



# basic education

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Basic Education  
**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

## **NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE**

**GRADE 12**

**COMPUTER APPLICATIONS TECHNOLOGY**

**OPTIONAL SPEED/ACCURACY QUESTION**

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**MEMORANDUM AND SPEED COUNT**

**MARKS: Not applicable**

**This memorandum consists of 5 pages.**

### OPTIONAL QUESTION: SPEED/ACCURACY

The maximum key depressions for this question = 3 500 depressions for 70 wpm in 10 minutes.

**It is strongly recommended that the Edutrap Speed Marking software be used to mark the Speed/Accuracy question.**

Where the Edutrap Speed Marking software is not used, the information below must be used.

To determine the speed, mark according to the following mark schedule:

**The same example is on page 36 of the *Subject Assessment Guidelines* (January 2008):**

Number of key depressions in ten minutes	= 2 125
Gross number of words (number of key depressions, divided by 5) (5 depressions = one word)	= $2\,125 \div 5 = 425$
Less number of words with errors (e.g. 7 words with errors)	= -7 from 425
Equals number of words without errors	= 418
Divided by the time (ten minutes)	= $\div 10$
Equals net number of correct words per minute	= 41,8 wpm

#### **Additional notes:**

If any words are omitted or inserted, then every 5 depressions of the omission or insertion counts as one word, e.g. if the following words were omitted it would be counted as:

The |quick| brow|n fox| jump|s  
1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |words

A capital letter counts as two depressions.

**NOTE: The optional speed/accuracy question should only be marked in cases where the candidate could reach 20 wpm or more (1 000 depressions or more).**

CONTENT							Upper case/ line spaces	Depressions	Total depressions
<p>An earthquake is a movement of a fault between the plates that make up the Earth's crust. Strain builds up along the fault over time, causing the plates to deform slowly until the crust breaks.</p>							1	63	64
							2	61	127
								63	190
								7	197
<p>Aftershocks are the surrounding rocks responding to the fracture. After a big earthquake, such as the magnitude nine one that hit Japan, there are likely to be more than a thousand aftershocks of varying magnitudes. Most will happen in the first week or two and then they will die off slowly with time.</p>							2		199
							1	56	256
							1	62	319
							1	55	375
							1	62	438
<p>Earthquakes cannot be predicted. Frequency depends on the area. In Japan, tremors are felt regularly, but the magnitude depends on how far the rocks move. The more the rocks move, the bigger the earthquake is and the longer it takes for the rocks to move that far again. Japan should not experience an earthquake of that magnitude again for the next thousand years. The problem is scientists only have around one hundred years of data to go on, so estimates are far from certain.</p>								59	497
							2	63	507
							2	59	570
							2	63	635
							1	61	697
								61	758
							1	62	821
								57	878
							1	63	942
								58	1000
<p>How destructive an earthquake is depends less on its size than its location. Magnitude six earthquakes happen almost every week and do not make the news. However, it was a magnitude six that caused the destruction in Christchurch, New Zealand, which was not built to withstand it. Magnitude eight and nine earthquakes, however, will generally be destructive, no matter where they occur.</p>							2		1002
							1	63	1066
<p>Tsunamis are caused by the movement of the sea floor after an underwater earthquake. The movement creates a wave that</p>							1	61	1128
							1	60	1189
							3	62	1254
							1	63	1318
								63	1381
<p></p>								17	1398
							2		1400
<p></p>							1	62	1463
							1	57	1521

20 wpm 

CONTENT							Upper case/ line spaces	Depressions	Total depressions
travels toward the coast, like water sloshing in a bucket if								61	1582
the bucket is hit with a hammer. It needs a particular							1	56	1639
earthquake that has a vertical offset so that it shakes up the								63	1702
sea floor. The energy from the quake is transferred to the							1	60	1763
ocean, causing a wave that gets bigger as it approaches the								60	1823
coast, as water is funnelled into a smaller area. Waves will							1	62	1886
radiate in all directions from an earthquake in the ocean, so								62	1948
any land around that point will be threatened. But where the							1	62	2011
earthquake is closer to the shore, the wave may travel, in one								63	2074
preferential direction as, with the tsunami that hit								53	2127
Indonesia.							1	10	2138
							2		2140
Usually there will be about three waves, the second being the							1	62	2203
strongest. The problem is that people survive the first wave							1	62	2266
and then think they are fine.								29	2295
							2		2297
Tsunamis move at a speed of around eight hundred kilometres an							1	63	2361
hour - the same speed as a commercial jumbo jet. Countries							1	60	2422
around the Pacific Ocean have developed a warning system that							2	62	2486
is triggered when seismic stations pick up the kind of								55	2541
underwater earthquake that might trigger a tsunami. There are							1	63	2605
also buoys in the Pacific and Indian Oceans for picking up							3	59	2667
unusual wave behaviour.								23	2690
							2		2692
A volcano is a rupture in the Earth's crust caused by the							2	58	2752
tectonic plates either pushing together or pulling apart, or								61	2813
where the Earth's crust is thinned, such as in the East							2	56	2871
African Rift Valley. There are around one thousand five							4	57	2932
hundred volcanoes around the world, excluding those on the								59	2991
ocean floor. There are different types of eruptions. The							2	59	3052
most dangerous ones are where the volcano erupts solid								55	3107
material, not lava. Solid material moves faster and the							1	57	3165

CONTENT						Upper case/ line spaces	Depressions	Total depressions
surrounding	countryside	gets	enveloped	in	hot ash.		50	3215
						2		3217
Active	volcanoes	around	the	world	are	2	59	3278
would	be	issued	if	one	was		61	3339
showing	signs	of	instability,	but			61	3400
how	long	you	would	have	to		61	3400
leave	before	the	eruption	depends			59	3459
on	the	situation	and	how	seriously		59	3459
you	take	the	warnings.					
Some	dangerous	volcanoes	erupt	every	three	1	49	3509
years.								