

EXAMINATION		NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE	
GRADE		12	
DATE		NOVEMBER 2025	
SUBJECT		ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE	
PAPER		3	
MARK TOTAL		100	
DURATION (HOURS)		2½	
NUMBER OF PAGES		7	



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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of **THREE** sections. Answer **ONE** question from **EACH** section:

SECTION A: Creative writing (50 marks)

SECTION B: Longer transactional texts (30 marks)

SECTION C: Shorter transactional texts (20 marks)

2. Start **EACH** section on a **NEW** page.
3. Number your responses according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
4. You must plan (e.g. a mind map/diagram/flow chart/key words, etc.), edit and proofread your work. The plan must appear **BEFORE** the essay.
5. Plan your responses and make rough drafts before writing the final versions of your answers.
6. All planning must be clearly indicated as such. Neatly cross out all plans and rough drafts.
7. Re-read your work carefully and correct any errors before you hand in the answer book.
8. You are strongly advised to spend approximately 80 minutes on **SECTION A**, 40 minutes on **SECTION B** and 30 minutes on **SECTION C**.
9. Do **NOT** use memorised responses.
10. Pay attention to format, spelling, choice of words, grammar, punctuation and paragraphing.
11. Write in the language in which you are being assessed.
12. Write neatly and legibly, in **BLUE** ink only.

SECTION A

QUESTION 1

- Write an essay of 250–300 words (1–1½ pages) on ONE of the following topics.
- Write down the **NUMBER** and **TITLE/HEADING** of your essay.
- You are advised to spend 80 minutes on this section.

1.1 A day in my life 10 years from now. **[50]**

OR

1.2 Walking in their shoes: understanding the true meaning of empathy.
Supply your own title. **[50]**

OR

1.3 Should the voting age be lowered to 16? Discuss. **[50]**

OR

1.4 “Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.” ~ Thomas Jefferson **[50]**

OR

1.5 Trapped between two worlds. Describe a moment where you felt caught between different expectations or decisions. **[50]**

OR

1.6 The pictures reproduced on the next page 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

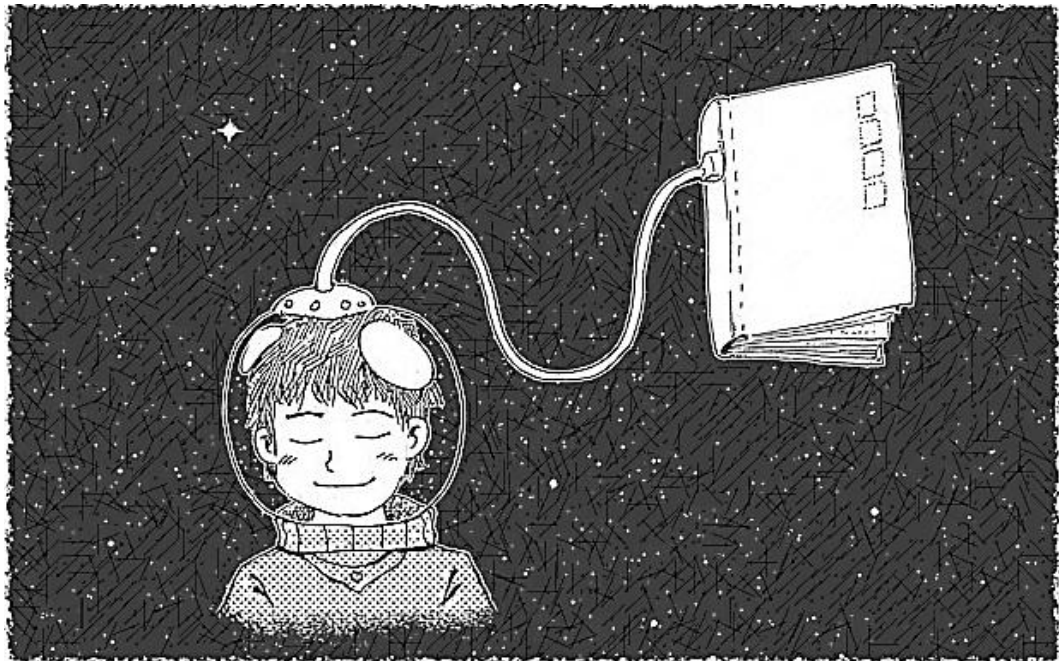


[Source: https://www.reddit.com/r/pics/comments/cwycbm/ant_holding_up_a_stick_at_sunset/?rdt=38885]

[50]

OR

1.6.2



[Source: <https://pixabay.com/illustrations/fantasy-dream-astronaut-night-1077863/>]

[50]

OR



1.6.3



[Source: <https://pixabay.com/photos/train-track-railroad-smartphone-2507499/>]

[50]

TOTAL SECTION A: [50]

SECTION B

QUESTION 2

- Respond to **ONE** of the following topics.
- The body of your answer should be 120–150 words 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 FRIENDLY LETTER.
- You are advised to spend 40 minutes on this section.

2.1 FRIENDLY LETTER

Show your care and compassion by writing a heartfelt letter to a friend who is going through a difficult time, offering them encouragement, support, and love.

[30]

OR

2.2 E-MAIL

You have been appointed as the group leader for a joint project in one of your subjects. Write an e-mail to your group members outlining the importance of the project and what you expect each of them to contribute to the project.

[30]

OR

2.3 NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

The editor of your local newspaper has asked you to write an article in which you highlight the value of being financially smart as a learner.

Write this article.

[30]

OR

2.4 SPEECH

You have been asked by the principal to address the matriculants before the start of the exams. Write a speech in which you share some of your insights on how to overcome academic pressure.

[30]

TOTAL SECTION B: [30]

SECTION C

QUESTION 3

- Respond to **ONE** of the following topics.
- The body of your answer should be 80–100 words 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. 3.1 POSTER.
- You are advised to spend 30 minutes on this section.

3.1 POSTER

You have been asked to design a poster for a cultural celebration. Write the text that must be placed on the poster. Highlight the different elements of any specific culture and everything that makes it unique.

NOTE: Do NOT include illustrations or drawings.

[20]

OR

3.2 DIARY ENTRY

Write a diary entry sharing your thoughts on a conversation you had with someone that left a positive impact on you.

[20]

OR

3.3 INSTRUCTIONS

You are always very well prepared for exams. Write a list of at least SEVEN study tips for your friends to follow before each exam.

[20]

TOTAL SECTION C: [20]

GRAND TOTAL: [100]