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ANNUAL NATIONAL ASSESSMENT 2014 GRADE 9 ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE TEST

MARKS: 80

TIME: 2 HOURS

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This test consists of 21 pages excluding the cover page.

Instructions to the learner:

1. Read all the instructions carefully.
2. The teacher will lead you through the practice exercise before you start the test.
3. The test duration is 2 hours.
4. Answer all the questions in the spaces provided.
5. Write neatly and legibly.

Practice exercise for multiple-choice questions.

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

Which country does the soccer team Bafana Bafana represent?

- A Australia
- B South Africa
- C Cameroon
- D Nigeria

You answered the question correctly if you circled the letter **B**.

The test starts on the next page.

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION AND LANGUAGE

Read the newspaper article below and answer QUESTIONS 1.1 to 1.14.

MANDELA CELEBRATED AS 'A GIANT OF HISTORY'

1. In an outpouring of praise, remembrance and celebration, scores of leaders from around the world joined tens of thousands of South Africans in a vast, rain-swept soccer stadium to pay common tribute to Nelson Mandela, whose struggle against apartheid inspired his own country and many far beyond its borders.

2. Swathed in their national colours, some wearing wraparounds bearing Mr Mandela's portrait, citizens celebrated their former president as both an inspiration and an inherited memory for those raised in the post-apartheid era.

3. Huge cheers greeted Barack Obama, the president of the United States of America, as he rose to offer a eulogy that blended a personal message with a broader appeal for Mr Mandela's values to survive him.

4. "To the people of South Africa – people of every race and every walk of life – the world thanks you for sharing Nelson Mandela with us," Mr Obama said. "His struggle was your struggle. His triumph was your triumph. Your dignity and hope found

expression in his life, and your freedom. Your democracy is his cherished legacy."

5. "Even heaven was crying," one woman in the crowd declared as the heavy rain continued. "We have lost an angel." Nothando Dube was at the stadium by 6 a.m., singing old struggle songs until the memorial began more than five hours later. "It feels different when you sing it now as a free young person," Ms Dube said, wearing a beret of Mr Mandela's party, the African National Congress. "You try to reach that feeling, that emotion they were feeling when they sang that song in prison."

6. Cyril Ramaphosa, a former labour leader who became a wealthy entrepreneur and, more recently, deputy leader of the governing African National Congress, presided over the ceremony, declared, "his long walk is over," referring to "Long Walk to Freedom," the title of Mr Mandela's autobiography. "But ours is only beginning. More than 100 countries are represented here today, representing easily billions of people around the world," said Mr Ramaphosa,

adding that the event was “how Nelson Mandela would have wanted to be sent off. He was our teacher and our mentor and never gave up on us for our failures,” said Mr Ramaphosa.

7. The memorial service came 20 years to the day after Mr Mandela and F.W. de Klerk, South Africa’s last white president, who negotiated the demise of Afrikaner power, travelled together to Oslo to receive a shared Nobel Peace Prize. Mr De Klerk was among the dignitaries at the stadium.

[Adapted from *International New York Times*,
11 December 2013]

1.1 Circle the letter of the correct answer.

Identify the purpose of the text.

- A Informing readers
- B Entertaining readers
- C Promoting an autobiography
- D Increasing newspaper sales

(1)

1.2 Circle the letter of the correct answer.

Identify the main idea of this article.

- A Cyril Ramaphosa was the programme director.
- B Nonthando Dube sang struggle songs.
- C President Obama delivered the eulogy.
- D Tributes were paid to Nelson Mandela. (1)

1.3 “Even heaven was crying,” one woman in the crowd declared as the heavy rain continued.

Explain the purpose of the inverted commas in the above sentence.

(1)

1.4 Circle the letter of the correct answer.

What does the abbreviation “a.m.” in Paragraph 5 mean?

- A 12:00 Midday
- B Midnight
- C Between 00:00 and 12:00
- D Between midday and 18:00 (1)

1.5 Refer to Paragraph 5.

Would you agree with the writer that “We have lost an angel?”

Give a reason for your answer.

(2)

1.6 Write down the topic sentence from Paragraph 5.

(1)

1.7 Circle the letter of the correct answer.

Add a prefix to “personal” (Paragraph 3) to change it into an antonym.

- A Impersonal
- B Dispersonal
- C Unpersonal
- D Inpersonal

(1)

1.8 State whether the following is a FACT or an OPINION. Explain your answer.

“Cheers greeted President Obama as he rose to offer a eulogy”.

(2)

1.9 Refer to Paragraph 1.

Do you think the writer considers Mandela as an international figure?
Give a reason for your answer.

(2)

1.10 Circle the correct answer.

What does the word “autobiography” (Paragraph 6) mean?

- A A book about a person’s life, written by that person
 - B The life story of a person written by someone else
 - C A book about motor vehicles
 - D A love story
- (1)

1.11 Join the two sentences below using a suitable conjunction.

Mandela’s long walk is over. Ours is only beginning.

(1)

1.12 Give a synonym for the word “prison” (Paragraph 5).

(1)

1.13 Do you think this “giant of history” will have an impact on South African citizens in the future? Give a reason for your answer.

(2)

1.14 In what print media was this text published?

- A A newspaper
 - B A magazine
 - C A short story
 - D A novel
- (1)

TOTAL SECTION A: 18

SECTION B: LANGUAGE

2. Rewrite the following sentence into reported/indirect speech.

2.1 Mr Ramaphosa declared, “Madiba’s long walk is over.”

Begin your sentence with: Mr Ramaphosa declared

(2)

2.2 Write down the main clause from the sentence below.

“To the people of South Africa – people of every race and every walk of life – the world thanks you for sharing Nelson Mandela with us.”

(1)

2.3 Identify the underlined parts of speech in the sentence below.

Cyril Ramaphosa, a former labour leader who became a wealthy entrepreneur and, more recently, deputy leader of the governing African National Congress, presided over the ceremony, just as he played a central role when Mr Mandela was released.

2.3.1 wealthy – _____

2.3.2 over – _____

2.3.3 released – _____

(3)

2.4 Give the correct plural form of the underlined words in the following sentence.

They sang (2.4.1) that (2.4.2) song in prison.

2.4.1 _____

2.4.2 _____

(2)

2.5 Correct the following sentences by choosing from the underlined verbs. Write down your choice on the line provided.

Mr Mandela's legacy (2.5.1) is/are cherished and instilled in us, therefore it (2.5.2) become/becomes a way of life. We (2.5.3) thank/thanks him for it.

2.5.1 _____

2.5.2 _____

2.5.3 _____

(3)

2.6 The following paragraph has THREE errors. Correct the spelling and grammatical errors and write them in the spaces provided.

In 2013 in a overwhelming response to the Mandela Legacy, hundreds of people mourned with South Africa the passing away of Nelson Mandela, who had inspiring our countrys people.

2.6.1 _____

2.6.2 _____

2.6.3 _____

(3)

2.7 Choose the correct form of the adverb in brackets.

South Africans continue Mandela's legacy during the 67 minutes of service, which is (annual/annually) commemorated.

(1)

2.8 Rewrite the sentence below in the past continuous tense.

South Africans are wearing Madiba shirts.

(1)

2.9 Circle the letter of the most suitable preposition to be used in this sentence.

Mr Mandela and F.W. de Klerk received a Nobel Peace Prize _____ the city Oslo.

A under

B in

C for

D by

(1)

2.10 Write a summary of the following extract from the newspaper article.

Carefully read the text below. You are required to do the following:

- Summarise the passage below in **FIVE (5)** points using about 45 – 55 words in total.
- Use your own words as far as possible.
- Each point must be a full sentence.
- Indicate the number of words used at the end of your summary.

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2. Swathed in their national colours, some wearing wraparounds bearing Mr Mandela's portrait, citizens celebrated their former president as both an inspiration and an inherited memory for those raised in the post-apartheid era.
3. Huge cheers greeted President Obama as he rose to offer a eulogy that blended a personal message with a broader appeal for Mr Mandela's values to survive him.
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(181 words)

2.10.1 _____

2.10.2 _____

2.10.3 _____

2.10.4 _____

2.10.5 _____

(_____ words)

(5)

TOTAL SECTION B: 22

SECTION C: ADVERTISEMENT

3. Study the advertisement below and answer QUESTIONS 3.1 to 3.5.

MADIBA CLASSIC – OLIVE

Price: R1 595

Sizes: S M L XL XXL 3XL 4XL

The olive MADIBA CLASSIC is the cotton version of the beloved, iconic Mandela silk shirt. It is made from a 100% soft cotton print with a silky finish and touch. A simple design with classic collar, single cuff, front pocket and back yolk shaped for comfort which allows the print to be the main feature of this shirt. It is stylish and iconic and can be worn to any formal or casual occasion.



INSPIRATION

"I am the product of Africa and her long-cherished view of rebirth that can now be realised so that all of her children may play in the sun." A Madiba shirt is a batik silk shirt, usually adorned with a bright and colourful print. This shirt was originally made for Nelson Mandela in silk and worn at a meeting with United States Vice President, Al Gore. It has now been made from soft satin cotton.

3.1 Circle the letter of the correct answer.

What product is being advertised?

- A The presidential shirt
 - B Cotton and nylon shirts
 - C South African products
 - D The manufacturing company
- (1)

3.2 The adjectives “beloved” and “iconic” are used in Line 1.

What is the emotional impact of these words on the reader?

_____ (2)

3.3 Identify the figure of speech used in the sentence below.

“Africa and her long-cherished view”

_____ (1)

3.4 Name TWO groups of people who are likely to buy this shirt.

_____ (2)

3.5 How would the words “If you are a child of Africa” manipulate the customer?

_____ (2)

TOTAL SECTION C: 8

SECTION D: POETRY

4. Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow.

A Work Poem (Adapted)

by Anonymous

I love my job, I love the pay!

I love it more and more each day.

I love my boss, he is the best!

I love his boss and all the rest.

4

I love my office and its location,

I hate to have to go on vacation.

I love my furniture, drab and gray,

And piles of paper that grow each day.

8

I think my job is really swell,

There's nothing else I love so well.

I love to work among my peers,

I love their leers, and jeers and sneers.

12

I love my computer and its software,

I hug it often though it won't care.

I love each program and every file,

I'd love them even more if they worked a while.

16

I'm happy to be here, I am, I am.

I'm the happiest slave at the Firm, I am.

I love this work, I love these chores.

I love the meetings with deadly bores.

20

I love my job – I'll say it again –

I even love these friendly men.

Those friendly men, who've come today,

In clean white coats to take me away!

24

4.1 Circle the letter of the correct answer.

Identify the theme of the poem.

- A Job satisfaction is important.
- B Happiness at work brings you joy.
- C Being bored at work leads to laziness.
- D Dissatisfaction at work can drive you mad.

(1)

4.2 Answer the following questions.

4.2.1 Identify the figure of speech (sound device) in Line 12.

(1)

4.2.2 Identify/Write down an example of rhyme from the poem.

(1)

4.3 Explain the contradiction in the man describing himself as the “happiest slave”.

(2)

4.4 The words “deadly bores” (Line 20) can be used in a literal and figurative context. Explain both.

Literal: _____

(1)

Figurative: _____

(1)

TOTAL SECTION D: 7

SECTION E: CARTOON

5. Study the cartoon carefully and answer the questions that follow.



[Source: Bizarro Comics]

5.1 Answer the following questions.

5.1.1 Name the profession of the male character, standing on the left side of the patient.

_____ (1)

5.1.2 Identify the setting of the cartoon.

_____ (1)

5.2 Why do you think the symbol/icon for Facebook is bigger than the other social media symbols/icons?

(2)

5.3 Circle the letter of the correct answer.

What is the message of the cartoon?

A It is important to have your eyes tested.

B Technology is taking over our lives.

C Eye tests are confusing.

D The man is blind.

(1)

TOTAL SECTION E: 5

SECTION F: WRITING

6. Write a **narrative** essay according to the following criteria:

- Plan your essay in the frame provided.
- Write your final essay, and the heading/title, in the space provided.
- The length of your essay should be between 150 – 200 words.
- See the criteria on Page 20 for how your essay will be assessed.

Choose **ONE** of the following topics:

6.1 The day I realised I was free!

OR

6.2 The day social media (Facebook, Twitter etc.) changed my life!

Planning

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, occupying most of the page. It is intended for students to write their planning for the test.

