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ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE

MARKS: 100

TIME: 2½ hours

This question paper consists of 11 pages.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of FOUR sections:

SECTION A	Comprehension and Language	(40 marks)
SECTION B	Summary	(10 marks)
SECTION C	Language in Context	(30 marks)
SECTION D	Transactional Writing	(20 marks)
2. Answer ALL the questions.
3. Number the questions correctly, according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
4. Pay special attention to spelling and sentence construction.
5. Write neatly and legibly.

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION (LO3; LO4; LO5 & LO6)**QUESTION 1**

Read the text below and answer the set questions:

About the text: *The Landlady* is a short story by the famous author Roald Dahl. It was written and first published in 1959.

THE LANDLADY

1. Billy Weaver had travelled down from London on the slow afternoon train, with a change at Reading on the way, and by the time he got to Bath*, it was about nine o'clock in the evening, and the moon was coming up out of a clear starry sky over the houses opposite the station entrance. But the air was deadly cold and the wind was like a flat blade of ice on his cheeks.
2. "Excuse me," he said, "but is there a fairly cheap hotel not too far away from here?"
"Try The Bell and Dragon," the porter answered, pointing down the road. "They might take you in. It's about a quarter of a mile along on the other side."
3. Billy thanked him and picked up his suitcase and set out to walk the quarter-mile to The Bell and Dragon. He had never been to Bath before. He didn't know anyone who lived there. But Mr. Greenslade at the head office in London had told him it was a splendid town. "Find your own lodgings," he had said, "and then go along and report to the branch manager as soon as you've got yourself settled."
4. Billy was seventeen years old. He was wearing a new navy-blue overcoat, a new brown trilby hat, and a new brown suit, and he was feeling fine. He walked briskly down the street. He was trying to do everything briskly these days. Briskness, he had decided, was *the* one common characteristic of all successful businessmen. The big shots up at the head office were absolutely fantastically brisk all the time. They were amazing.
5. There were no shops on this wide street that he was walking along, only a line of tall houses on each side, all of them identical. Suddenly, in a downstairs window that was brilliantly illuminated by a street lamp not six yards away, Billy caught sight of a printed notice propped up against the glass in one of the upper panes. It said BED AND BREAKFAST. There was a vase of yellow chrysanthemums, tall and beautiful, standing just underneath the notice.
6. He stopped walking. He moved a bit closer. Green curtains (some sort of velvety material) were hanging down on either side of the window. The chrysanthemums looked wonderful beside them. He went right up and peered through the glass into the room, and the first thing he saw was a bright fire burning in the hearth. On the carpet in front of the fire, a pretty little dachshund was curled up asleep with its nose tucked into its belly. The room itself, so far as he could see in the half darkness, was filled with pleasant furniture. There was a baby grand piano and a big sofa and several plump armchairs, and in one corner he spotted a large parrot in a cage. Animals were usually a good sign in a place like this, Billy told himself; and all in all, it looked to him as though it would be a pretty decent house to stay in. Certainly it would be more comfortable than The Bell and Dragon.

7. After dithering about like this in the cold for two or three minutes, Billy decided that he would walk on and take a look at The Bell and Dragon before making up his mind. He turned to go.
8. And now a queer thing happened to him. He was in the act of stepping back and turning away from the window when all at once his eye was caught and held in the most peculiar manner by the small notice that was there. BED AND BREAKFAST, it said. BED AND BREAKFAST, BED AND BREAKFAST, BED AND BREAKFAST. Each word was like a large black eye staring at him through the glass, holding him, compelling him, forcing him to stay where he was and not to walk away from that house, and the next thing he knew, he was actually moving across from the window to the front door of the house, climbing the steps that led up to it, and reaching for the bell.
9. He pressed the bell. Far away in a back room he heard it ringing, and then at once – it must have been at once because he hadn't even had time to take his finger from the bell button – the door swung open and a woman was standing there.
10. She was about forty-five or fifty years old, and the moment she saw him, she gave him a warm, welcoming smile. "Please come in," she said pleasantly. She stepped aside, holding the door wide open, and Billy found himself automatically starting forward. The compulsion or, more accurately, the desire to follow after her into that house was extraordinarily strong.
- "I saw the notice in the window," he said, holding himself back.
- "Yes, I know."
- "I was wondering about a room."
- "It's all ready for you, my dear," she said. She had a round pink face and very gentle blue eyes.
- "I was on my way to The Bell and Dragon," Billy told her. "But the notice in your window just happened to catch my eye."
- "My dear boy," she said, "why don't you come in out of the cold?"
11. She seemed terribly nice. She looked exactly like the mother of one's best school friend welcoming one into the house to stay for the Christmas holidays. He noticed that she had small, white, quickly moving hands and red finger nails. Billy took off his hat and stepped over the threshold.

* **Bath** – City of Roman origins in the west of England.

Source: *The Landlady* by Roald Dahl. © Roald Dahl

1. Refer to the title of the short story (*The Landlady*):
- 1.1 Explain what a landlady is. (1)
- 1.2 What is the masculine form of landlady? (1)
- 1.3 Identify and explain the figure of speech found in the last sentence of paragraph 1. (3)

2. Refer to paragraph 3.

Write down only the correct LETTER next to the corresponding question number.

2.1 Billy was ...

- A starting a new job.
- B moving to a new post with the same company.
- C running away from his old job.
- D starting a new branch for his company. (1)

2.2 The Head Office had ...

- A expected him to find his own accommodation.
- B suggested some alternative accommodation.
- C not been able to find accommodation.
- D arranged a place for him to stay. (1)

3. Refer to paragraph 4.

3.1 What do you think Billy means by “big shots”? (1)

3.2 What does the word “brisk” mean in the context of this paragraph? (1)

3.3 Write down only the correct LETTER next to the corresponding question number.

The important people at the Head Office ...

- A intimidated Billy.
- B admired Billy.
- C inspired Billy.
- D bored Billy. (1)

4. Refer to paragraph 5. What is the abbreviation for “Bed and Breakfast”? (1)

5. Refer to paragraph 6.

Why do you think Billy thought the place “a pretty decent place to stay”? (2)

6. Refer to paragraph 8.

6.1 Provide a synonym for “queer”. (1)

6.2 Which **words** in this paragraph tell the reader that Billy is being made to do something? (3)

6.3 Which **actions** are carried out by Billy as if commanded by some invisible force? (3)

6.4 Quote a phrase from this paragraph which is ominous (threatening). (1)

7. Refer to paragraphs 10 and 11.
- 7.1 Write down TWO adjectives which give the reader a positive feeling for the landlady. (2)
- 7.2 Can you find any description that gives the reader a negative feeling about her? (2)
- 7.3 Make a list of THREE things that seemed to indicate that Billy was expected in the house. Refer to paragraphs 9 and 10. (3)
- 7.4 What reason can you think of for this? (2)
- [30]**

QUESTION 2: LANGUAGE

- 2.1 There were no other hats or coats in the hall. There were no umbrellas, no walking sticks – nothing. “We have it all to ourselves,” she said, smiling at him over her shoulder as she led the way upstairs.
- Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words in the paragraph above. Write down only the words and next to each its part of speech. (5)
- 2.2 Rewrite this sentence in indirect/reported speech:
- The landlady said, “I’ve been expecting you.” (2)
- 2.3 Rewrite this sentence in direct speech:
- She said that the room was all ready for him. (3)
- [10]**
- TOTAL SECTION A: 40**

SECTION B: SUMMARY (LO3; LO4; LO5 & LO6)**QUESTION 3****INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

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

- Using your own words as far as possible, summarise the passage in a fluent paragraph of 100 words.
- You should focus on providing safety **tips/advice** for the festive season.
- Indicate your **word count** at the end of your summary.

NOTE:

- You are NOT required to provide a title for your summary.
- Marks will be deducted if you ignore these instructions.

FESTIVE SEASON SAFETY TIPS

Business against Crime South Africa (BACSA) would like to caution the public to take basic safety and security precautions over the holiday season, spokesperson Deborah Hunt said on Wednesday.

"Now that the holiday season is virtually upon us, it is not the time to start cutting corners when it comes to personal or family safety," said BACSA CEO Sipiwe Nzimande.

He advised holidaymakers to cut risks by ensuring their post boxes were cleared by a neighbour, family member or friend, telling neighbours of their holiday plans, and ensuring all house windows and doors were closed and securely locked.

"They should plan travel routes well in advance and tell people about their plans and final destinations."

He added that travellers should also be particularly cautious when driving – especially at night, avoid stopping in remote areas, and under no circumstances give a lift to a stranger or drink and drive.

"They should always place valuables in the boot of the car and not leave items such as cellphones and wallets in open sight, unattended or on the seat of a car."

He said holidaymakers should be just as cautious using ATMs and should think twice about shopping in an unfamiliar environment, and avoid carrying large amounts of cash or displaying flashy jewellery, watches or cellphones.

"They should not leave valuables in shopping trolleys and always accompany children to public toilets," he said.

"Employing these practical tips and remaining vigilant at all times will help ensure your holiday plans go smoothly without incident," said Hunt. – Sapa

SECTION C: LANGUAGE IN CONTEXT (LO3; LO4; LO5 & LO6)

QUESTION 4: CARTOON

Enjoy the *Garfield* cartoon below and answer the set questions.



- 4.1 What activity is Jon doing in frame 1?
Give TWO reasons for your answer. (3)
- 4.2 What is the word which he is looking for? (1)
- 4.3 Provide a word to complete Jon's sentence in frame 1. (1)
- 4.4 Describe what happens in frame 2.
Refer to the facial expressions of Jon and Garfield. (2)
- 4.5 What have Jon and Garfield decided to do in frame 3? (1)
- 4.6 What figure of speech are the words "beep" and "boop"? (1)
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QUESTION 5: READING STATISTICS

Study the information provided below and answer the set questions.

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STATISTICS FROM A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY Stats SA		
AREA	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
Total number of children attending school	1 645 000	97%
Total number of children not attending school	40 000	2,42%
Total number of children doing household chores instead of studying	11 000	N/A
Total number of children doing economical activities and household chores	20 000	N/A
Total number of inactive children	9 000	N/A

A total of 1 685 000 youth were surveyed. *Information courtesy Stats SA*

- 5.1 Explain briefly what the statistics show. (2)
- 5.2 State whether the following statement is True or False and give a reason for your answer:
- The majority of children not attending school are involved in economical activities and household chores. (2)
- 5.3 Why do you think some children are doing household chores instead of attending school? (2)
- 5.4 What do you think “economical activities” are? (1)
- 5.5 Write out the abbreviation N/A in full. (1)
- 5.6 Who would find the information provided by these statistics useful? Why? (2)
- 5.7 What is the name of the organisation which conducted this survey? (1)

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QUESTION 6: ADVERTISEMENT

Study the advertisement below and answer the set questions. Kalahari.com is a website where customers can order books, DVDs, music, games etc.



- 6.1 Identify TWO figures of speech used in "Click-click ding dong!" (2)
- 6.2 Explain why the advertiser has used the words "click-click ding dong".
In your answer explain what "click-click" and "ding dong" refer to. (3)
- 6.3 How does this advert convince the buyer that they should place an order on the website? (1)
- 6.4 Write out the abbreviation "Ts & Cs" in full. (1)
- 6.5 Explain to what extent the two graphics (pictures) used support this advertisement. (2)
- 6.6 What is the name given to the symbol used after the word "orders*"? (1)

TOTAL SECTION C: [10] 30

SECTION D: TRANSACTIONAL WRITING (LO4; LO5 AND LO6)

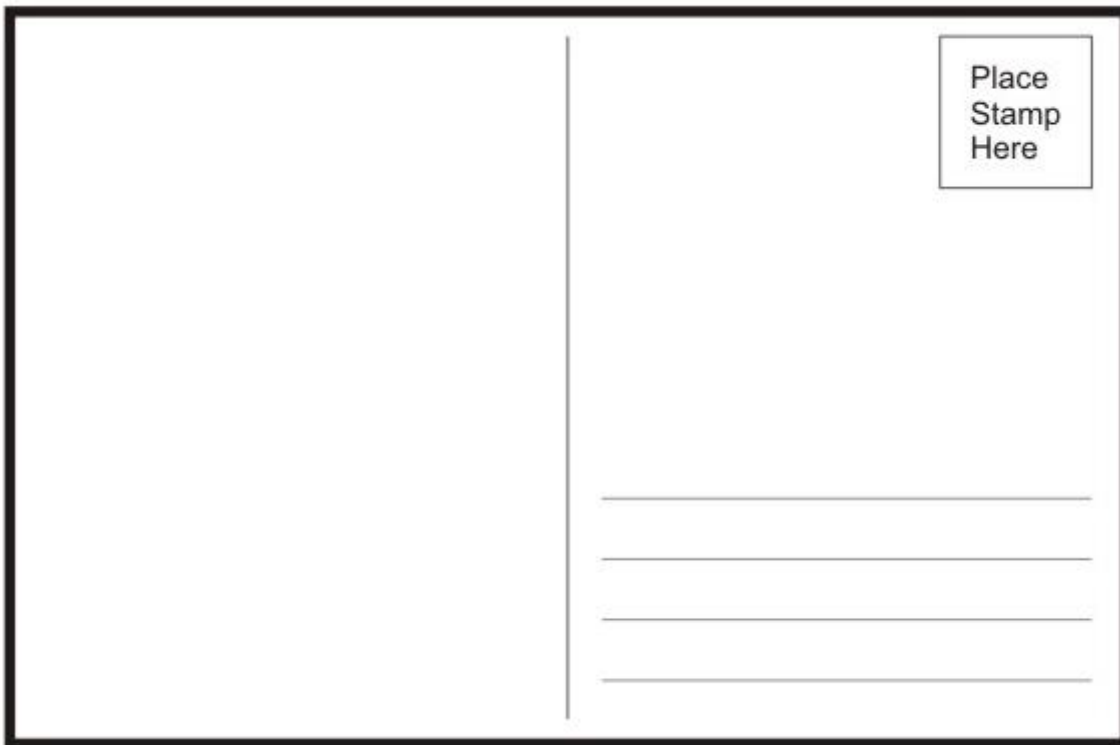
QUESTION 7: POSTCARD

You have gone away on holiday with a friend from school and his/her family. Write a postcard (80 – 100 words) to your parents/guardians to tell them about your holiday. **[20]**

Draw a template for the postcard (as illustrated below) on your answer sheet.

Remember the following when writing your postcard:

- ✓ Use short sentences and phrases, but be friendly.
- ✓ Give as many interesting details as you can. Be descriptive!
- ✓ Address the postcard on the right-hand side.
- ✓ Write your message on the left-hand side. Include the date and place where you are writing from.



SECTION D TOTAL: 20
GRAND TOTAL: 100