



# basic education

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

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

**ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE P3**

**2021**

**MARKS: 100**

**TIME: 2½ 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 from SECTION A and TWO questions from 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 80 minutes  
SECTION B: approximately 70 (2 x 35) 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.

- 1.1 'There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside of you.'  
[Maya Angelou] **[50]**
- 1.2 The family structure, as has been defined over centuries, is disintegrating. **[50]**
- 1.3 The lighter side of being a South African **[50]**
- 1.4 'I am so tired of waiting, aren't you,  
For the world to become good  
And beautiful and kind?'  
[Langston Hughes] **[50]**
- 1.5 The moments that the camera did not capture **[50]**
- 1.6 The pictures reproduced on the next pages 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, 1.6.2 or 1.6.3) 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.

1.6.1



[Source: [sandraolugbodesite.wordpress.com](http://sandraolugbodesite.wordpress.com)]

[50]

1.6.2



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

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1.6.3



[Source: [worldnewshill.com](http://worldnewshill.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 TITLE/HEADING of the text you have chosen, e.g. 2.1 Formal Speech.

**2.1 FORMAL SPEECH**

Tattoos and piercings – art or taboo?



[Source: [pinterest.com](https://www.pinterest.com)]

Write a speech that you will present to a congress of young people.

[25]

**2.2 NEWSPAPER ARTICLE**

In recent years, social media has played an important role in raising awareness of injustices in our society.

As an aspiring journalist, write a newspaper article with the headline:

**SOCIAL MEDIA – OUR SOCIAL CONSCIENCE**

[25]

**2.3 OBITUARY**

A prominent celebrity has died under suspicious circumstances.

Write his/her obituary.

[25]

**2.4 LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Your local municipality has banned the use of fireworks.

Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper, expressing your views. **[25]**

**2.5 DIALOGUE**

Your neighbour has some irritating habits and in order to preserve the peace, you have remained quiet over the years. However, she/he has pushed you to the limit. You have decided to address the issues.

Write the dialogue that ensues. **[25]**

**2.6 FILM REVIEW**

The film version of a South African legend/folklore/fable/fairy tale has recently been released.

Write a review of the film. **[25]**

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