



GRADE 9
Common Examination
June 2015

ENGLISH
FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE
PAPER 2

Marks: 50

Time: 2 hours

This question paper consists of 8 pages

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This question paper consists of THREE sections:

SECTION A: Comprehension (25 marks)

SECTION B: Language (20 marks)

SECTION C: Summary (5 marks)

2. Read ALL the instructions carefully.
3. Answer ALL the questions.
4. Start EACH section on a NEW page.
5. Leave a line between answers.
6. Rule off after each section.
7. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
8. Leave a line after each answer.
9. Pay special attention to spelling and sentence construction.
10. Write neatly and legibly.
11. Use the following time frames as a guideline:

SECTION A: 50 minutes

SECTION B: 45 minutes

SECTION C: 25 minutes

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION**QUESTION 1**

Read the text below from the *CITY PRESS* newspaper of August 2011 and then answer the questions that follow.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST SCARED OF?

We all can get a fright or be scared of animals. It could be a vicious looking dog that is wandering in the street or a cockroach that jumps out of a cup just when we want to make tea.

These make our throats go dry and our hearts start beating quickly, or we jump back with our skin feeling like it is crawling and dirty ...

We all are a bit scared of spiders and bugs – especially when they jump on us but the National Geographic film crew have to deal with the big monsters. The most dangerous animals in the world.

When the National Geographic crew filmed alligators in the swampy wet- lands of the southern parts of the USA, they are right in feeling scared of those big monster reptiles hidden in the murky water.

While filming alligators at Billie Swamp Safari in Florida, the crew got a little too close, and huge alligator pulled the new underwater camera from their grasp, nearly taking it to the bottom of the swamp. It was later found mostly undamaged except for scratch marks from a large alligator.

But, although bees are dangerous the crew was fully protected but when the bees swarmed angrily, even wearing all that thick protection didn't stop the two crew members from getting scared because all it takes is one small opening for the bees to get inside!

When the crew went to the opposite end of the USA to the state of Montana where the grizzly bears live ... the crew had been warned of recent bear attacks and they were scared – bears are meat eaters and some stand almost three metres tall and can kill you with one swipe of their claws!

The crew was very nervous because grizzlies suddenly attack with little provocation – as happened at their camp site very recently. Jules Sylvester is a brave spider expert who helped the film crew film the Chilean Rose-Hair Tarantula for the episode on spiders – and the bigger spiders get, the scarier they are.

Jules had to get a spider out of its hole and get it to pose for cameraman Chris Towey. But Chris has a terrible fear of spiders – when he sees one he feels like he is going to die!

American bees are much tamer than African bees so, when African bees were introduced into the USA, people quickly named them killer bees because African bees are much more aggressive than the local bees.

When beekeeper Reed Booth invited the team to film wild “killer beehive” extraction, the sound and cameraman had to wear fully sealed bee suits in 34 °C weather.

And tarantulas are as big as your hand like baboon spiders!

How would you like one of those jumping on your FACE?



Bees are a deadly horror when they all swarm!



A phobia of spiders is called arachnophobia

QUESTIONS

In QUESTIONS 1.1 and 1.2 write only the letter next to the number of the question.

1.1 A cockroach that jumps out of a cup when we want to make tea ...

- A. - make us nervous.
- B. - make our throats go dry and our hearts beat quickly.
- C. - make us drowsy.
- D. - make us very excited.

1.2 The ... have to deal with the big monsters.

- A. - crew from the national park
- B. - Nature Conservation crew
- C. - National Geographic film crew
- D. - Museum crew

(1)

1.3 State whether the following statements (1.3.1 – 1.3.3) are TRUE or FALSE. Quote a sentence/phrase/clause from the text to prove your answer.

1.3.1 Cockroaches are disgusting-looking pests.

(2)

1.3.2 African bees are much tamer than American bees.

(2)

1.3.3 The cameramen had to wear a fully sealed bees suit for protection.

(2)

1.4 Which animals were filmed by the National Geographic crew in the swampy wetlands?

(1)

1.5 Name the place where the spiders were filmed.

(1)

1.6 Explain the term "... murky water." (paragraph 4) in your OWN WORDS.

(2)

1.7 Who was Reed Booth?

(1)

1.8 Why did he invite the crew?

(2)

1.9 Give another name for a cameraman.

(2)

1.10 Name the dangerous animals found in Montana.

(1)

1.11 In a short sentence explain what YOU are most scared of.

(2)

[20]

QUESTION 2: VISUAL TEXT

Carefully study the advertisement below before answering the questions set on it (Sunday Sun newspaper, April 2015)

THE WAY TO CRUISE THROUGH LIFE

By NJABULO NGCOBO

ARE YOU bored of the crowded coast in the summer? If you are then try a sea cruise!
For couples, families and friends, there are special offers for holidays on the sea.

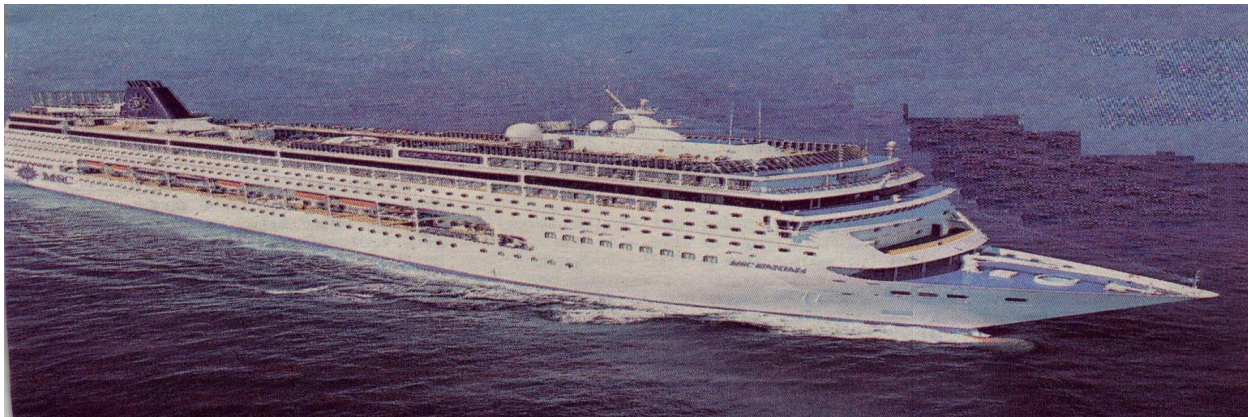
MSC Starlight Cruises have come up with best packages to get more people onboard which are also cheaper than a hotel.

The nice thing about cruise holidays is that you pay only one price for the nights and activities that you enjoy on the ship.

MSC boasts about 11 modern fleet ships giving cruises a variety of relaxing areas to satisfy their needs and specifically cater to adults and children in very separate areas too!

Marketing director for MSC Starlight Cruises in South Africa, Allan Foggitt, said for three years now more people are turning to sea cruises for their holidays!

Bookings for the 2015 / 2016 season aboard MSC Simfonia and MSC Melody are already open with over 31 departures listed as “Prima Specials” – the earlier you book the more money you save; 36 partner specials departures, in which the partner pays half price, and 36 departures as the special “buy-two get two free” for couples sharing a cabin.



2.1 Name the company that placed this advertisement in the newspaper.

(1)

2.2 What do you think the word “cruise” means?

(2)

2.3 Mention two interesting things about sea cruise holidays that attract people.

(2)

[5]

TOTAL SECTION A: 25

SECTION B: LANGUAGE IN CONTEXT

QUESTION 3

3.1 Fill in a suitable word.

A large group of bees together are called a (3.1.1) ... of bees.

(1)

3.1.2 Give the plural form of “cockroach”.

(1)

3.2 Change the following sentences into the simple past tense.

3.2.1 The cockroaches make our throats dry and our hearts start beating quickly. (2)

3.2.2 We all are a bit scared of spiders and bugs, especially when they jump at us. (2)

3.3 Give the opposite meaning (antonyms) for the following words:

3.3.1 quickly (1)

3.3.2 dirty (1)

3.4 From the text in SECTION A (QUESTION 1: paragraph 4) give another meaning (synonym) for the word „huge“. (1)

3.5 Rewrite the following sentence:

Alligators are the most dangerous animals in the world.

3.5.1 Into a negative form (2)

3.5.2 Into a question form (2)

3.6 From the text in SECTION A (QUESTION 1):

3.6.1 Choose any adjective and the noun it describes. (2)

3.7

3.7.1 Write the abbreviation USA in full. (1)

Rewrite the sentence below in a question starting with the word who:

3.7.2 Booth invited the team to film the wild killer beehive. (2)

3.8 Form adverbs from the words in brackets.

3.8.1 The crew worked (danger) close to vicious animals. (1)

3.8.2 The ranger was (terrible) hurt by the buffalo. (1)

TOTAL SECTION B: 20

SECTION C: SUMMARY

QUESTION 4

Read the following passage and summarise the FIVE main points.

- ✓ Write in full sentences.
- ✓ Use POINT FORM.
- ✓ Use your own words. DO NOT COPY SENTENCES AS THEY ARE FROM THE PASSAGE.
- ✓ Number your sentence.
- ✓ Your summary should be **50 – 60 words**. Count your words and write the total at the end of your summary.

Have a day off at a park

1. Mzansi's people are encouraged to make use of free access to parks, as part of the South African National Parks Week campaign starting from 12 – 16 September.
2. Local visitors with proper identity documents will have free access to many parks under the South African National Parks (SanPark), except boulders at Table Mountain National Park.
3. According to SanParks general manager for media relations, Reynold Thakhuli, the aim is to get Mzansi people in touch with their natural, cultural and historical heritage, under the theme, "Know your National Parks".
4. SanPark in 2006 started this campaign to encourage all South Africans, especially those from the communities around the parks to share in what SanParks calls, the pride and joy of all South Africans and the world.
5. Young people under the age of 16 will be allowed access without requiring their identity books at parks of their choice.

TOTAL SECTION C: 5
GRAND TOTAL: 50