



# basic education

Department:  
Basic Education  
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## **NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE**

**GRADE 12**

**ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE P3**

**FEBRUARY/MARCH 2011**

**MARKS: 100**

**TIME: 2½ hours**

**This question paper consists of 9 pages.**



**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. This question paper consists of THREE sections:  

SECTION A: Essay	(50)
SECTION B: Longer Transactional Text	(30)
SECTION C: Shorter Text: Transactional/Referential/Informational	(20)
2. Answer ONE question from EACH section.
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. a mind map/diagram/flow chart/key words, etc.), 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. Spend approximately 80 minutes on SECTION A, 40 minutes on SECTION B and 30 minutes on SECTION C.
8. Number each response as the topics are numbered in the question paper.
9. Give each response a suitable title/heading, as indicated by the question.  
**NOTE:** The title/heading must NOT be considered 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 heading of your essay.

1.1 After our parents, it is our teachers to whom we owe the most. [50]

**OR**

1.2 'Do what you can, with what you can, where you can.' [Theodore Roosevelt] [50]

**OR**

1.3 The 2010 Soccer World Cup is now history, but the excitement and legacy remain.

Is this a valid opinion of the event? [50]

**OR**

1.4 The old woman, Africa,  
Beaten and shackled but still untamed,  
I rejoice,  
And pray,  
That she should stay free.

[Extract from a poem by Ruth Heyns (15 years)] [50]

**OR**

1.5 A good leader pays attention to what others have to say and does not feel threatened. [50]

**OR**

1.6 'We would be ashamed of our finest acts if the world were aware of the motives behind them.' [Rochefoucault] [50]

**OR**

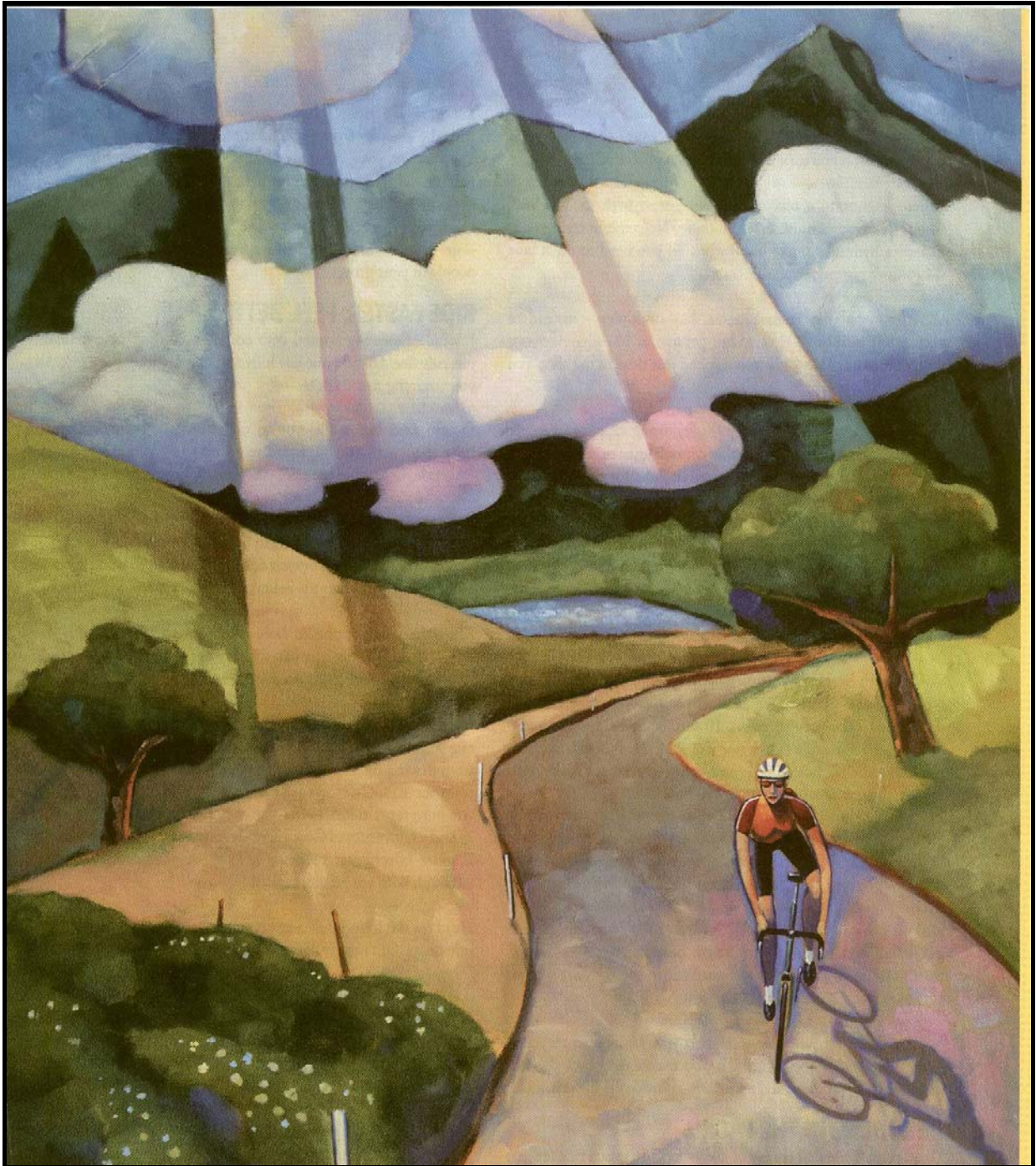
1.7 The pictures reproduced on pages 4 and 5 may evoke a reaction or feeling in you or stir your imagination.

Select ONE picture and write an essay in response. Write the question number (1.7.1 or 1.7.2) 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.



1.7.1



[Source: *Bicycling*] [50]

OR



1.7.2



[Source: Africa Leads]

[50]

TOTAL SECTION A: 50



**SECTION B: LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT****QUESTION 2**

- Respond to ONE of the following topics.
- The body of your answer should be 180 – 200 words (20 – 25 lines) long.
- Pay careful attention to the following:
  - Audience, register, tone and style
  - Choice of words and language structure
  - Format
- Write down the number and heading of the text you have chosen, e.g. 2.1 Minutes of a Meeting.

**2.1 MINUTES OF A MEETING**

Your school is planning an inter-school sports day. There are many arrangements to be made. Here is the agenda for the first meeting, held on Thursday 6 January 2011:

- Schools to be invited
- Sporting activities to be included
- Schedule of times for events
- Catering
- Names of people who will assist and in what capacities

Write the minutes of this meeting.

**[30]****OR****2.2 LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Read this extract from a letter to the editor of *The Daily News*.

*Africa is not a continent that offers overseas tourists much of interest. In particular, South Africa has little that might attract foreigners to our shores.*

You feel strongly about this issue. Write a letter in reply. Address your letter to: The Editor, *The Daily News*, PO Box 441, Pretoria 0001.

**[30]****OR**

**2.3 PERSONAL REPORT**

*The Daily Dispatch*, a leading newspaper, is preparing an article on the youth of South Africa. You have been identified as a possible interviewee. However, in order for you to be considered for this survey, the paper needs a response from you concerning each of the following:

- Your contribution to extra-mural activities at school
- Your personal interests and/or leisure-time activities
- Your plans for the future
- Your views on the youth of your immediate area/school

Under each of the above headings, write a short paragraph of approximately 50 words.

**[30]****OR****2.4 LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

A close friend has applied for a position in a company that demands high personal standards of its employees. You have been asked to write a letter recommending your friend for the position.

You need include only your address and the date.

Address your correspondence to: To whom it may concern

**[30]****TOTAL SECTION B: 30**

**SECTION C: SHORTER TEXT: TRANSACTIONAL/REFERENTIAL/INFORMATIONAL****QUESTION 3**

- Respond to ONE of the following topics.
- The length of the answer should be about 100 – 120 words.
- Pay careful attention to the following:
  - Audience, register, tone and style
  - Choice of words and language structure
  - Format
- Write the number and the heading of the text you have chosen, e.g. 3.1 Invitation.

**3.1 INVITATION**

There is a public holiday coming up. You have decided to invite several friends to a nearby park/beach where you will be spending the day. People will have to bring their own food and beverages, although you will be providing entertainment, like organising games and other activities.

Write an invitation in which you set out all the details for this fun-in-the-sun day.

**[20]****OR****3.2 INSTRUCTIONS**

Your younger brother/sister is having difficulty coping with the sporting activities, chores at home and homework that take place in the afternoon.

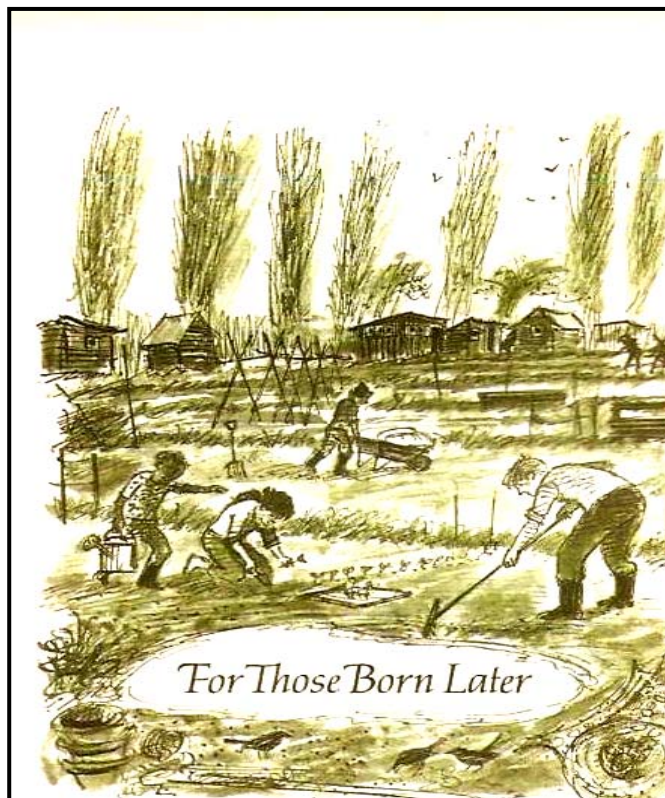
Draw up a list of instructions in which you set out how to cope with the various necessities to be completed in an afternoon.

**[20]****OR**



3.3 **POSTER**

Using the illustration below, write the text for a poster that promotes the protection of the environment.



[Source: *National Geographic*]

[20]

**TOTAL SECTION C: 20**  
**GRAND TOTAL: 100**

