

ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE
GRADE 8
PAPER 1 – LANGUAGE
TIME: 1½ Hour
MARKS: 50

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer all the questions.
- Leave a line open between each answer.
- Draw a margin on the right hand side of the page.
- Begin each SECTION on a new page.
- Write neatly.
- Staple your answers to front of your question paper when you have finished.

SECTION A – COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. You do not have to answer in full sentences, only when the answer is not just one word.

Xenophobia

1. Nafeesa smiled at Nick. “Congratulations, Morgan,” she said, turning to him, “I heard that you have been chosen for the junior debating team and you have to speak in a debate against Greenvale High next week.”
2. “Thanks, Nafeesa. Pity my dad is away at the moment. He is covering a refugee story in Ethiopia in North Africa. I really need him to be here to help me with the debate because the topic is about xenophobia and he knows so much about it.”
3. “Zen-a-what?” asked Nick and Candy together.
4. “Xenophobia. It’s a words which comes from the ancient Greek word, xenos, which means stranger. And you know what phobia means, don’t you?”
5. “Yes,” said Candy. “A phobia is a fear of something!”
6. “That’s right. So, xenophobia means a fear of strangers, or a deep dislike for foreigners,” explained Morgan.
7. “So, what has that got to do with your debate, Morgan?” asked Candy, who because she was born in Taiwan, often felt like a foreigner.
8. “Well, the topic for the debate is ‘South Africa should allow foreigners to live and work here’. Our team is proposing.”
9. “‘Propose’ means to ask someone to marry you! Who is your team marrying?” said Nick, collapsing with laughter.
10. “It means that we have to argue that foreign people or aliens should be allowed to come to South Africa,” explained Morgan, patiently.
11. “And aliens are funny creatures from outer space. Of course we don’t want any of those here! I have seen them on TV.” Walking stiffly and speaking in a computer voice, he said, “Me Nicholas. I come flying saucer. I like earth.”
12. “You are such a clown, Nick,” laughed Nafeesa.
13. “An alien is a person who is not a South African and does not have the same rights as a South African has.”

14. “You mean like Morgan? He is from Zimbabwe. He does not look like an alien to me. He looks just like a South African, don’t you, Morgan?” asked Nick.
15. “No, Nick, Morgan is a refugee,” said Nafeesa. “He is allowed to be here because his father has been granted asylum. It is not safe for him to return home to Zimbabwe. We are talking about people who come here because they can get better jobs and better education here. Or because they can earn more money to send back to their families in other countries. There are many people who have come to live in South Africa because it is a beautiful country.”
16. “That is right, Nafeesa. We have to debate whether those people should be allowed to work and bring their families to live here,” said Morgan.
17. “Well, why shouldn’t other people come here?” asked Nick. “I mean, if they want to work, let them.”
18. “Because they take away the jobs that South African people could do, and they take places in the hospitals and schools that South Africans should have,” argued Morgan. Morgan could see both sides of the argument. This was what debating was all about.
19. “I see,” replied Nick. “In that case they should all be sent home to find jobs in their own countries.” Nick raised his voice.
20. “But what about me, Nick?” asked Candy quietly. “I am from Taiwan and my parents live and work here. You do not want us to go away, do you?”
21. “Well, no, but I mean what would happen if everyone from Taiwan came to South Africa? There would be no room for South Africans. Soon there would be millions of Chinese people all over the place and ...” Nick stopped when he saw he was upsetting Candy.
22. “That is right, Nick. Just keep to the topic. Do not attach the person. My dad always says to me when I start shouting during an argument: ‘Do not raise the level of your voice; raise the level of your argument.’ Anyway, this conversation is helping me plan the arguments for and against the motion. It’s going to be great fun. I am counting on you guys to support us on the floor.”
23. “I am not sitting on the floor,” protested Nick.

QUESTION 1

- 1.1 Why is Nafeesa congratulating Morgan? (1)
- 1.2 Why does Morgan wish his dad was not away? (2)
- 1.3 From which Greek word does xenophobia come? (1)
- 1.4 What does “Zen-a-what?” refer to? (1)
- 1.5 Why is “Zen-a-what?” written with a “z”? (1)
- 1.6 What is the meaning of xenophobia? (2)
- 1.7 Why does Candy feel like a foreigner? (1)
- 1.8 What is a “foreigner”? (2)
- 1.9 What two meanings do the word “propose” have?

- 1.10 Write down another word for “foreigner” from the passage. (Not stranger). (2)
- 1.11 Why do they say Morgan is an alien? (1)
- 1.12 According to the passage why should foreigners be allowed to come to South Africa? (2)
- 1.13 According to the passage why shouldn’t foreigners be allowed to come to South Africa? (2)
- [20]

SECTION B (SUMMARY)

QUESTION 2

Write down seven facts about the Shark attack in “Sharks aren’t out to get you!”

- You must use 70 words.
- Number your facts 1-7.

(10)

Sharks aren’t out to get you!

Cape Town – Friday

Yesterday a shark believed to be a Great White attacked and killed retired schoolteacher Tyna Webb (77). This was the third attack in the area and the second in the past 14 months.

Mrs Webb had swum off this beach every day for many years and her family and friends are saddened by her death.

A study has shown that there are many sharks in False Bay. Marine biologists say that the sharks have always been in the bay, particularly in areas close to seal populations. Seal Island in False Bay is home to 50 000 seals. The problem is not the sharks, but the large number of people in the water because of water sports like skiing, diving and surfing.

Shark-watching and cage-diving have become popular activities in the sea around the Cape. Tourists can see sharks hunting seals in the bay especially when tour operators use fish oil and bait on rope to draw the sharks to the surface.

Some environmentalists say that this is dangerous because it encourages the sharks to attack people.

Dr Sheldon Dudley of the Natal Sharks Boards says, “Sharks are not out to get people.” Shark attacks are rare. You have more chance of being struck by lightning, but surfers are the most likely people to be attacked because they spend so much time in the water. Research shows the increase in the number of shark attacks around the world.

Dr Sheldon suggested that people should avoid wearing dark clothes and sparkling jewellery. These make you look like a seal or a fish, which are the sharks’ favourite food. You should never go into the water if you have a wound or are bleeding because sharks can smell blood from a long way. Sharks are attracted to noise and movement. The easiest way to avoid sharks is not to swim in water where sharks are known to live. You should not swim on your own and you should never swim at night, as this is when they like to feed.

SECTION C – CARTOON, ADVERTISEMENT, LANGUAGE

QUESTION 3

3.1 Look at the following cartoon and answer the questions:



- 3.1.1 What is the man on the left pushing? (1)
- 3.1.2 What is an “animal cracker”? (1)
- 3.1.3 Why is it funny that the tortoise always comes out of the box just ahead of the hare? (2)
- 3.1.4 Where are these two men? (1)[5]
- 3.2 Look at the following advertisement and answer the questions that follow:

*"We're putting our money
where our mouth is!"*

For the second consecutive year our benefits have increased by a measurable 25% while we've kept our rates increases well below the industry average (12-18%). Proof that Medicover's innovative medical aid scheme has its member's best interests at heart.

Call 0800 116 242 or contact info@medicover.co.za to find out how easy it is to receive first class service at highly competitive rates, because at Medicover the best is standard across the board.

MEDICOVER
because you're entitled

Medicover 2000 Reg No 333

- 3.2.1 What shape is the purse in? (1)
- 3.2.2 Which person would use the stick that is stuck into the purse? (1)
- 3.2.3 Why is there a little cross on the bottom right of the name MEDICOVER? (1)
- 3.2.4 Name two ways in which you can contact MEDICOVER to find out how easy it is to receive first class service. (2)

3.3 LANGUAGE

The article below contains a number of deliberate errors in punctuation and grammar. Read it carefully and answer the questions that follow.

We called them masters in those days, not teachers, and at St Peter's the one I feared most of all, apart from the Headmaster, was Captain Hardcastle. This man was slim and wiry and he played football. On the football field he wore white running shorts and white gym shoes and short white socks. His legs were as hard and thin as ram's legs and the skin around his (calf) was almost brilliant vermillion, like a ripe orange, and it was plastered back with immense (quantity) of brilliantine in the same fashion as the headmaster's.

- 3.3.1 Write down a proper noun from the paragraph. (1)
- 3.3.2 Write down a common noun from the paragraph. (1)
- 3.3.3 Turn the following statement into a question by adding a question tag.
He played football. (3)
- 3.3.4 Write down the plural form of “calf” as it is used in the passage. (1)
- 3.3.5 Write down the plural form of “quantity”. (1)
- 3.3.6 Why is an apostrophe used in the word “ram’s”? (1)
- 3.3.7 Is the following statement from the passage a fact or an opinion?
The one I feared most of all, apart from the Headmaster, was Captain
Hardcastle (1)
- 3.3.8 Write down a simile from the paragraph. (1)
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TOTAL: 50