INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

This memorandum must be used in conjunction with the attached English FAL Assessment Rubrics for SECTIONS A, B and C.

NOTE: All pieces of writing should be read at least TWICE during assessment, once for content and once for language respectively. Errors have to be indicated in your second reading.

SECTION A: ESSAY

QUESTION 1

INSTRUCTIONS TO MARKERS (EDUCATORS)

- Candidates are required to write on ONE topic only.
- The ideas listed below the topics are only some of the ways in which the topics can be interpreted. Full credit must be given for the candidates’ own interpretation.
- Marking must be objective. Consider the background of the candidates and give credit for relevant ideas, even if they are not listed below the topics.
- Use the 50 mark grid to mark the essays. The texts produced by candidates must be assessed according to the following criteria:
  - Content and planning = 30 marks
  - Language, style and editing = 15 marks
  - Structure = 5 marks

NOTE: No additional penalties may be imposed as the rubric itself imposes penalties.

1.1 Life’s worst choices caused my misery and pain

Narrative/Descriptive/Reflective
- If narrative, the essay must have a strong storyline, usually written in the past tense. It must have an interesting ending.
- If descriptive, the writer should create a picture in words, trying to use as many senses as possible to make the description clear.
- If reflective, the essay should convey emotional reactions and feelings experienced by the writer.

1.2 A disappointing experience

Narrative/Descriptive/Reflective
- If narrative, the essay must have a strong storyline, usually written in the past tense. It must have an interesting ending.
- If descriptive, the writer should create a picture in words, trying to use as many senses as possible to make the description clear.
- If reflective, the essay should convey emotional reactions and feelings experienced by the writer.
1.3 Love relationships in the modern world are more challenging than it was the case in the distant past. Do you agree?

Argumentative/Reflective
• If argumentative, the essay must reflect a specific argument or viewpoint for or against the topic. The writer 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.
• If reflective, the writer must still take a strong stance for or against the topic. The essay must convey a personal response to the above-stated issue.

1.4 What I hope to have achieved by the time I reach retirement age.

Narrative/Descriptive/Reflective
• If narrative, the essay must have a strong storyline, usually written in the past tense. It must have an interesting ending.
• If descriptive, the writer should create a picture in words, trying to use as many senses as possible to make the description clear.
• If reflective, the essay should convey emotional reactions and feelings.

1.5 Have people become overly dependent on technology? Discuss your views.

Discursive
• The essay must be objective. It must give a balanced view of both sides of the argument.
• The writer may come to a particular conclusion at the end of the essay but the arguments for or against must be well-balanced and clearly elaborated on, in the essay.

1.6 Why I like/dislike fashionable clothing.

Descriptive/Narrative/Reflective
• If descriptive, the writer should create a picture in words, trying to use as many senses as possible.
• If narrative, the essay must have a strong story line, usually written in the past tense. It must have an interesting ending.
• If reflective, the essay should convey emotional reactions and feelings experienced by the writer.
1.7 **Interpretation of pictures.**

- The writer may interpret the picture(s) in any way.
- The writer may choose to write any type of essay.
- The interpretation must be linked to the picture.
- The writer should give the essay a suitable title.
- The writer may write in any appropriate tense.

1.7.1 Picture: Two men/boys, a woman putting on Hindu regalia, a woman putting on a head scarf.

The writer may interpret the picture in the following ways, **among others**:

- **Literal interpretations**: circumcision, manhood in the African context, a route to manhood, religion, people etc.
- **Figurative interpretations**: diversity of human life, religious diversity, dynamics of human life etc. [50]

1.7.2 Picture: Brand names viz., Billabong, Puma, Nike and Adidas.

The writer of the essay may interpret the pictures in the following ways, **among others**:

- **Literal interpretations**: brand names, significance of brands, competition among various brands, sports clothing, sports etc.
- **Figurative interpretations**: a world of fierce competition, survival in the business world, rivalry etc. [50]

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

QUESTION 2

INSTRUCTIONS TO MARKERS

- Candidates are required to answer ONE question.
- Marking must be objective. Consider the background of the candidates and give credit for relevant facts.
- 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 attached rubric.
  - Content, planning and format (18 marks).
  - Language, style and editing (12 marks).

NOTE: No additional penalties may be imposed as any deviations are addressed by the rubric.

2.1 INTERVIEW

Interview between the learner and the sportman/woman.

- A dialogue format must be used.
- The dialogue must be between a learner and sportsman/woman.
- The tone must be semi-formal/formal.
- The questions must be probing and to the point.
- The names/title/designation of the speakers should be followed by colons.
- A new line should be used to indicate each new speaker. [30]

2.2 NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Insufficient/no coverage of educational issues in a local newspaper.

- The title must capture the readers’ interest.
- The article must speak directly to the readers.
- The article must also stimulate interest.
- Paragraphs should not be too long, to facilitate easy reading.
- The content of the article should relate to a complaint about the lack of or insufficient coverage of educational issues in a local newspaper. [30]
2.3 MEMORANDUM

Appreciation for CAPS AND input on how it may improve education.

- The following aspects of format should be included:
  o Name of school
  o Recipient (Principal)
  o Sender (Learner)
  o Date
  o Subject/heading.
  o Signature and name of sender.

- The tone may be formal or semi-formal.
- The content must be simple, concise and clear with no salutations.

2.4 EDITORIAL

Latest fashion trends among teenagers in 2014.

- The editorial must have an interesting heading.
- It should make a special appeal to readers.
- Its content should not be long-winded and inclusive of monotonous details.
- Content should be colourful and interesting.
- It must stimulate interest and make readers feel as if they want to read further.
- The content should relate to latest fashion trends among teenagers in 2014.

TOTAL SECTION B: 30
SECTION C: SHORTER TEXT – TRANSACTIONAL/REFERENTIAL/INFORMATIONAL

QUESTION 3

INSTRUCTIONS TO MARKERS

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

NOTE: No additional penalties may be imposed as any deviations are addressed by the rubric.

3.1 FLYER

Career guidance to learners.

- Content should include details about many career options.
- Language should be appropriate to the target group.
- Use of persuasive language should be evident.
- The following should be included, among others:
  - Presence of famous career guidance counsellor.
  - Information about some of careers guidance will be given.

3.2 E-MAIL

Thanking the manager of a company for sponsorship.

The following may be included:

- The e-mail should be addressed to the manager of the company.
- The recipient’s address should indicate the server point.
- Candidates may choose to CC (copy) other management components of the company.
- The e-mail should have a subject that sums up its content.
- The sender of the e-mail may choose to provide other contact details at the end (of e-mail).
- The content of the e-mail should relate to thanking the manager for sponsorship AND explanation on how sponsorship is going to help the team.
3.3 INSTRUCTIONS

Tips on things to be avoided to produce successful leadership.

- Instructions should be given in logical sequence.
- Instructions may be in point or paragraph form.
- Numbers or bullets may be used to indicate each new instruction.
- The language should be clear and instructive.
- Candidates may also choose to write each instruction on a new line or leave lines between instructions.
- Complete sentences are not necessary.
- The content of the instructions should relate to things to be avoided to produce successful leadership.

[20]

TOTAL SECTION C: 20
GRAND TOTAL: 100
## SECTION A: RUBRIC FOR ASSESSING AN ESSAY – FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (50 marks)

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<td>- Outstanding/Striking response beyond normal expectations. - Intelligent, thought-provoking and mature ideas - Exceptionally well organised and coherent (connected) including introduction, body and conclusion/ending.</td>
<td>- 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.</td>
<td>- Satisfactory response - Ideas are reasonably coherent and convincing. - Reasonably organised and coherent including introduction, body and conclusion/ending.</td>
<td>- Inconsistently coherent response - Unclear ideas and unoriginal - Little evidence of organisation and coherence.</td>
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<td>- Excellent response but lacks the exceptionally striking qualities of the outstanding essay - Mature and intelligent ideas - Skillfully organised and coherent (connected) including introduction, body and conclusion/ending.</td>
<td>- Well-crafted response. - Relevant and interesting ideas. - Well organised and coherent (connected) including introduction, body and conclusion.</td>
<td>- Satisfactory response but some lapses in clarity. - Ideas are fairly coherent and convincing. - Some degree of organisation and coherence including introduction, body and conclusion.</td>
<td>- Largely irrelevant response. - Ideas tend to be disconnected and confusing. - Hardly any evidence of organisation and coherence.</td>
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<td>- Tone, register, style, 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. - Highly skilfully crafted.</td>
<td>- 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.</td>
<td>- 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.</td>
<td>- Tone, register, style and vocabulary not appropriate to purpose, audience and context. - Very basic use of language. - Tone and diction are inappropriate. - Very limited vocabulary.</td>
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<td>- Language excellent and rhetorically effective in tone. - Virtually error-free in grammar and spelling. - Skillfully crafted.</td>
<td>- Language engaging and generally effective. - Appropriate and effective tone. - Few errors in grammar and spelling. - Well-crafted.</td>
<td>- Adequate use of language with some inconsistencies. - Tone generally appropriate and limited use of rhetorical devices.</td>
<td>- Inadequate use of language. - Little or no variety in sentence. - Exceptionally limited vocabulary.</td>
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## SECTION B: RUBRIC FOR ASSESSING LONGER TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS – FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (30 marks)

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<td>- Intelligent and mature ideas.</td>
<td>- Maintains focus – no digressions.</td>
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<td>Purpose, audience and features/conventions and context</td>
<td>- Extensive knowledge of features of the type of text.</td>
<td>- Coherent in content and ideas.</td>
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<td>- Writing maintains focus.</td>
<td>- High elaborated and all details support the topic.</td>
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<td>- Appropriate and accurate format.</td>
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