



# basic education

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Department:  
Basic Education  
**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

## **NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE**

**GRADE 12**

**ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE P3**

**NOVEMBER 2012**

**MARKS: 100**

**TIME: 2½ hours**

**This question paper consists of 8 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. Plan (e.g. a mind map/diagram/flow chart/key words), edit and proofread your work. The plan must appear BEFORE the answer.
6. Neatly cross out 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 this question paper.
9. Write down the title/heading of each response. Give your own title/heading if one has not been provided.  
  
**NOTE:** 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 between 250 and 300 words in length (1 to 1½ pages) on ONE of the following topics.
- Write down the number and title of your essay correctly, for example  
1.1 I am an old desk in a classroom and this is my story ...
- Give your own title/heading if one has not been provided.
- Give your own title if your choice is QUESTION 1.8.1 OR QUESTION 1.8.2.
- Spend approximately 80 minutes on this section.

1.1 I am an old desk in a classroom and this is my story ... [50]

1.2 Write a story that includes the following words:

Suddenly there was absolute silence ...

**NOTE:** The words given in the topic MUST be included somewhere in your essay. [50]

1.3 The scene in the waiting area of a clinic OR a doctor's surgery [50]

1.4 Things I would like to achieve by the time I turn 30 years old [50]

1.5 Today young people are influenced more by their friends than by their parents. Do you agree? [50]

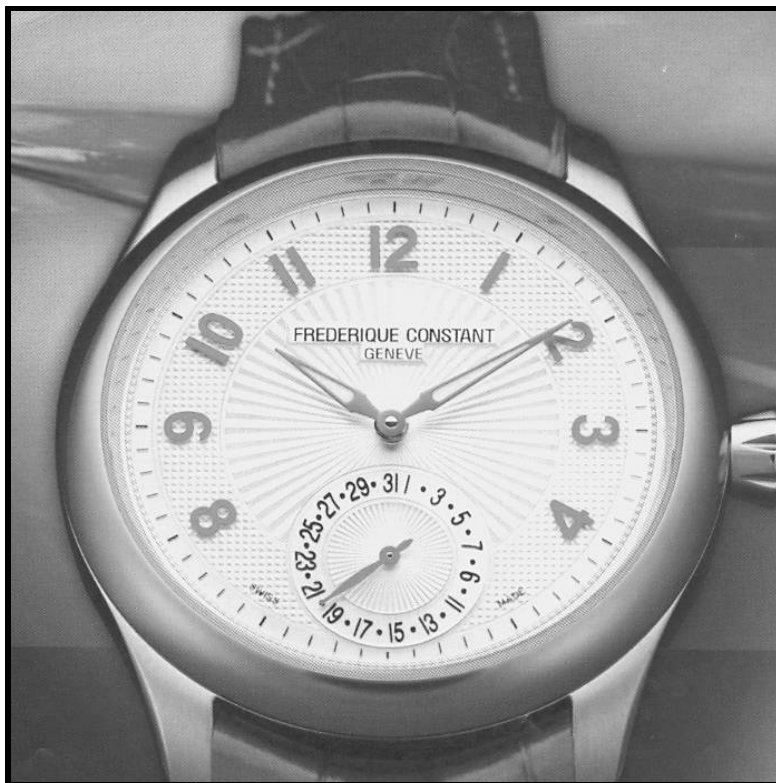
1.6 Freedom of choice has both advantages and disadvantages. Discuss this statement. [50]

1.7 Life with my neighbours [50]

1.8 Choose ONE of the following pictures and write an essay on a topic that comes to mind. Write the question number (1.8.1 OR 1.8.2) and give your essay a suitable title.

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

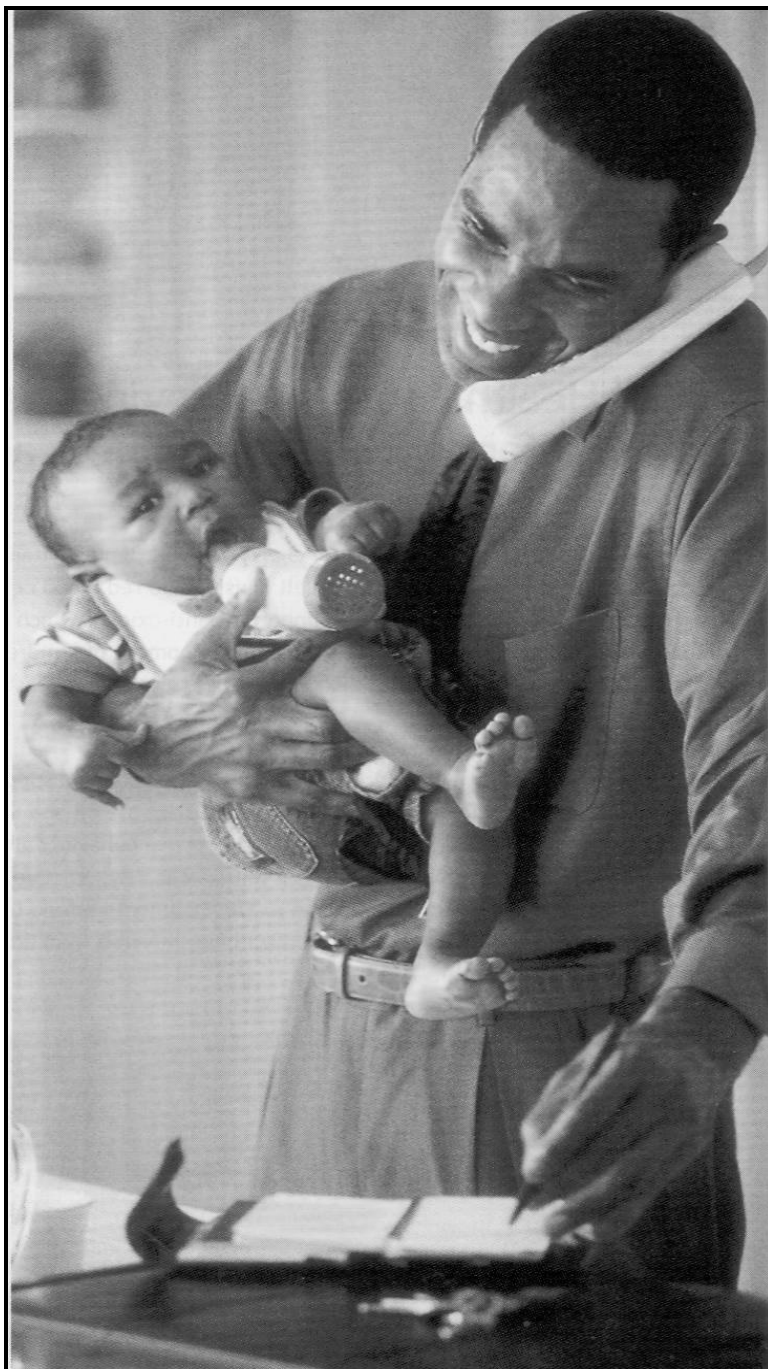
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[Source: *Sawubona*, May 2010]

[50]

1.8.2



[Source: *Discovery* Issue 11, 2010]

[50]

**TOTAL SECTION A: 50**

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

- Respond to ONE of the following transactional writing tasks.
- The body of your response should be between 120 and 150 words in length (about 12 to 15 lines).
- Write down the number and the heading of the text you have chosen to write, for example 2.1 FORMAL LETTER.
- Pay particular attention to format, language, register and audience.
- Spend approximately 40 minutes on this section.

**2.1 FORMAL LETTER**

An international company is offering a limited number of bursaries to Grade 12 learners for further studies.

Write a letter to The Manager: Human Resources of this company, applying for one of these bursaries. Mention the career you want to study towards and state clearly why you deserve the bursary.

**[30]****2.2 OBITUARY**

A well-known person in your community has passed away. This person was actively involved in charity work.

Write a suitable obituary, paying tribute to the person.

**[30]****2.3 MEMORANDUM**

You are the chairperson of the Representative Council of Learners (RCL) at your school. The RCL is trying to find ways of saving electricity and water at school.

Write a memorandum to the members of the School Governing Body, giving suggestions on how this can be done.

**[30]**

**2.4 INTERVIEW**

Your local municipality needs male and female administrative assistants. You have applied for one of these positions. The municipal manager has invited you to an interview.

Write out the interview that takes place between the two of you.

NOTE: Use the dialogue format.

**[30]**

**TOTAL SECTION B: 30**

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

- Choose ONE of the following topics and write a short text.
- The body of your response should be between 80 and 100 words in length (about 8 to 10 lines).
- Write the number and the heading of the text you have chosen, for example 3.1 FORMAL INVITATION.

Spend approximately 30 minutes on this section.

**3.1 FORMAL INVITATION**

You have been asked to invite guests to your school's prize-giving function. A former principal of the school will be the guest speaker.

Write out the invitation card you will send to the guests.

**NOTE:** Do not include illustrations or drawings.

**[20]****3.2 DIARY ENTRIES**

You are in Grade 12 and you have been experiencing mixed feelings about the final examination.

Write down your diary entries for the following TWO days:

- The day before the examination starts
- The last day of the examination

**[20]****3.3 DIRECTIONS**

You and your friends have decided to meet at your house to celebrate the end of the examinations.

Write out the directions you will give your friends to travel from the school to your house.

**NOTE:** In your response, you must include some distances, turns and landmarks. Do not include sketches or maps.

- If you live in an urban area, include landmarks like a fast-food outlet, an intersection or a park.
- If you live in a rural area, include prominent features like a bridge, a river, or a road sign.

**[20]**

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