INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of THREE sections:
   SECTION A: Comprehension (30 marks)
   SECTION B: Summary Writing (10 marks)
   SECTION C: Language in Context (35 marks)

2. Answer ALL the questions.

3. Start each section on a NEW page and rule off after each section.

4. Leave a line after each answer.

5. Write neatly and legibly.

6. Follow the instructions carefully.

7. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.

8. Pay special attention to spelling and sentence construction.
SECTION A: COMPREHENSION

QUESTION 1

PASSAGE 1

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

YOU ARE A HERO

Don't look to others to rescue you.

Find your strength from within, writes Enhle Dhlamini.

1. Mariah Carey sang one of the most uplifting and truthful songs in the early 1990s. It is titled Hero and its lyrics are about finding the hero within yourself. A hero is described in the dictionary as a person who is admired for having done something brave or having achieved something great.

2. What does it take to be a hero today? Do you have to play soccer well or be rich to be called a hero? Do you need to have been part of the political struggle many years ago or must you have lots of physical strength? People have many definitions of a hero.

3. I believe that a hero is someone who lives his life with honesty. Being honest with youself and with others takes courage and strength. Let me give an example: many people live with HIV/AIDS or in poverty or in abusive relationships and yet only a few speak up about what they are going through.

4. Speaking up means facing the facts and having the courage to talk about your situation and how it has affected you. Imagine having to tell the world that you are living with HIV/AIDS or to report to the police that your partner abuses you. It is not easy.

5. Speaking up about something that others may see as unacceptable takes courage, because you risk being rejected by those you love. However, the reward for speaking up about the problems and the pain you face is that you become your own hero. Instead of relying on others to rescue you from the pain and shame, you dig deep within yourself to find a hero.

6. What you probably don't know is that you also become a hero in the eyes of others. People admire the courage of those who speak out because they realise what enormous effort it takes. Many people are trapped by fear and cannot find their voices. By telling your story, you give others hope that life can be fulfilling, no matter how dim the situation seems. You can become a giant and a light for others.

[Adapted from Move Magazine, May 2006]
QUESTIONS:

1.1 Which ONE of the following statements best summarises the main message of the passage?

A  Others are willing to share your pain.
B  Mariah Carey sings about heroism.
C  True heroism lies within each of us.
D  There are different kinds of heroes.

(2)

1.2 Read the following statement and answer the following questions:

Maria Carey's song, Hero, is very positive.

1.2.1 Is this statement TRUE or FALSE? (1)
1.2.2 Quote ONE word from paragraph 1 to prove your answer. (1)

1.3 Give an antonym (word opposite in meaning) for 'truthful' (line 1). (1)

1.4 Refer to paragraph 3.

According to the writer, what is a very important quality of a hero? (1)

1.5 Read the following statement and answer the following questions:

People admire the courage of those who speak out:

1.5.1 Is this statement a FACT or OPINION? (1)
1.5.2 Give a reason for your answer. (1)

1.6 Explain the meaning of ‘... you can become a giant and a light for others’. (lines 26 - 27) (2)

1.7 Give a synonym (word similar in meaning) for 'dim' (line 26). (1)

1.8 What do you think the writer aims to achieve by writing this article? (2)

1.9 Do you agree or disagree with the writer’s view that one should speak openly about one’s problems? Substantiate your answer. (2)
PASSAGE 2

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

A teacher in a class of his own

1 When Sibusiso Maseko gives lessons, he taps a foot and raps out questions to a swaying rhythm. The crowded classroom joins in and, like a music teacher conducting a choir, Maseko raises their chanting teenage voices to a peak. Then at a swift show of his hand, they all stop. Silence is restored.

2 Maseko is a 44-year-old science teacher at Zwelibanzi Secondary School. The school's lack of facilities – it has no laboratory equipment – has not stopped Maseko from inspiring a new generation of scientists. So successful has he been that, when the University of Cape Town called for its students to nominate their most influential teacher, Maseko's name came out tops.

3 Recently he received the institution's Tim Clark Teacher's Award at a function attended by Education Minister, Naledi Pandor, and about thirty of Maseko's former pupils.

4 'It's very rewarding when someone tells me, "Through your efforts I am where I am today,"' said Maseko.

5 His dedication has produced doctors and engineers who acknowledge their debt to him. Dr Susan Mazibuko, a GP who runs a practice outside Empangeni, was taught by Maseko. She says, 'Mr Maseko is a very passionate teacher. His lessons were a lot of fun, he got people involved, like it was a game. When he taught, everyone was excited, they were completely absorbed.'

6 An electrical engineer with Eskom, Sibusiso Mbatha, is another former pupil whose affections for Maseko run deep. 'He was more than a teacher to me: he was like a father,' said Mbatha.

[Adapted from Sunday Times, 28 May 2006]

QUESTIONS:

1.10 Read the following statement and answer the following questions:

Mr Sibusiso Maseko teaches music and science.

1.10.1 Indicate whether this statement is TRUE or FALSE. (1)
1.10.2 Give a reason for your answer. (1)
1.11 Choose the correct words to complete the following sentence. Write only the question number (1.11.1 - 1.11.2) and the correct word next to it.

Mr Maseko (1.11.1) (wraps/raps) up each lesson by summarising the science formulas that have been learnt. Other teachers are often surprised at hearing the learners (1.11.2) (wrap/rap) their science formulas in the corridors.

1.12 Quote ONE word from paragraph 1 that shows that the classroom in which Maseko teaches, is very full.

1.13 What does 'came out tops' (line 9) mean in the context of the passage?

1.14 Name the institution that gave Mr Maseko the Tim Clark Teacher's Award.

1.15 Explain, in your own words, the meaning of the following sentence:

'His dedication has produced doctors and engineers who acknowledge their debt to him.' (lines 15 - 16)

1.16 Read the following statement and answer the question:

'Sibusiso Mbatha's affections for Mr Maseko run deep.'

To what, do you think, Mr Mbatha's affections are being compared?

1.17 Do you think the title of this passage is suitable? Give a reason for your answer.

1.18 In your opinion, are men and women shown as equals in the passage? Give a reason for your answer.

TOTAL SECTION A: 30
SECTION B: SUMMARY WRITING

QUESTION 2

Imagine that the following diary entries are from your diary. Read what has been written and answer the questions below.

Monday 7 January
I was very nervous about starting at a new school but things went really well. The staff – the security guard at the gate, the school secretary, the teachers and even the principal are so friendly. I felt a bit lost at first because I couldn't find anything. The laboratory, the library, the hall and the classrooms – they have so many wonderful facilities! I had more classes today than yesterday and most of the teachers are really cool. The Travel and Tourism teacher looks strict but we'll see. I look forward to the two-week tour to Mozambique that he is taking us on – it seems as if staff members organise all kinds of trips.

Tuesday 8 January
I am proud to be part of a school that is tops in every kind of sport. They have sports that I never thought I would do, like hockey and basketball. There are so many kinds, that I don't know what to choose. It's so exciting.

I have found a good friend whom I met on the school bus. She really is fun. I think Angie will like her. I am really impressed by the school transport. They have their own buses to transport learners. Transport was always such a drag at my former school.

If you wanted to write a postcard to a friend to tell him/her about your new school, you would have to give a summary of what you wrote in your diary.

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Write ONE paragraph of no more than 50 words in which you mention SEVEN things you like about your new school.

* Write in a single paragraph form and use full sentences.
* You may mention more than one fact in a sentence.
* Count the number of words you have used and write the total in brackets at the end of the summary.

Note that you will be penalised if:

* You do NOT write your summary in a single paragraph
* You do NOT use full sentences
* You use more than 50 words

TOTAL SECTION B: 10

SECTION C: LANGUAGE IN CONTEXT
QUESTION 3: VISUAL LITERACY

3.1 ANALYSING A CARTOON

Study the following cartoon and answer the questions that follow.

NOTE: Dennis - name of the boy
Margaret - name of the girl

3.1.1 Choose the BEST word from the list provided to complete the gaps in the sentence below.

jealous  sarcastic  foolish  upset  confident

In Frame 1, Dennis's words suggest that he is (a) ... but in Frame 4 his body language and expression show that he is (b) ... .

3.1.2 Explain why Margaret's facial expression in Frame 8 is different from her expression in Frame 1.

3.1.3 Explain why the word 'EASY' (Frame 1) is printed in bold letters.
3.2 ANALYSING AN ADVERTISEMENT

Study the following advertisement and answer the questions.

![Advertisement Image]

3.2.1 Who is likely to buy this product? (2)

3.2.2 List TWO benefits of using this product. (2)

3.2.3 What is the slogan for this product? (1)

3.2.4 Explain why the advertiser has used the picture of a tortoise hiding itself in a shell. (2)

3.2.5 Why is the word 'OXY' written in large letters? (2)
QUESTION 4: DICTIONARY AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

Study the following extract from a dictionary and answer the questions based on the entries.

Confide/ verb ~ to tell somebody secrets and personal information that you do not want other people to know: She confided all her secrets to her best friend. He confided to me that he had applied for another job. confide in to tell somebody secrets and personal information because you feel you can trust them: It is important to have someone you can confide in.

Confidence/ noun 1 [u]~ the feeling that you can trust, believe in and be sure about the abilities or good qualities of somebody: The players all have confidence in their manager. A fall in unemployment will help to restore consumer confidence. The new contracts have undermined the confidence of employees. She has confidence in every student’s ability.

IDIOM be in somebody’s confidence: to be trusted with somebody’s secrets: He is said to be very much in the President’s confidence.

4.1 Use the information in the dictionary extract to complete the following passage:

After using the OXY products, I have much more (4.1.1) ... . I was so embarrassed by my pimples before. When I confided (4.1.2) ... my teacher she suggested that I use OXY and it has really worked wonders. (2)

4.2 Give the reason why some of the sentences in the dictionary extract have been written in italics. (1)

4.3 Give the plural form of each of the underlined words in the following sentence: She has confidence in every student’s ability.

Start with: She has confidence in all her ... ... . (2)
QUESTION 5: USING LANGUAGE CORRECTLY

5.1 Complete the passage by:

• Giving the correct form of the words in brackets

OR

• Choosing the correct word from those given.

Write only the question number and the correct answer.

Although it is true that carrots are rich in vitamin A, a nutrient that is essential for (5.1.1) (see), there is very little truth in the old English saying that carrots improve your eyesight.

The older we get the (5.1.2) (poor) our eyesight becomes and some people (5.1.3) (loose/lose) their ability to see (5.1.4) (good) fairly early in life.

Readwell (5.1.5) (have/has/had) the answer. We provide quality reading glasses at the (5.1.6) (low) possible prices. Pop in at your nearest supplier and get a pair.
5.2 Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Leonardo DiCaprio, a famous Hollywood actor, was injured a week ago. He slipped while on the set of his new film, *The Blood Diamond*, and hurt his knee. He was airlifted to the Nelspruit Medi-Clinic where X-rays were taken. It turned out to be a minor injury. DiCaprio was delighted that filming could go on. A relieved DiCaprio said that he felt great.

5.2.1 Why do the words Nelspruit Medi-Clinic begin with capital letters? (1)

5.2.2 The writer has used italics to indicate the title of the film *The Blood Diamond*. State ONE other way in which the title could have been written. (1)

5.2.3 Choose the correct word to complete the sentence:

They took (a/an) X-ray of DiCaprio’s knee at the clinic. (1)

5.2.4 Punctuate the following sentence correctly:

I feel great said a relieved DiCaprio. (2)

5.3 Edit the following passage using the questions below to guide you. Write only the question number and the correct answer.

When Leonardo was discharged from the clinic, he received a warm welcome from many of his fans. He waved as he went past them. Luckily he’s injury was not serious at all and the time that was lost did not effect the making of the film.

5.3.1 Correct the spelling of ONE word in line 1. (1)

5.3.2 A word in line 2 has been used incorrectly. Rewrite the word correctly. (1)

5.3.3 Give the correct pronoun in line 3. (1)

5.3.4 Correct the word that has been used incorrectly in line 4. (1)

TOTAL SECTION C: 35

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