



# basic education

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Basic Education  
**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

## **NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE**

**GRADE 12**

**ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE P3**

**NOVEMBER 2025**

**MARKS: 100**

**TIME: 3 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 in SECTION A and TWO questions in 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 100 minutes  
SECTION B: approximately 80 (2 x 40) 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.

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|-----|--|------|
| 1.1 | A room full of mirrors   | [50] |
| 1.2 | In the modern world, more is never enough.   | [50] |
| 1.3 | With folded arms, plain clothes and an awkward stance, he/she stood out in the room, which was dotted with pockets of smiling, confident and stylish people. | [50] |
| 1.4 | The language of my scars<br>[Adapted from <i>The Language of Scars</i> by Patricia R Thompson, Carole L King]  | [50] |
| 1.5 | This humorous story is a South African reality.  | [50] |

The pictures reproduced on pages 4 and 5 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, 1.7 OR 1.8) of your choice and give your essay a title.

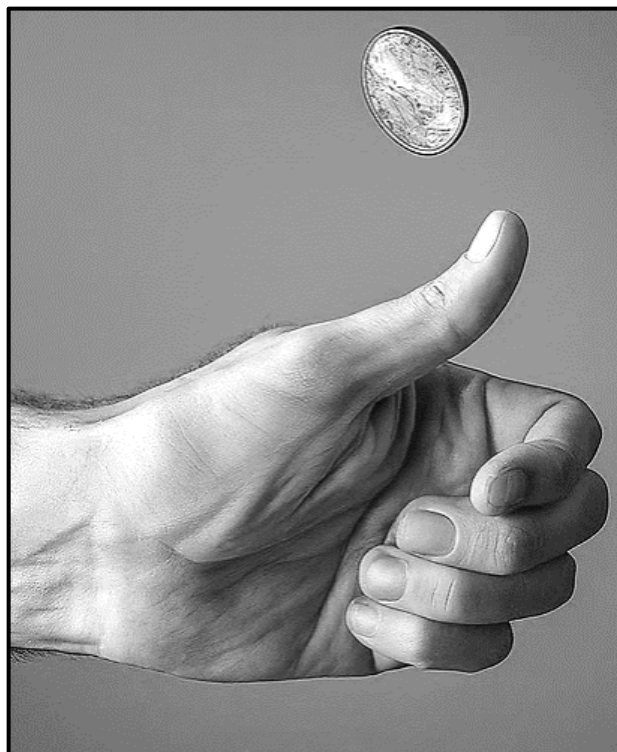
**NOTE:** There must be a clear link between your essay and the picture you have chosen.

1.6

[Source: [wikimedia.org](https://www.wikimedia.org/)]

[50]

1.7

[Source: [shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/)]

[50]



1.8

[Source: [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)]**[50]****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 TITLE/HEADING of the text you have chosen, e.g. 2.1 E-MAIL.

**2.1 E-MAIL**

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**2.2 SPEECH**

**'There shall be peace and friendship:** encouragement of peaceful relations for all the peoples of Africa.'

[Excerpt from the *Freedom Charter*, [www.britannica.com](http://www.britannica.com)]

As a public speaker, you have been invited to speak on the quotation above, at an Africa Day rally.

Write the speech.

[25]

**2.3 MAGAZINE ARTICLE**

Write a magazine article titled, 'A survival guide for the modern teenager'.

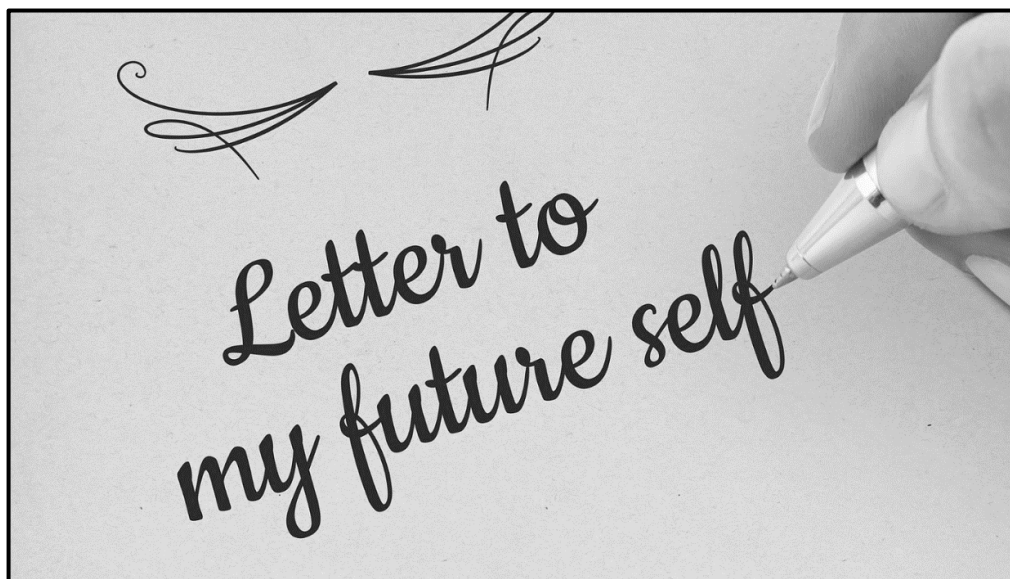
[25]

**2.4 FORMAL LETTER**

In recent weeks, you have noticed that parents are frequently posting favourable comments about your school, on social media.

Write a letter to your principal in which you express your views.

[25]

**2.5 BOOK REVIEW**

[Source: [veerkohli17.medium.com](https://veerkohli17.medium.com)]

Write a book review of the bestselling book, *Letter to my future self*.

[25]

**2.6 DIALOGUE**

A critic has reviewed a newly opened restaurant in a popular food magazine. During the critic's second visit, the manager approaches him/her.

Write the dialogue that ensues.

[25]

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