



# basic education

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COMMON ASSESSMENT TASK

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**GRADE 12**

**MARKS: 80**

**TIME: 2 hours**

**This question paper consists of 9 pages.**



**SECTION A (COMPULSORY)**

Answer ALL the questions in this section.

**QUESTION 1**

1.1 Various options are provided as possible answers to the following questions. Choose the answer and write only the letter (A–D) next to the question number (1.1.1–1.1.10) in the ANSWER BOOK, for example 1.1.11 D.

1.1.1 The following is a good practice for communication in healthy relationships:

- A Both partners express their desires and both do not understand that some issues are private.
- B Both partners determine who the other partner interacts with, but one of them decides when this can happen.
- C Both partners keep record of who wins and who loses arguments.
- D Both parties enjoy spending time apart because they are secure and can explain their needs clearly.

1.1.2 When writing an essay in an examination, ...

- A write everything you know about the topic in one paragraph.
- B ensure that you have a lengthy introduction that refers to the main points of your argument.
- C express one idea per paragraph and make sure that the focus of each paragraph is linked to the central question.
- D start with the most difficult essay question so that you can spend more time on it.

1.1.3 In stress management you need to identify the causes of your stress and ...

- A be aware of your thinking patterns.
- B drink lots of energy drinks.
- C work longer hours and eat enough food.
- D speak to everyone about your problems.

1.1.4 Which ONE of the following best describes what should be included in a job contract?

- A The job advertisement, the company's equity process and company policies and procedures
- B Job title, employee's role and responsibilities, lunch preferences and company policies and procedures
- C Terms and conditions of employment, benefits and company policies and procedures
- D The job advertisement, working hours, work ethics required of the employee and company policies and procedures



- 1.1.5 Select the definition that best describes the term *value* as applied to your own mission statement:
- A It refers to my enthusiasm and flexibility in my career path.
  - B It refers to how I live my life and what I consider to be important.
  - C It is a personality trait that I have learnt from people around me.
  - D It refers to things I will find easy or difficult to do in my job.
- 1.1.6 Choose the best definition for the word *illustrate* as used in examination questions:
- A Debate, consider, argue the issues, include comparisons and contrasts and look at the advantages and disadvantages
  - B Assess or give an opinion about the value of a concept or thing, showing advantages and disadvantages
  - C Give full explanations, list qualities and aspects, which can be a picture in words, a diagram or figure and/or give examples
  - D Explain your understanding by 'reading between the lines' and drawing conclusions
- 1.1.7 Assertive behaviour means that you ...
- A can communicate confidently, firmly and politely.
  - B can evaluate evidence and argue aggressively.
  - C criticise, evaluate and judge the other person.
  - D communicate by trying to make others see things your way.
- 1.1.8 The social impact of long-term participation in physical activities will result in ...
- A controlling your blood pressure.
  - B increased school performance.
  - C a favourable effect on productivity levels.
  - D better friendships and communication skills.
- 1.1.9 An entrepreneur can counteract unemployment by ...
- A helping to bring new ideas to a company, which could include shorter shifts.
  - B doing less marketing and increasing the cost of products.
  - C encouraging the use of improved technology that uses advanced machinery.
  - D importing goods at cheaper prices, instead of producing goods locally.



- 1.1.10 People who practise unsafe sexual behaviour are at risk of HIV and ...
- A prostate cancer, hypertension and diseases of the heart.
  - B hypertension, lung cancer and syphilis.
  - C cervical cancer, syphilis and gonorrhoea.
  - D hypertension, gonorrhoea and liver cancer. (10 x 1) (10)
- 1.2 Answer the following questions by writing the correct answer next to the question number (1.2.1–1.2.6) in the ANSWER BOOK.
- 1.2.1 According to the Basic Conditions of Employment Act, 1997 (Act 75 of 1997), what is the responsibility of the employer towards:
- (a) An employee working on a public holiday (1)
  - (b) A female employee requiring maternity leave (1)
- 1.2.2 What is the term used to describe the ability of muscles to stretch and allow joints free movement? (1)
- 1.2.3 Explain *nepotism* as a form of fraud and corruption. (2)
- 1.2.4 Name the level of government in South Africa that makes decisions on legislation that applies to the whole country. (1)
- 1.2.5 State TWO ways in which unemployment can impact on the emotional well-being of an individual. (2)
- 1.2.6 Identify and explain ONE study skill that will improve your memory while studying. (2)
- TOTAL SECTION A: 20**



## SECTION B (COMPULSORY)

Answer ALL the questions in this section. Write your answers in full sentences.

### QUESTION 2

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

#### DOMESTIC WORKERS NEED LEGAL PROTECTION

All over the world there is an important group of workers that perform domestic tasks in private households in exchange for wages and/or boarding and lodging. Generally domestic workers throughout the world share and suffer the same basic problems.

One woman employed by a Member of Parliament said that she had to give her employer massages on weekends, while another claimed that she had to live in a storeroom without a bathroom. Myrtle Witbooi of the South African Domestic Service and Allied Workers' Union (SADSAWU) said in a news report that she had brought these issues to Parliament but nothing had been done.

A domestic worker in Gugulethu said: 'When I asked my employer why she did not give me my bonus the other year, she told me that when she renovated her home she gave me all the old cupboards. So she has treated that as my bonus last year. My complaint was that we did not agree on that, otherwise I would not have taken them. I start working at five o'clock in the morning and sometimes I only finish at ten at night. Some weekends I am asked to wash the dogs as well.'

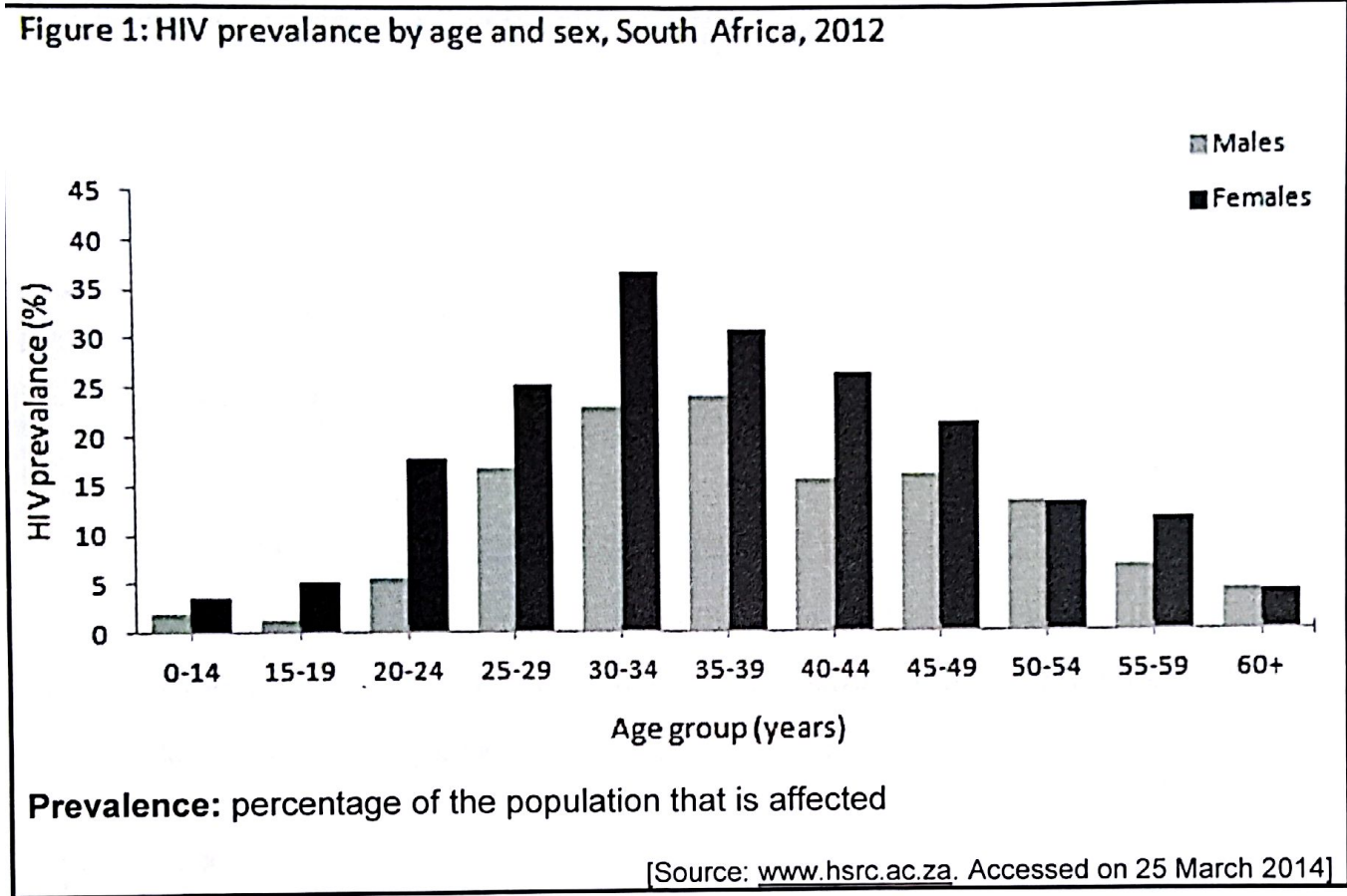
[Adapted from [www.dailymaverick.co.za](http://www.dailymaverick.co.za). Accessed on 25 March 2014]

- 2.1 Identify the labour legislation that addresses the unfair labour practices highlighted in the extract. Explain how this Act is relevant to the extract. (1 + 2) (3)
- 2.2 According to the extract, it appears that the labour laws for domestic workers are not effectively adhered to by some employers in South Africa. Discuss THREE possible reasons for this. (3 x 2) (6)
- 2.3 Recommend THREE ways in which a trade union such as the South African Domestic Service and Allied Workers' Union (SADSAWU) could protect the rights of domestic workers. Also indicate how EACH of the recommendations could improve the workers' lives. (3 x 2) (6)
- [15]



**QUESTION 3**

Analyse the graph below and answer the questions that follow.



- 3.1 According to the graph the 30–34-year age group has the highest infection rate. State THREE possible causes of the high infection rate in this age group. (3 x 1) (3)
- 3.2 The graph shows the difference in the infection rate between men and women. Briefly discuss THREE reasons why there is a gender imbalance in HIV infections as reflected in the graph. (3 x 2) (6)
- 3.3 State TWO intervention strategies that have been put in place by the government or your community to prevent HIV infections. Critically evaluate the effectiveness of EACH strategy. (2 x 3) (6)

**[15]**

**TOTAL SECTION B: 30**

**SECTION C**

Answer any TWO questions in this section.

A maximum of 12 marks will be awarded for your response and a maximum of 3 marks will be awarded for overall impression and insight.

Your response must be in essay form.

**QUESTION 4**

Read the statement below and answer the questions that follow.

**MEDIA AND SPORTS PERSONALITIES**

Sports personalities are 'big business'. Whether through the television, newspapers, the Internet or radio, there has been a select few who have had their faces and voices remembered forever.

[Adapted from [www.corwin.com](http://www.corwin.com). Accessed on 26 March 2014]

Write an essay on the role of the media in which you do the following:

- Discuss TWO roles of the media in terms of the coverage of sport. (2 x 2) (4)
  - Critically analyse TWO ways in which the media can influence public opinion of sports personalities in a:
    - Positive way (2 x 2) (4)
    - Negative way (2 x 2) (4)
- (Overall impression and insight) (3)
- [15]**

**QUESTION 5**

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.

A workplace is made up of employees who need to make decisions every day that require a choice between right and wrong, especially with regard to bribery and fraud.

[Adapted from [www.isbe.org.uk](http://www.isbe.org.uk). Accessed on 24 June 2014]

Write an essay on bribery (as an example of fraud or corruption) in which you do the following:

- Evaluate TWO ways in which bribery impacts negatively on:
    - The individual (2 x 2) (4)
    - The company (2 x 2) (4)
  - Propose TWO ways in which citizens can deal with bribery in their communities. (2 x 2) (4)
- (Overall impressions and insight) (3)
- [15]**



**QUESTION 6**

Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow.



The 16 Days of Activism Campaign is held from 25 November to 10 December every year. It is a worldwide campaign to oppose violence against women and children.

[Adapted from [www.parliament.gov.za](http://www.parliament.gov.za). Accessed on 9 June 2014]

Write an essay on the evaluation of a human rights violation campaign in which you do the following:

- Evaluate whether or not the 16 Days of Activism Campaign or any other similar campaign has helped women and children who have been abused in your community. (4 x 2) (8)
  - Propose TWO ways in which your community can support this or any other similar campaign. (2 x 2) (4)
- (Overall impression and insight) (3)
- [15]**
- TOTAL SECTION C: 30**  
**GRAND TOTAL: 80**