



# **basic education**

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## **SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS/ NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS**

**ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE P3**

**MAY/JUNE 2024**

**MARKS: 100**

**TIME: 3 hours**

**This question paper consists of 7 pages.**

**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. This question paper consists of TWO sections:

SECTION A: Essay	(50)
SECTION B: Transactional Texts (2 x 25)	(50)

2. Answer ONE question in SECTION A and TWO questions in SECTION B.
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. using a mind map/a diagram/a flow chart/key words), 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. You are strongly advised to spend your time as follows:  
  
SECTION A: approximately 100 minutes  
SECTION B: approximately 80 (2 x 40) minutes
8. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
9. 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 400–450 words (2–2½ pages) on ONE of the following topics.  
Write down the NUMBER and TITLE/HEADING of your essay.

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|-----|---|------|
| 1.1 | The song of the dawn  | [50] |
| 1.2 | Ethical leadership is underrated.   | [50] |
| 1.3 | 'If I have seen further than others, it was by standing on the shoulders of giants.'          | [50] |
|     | – Sir Isaac Newton  |      |
| 1.4 | The best kind of gift is one given in secret.   | [50] |
| 1.5 | Everything paused around me – the people, the sky, the trees – and I stood there, motionless. | [50] |

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 (1.6, 1.7 OR 1.8) 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.

1.6



[Source: [www.pexels.com](http://www.pexels.com)]

[50]

1.7



[Source: [theconversation.com](http://theconversation.com)]

[50]

1.8



[Source: [jeemolunni.com](http://jeemolunni.com)]

**[50]**

**TOTAL SECTION A:**

**50**

**SECTION B: TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS****QUESTION 2**

- Respond to TWO of the following topics.
- The body of each of your answers should be 180–200 words (20–25 lines) in length.
- Pay careful attention to the following:
  - Audience, register, tone and style
  - Choice of words and language structure
  - Format
- Write down the NUMBER and the TITLE/HEADING of the text you have chosen, e.g. 2.1 E-MAIL.

**2.1 E-MAIL**

You are a resident of a housing complex which has limited parking spaces. More often than not, visitors park their vehicles in residents' parking bays. This has led to heated arguments.

Write an e-mail to the manager of the complex about this on-going situation.

[25]

**2.2 FILM REVIEW**

A light-hearted film was recently released. The film generated excited conversations across the country.

Write a review of the film.

[25]

**2.3 FORMAL LETTER**

In this time of great economic hardship, there are many people experiencing shortages of basic necessities.

Write a letter to the mayor of your town in which you provide suggestions on how to alleviate the situation for the affected communities.

[25]

**2.4 NEWSPAPER ARTICLE**

In recent years, there has been an increase in dangerous animals being reared as pets in residential areas. Incidents of some of these animals escaping have been reported.

Write a newspaper article about the practice of keeping these animals as pets.

[25]

**2.5 OBITUARY**[Source: [npr.org](http://npr.org)]

A young activist, who fought for the rights of children confined to wheelchairs, has passed away. She/He was a vibrant personality in your community. Write her/his obituary.

[25]

**2.6 SPEECH**

As chairperson of your region's Junior Council, you have been nominated to address parliament on what you view as the two/three main issues which are affecting the South African youth today.

Write the speech in which you identify the issues and propose solutions.

[25]

**TOTAL SECTION B:** **50**  
**GRAND TOTAL:** **100**