Yes / No + motivation
  - Yes, reasons: resources are used up
  - Responsibility to future generations
  - Global warming
  - No, reasons: resources will be replaced if gone
  - Planet has become too small for all its inhabitants

**1.6 This has been the best year of my life**

- Narrative/Descriptive/Reflective essay.
- Accept any creative interpretation of the topic.
- The following ideas may be explored, among others:
  - Event /events / people that have influenced the year

**1.7 The future in SA is bright**

- Discursive/Argumentative essay.
- Candidates are expected to express an opinion on the topic and to motivate their point of view.
- The following ideas may be explored, among others:
  - Yes / No + motivation
  - Soccer World Cup
  - Many tourists that visit SA
  - Economic recession is ending
  - Skilled people are leaving the country
  - Affirmative action
  - Unemployment

### **1.8 Interpretation of pictures**

- Candidates may interpret the pictures in any way.
- The interpretation should be linked to the pictures.
- The following ideas may be explored in response to the pictures:

#### **1.8.1 Winning is important / not important**

- The following ideas may be explored:  
Sport, happiness, friends, life

#### **1.8.2 Dogs / Pets / Animals**

- The following ideas may be explored:  
Training, taking care of pets, if dogs could talk to one another, man's best friend

#### **1.8.3 Love / relationships**

- The following ideas may be explored:  
How to make your partner happy, emotions, happiness, love, spending time with loved ones

**TOTAL SECTION A: 50**

## **SECTION B: LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS**

### **QUESTION 2**

#### ***Instructions to markers:***

- Candidates are required to answer ONE question.
- Use the 30-mark assessment rubric to mark the pieces in this section.

#### **2.1 FRIENDLY LETTER**

- The letter should be addressed to a friend.
- Consider the following aspects of format and deduct **one** mark for an error in any one of the following categories:

Sender's address

Date

Greeting

Suitable ending

Name

#### **2.2 DIALOGUE**

- **Deduct up to two marks if:**

colons are not used after the names of the characters;

there is no spacing between the names and the words of the characters.

- The tone used by the characters should be polite and respectful.
- The dialogue should have a clear beginning and end.

#### **2.3 NEWSPAPER ARTICLE**

- The article must be in paragraph form.
- The tone and register of the article should be appropriate to the content and the medium (a school newspaper) in which it will be published.

**Note: The total deduction for format should not exceed two marks.**

**TOTAL SECTION B: 30**

**SECTION C: SHORTER TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS**

**QUESTION 3**

***Instructions to markers:***

- Candidates are required to answer ONE question.
- Use the 20-mark assessment rubric to assess the responses of candidates.

**3.1 DIARY ENTRIES**

- Each entry should start with the day/date or both.
- Candidates are free to use a tone, style and register of their choice.
- Entries should focus on situations that involve feelings and moods.

**Entries do not necessarily have to be in full sentences.**

**3.2 INVITATION CARD**

- The following details must be included in the invitation:

Date  
Time  
Place  
Occasion  
Dress code  
RSVP

**3.3 DIRECTIONS**

- Assess the directions holistically.
- Consider whether the candidate is able to provide clear and concise directions.  
Must specify a landmark.

**TOTAL SECTION C: 20**

**TOTAL MARKS: 100**