

EXAMINATION		NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE
GRADE		12
DATE		MAY/JUNE 2026
SUBJECT		ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE
PAPER		3
MARK TOTAL		100
DURATION (HOURS)		3
NUMBER OF PAGES		7



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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of **TWO SECTIONS**:

SECTION A: Essay: 50 marks

SECTION B: Transactional texts: (2 x 25) 50 marks

2. Answer **ONE** question from **SECTION A** and **TWO** questions from **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 (using a mind map/diagram/flow chart/key words, etc.), edit and proofread your work. The plan must appear **BEFORE** the essay.
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 2 x 40 minutes (80 minutes)
8. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
9. Give each response a suitable title/heading.
10. The title/heading must **NOT** be considered when doing a word count.
11. Write neatly and legibly, in **BLUE** ink only.



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.

1.1 Travelling [50]

OR

1.2 A brick. A wall. A sanctuary. [50]

OR

1.3 However dark the night, the dawn will break.
[Adapted from an African Proverb] [50]

OR

1.4 Of course, I want to save the rhino, but what about humankind? [50]

OR

1.5 'Another turning point, a fork stuck in the road
Time grabs you by the wrist, directs you where to go
So, make the best of this test ...'.
[Lyrics from *Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)*: Green Day] [50]

OR

1.6 The pictures depicted on the following pages may evoke a reaction or feeling in you or stir your imagination.

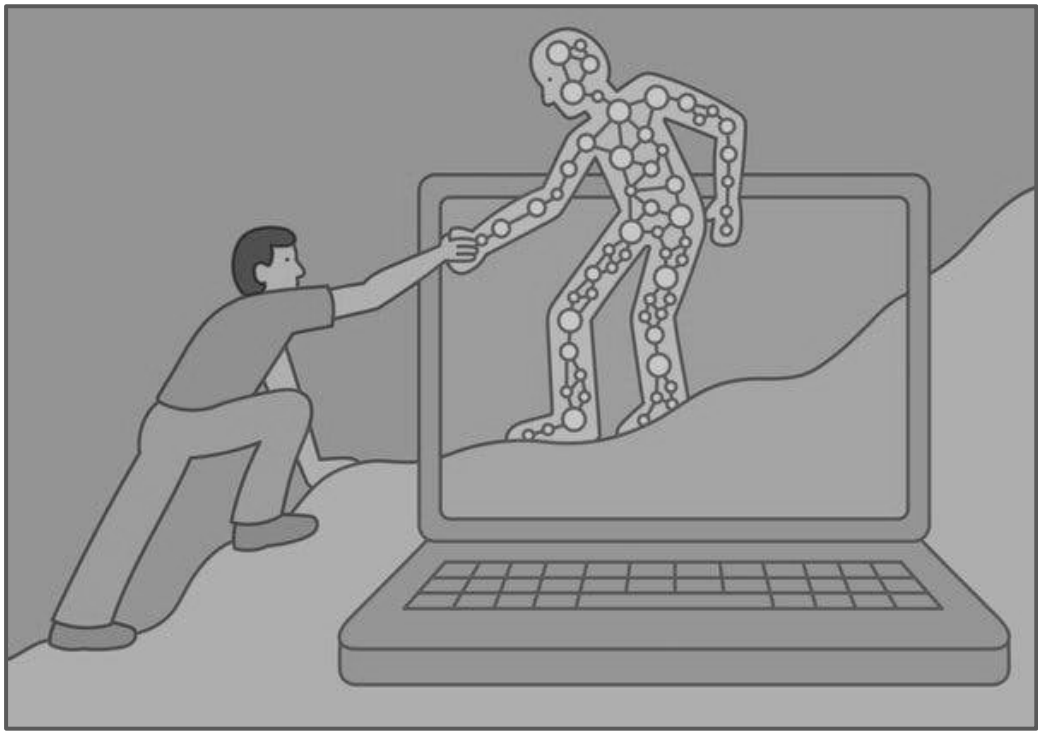
Select **ONE** picture and write an essay in response.

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://nyti.ms/4hBzisC>] [50]

OR

1.6.2



[Source: <https://bit.ly/3XBY3gK>] [50]

OR



1.6.3



[Source: <https://stock.adobe.com/za/search>] [50]

TOTAL SECTION A: [50]



SECTION B: TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS

QUESTION 2

- Respond to **TWO** of the following topics.
- The body 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 MAGAZINE ARTICLE**

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Write an **article** for the magazine *Tomorrow's World*, in which you articulate your views about whether the youth of South Africa should adopt a mindset of realism or idealism in order to drive meaningful change within their communities.

Head your article with the title: **Who has the power? The Realist or the Idealist?** [25]

OR

2.2 INTERVIEW

You have been invited to appear as a guest speaker on a television talk show to discuss the challenges of school leavers who aspire to pursue higher education, but are hindered by financial constraints.

Write the **interview** that takes place between you and the presenter of the talk show. [25]

OR

2.3 FORMAL LETTER OF COMPLAINT

A controversial sports brand, which sources its items of clothing from factories notorious for using child labour, has opened a store in your local shopping mall.

Write a **letter of complaint** to the managing director of Axiom Developments, the company responsible for managing the mall, in which you express your concerns regarding the inclusion of the brand in their store directory. [25]

OR



2.4 SPEECH

Rapid digitalisation comes with many issues, including the lightning-fast spread of disinformation.

As a youth digital activist, you have been invited to speak at a local/provincial/national high school media literacy seminar to raise awareness among students about how rapid digitalisation fuels the spread of disinformation and to encourage responsible online behaviour.

Write the **speech** you will deliver.

[25]

OR

2.5 OBITUARY

Your friend who was an up-and-coming sports star has passed away under tragic circumstances.

Write the **obituary** that will be published in your local newspaper.

[25]

OR

2.6 MINUTES OF A MEETING

You are the secretary for a youth group that meets every Friday evening in the local library hall. The agenda for the previous meeting was: (a) renovation of the outdoor play areas; and (b) the need to attract new members to the forum.

Write the **minutes of the meeting** for distribution to all members of the youth group.

[25]

TOTAL SECTION B: [50]

GRAND TOTAL: [100]