

# basic education

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

NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE

**GRADE 12** 



MARKS: 80

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#### **INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

Use this memorandum together with the attached English Second Additional Language assessment rubrics for SECTIONS A, B and C.

#### SECTION A: ESSAY

#### **QUESTION 1**

#### Instructions to Markers:

- Candidates are required to write on ONE topic only.
- The ideas listed below the topics are only some ways in which the topics could be interpreted. Full credit must be given for the candidate's own interpretation.
- Marking must be objective. Consider the background of the candidates and give credit for relevant ideas, even if they are not listed below the topics.
- Do not penalise candidates if an essay type other than that given (Narrative or Descriptive) is written.
- Use the 40-mark assessment rubric on page 7 to mark the essays.
- 1.1 The greatest lesson of my life
  - Narrative essay
    - Candidates may mention the following, **among others**:
      - what the lesson was
        - o who was involved
        - how, when and where the lesson was learned
        - o what made that the greatest lesson they learned
- 1.2 My favourite sport
  - Descriptive essay
    - Candidates may mention the following, **among others**:
      - what type of sport it is
        - whether they participate in and/or watch the sport
        - o why it is their favourite sport
        - o their favourite teams and/or players
- 1.3 As I looked at the photograph, the memories came rushing back ...

Write a story about the memories that the photograph brings back.

- Narrative essay
  - Candidates may mention the following, **among others**:
    - when and where the photograph was taken
    - who or what was in the photograph
    - o details of the moment that the photograph was taken
    - how and why they are affected by the photograph/memories

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- 1.4 The most special gift I have ever received
  - Descriptive essay
    - Candidates may mention the following, **among others**:
      - what the gift was
      - who gave the gift
      - what was so special about that gift, for example, the sentimental value of the gift
- 1.5 Interpretation of pictures
  - Candidates should provide a suitable title.
  - Candidates may interpret the pictures in any way.
  - However, the interpretation should be directly linked to the pictures.
    - 1.5.1 Candidates may write the following, **among others**:
      - o unity
      - team spirit
      - o diversity
      - o friendship
    - 1.5.2 Candidates may write the following, **among others**:
      - the importance of reading
      - children learning
      - memories of days at primary school
      - the responsibilities of teachers
    - 1.5.3 Candidates may write the following, **among others**:
      - o how cute and innocent children appear to be
      - children growing up too early
      - children imitating older people
      - aspirations for the future
    - 1.5.4 Candidates may write the following, **among others**:
      - the tourism industry
      - appreciation of nature and wildlife
      - o dangerous or adventurous experiences
      - o holidays

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TOTAL SECTION A: 40

## SECTION B: LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT

#### **QUESTION 2**

#### Instructions to Markers:

- Candidates are required to answer ONE question.
- The ideas listed below the topics are only some ways in which the topics could be interpreted. Full credit must be given for the candidate's own interpretation.
- Marking must be objective. Consider the background of the candidates and give credit for relevant ideas even if they are not listed below the topics.
- Use the 20-mark assessment rubric on page 8 to mark the responses in this section.

#### 2.1 **INFORMAL LETTER**

- The letter should be addressed to a cousin.
- The letter should be written in paragraphs.
- The tone and register of the letter should be informal.
- The following information may be included in the letter, **among others**:
  - why the book means so much to the candidate
    - o how the cousin can return the book
- The following aspects of format should be included:
  - o address of sender
  - o date
  - o greeting/salutation
  - o suitable ending

#### 2.2 DIALOGUE

- The following aspects of **format** should be included:
  - name of each speaker
  - colon after name of each speaker
  - The candidates should include, **among others**:
    - a description of the friends
    - the mother's reasons for being worried
    - reasons why the mother should not be concerned

#### 2.3 **REPORT**

- The candidates should indicate:
  - the addressee
  - the date of the report
  - the task they were given
  - their findings
  - their recommendations
  - The candidates should sign the report.

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#### 2.4 FORMAL LETTER

- The letter should be addressed to the tutor.
- The tone and register of the letter should be formal.
- The letter should be written in paragraphs.
- The following aspects of **format** should be included:
  - o address of sender
  - o address of recipient
  - o date
  - o greeting/salutation
  - subject line
  - suitable ending
  - signature and printed name of sender
  - Candidates may mention, among others:
  - why they appreciate the help
  - what areas of work they now understand
  - how they feel after attending the classes

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TOTAL SECTION B: 20

## SECTION C: SHORTER TEXT -TRANSACTIONAL/REFERENTIAL/INFORMATIONAL

#### QUESTION 3

#### Instructions to Markers:

- Candidates are required to answer ONE question.
- The ideas listed below the topics are only some ways in which the topics could be interpreted. Full credit must be given for the candidate's own interpretation.
- Marking must be objective. Consider the background of the candidates and give credit for relevant ideas even if they are not listed below the topics.
- Use the 20-mark assessment rubric on page 9 to mark the responses in this section.

#### 3.1 **POSTER**

- Candidates may include the following, among others:
  - the heading
  - o date, time and place of the elections
  - the friend's character and abilities
  - why the learners should vote for the friend

**NOTE:** Do not award marks for drawings or illustrations.

#### 3.2 **POSTCARD**

- The name and address of the friend should be provided.
- The candidates should mention:
  - details of the place
  - what the job entails
  - good or bad feelings

**NOTE:** Do not award marks for drawings or illustrations.

#### 3.3 **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Candidates should write in point form.
- The following may be included, **among others**:
  - Start by showing time available for studying.
  - Slot in the study times for each subject.
  - Make each session a reasonable length of time.
  - Put difficult subjects early in the timetable.
  - Allot more time for difficult subjects.
  - Take a 5–10-minute break between study sessions.
  - Allow time for recreation and relaxation.
  - Revise the timetable when needed.

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## TOTAL SECTION C: 20

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## SECTION A: RUBRIC FOR ASSESSING AN ESSAY – SAL (40)

	Code 7: Outstanding 80–100%	Code 6: Meritorious 70–79%	Code 5: Substantial 60–69%	Code 4: Adequate 50–59%	Code 3: Moderate 40–49%	Code 2: Elementary 30–39%	Code 1: Not achieved 0–29%
CONTENT & PLANNING (28 MARKS)	<u>221/2–28</u> -Content shows impressive understanding of topic. -Ideas thought- provoking, mature. -Planning &/or drafting has produced a presentable essay.	20–22 -Content shows thorough interpretation of topic. -Ideas imaginative, interesting. - Planning &/or drafting has produced a fairly presentable essay.	<u>17–19½</u> -Content shows a sound interpretation of the topic. -Ideas interesting, convincing. - Planning &/or drafting has produced a reasonably presentable essay.	<u>14–16½</u> -Content shows an adequate interpretation of topic. -Ideas ordinary, lacking depth. - Planning &/or drafting has produced an acceptably presentable essay for SAL.	<u>111/2</u> –131/2 -Content ordinary. Gaps in coherence. -Ideas mostly relevant. Repetitive. - Planning &/or drafting has produced a moderately presentable & coherent essay for SAL.	<u>8½–11</u> -Content not always clear, lacks coherence. -Very few ideas, often repetitive. -Inadequate evidence of planning/drafting. Essay not well presented.	<b>0–8</b> -Content irrelevant. No coherence. -Ideas muddled, confused. -Non-existent planning/drafting. Poorly presented essay.
	<u>6–7</u>	<u>5–5½</u>	<u>4½</u>	<u>3½–4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>21/2</u>	<u>0–2</u>
LANGUAGE, STYLE & EDITING (7 MARKS)	-Evidence of critical language awareness. -Language, punctuation thoroughly controlled. -Uses appropriate figurative language. -Choice of words is all appropriate. -Style accurately reflects topic through choice of words. -Largely error-free following proofreading & editing.	-Some critical language awareness. -Language, punctuation reasonably controlled; able to use appropriate figurative language. -Choice of words mostly appropriate. -Style appropriately reflects topic through choice of words. -Error-free to an extent following proofreading, editing.	-Limited critical language awareness. -Language & punctuation mostly correct. -Choice of words fairly limited but suited to text. -Style reasonably appropriate & suits topic requirements. -Reasonably error-free following proofreading, editing.	-Some awareness of impact of language. -Language somewhat simplistic, punctuation adequate. -Choice of words somewhat limited but adequately suited to topic. -Style somewhat consistent with topic requirements. -Still contains errors following proofreading, editing.	-Language limited & punctuation often inaccurately used. -Choice of words basic & limited. -Style lacking in coherence & not suited to topic. -Contains several errors following proof- reading, editing.	-Language & punctuation flawed. -Choice of words very limited. -Style does not correspond with topic. -Error-ridden despite proofreading, editing.	-Language & punctuation seriously flawed. -Choice of words muddled & confused. -Style flawed in all aspects. -Error-ridden & confused following proofreading, editing.
	<u>4–5</u>	<u>3½</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>21/2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1½</u>	<u>0–1</u>
STRUCTURE (5 MARKS)	-Coherent development of topic. Vivid detail. -Sentences, paragraphs all appropriately constructed conveying meaning clearly. -Length correct.	-Logical development of details. Coherent. -Sentences, paragraphs appropriately constructed & meaning is clear. -Length correct.	-Few relevant details developed. -Sentences, paragraphs reasonably constructed in most cases & meaning is quite clear. -Length correct.	-Some points, necessary details mentioned. -Lapses in sentence & paragraph construction but overall meaning is maintained. -Length almost correct.	-Some necessary points evident. -Sentences, paragraphs faulty but overall meaning maintained. -Length – too long/short.	-Sometimes off topic. General line of thought difficult to follow. -Sentences, paragraphs lack basic construction for meaning. -Length – too long/short.	-Off topic. -Sentences, paragraphs muddled, inconsistent. -Length – far too long/short.

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# SECTION B: RUBRIC FOR ASSESSING LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS – SAL (20)

	Code 7: Outstanding 80–100%	Code 6: Meritorious 70–79%	Code 5: Substantial 60–69%	Code 4: Adequate 50–59%	Code 3: Moderate 40–49%	Code 2: Elementary 30–39%	Code 1: Not achieved 0–29%
CONTENT, PLANNING & FORMAT (14 MARKS)	<u>111/2–14</u> -Very good knowledge of requirements of the text. -Learner maintains focus on topic, no digression. -Content and ideas coherent, text has details supporting the topic. -Evidence of planning and/or drafting has produced a very presentable text.	<b>10–11</b> -Good knowledge of requirements of text. -Learner maintains focus, hardly any digressions. -Text is fairly coherent in content and ideas, and topic has details supporting the text. -Evidence of planning and/or drafting has produced a fairly presentable and coherent text. -Has applied the necessary rules of format well.	<u>81/2–91/2</u> -Fair knowledge of requirements of text. -Learner maintains focus with minor digressions. -Text is reasonably coherent in content and ideas. -Evidence of planning and/or drafting has produced a reasonably presentable and coherent text. -Has applied most of the necessary rules of format.	<b>7–8</b> -Adequate knowledge of requirements of text. -Writing – learner digresses but does not impede overall meaning. -Adequately coherent in content & ideas, some details support topic. -Evidence of planning and/or drafting has produced an acceptable text for SAL. -Has adequately applied the necessary rules of format.	6-61/2 -Moderate knowledge of requirements of text. Response to writing task reveals a narrow focus. -Writing – learner digresses, meaning vague in places. -Moderately coherent in content & ideas, some details support topic. -Evidence of planning and/or drafting has produced a moderately presentably text for SAL. -Has a moderate idea of requirements of format – some obvious oversights.	<u>41/2-51/2</u> -Elementary knowledge of requirements of text. Response to writing task reveals a limited focus. -Writing – learner digresses, meaning obscure in many places. -Not always coherent in content & ideas, has few details which support topic. -Limited evidence of planning and/or drafting. Text not well presented. -Has vaguely applied necessary rules of format – some critical oversights.	<u>0–4</u> -No knowledge of requirements of text. -Writing – digresses, meaning obscure in most places. -Not coherent in content & ideas, has very few details which support topic. -Inadequate planning and/or drafting. Very poorly presented text. -Has not applied necessary rules of format.
	<u>5–6</u>	<u>4½</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3-3½</u>	<u>2½</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0–1½</u>
LANGUAGE, STYLE & EDITING (6 MARKS)	-Has applied all the necessary rules of format. -Text is mostly grammatically accurate and well constructed. -Vocabulary mostly appropriate to purpose, audience and context. -Style mostly appropriate. -Text mostly error-free following proof- reading and editing. -Length correct.	-Well constructed & fairly accurate. -Vocabulary is fairly appropriate to purpose, audience & context. - Style mostly appropriate. - Text fairly error-free following proof- reading & editing. - Length correct.	-Well constructed & reasonably accurate. -Vocabulary reasonably appropriate to purpose, audience & context. -Style reasonably appropriate. -Reasonably error- free following proof- reading & editing. -Length correct.	-Adequately constructed. Errors do not impede flow. -Vocabulary adequate for purpose, audience & context. -Style, fairly appropriate. -Still contains a fair number of errors following proof- reading & editing. -Length almost correct.	-Basically constructed. Several errors. -Vocabulary limited & not very suitable for purpose, audience & context. -Lapses in style. -Text contains a number of errors following proof- reading & editing. -Length – too long/short.	-Poorly constructed & difficult to follow. -Vocabulary requires some remediation & not suitable for purpose, audience & context. -Style hardly corresponds with topic. -Mostly error-ridden despite proof-reading, editing. -Length – too long/short.	-Poorly constructed & very difficult to follow. -Vocabulary requires serious remediation & not suitable for purpose. -Style does not correspond with topic. -Error-ridden and very confusing following proof- reading, editing. -Length – far too long/short.

## SECTION C: RUBRIC FOR ASSESSING SHORTER TRANSACTIONAL/REFERENTIAL/INFORMATIONAL TEXTS – SAL (20)

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CONTENT, PLANNING & FORMAT (14 MARKS)	<u>11½–14</u> -Very good knowledge of requirements of the text. -Learner maintains focus on topic, no digression. -Content and ideas coherent, text has details supporting the topic. -Evidence of planning and/or drafting has produced a very presentable text.	<b>10–11</b> -Good knowledge of requirements of text. -Learner maintains focus, hardly any digressions. -Text is fairly coherent in content and ideas, and topic has details supporting the text. -Evidence of planning and/or drafting has produced a fairly presentable and coherent text. -Has applied the necessary rules of format well.	<u>81/2–91/2</u> -Fair knowledge of requirements of text. -Learner maintains focus with minor digressions. -Text is reasonably coherent in content and ideas. -Evidence of planning and/or drafting has produced a reasonably presentable and coherent text. -Has applied most of the necessary rules of format.	<b>7–8</b> -Adequate knowledge of requirements of text. -Writing – digresses but does not impede overall meaning. -Adequately coherent in content & ideas, some details support topic. -Evidence of planning and/or drafting has produced an acceptable text for SAL. -Has adequately applied the necessary rules of format.	<u>6–61/2</u> -Moderate knowledge of requirements of text. Response to writing task reveals a narrow focus. -Writing – digresses, meaning vague in places. -Moderately coherent in content & ideas, some details support topic. -Evidence of planning and/or drafting has produced a moderately presentably text for SAL. -Has a moderate idea of requirements of format – some obvious oversights.	<u>41/2-51/2</u> -Elementary knowledge of requirements of text. Response to writing task reveals a limited focus. -Writing – digresses, meaning obscure in many places. -Not always coherent in content & ideas, has few details which support topic. -Limited evidence of planning and/or drafting. Text not well presented. -Has vaguely applied necessary rules of format – some critical oversights.	<b>0–4</b> -No knowledge of requirements of text. Response to writing task reveals a very limited focus. -Writing – digresses, meaning obscure in most places. -Not coherent in content & ideas, has very few details which support topic. -Inadequate planning and/or drafting. Very poorly presented text. -Has not applied necessary rules of format.
	<u>5–6</u>	<u>4½</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3-31/2</u>	<u>21/2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0–1½</u>
LANGUAGE, STYLE & EDITING (6 MARKS)	-Has applied all the necessary rules of format. -Text is mostly grammatically accurate and well constructed. -Vocabulary mostly appropriate to purpose, audience and context. -Style mostly appropriate. -Text mostly error-free following proof-reading and editing. -Length correct.	-Well constructed & fairly accurate. -Vocabulary is fairly appropriate to purpose, audience & context. -Style mostly appropriate. -Text fairly error-free following proof-reading & editing. -Length correct.	-Well constructed & reasonably accurate. -Vocabulary reasonably appropriate to purpose, audience & context. -Style reasonably appropriate. -Reasonably error-free following proof-reading & editing. -Length correct.	-Adequately constructed. Errors do not impede flow. -Vocabulary adequate for purpose, audience & context. -Style, fairly appropriate. -Still contains a fair number of errors following proof-reading & editing. -Length almost correct.	-Basically constructed. Several errors. -Vocabulary limited & not very suitable for purpose, audience & context. -Lapses in style. -Text contains a number of errors following proof-reading & editing. -Length – too long/short.	<ul> <li>Poorly constructed &amp; difficult to follow.</li> <li>Vocabulary requires some remediation &amp; not suitable for purpose, audience &amp; context.</li> <li>Style hardly corresponds with topic.</li> <li>Mostly error-ridden despite proofreading, editing.</li> <li>Length – too long/short.</li> </ul>	-Poorly constructed & very difficult to follow. -Vocabulary requires serious remediation & not suitable for purpose. -Style does not correspond with topic. -Error-ridden and very confusing following proofreading, editing. -Length – far too long/short.