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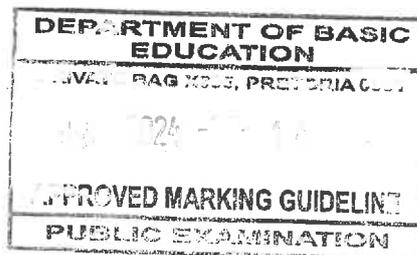# ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE P3

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MARKING GUIDELINES

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These marking guidelines consist of 12 pages.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

These marking guidelines must be used together with the attached English FAL 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 topic could be interpreted.
- Full credit must be given for the candidates' own interpretation.
- Marking must be objective. Give credit for relevant ideas.
- Use the 50-mark assessment rubric to mark the essays. The texts produced by candidates must be assessed according to the following criteria as set out in the assessment rubric:
  - Content and planning (30 marks)
  - Language, style and editing (15 marks)
  - Structure (5 marks)

NOTE:
- Adhere to the length of between 250 and 300 words as prescribed in the CAPS document. However, should the maximum word count be exceeded, refer to the *First Additional Language Examination Guidelines Grade 12, 2021.*
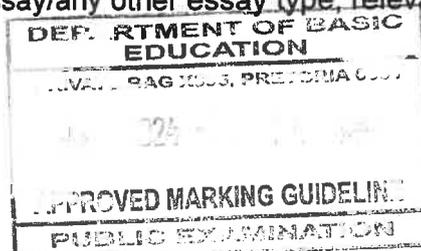- No additional penalties may be imposed as the rubric itself imposes penalties.

1.1   **I cannot survive without my ...**

   Descriptive/Narrative/Reflective/Discursive/Argumentative

- If descriptive, the candidate should create a picture in words, using as many senses as possible to make the description clear.
- If narrative, the essay must have a strong story line and an interesting ending.
- If reflective, the essay should convey the writer's/candidate's reactions and feelings.
- If discursive, the arguments for and against must be well-balanced and clearly analysed in the essay. The candidate must provide supporting evidence for his/her arguments. The candidate may come to a particular conclusion at the end of the essay, which should include recommendations.
- If argumentative, the essay must reflect a specific argument or viewpoint for or against the topic. The candidate should give a range of arguments to support and substantiate his/her view. The conclusion should be a strong, clear and convincing statement of the writer's opinion.

   NOTE: A candidate may write an essay which contains elements of more than one type of essay/any other essay type, relevant to the topic.   **[50]**

1.2   **Anger is the thief of joy.**

Reflective/Descriptive/Narrative/Discursive/Argumentative

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- If descriptive, the candidate should create a picture in words, using as many senses as possible to make the description clear.
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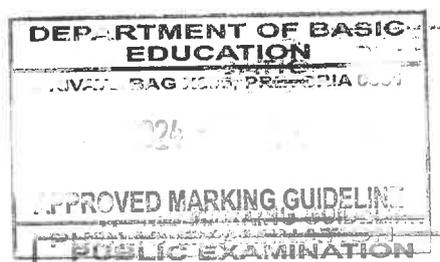
1.3   **I did not know what to say.**

Narrative/Reflective/Descriptive/Discursive/Argumentative

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1.4   **If artificial intelligence replaces humans ...**

Reflective/Discursive/Argumentative/Descriptive/Narrative

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- If descriptive, the candidate should create a picture in words, using as many senses as possible to make the description clear.
- If narrative, the essay must have a strong story line and an interesting ending.

NOTE: A candidate may write an essay which contains elements of more than one type of essay/any other essay type, relevant to the topic.   **[50]**

### 1.5   **'There are no shortcuts to any place worth going.' – Beverly Stills**

Argumentative/Discursive/Reflective/Narrative/Descriptive

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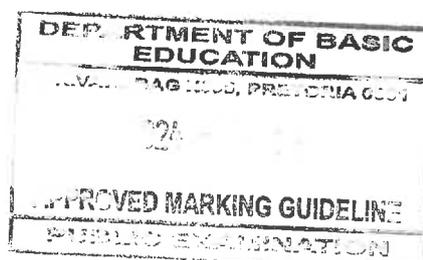
Interpretation of pictures

The candidate:
- must give the essay a suitable title.
- may interpret the pictures in any way.
- may choose to write any type of essay.
- must link the interpretation to the picture.
- may write in any appropriate tense.

1.6 Picture: **Person holding a parcel.**

Narrative/Descriptive/Reflective/Argumentative/Discursive

- Literal interpretations: giving, delivery, a gift
- Figurative interpretations: generosity, gratitude, deception **[50]**

1.7 Picture: **Flower**

Narrative/Descriptive/Reflective/Argumentative/Discursive

- Literal interpretations: flowers, happiness, handcrafts
- Figurative interpretations: dreams, new beginnings, fake versus real **[50]**

1.8 Picture: **Mouse with mousetrap**

Narrative/Descriptive/Reflective/Argumentative/Discursive

- Literal interpretations: pests, precautionary measures, a trap
- Figurative interpretations: bravery, innovations, learning from experience **[50]**

TOTAL SECTION A: **50**
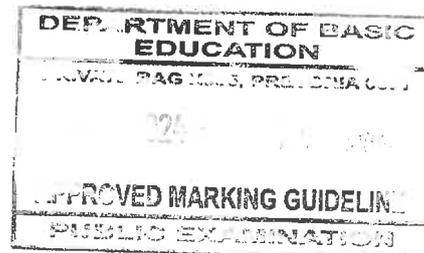
SECTION B: LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT

QUESTION 2

Instructions to Markers:
- Candidates are required to answer ONE question.
- Marking must be objective. Give credit for relevant ideas.
- Use the 30-mark assessment rubric to mark the responses in this section. The texts produced by candidates must be assessed according to the following criteria as set out in the assessment rubric:
  - Content, planning and format (18 marks)
  - Language, style and editing (12 marks)

NOTE:
- Adhere to the length of between 120 and 150 words as prescribed in the CAPS document. However, should the maximum word count be reached mid-sentence, read to the end of that sentence.
- No additional penalties may be imposed as the rubric itself imposes penalties.

2.1   **LETTER TO THE PRESS**

Letter to the editor.

- The letter should have an introduction, a body and a conclusion.
- The tone and register of the letter should be formal.
- The following aspects of format must be included:
  - Address of sender
  - Date
  - Name of newspaper and address of the recipient
  - Greeting/Salutation (The Editor/Sir/Madam)
  - Subject line
  - Suitable ending
  - Signature and name of sender
- The candidate must express concerns about the health hazards of dumping and provide possible solutions to the problem.   **[30]**

2.2   **OBITUARY**

Obituary paying tribute to a cleaner who has passed away.

- The tone must be formal.
- The following aspects of format must be included:
  - Full name of the deceased
  - Date of birth
  - Date of death
  - Birthplace
  - Where the person was living at the time of death
  - Key survivors (e.g. spouse, children) and their names
  - Date, time and place of funeral
  - A tribute to the deceased
- The following information may be included:
  - Biographical information
  - Cause of death.

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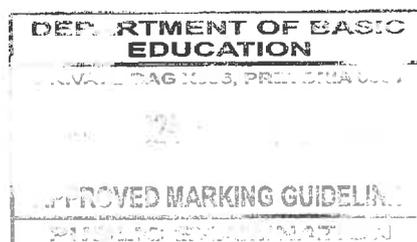
2.3   **SPEECH**

A speech thanking the management team.

- The speech should start with a suitable salutation/greeting.
- The tone and register should be appropriate for the audience.
- The speech must include the following:
  - o An introduction that captures the audience's attention
  - o Well-developed points
 - o A suitable conclusion thanking the management team of the company.   **[30]**

2.4   **DIALOGUE**

A conversation between a child and a parent/guardian.

- A brief context must be provided at the beginning of the dialogue.

The dialogue must be between a parent/guardian and a child.

- The tone should be informal.
- The following aspects of the dialogue format must be included:
  - o The names of the speakers or references to the speakers written on the left side of the page.
  - o A colon after the name of the character who is speaking.
  - o A new line to indicate each new speaker.
  - o Advice to characters on how to speak or present the action must be given in brackets before the words are spoken.   **[30]**

TOTAL SECTION B: **30**
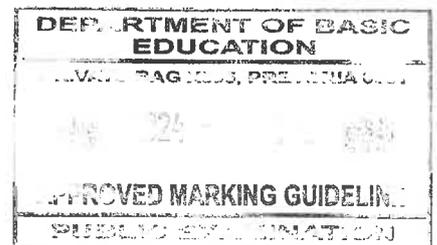
SECTION C: SHORTER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT

QUESTION 3

Instructions to Markers:
- Candidates are required to answer ONE question.
- Marking must be objective. Give credit for relevant ideas.
- Use the 20-mark assessment rubric to mark the responses in this section. The texts produced by candidates must be assessed according to the following criteria as set out in the assessment rubric:
  o Content, planning and format (12 marks)
  o Language, style and editing (8 marks)

NOTE:
- Adhere to the length of between 80 and 100 words as prescribed in the CAPS document. However, should the maximum word count be reached mid-sentence, read to the end of that sentence.
- No additional penalties may be imposed as the rubric itself imposes penalties.

3.1   **INVITATION**

Invitation to a farewell party.

- The response may be in the form of a note, a personal letter or an invitation card.
- The following aspects of format must be included:
  o Name of invitee
  o Date
  o Venue
  o Time

- Type of function should be clear.
- Language should be suited to the context.
- Full sentences are not necessary.
- The following details may be included, among others:
  o Dress code
  o RSVP

NOTE: Do NOT award marks for illustrations or drawings.   **[20]**
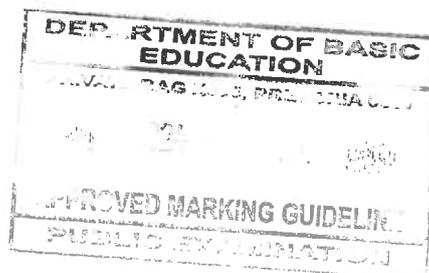
3.2   **DIARY ENTRY**

A diary entry about moving into a new house.

- There must be ONE diary entry.
- The date/time must be reflected.
- The entry must express the candidate's feelings before/during/after moving into a new house.
- The diary entry must be written in the first person.
- The language must be simple and informal.
- The tone must reflect suitable emotions.   **[20]**
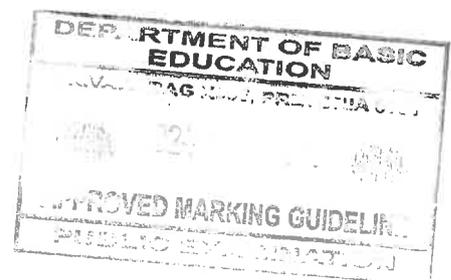
3.3   **INSTRUCTIONS**

Instructions for ensuring safety.

The instructions:
- may be in point or paragraph form.
- must be in logical sequence.
- must be written in the imperative.   **[20]**
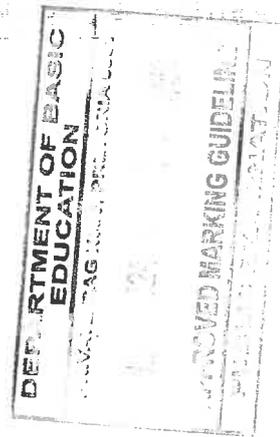
TOTAL SECTION C: 20
GRAND TOTAL: 100

ASSESSMENT RUBRIC FOR ESSAY – FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE [50 MARKS]

Criteria		Exceptional	Skilful	Moderate	Elementary	Inadequate
CONTENT & PLANNING (Response and ideas) Organisation of ideas for planning; Awareness of purpose, audience and context **30 MARKS**	Upper level	**28–30** -Outstanding/Striking response beyond normal expectations -Intelligent, thought-provoking and mature ideas -Exceptionally well organised and coherent (connected), including introduction, body and conclusion/ending	**22–24** -Very well-crafted response -Fully relevant and interesting ideas with evidence of maturity -Very well organised and coherent (connected), including introduction, body and conclusion/ending	**16–18** -Satisfactory response -Ideas are reasonably coherent and convincing -Reasonably organised and coherent, including introduction, body and conclusion/ending	**10-12** -Inconsistently coherent response -Unclear ideas and unoriginal -Little evidence of organisation and coherence	**4-6** -Totally irrelevant response -Confused and unfocused ideas -Vague and repetitive -Unorganised and incoherent
	Lower level	**25–27** -Excellent response but lacks the exceptionally striking qualities of the outstanding essay -Mature and intelligent ideas -Skilfully organised and coherent (connected), including introduction, body and conclusion/ending	**19–21** -Well-crafted response -Relevant and interesting ideas -Well organised and coherent (connected), including introduction, body and conclusion	**13–15** -Satisfactory response but some lapses in clarity -Ideas are fairly coherent and convincing -Some degree of organisation and coherence, including introduction, body and conclusion	**7–9** -Largely irrelevant response -Ideas tend to be disconnected and confusing -Hardly any evidence of organisation and coherence	**0–3** -No attempt to respond to the topic -Completely irrelevant and inappropriate -Unfocused and muddled
LANGUAGE, STYLE & EDITING Tone, register, style, vocabulary appropriate to purpose/effect and context; Word choice; Language use and conventions, punctuation, grammar, spelling **15 MARKS**	Upper level	**14–15** -Tone, register, style and vocabulary highly appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Language confident, exceptionally impressive -Compelling and rhetorically effective in tone -Virtually error-free in grammar and spelling -Very skilfully crafted	**11-12** -Tone, register, style and vocabulary very appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Language is effective and a consistently appropriate tone is used -Largely error-free in grammar and spelling -Very well crafted	**8–9** -Tone, register, style and vocabulary appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Appropriate use of language to convey meaning -Tone is appropriate -Rhetorical devices used to enhance content	**5–6** -Tone, register, style and vocabulary less appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Very basic use of language -Tone and diction are inappropriate -Very limited vocabulary	**0 – 3** -Language incomprehensible -Tone, register, style and vocabulary not appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Vocabulary limitations so extreme as to make comprehension impossible
	Lower level	**13** -Language excellent and rhetorically effective in tone -Virtually error-free in grammar and spelling -Skilfully crafted	**10** -Language engaging and generally effective -Appropriate and effective tone -Few errors in grammar and spelling -Well crafted	**7** -Adequate use of language with some inconsistencies -Tone generally appropriate and limited use of rhetorical devices	**4** -Inadequate use of language -Little or no variety in sentence -Exceptionally limited vocabulary	
STRUCTURE Features of text; Paragraph development and sentence construction **5 MARKS**		**5** -Excellent development of topic -Exceptional detail -Sentences, paragraphs exceptionally well-constructed	**4** -Logical development of details -Coherent -Sentences, paragraphs logical, varied	**3** -Relevant details developed -Sentences, paragraphs well-constructed -Essay still makes sense	**2** -Some valid points -Sentences and paragraphs faulty -Essay still makes some sense	**0–1** -Necessary points lacking -Sentences and paragraphs faulty -Essay lacks sense

ASSESSMENT RUBRIC FOR LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT – FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE [30 MARKS]

Criteria	Exceptional	Skilful	Moderate	Elementary	Inadequate
CONTENT, PLANNING & FORMAT Response and ideas; Organisation of ideas for planning; Purpose, audience, features/conventions and context **18 MARKS**	**15–18** -Outstanding response beyond normal expectations -Intelligent and mature ideas -Extensive knowledge of features of the type of text -Writing maintains focus -Coherence in content and ideas -Highly elaborated and all details support the topic -Appropriate and accurate format	**11–14** -Very good response demonstrating good knowledge of features of the type of text -Maintains focus – no digressions -Coherent in content and ideas, very well elaborated and details support topic -Appropriate format with minor inaccuracies	**8–10** -Adequate response demonstrating knowledge of features of the type of text -Not completely focused – some digressions -Reasonably coherent in content and ideas -Some details support the topic -Generally appropriate format but with some inaccuracies	**5–7** -Basic response demonstrating some knowledge of features of the type of text -Some focus but writing digresses -Not always coherent in content and ideas -Few details support the topic -Necessary rules of format vaguely applied -Some critical oversights	**0–4** -Response reveals no knowledge of features of the type of text -Meaning obscure with major digressions -Not coherent in content and ideas -Very few details support the topic -Necessary rules of format not applied
LANGUAGE, STYLE & EDITING Tone, register, style, purpose/effect, audience and context; Language use and conventions; Word choice; Punctuation and spelling **12 MARKS**	**10–12** -Tone, register, style and vocabulary highly appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Grammatically accurate and well-constructed -Virtually error-free	**8–9** -Tone, register, style and vocabulary very appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Generally grammatically accurate and well-constructed -Very good vocabulary -Mostly free of errors	**6–7** -Tone, register, style and vocabulary appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Some grammatical errors -Adequate vocabulary -Errors do not impede meaning	**4–5** -Tone, register, style and vocabulary less appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Inaccurate grammar with numerous errors -Limited vocabulary -Meaning obscured	**0–3** -Tone, register, style and vocabulary do not correspond to purpose, audience and context -Error-ridden and confused -Vocabulary not suitable for purpose -Meaning seriously impaired

ASSESSMENT RUBRIC FOR SHORTER TRANSACTIONAL TEXT – FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE [20 MARKS]

Criteria	Exceptional 10–12	Skilful 8–9	Moderate 6-7	Elementary 4-5	Inadequate 0-3
CONTENT, PLANNING & FORMAT Response and ideas; Organisation of ideas; Features/conventions and context **12 MARKS**	-Outstanding response beyond normal expectations -Intelligent and mature ideas -Extensive knowledge of features of the type of text -Writing maintains focus -Coherence in content and ideas -Highly elaborated and all details support the topic -Appropriate and accurate format	-Very good response demonstrating good knowledge of features of the type of text -Maintains focus – no digressions -Coherent in content and ideas, very well elaborated and details support topic -Appropriate format with minor inaccuracies	-Adequate response, demonstrating knowledge of features of the type of text -Not completely focused –some digressions -Reasonably coherent in content and ideas -Some details support the topic -Generally appropriate format but with some inaccuracies	-Basic response, demonstrating some knowledge of features of the type of text -Some focus but writing digresses -Not always coherent in content and ideas -Few details support the topic -Necessary rules of format vaguely applied -Some critical oversights	-Response reveals no knowledge of features of the type of text -Meaning obscure with major digressions -Not coherent in content and ideas -Very few details support the topic -Necessary rules of format not applied
	7–8	**5-6**	**4**	**3**	**0-2**
LANGUAGE, STYLE & EDITING Tone, register, style, vocabulary appropriate to purpose and context; Language use and conventions; Word choice; Punctuation and spelling **8 MARKS**	-Tone, register, style and vocabulary highly appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Grammatically accurate and well-constructed -Virtually error-free	-Tone, register, style and vocabulary very appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Generally grammatically accurate and well-constructed -Very good vocabulary -Mostly free of errors	-Tone, register, style and vocabulary appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Some grammatical errors -Adequate vocabulary -Errors do not impede meaning	-Tone, register, style and vocabulary less appropriate to purpose, audience and context -Inaccurate grammar with numerous errors -Limited vocabulary -Meaning obscured	-Tone, register, style and vocabulary do not correspond to purpose, audience and context -Error-ridden and confused -Vocabulary not suitable for purpose -Meaning seriously impaired