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MARKING GUIDELINES

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MARKS: 80

These marking guidelines consist of 10 pages.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MARKERS

1. Candidates are required to answer **ALL** the questions.
2. These marking guidelines serve as a guide to markers. Some responses may require a marker's discretion.
3. Candidates' responses should be assessed as objectively as possible.

MARKING THE COMPREHENSION

- Because the focus is on understanding, incorrect spelling and language errors in responses should not be penalised unless such errors change the meaning/understanding. (Errors must still be indicated.)
- If a candidate uses words from a language other than the one being examined, disregard those words, and if the answer still makes sense, do not penalise. However, if a word from another language is used in a text and required in an answer, this will be acceptable.
- For **open-ended questions**, no marks should be awarded for YES/NO or I AGREE/ I DISAGREE. The reason/substantiation/motivation is what should be considered.
- When one-word answers are required and the candidate gives a whole sentence, mark correct **provided that** the correct word is underlined/highlighted.
- When two/three facts/points are required and a range is given, mark **only** the first two/three.
- Accept dialectical variations.
- For multiple-choice questions, accept BOTH the letter corresponding with the correct answer AND/OR the answer written out in full.

SECTION A**QUESTION 1**

1.1

- 1.1.1 For many years, the country has depended heavily on coal to generate electricity. ✓ (1)
- 1.1.2 There is a growing pressure because coal has contributed greatly to air pollution ✓ and climate change ✓ since time immemorial. (2)

1.2

1.2.1

- It is being used while people are moving/transitioning away from the traditional fossil fuels like coal ✓
- People are starting to use cleaner power sources like solar and wind. ✓ (2)

1.2.2

- It produces fewer carbon emissions than coal. ✓
- Plants which are powered by gas can quickly increase or decrease electricity production. ✓
- Gas is flexible. ✓

NOTE: Accept any TWO of the above responses. (2)

- 1.3 The government plans to introduce more gas into the country's energy mix ✓ through the Integrated Resource Plan. ✓ (2)

- 1.4 C/depleted. ✓ (1)

1.5

- 1.5.1 It plans to use liquefied natural gas (LNG), which is gas that has been converted into a liquid form. ✓ (1)

1.5.2 Open-ended. Accept a suitable answer, e.g.

Yes

Gas can help provide a stable energy supply while the country expands renewable energy infrastructure.

OR

No

The country should focus entirely on renewable energy because gas still harms the environment.

NOTE: Do not award a mark for Yes or No. The above are merely examples. A candidate can score 1 mark for an answer that is not well-substantiated. Accept a combination answer. (2)

1.6 Gas extraction requires a lot of water usage ✓ which may place pressure on limited water supplies. ✓ (2)

1.7 Regional cooperation could improve energy trade and sharing between countries. ✓ This cooperation could help boost economic growth across all the countries in the region. ✓ (2)

1.8
1.8.1 'adapted' ✓ (1)

1.8.2 The writer argues this because while gas is cleaner than coal, it also contributes towards air pollution ✓ but it could be used to transport cleaner fuels such as hydrogen. ✓ (2)

1.9 The writer is in favour of the use of gas as a replacement for coal to generate electricity, ✓ unlike coal which emit too many gasses that pollute the air and contribute towards climate change. ✓ (2)

1.10 Open-ended. Accept a suitable answer, e.g.

Yes

- The title is suitable because gas has a lot of potential to become a very important source of energy in South Africa as a replacement for coal.
- Using gas has better prospects because it is environmentally friendly, and it does not contribute a lot towards air pollution.
- The shortage of coal would necessitate the use of gas as an alternative energy source.

OR

No

- It is not suitable because countries that supply gas might charge exorbitant prices for it.
- South Africa will have an electricity problem should the countries supplying the gas stop doing so.
- It will be cost effective for South Africa to use coal which is readily available in the country than importing gas from neighbouring countries.

NOTE: Do not award a mark for Yes or No. The above are merely examples. A candidate can score 1 mark for an answer that is not well-substantiated. Accept a combination answer. (2)

TEXT B

- 1.11 low sodium ✓ / light / lite / natural flavours; no artificial colours
Low sugar ✓ / Low fat / Low calorie

NOTE: Accept any TWO of the above responses. (2)

- 1.12 Text B explains what the food labels and codes mean ✓ giving the readers options to make better choices regarding buying food. ✓ (2)

- 1.13 Open-ended. Accept a suitable answer e.g.

Yes.

The dates assist the consumers to know how long the products will last and to know the expiry dates.

The dates make it easy for the reader/buyer to know exactly when the product was manufactured; and up until which date can it be consumed safely.

OR**No.**

The three dates given could be confusing to other people as 'use by' and 'best by' can mean the same to some. This visual can create confusion for some people.

NOTE: Do not award marks for YES and NO response only. Accept any other suitable response. A candidate can score 1 mark for an answer that is not well-substantiated. Accept a combination answer. (2)

TOTAL SECTION A: [30]

SECTION B: SUMMARY**QUESTION 2**

The following points form the answer to the question:

	QUOTATIONS	FACTS (NOTE: Candidates may phrase the facts differently.)	
1.	'A successful garden begins with choosing the right location. Most vegetables require at least six hours of sunlight daily, so selecting a sunny spot is essential.'	1.	Choose a location that will provide enough sunlight for the vegetables.
2.	'Beginners are encouraged to start with easy-to-grow vegetables such as spinach, lettuce, basil, and tomatoes, as these require less maintenance and grow relatively quickly.'	2.	Consider starting with vegetables that are easy-to-grow.
3.	'Soil quality plays a crucial role in gardening success. Before planting, it is important to assess the condition of the soil.'	3.	A soil test should be done before planting.
4.	'Poor soil can negatively affect plant growth, so gardeners may need to improve it by adding compost or using containers with good-quality potting mix.'	4.	Improve soil quality by adding compost or quality potting mix.
5.	'Watering practices are equally important. Overwatering is a common mistake that can damage plants, so the soil should remain moist but not waterlogged.'	5.	Keep the soil moist but avoid overwatering.
6.	'Watering early in the morning is recommended, as it helps plants absorb moisture effectively.'	6.	Water your garden early in the morning for effective absorption.
7.	'Climate and seasonal changes must also be considered when planting. Different vegetables thrive in different seasons; for example, tomatoes grow well in summer, while spinach prefers cooler conditions.'	7.	Check which vegetables to plant in which season.
8.	'Ultimately, gardening requires patience, consistency, and a willingness to learn. By observing what works and making necessary adjustments, gardeners can gradually improve their skills and enjoy a productive vegetable garden.'	8.	Be patient while learning and adjusting your gardening methods.

Marking the summary

Marking is on the basis of the inclusion of valid material and the exclusion of invalid material.

The summary should be marked as follows:

- **Mark allocation**
 - 7 marks for 7 points (1 mark per main point)
 - 3 marks for language
 - Total marks: 10
- **Distribution of language marks when the candidate has not quoted verbatim:**
 - 1 to 3 points correct: award 1 mark
 - 4 to 5 points correct: award 2 marks
 - 6 to 7 points correct: award 3 marks
- **Distribution of language marks when the candidate has quoted verbatim:**
 - 6 to 7 quotes: award no language mark
 - 4 to 5 quotes: award a maximum of 1 language mark
 - 2 to 3 quotes: award a maximum of 2 language marks

NOTE:

- **Word count:**
 - Markers are required to verify the number of words used.
 - Do not deduct any marks if the candidate fails to indicate the number of words used, or if the number of words used is indicated incorrectly.
 - If the word limit is exceeded, read up to the last sentence above the stipulated upper limit and ignore the rest of the summary.

TOTAL SECTION B: [10]

SECTION C: LANGUAGE**NOTE:**

- **Spelling:**
 - One-word answers must be marked correct even if the spelling is incorrect, unless the error changes the meaning of the word.
 - In full-sentence answers, incorrect spelling should be penalised if the error is in the language structure being tested.
- Sentence structures must be grammatically correct and given in full sentences/ as per instructions.
- For multiple-choice questions, accept BOTH the letter corresponding with the correct answer AND/OR the answer written out in full as correct.
- Where an abbreviation is tested, the answer must be punctuated correctly.

QUESTION 3: ANALYSING AN ADVERTISEMENT

- 3.1 African Extracts Rooibos ✓ (1)
- 3.2 It introduces the products advertised as new in the market; creating interest to the readers. ✓ (1)
- 3.3 visibly – adverb ✓
in – preposition ✓ (2)
- 3.4 The words indicate that these products have been improved with the addition of the stated vitamin c. ✓ They show that the formula will deliver better results with the addition of vitamin c. ✓/
Appeal to the reader's desire for healthy skin/To convince the reader to buy the products ✓ because of their improved formulas which will yield better results. ✓ (2)
- 3.5 The phrase 'CLINICALLY PROVEN' makes the product seem trustworthy and reliable ✓ because it suggests that it has been scientifically tested and there is evidence that it works. ✓ (2)
- 3.6 Open-ended. Accept a well substantiated response e.g.

YES.

The advertisement depicts a lady with flawless, glowing skin which may lead readers to believe they need the product to look attractive. / The advertisement influences the readers' ideas about beauty because it suggests that clear, glowing and even-toned skin is desirable.

OR

NO.

Because many people understand that advertisements are designed to sell products and may use persuasive language to lure readers to buy a product. / The advertisement may not influence the readers' ideas about beauty if some already feel good about the looks and skin, or when they recognise it as a sales trick.

NOTE: Do not award a mark for Yes or No. The above are merely examples. A candidate can score 1 mark for an answer that is not well-substantiated. Accept a combination answer. ✓✓ (2)

[10]**QUESTION 4: ANALYSING A CARTOON**

4.1 There are lines/rays emanating from the TV screen. ✓ (1)

4.2.1 D/onomatopoeia. ✓ (1)

4.2.2 To show that someone is ringing the doorbell, ✓ alerting Dagwood to get up and attend to the person ringing the doorbell. ✓ (2)

4.3 His eyes are wide – open. ✓
His mouth is open. ✓
His shoulders are stooped ✓ (his head is leaning forward)

NOTE: Accept any TWO relevant responses. (2)

4.4 The plumber said that she ✓ could handle that baby by herself. ✓

NOTE: Accept any TWO of the following changes: (Punctuation, she, could herself.) (2)

4.5 Open-ended. Accept suitable answer e.g.

Yes. The cartoon is humorous because Dagwood assumes that a plumber must be a man, but a lady who is the plumber arrives instead. / The humour is further enhanced when the plumber suggests that he makes himself a cup of tea and watch a soap opera; something that is traditionally associated with females. Dagwood makes himself tea while the female plumber does the repair work.

OR

No. Although the cartoon attempts to create humour through role reversal, some readers may not find it funny because women who work in traditionally male careers are common and no longer surprising.

NOTE: Do not award marks for YES and NO responses only. Accept any other suitable response. A candidate can score 1 mark for an answer that is not well-substantiated. Accept a combination answer. (2)

[10]

QUESTION 5: LANGUAGE AND EDITING SKILLS**TEXT F****5.1**

- 5.1.1 (a) innovations ✓ (1)
- (b) these ✓ (1)
- (c) a ✓ (1)
- (d) effects ✓ (1)
- 5.1.2 isn't it / is it not ✓ (1)
- 5.1.3 People who suffered ✓ from arthritis, cancer and Parkinson's disease benefitted ✓ from the bee venom injections. (2)
- 5.1.4 Lisa Brodar said that the venom from honeybee stings stimulated adrenal glands to produce cortisol.
- NOTE:** Award ONE mark the underlined change and ONE mark for the correct punctuation. (2)
- 5.1.5 Potent anti-inflammatory properties may be offered by bee venom. ✓ (1)
- 5.1.6 Caution is not advised when using honeybee venom. ✓ (1)
- 5.1.7 results/effects /consequences ✓ (1)
- 5.1.8 search ✓ (1)
- 5.1.9 I knew he was going to lie. ✓ (1)

TEXT G**5.2**

- 5.2.1 suffix ✓ (1)
- 5.2.2 carefully ✓ (1)
- 5.2.3 more difficult ✓ (1)
- 5.2.4 Neither does the medical doctor conduct laboratory tests, nor manage imaging machinery. ✓✓ (2)
- NOTE:** No split mark. It is 2 or a 0.
- 5.2.5 Doctors treat high-risk patients every day. ✓ (1)

[20]**TOTAL MARKS: 80**