



# basic education

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Basic Education  
**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL  
SENIOR CERTIFICATE**

**GRADE 12**

**ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE P3**

**FEBRUARY/MARCH 2018**

**MARKS: 100**

**TIME: 2½ hours**

**This question paper consists of 7 pages.**

**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. This question paper consists of TWO sections:  
SECTION A: Essay (50)  
SECTION B: Transactional Texts (2 x 25) (50)
2. Answer ONE question from SECTION A and TWO questions from SECTION B.
3. Write in the language in which you are being assessed.
4. Start EACH section on a NEW page.
5. You must plan (e.g. using a mind map/diagram/flow chart/key words), edit and proofread your work. The plan must appear BEFORE the answer.
6. All planning must be clearly indicated as such. It is advisable to draw a line through all planning.
7. You are strongly advised to spend your time as follows:  
SECTION A: approximately 80 minutes  
SECTION B: approximately 70 (2 x 35) minutes
8. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
9. The title/heading must NOT be included when doing a word count.
10. Write neatly and legibly.

**SECTION A: ESSAY****QUESTION 1**

Write an essay of 400–450 words (2–2½ pages) on ONE of the following topics. Write down the NUMBER and TITLE/HEADING of your essay.

- 1.1 'Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.'  
(The Dalai Lama) [50]
- 1.2 Peaceful protests – the only option [50]
- 1.3 The final hours ... [50]
- 1.4 'I have spread my dreams under your feet;  
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.'  
(William Butler Yeats) [50]
- 1.5 They learned about the brutality and the beauty of life. [50]
- 1.6 The pictures reproduced below may evoke a reaction or feeling in you or stir your imagination.

Select ONE picture and write an essay in response. Write the question number (1.6.1, 1.6.2 or 1.6.3) of your choice and give your essay a title.

**NOTE:** There must be a clear link between your essay and the picture you have chosen.

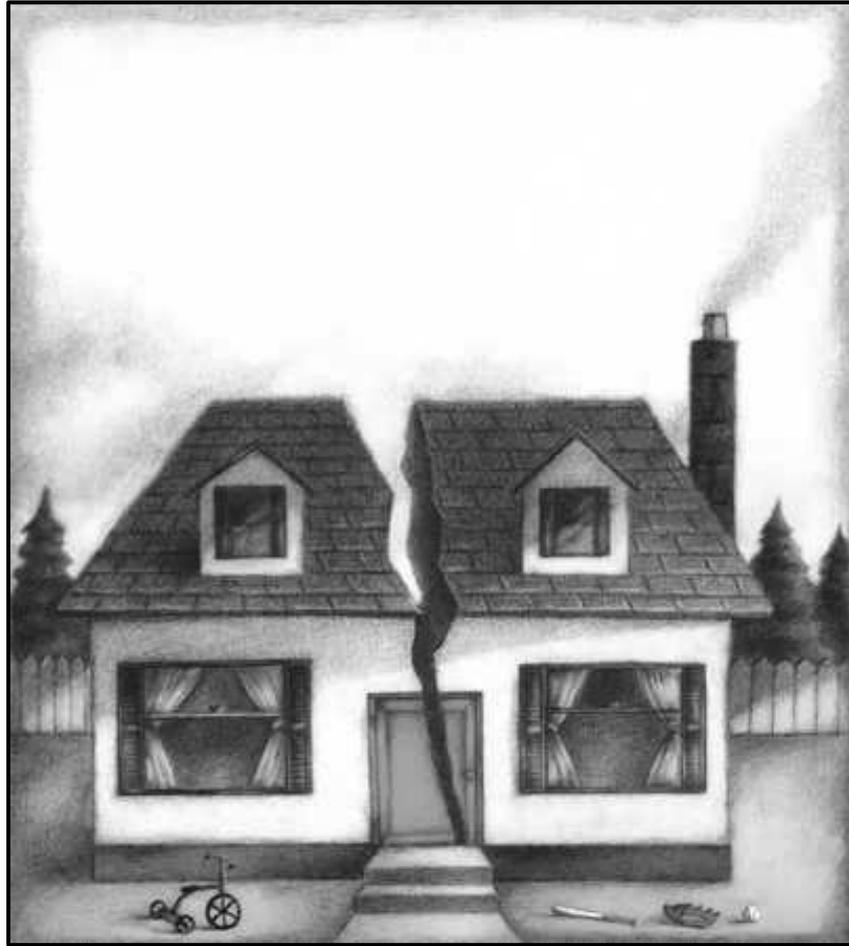
1.6.1



[Source: [www.steppingstonetalent.com](http://www.steppingstonetalent.com)]

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1.6.2



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1.6.3



[Source: [www.4.bp.blogspot.com](http://www.4.bp.blogspot.com)]

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**TOTAL SECTION A:**

**50**

**SECTION B: TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS****QUESTION 2**

- Respond to TWO of the following topics.
- The body of each of your answers should be 180–200 words (20–25 lines) in length.
- Pay careful attention to the following:
  - Audience, register, tone and style
  - Choice of words and language structure
  - Format
- Write down the NUMBER and the TITLE/HEADING of the text you have chosen, e.g. 2.1 Formal Letter.

**2.1 FORMAL LETTER**

You would like to raise funds for a charity that is close to your heart.

Write a letter to the owner of a prominent local business to request support for your venture.

**[25]****2.2 DIALOGUE**

Your reputation has been compromised after your involvement in a controversial issue. You have been summoned by a senior person to account for your actions and/or words.

Write the dialogue that transpires.

**[25]****2.3 INFORMAL LETTER**

[Source: [www.wisegeek.com](http://www.wisegeek.com)]

You have received a text message that has provoked/pleased you. You feel that responding to the message via your cellphone would be inadequate.

Write a letter expressing your feelings to the person from whom you have received the message.

**[25]**

**2.4 MAGAZINE ARTICLE**

You are a follower of a particular genre of music which is frequently criticised.

Write an article for a youth magazine in defence of this genre.

**[25]****2.5 COVERING LETTER AND CURRICULUM VITAE**

Local business owners have launched a competition for aspirant entrepreneurs. Young adults, between the ages of 17 and 21, are invited to apply by submitting a covering letter and curriculum vitae.

Write the covering letter and curriculum vitae which you will submit in response to this invitation.

**[25]****2.6 MINUTES OF A MEETING**

The local library has been vandalised. As the secretary of Friends of the Library, you have to record the minutes of a special meeting convened in the City Hall.

Write the minutes of this meeting, using the agenda below.

<b>AGENDA</b>	
1.	Opening and welcome
2.	Attendance
3.	Vandalism of the library
4.	Recommendations
5.	Closure

**[25]**

**TOTAL SECTION B: 50**  
**GRAND TOTAL: 100**