



# basic education

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Basic Education  
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## **NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE**

**GRADE 12**

**LIFE ORIENTATION**

**EXEMPLAR 2012**

**MARKS: 75**

**TIME: 1½ hours**

**This question paper consists of 11 pages.**

**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. This question paper consists of three sections, namely SECTION A, SECTION B and SECTION C.
2. SECTION A and SECTION B are COMPULSORY. Answer ALL the questions in SECTION A and SECTION B.
3. Answer any TWO questions in SECTION C.
4. Read ALL the questions carefully.
5. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
6. Write neatly and legibly.

**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 correct 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 1.11 E.

1.1.1 Which ONE of the following is an external stressor?

- A Being over-sensitive
- B Being anxious
- C Being indecisive
- D Financial problems

1.1.2 Which ONE of the following topics is an environmental issue?

- A Depletion of resources
- B Homelessness
- C Teenage pregnancy
- D Substance abuse

1.1.3 The purpose of the Labour Relations Act is to ...

- A eliminate unfair discrimination and promote equal opportunities for all.
- B improve employment opportunities of disadvantaged people.
- C transform South African companies by encouraging black management.
- D rectify imbalances that exist in the workplace by improving the level of investment in educating and training.

1.1.4 When preparing for an examination:

- A Start preparing well in advance by setting up a study timetable and sticking to it
- B Study only the sections you have identified as important
- C Use only a mind map to study
- D Study as hard as you can even if it means you have to rote learn throughout the night

1.1.5 Which of the following is an example of endurance exercises to increase physical fitness?

- A Stretching exercises
- B Muscle strengthening and body building exercises
- C Aerobic exercises
- D Flexibility exercises

- 1.1.6 Behaviour that is conducive to managing conflict positively:
- A To work for a win-win situation
  - B Try to blame the other person for the conflict
  - C Speak louder to get your point across
  - D To be manipulative – make the person feel guilty and shameful
- 1.1.7 News bulletins on South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) should reflect a democratic society by ...
- A giving preference to political parties.
  - B representing only one voice on an issue.
  - C disregarding the consequences of its reporting.
  - D ensuring responsible reporting that is reliable and unbiased.
- 1.1.8 Sexual harassment ...
- A is an acceptable norm in the labour market.
  - B interferes with a person's professional performance.
  - C creates a trusting environment.
  - D is sexual behaviour that makes one feel comfortable.
- 1.1.9 Identify the correct statement regarding community service:
- A Community service is the responsibility of every citizen.
  - B It is the sole responsibility of the government to help those in need.
  - C Funds are always readily available to launch a community project.
  - D It is not necessary to plan before doing a community project.
- 1.1.10 The government cannot take your belongings, open your mail or listen to your phone calls. You are protected by ...
- A the right to equality.
  - B the right to personal privacy.
  - C the right to freedom of expression.
  - D the right to freedom of association.
- (10 x 1) (10)

1.2 Indicate whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. Choose the answer and write only 'true' or 'false' next to the question number (1.2.1–1.2.3) in the ANSWER BOOK. Give a reason if the statement is FALSE.

1.2.1 The Basic Conditions of Employment Act entitles the pregnant employee to four months maternity leave.

1.2.2 An employment contract is an agreement but it is not binding by law.

1.2.3 The responsibility of protecting minors against the dangers associated with the use of modern communication services (such as Mxit), is the duty of the state and technology service providers only.

(5)

1.3 Choose a description from COLUMN B that matches an item in COLUMN A. Write only the letter (A–H) next to the question number (1.3.1–1.3.5) in the ANSWER BOOK, for example 1.3.6 I.

COLUMN A	COLUMN B
1.3.1 Equality	A redressing situations because some people, especially the poor, had no access to services
1.3.2 Racism	B a preconceived opinion not based on reason or experience
1.3.3 Democracy	C the principle under which each individual is subject to the same law
1.3.4 Prejudice	D freedom and transparency
1.3.5 Social justice	E government of the people by the people through elected representatives
	F provides clear guidelines for ethical behaviour
	G discriminating against someone because he/she belongs to a certain racial group
	H the concept that imbibes the spirit of Ubuntu

(5 x 1)

(5)

- 1.4 Complete the following statements by filling in the missing word(s). Write only the word(s) next to the question number (1.4.1–1.4.5) in the ANSWER BOOK.
- 1.4.1 The document that lists the tasks, duties and responsibilities of an employee is called an/a ...
- 1.4.2 ... is the giving of time, effort and talent to a need or cause without financial gain.
- 1.4.3 ... rape refers to having unlawful sex with a person under the age of consent.
- 1.4.4 Cancer, hypertension, diseases of the heart and sexually transmitted infections such as HIV/Aids are examples of ... diseases.
- 1.4.5 The body that handles labour disputes and makes recommendations for settlements is called the ... (5 x 1) (5)
- TOTAL SECTION A: 25**

**SECTION B (COMPULSORY)**

Answer ALL the questions in this section.

**QUESTION 2**

Read the scenario below and answer the questions that follow.

Mr Khumalo is the Life Orientation teacher at Jabulani High School. Recently he noticed that many learners were not actively participating in classroom activities and many of them lacked interest in physical education. Upon investigating reasons for this situation, he discovered that the leading contributing factors were obesity, poor diet, HIV and other lifestyle diseases. He decided to draw up a health programme on how the school can promote physical well-being amongst learners. The programme included peer support groups, health and fitness activities and team building exercises.

Anon

- 2.1 Explain TWO ways in which Mr Khumalo's health programme could have a positive impact on the school. (2)
- 2.2 In which TWO ways can the school influence learners who are not interested in the health programme to become involved and interested? (2 x 2) (4)
- 2.3 The physical and mental health programme must be monitored in order to ensure that it is running effectively. Recommend TWO ways in which the programme can be monitored by the school. (2 x 2) (4)
- [10]**

**QUESTION 3**

Study the cartoon below and answer the questions that follow.



"Times are hard. I've had to settle for a low-sugar daddy."

**'Times are hard. I've had to settle for a low-sugar sugar-daddy'**

**'Sugar Daddy Girls'**

The following scenario has become common in South Africa. Many young girls are lured by the 'sugar daddies' into unsafe sexual activities because of the money and the gifts offered to them. Once the girls fall into the trap of the 'sugar daddies' their lifestyle changes from one of innocence to a life of drugs, alcohol and sexual abuse. The unsafe sexual behaviour sometimes leads the girls to contracting HIV/Aids.

The girls, who find themselves trapped with the sugar daddies, find it difficult to cope at school. They lose their virginity and their identity. For most of these girls the initial glamour of wealth and status fades and often turns into sadness and regret.

Anon

- 3.1 Give TWO reasons why these girls are lured into unsafe relationships. (2)
- 3.2 Explain TWO actions which may be seen as immoral in the above scenario. (2 x 2) (4)
- 3.3 Discuss TWO ways in which these girls can change their present lifestyle. (2 x 2) (4)
- [10]**



**QUESTION 4**

Dan Masango was a temporary lecturer at a university. Someone told him that he would never be hired as a full-time lecturer unless he had a master's degree. He changed his CV to say that he had graduated with a master's degree from the university.

Over the years he held several prestigious teaching positions, including an appointment as a professor at a well-known university in South Africa. He became recognised as a gifted teacher who selflessly gave back to the community in which he lived.

A few years later Dan was nominated to be the Head of the Humanities faculty. Prior to his appointment, the chancellor of the university had an interview with him and also did a verification of all his qualifications.

The chancellor then discovered that Dan had not graduated from the university, despite the fact that this is listed in his CV. He contacted Dan to ask him about this discrepancy, and Dan immediately confirmed that he had not graduated. Shortly thereafter, Dan submitted his resignation.

*Adapted from Issues in Ethics, V. 1, N. 2 (Winter 1988)*

- 4.1 Name the ethical issue that is reflected in this case study. Give TWO reasons to support your answer. (3)
- 4.2 What should the chancellor of the university have done upon discovering Dan's dishonesty? Explain your answer. (3)
- 4.3 Now that Dan has resigned, what advice would you give him so that he can continue with his academic career? (2)
- 4.4 Why is it important to be ethical when compiling your curriculum vitae (CV)? (2)
- [10]**

**TOTAL SECTION B: 30**

**SECTION C**

Answer any TWO essay questions in this section. Your essay must be 15–20 lines.

**QUESTION 5**

Read the paragraph below and answer the questions that follow.

Over the years, you have been exposed to the concept of study skills and strategies. These skills and strategies are effective tools that can assist one in developing one's career goals.

Write an essay in which you critically reflect on how the study skills and strategies that you have learnt at school prepare you for the world of work. In your essay provide FIVE skills and indicate how these will prepare you for the workplace. (5 x 2)

**[10]****QUESTION 6**

Violence against women and girls is a human rights scandal, from the bedroom to the battlefield. From the school yard to the workplace, women and girls are at risk of rape and other forms of violence. Even though South Africa has attempted to improve the status of women as enshrined in the Constitution, there is still an alarming level of violence and gender discrimination against women and girls in the country.

Write an essay in which you describe the abuse of power in the family and in the workplace. In your essay, give ONE example of how power is abused between the sexes in each of the following contexts:

- Family context
- Work context

Recommend THREE ways in which women can be protected from discrimination and violence in each of the above contexts.

**[10]****QUESTION 7**

The media reaches many people and has the power to influence. As members of a democracy we have the right to access information. As individuals we need to be able to critically analyse the information given to us in order to really benefit from the media. We should form an opinion on an issue only after questioning and analysing it. We should not and cannot simply believe everything we read and see in the media.

It is important to know how the media functions in a democracy and why it matters that all citizens gain information and exposure to diverse opinions. In a democracy, as we have in South Africa, the role of the media is often hotly debated.

In an essay analyse the role of the media in a democratic society. In your essay discuss the concepts 'freedom of expression' and 'social responsibility' and evaluate THREE ways in which the South African media tries to achieve this.

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**TOTAL SECTION C: 20**  
**GRAND TOTAL: 75**