



**English First Additional Language
Grade 8
Paper 2: Comprehension & Language
June Examination Preparation**

There are **FOUR** sections in this paper:

Section A: Comprehension (20)

Section B: Summary (10)

Section C: Visual Literacy (15)

Section D: Language use (15)

Marks: 60

Time allocation: 2 hours

Instructions:

1. Fill out your answers on a separate piece of paper.
2. The mark next to the question should show you how much to write.
3. Answer all the questions.
4. Please write in FULL SENTENCES, unless specified.
5. Answer the questions in your OWN words, unless specified.
6. Good luck!

SECTION A: Comprehension (15)

Question 1: Read Text A below and answer the questions which follow:

Text A

South Africa's sea turtles

1. Sea turtles are classified as belonging to the superfamily Chelonioidae (that's pronounced "kell-on-ee-oy-dee-uh"), part of the order Testudines, which also includes tortoises, terrapins and freshwater turtles. These animals all have ribs that are modified to form bone or cartilage shells. The first turtles appear in the fossil record hundreds of millions of years ago, and existed long before most other reptiles, including snakes and crocodiles.
2. There are only seven species of sea turtles on Earth, and all of them except two (the flatback turtle and Kemp's ridley turtle) visit South Africa. Sadly, all five of the species that occur in South African waters appear on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.
3. Despite being ocean-dwelling animals, turtles need to breathe air and return to the surface regularly to take a breath (which they are able to hold for hours if needed).



Their shells and large sizes make them slow growers, leaving them threatened as young hatchlings.

4. This vulnerability has resulted in most sea turtle species adapting to lives in the deep oceans where food and predators are scarcer, and they need to migrate huge distances to find new feeding grounds. Although they prefer life away from the shoreline, because they are air breathers, they need the land to lay their eggs - and the only safe land they ever encounter and know about are the beaches on which they hatch, so this is where they will return to lay their own eggs. This cycle of following food sources and returning to their place of hatching means that sea turtles truly undertake one of the greatest journeys on the planet.
5. Although we commonly refer to them as "turtle shells", the hard outer layer of a turtle is actually made of bone, not shell. The "carapace" is the back shell of a turtle and is actually made of modified bones, the turtle's spine and ribs. These bones are covered in a layer of skin, which grows a layer of armoured plates called "scutes", which form a unique pattern in each type of turtle (except leatherbacks which do not grow scutes). These scutes are made of keratin, the same protein that makes hair, nails and scar tissue in humans.
6. The "plastron" or belly shell, is also made of flattened bone plates, although it does not have the same skin and scute covering of the carapace. Despite being exposed bone, the plastron is covered in a membrane known as the periosteum, which is a layer of living bone tissues - humans have these membranes too, ours are just internal.
7. These complex shells are alive and packed with nerves, allowing the turtle to feel everything that touches them. Way cooler than a simple "shell" right?

Adapted from: Devon Bowen. 29 April 2020. *Everything you've ever wanted to know about sea turtles in South Africa*. Two Oceans Aquarium, aquarium.co.za, Available at: <https://www.aquarium.co.za/blog/entry/everything-youve-ever-wanted-to-know-about-sea-turtles-in-south-africa> [Accessed: 21/05/2020].

Image of turtle: <https://www.sun-sentinel.com/community/delray-sun/fl-cn-delray-beach-new-record-most-sea-turtle-nests-20191204-ujuwvg43x5dv5jognm2q22eq-story.html>

1.1) The turtle shell:

- 1.1.1) Identify the cause of turtles being able to feel the things around them. (1)
- 1.1.2) Using the text for information, describe a common turtle shell. (2)
- 1.1.3) Why would turtles need to have "scutes" (paragraph 5)? (1)

1.2) What are some similarities between turtles and humans? (2)

1.3) Looking at line 13, why do "their shells and large sizes" make turtles vulnerable? (2)

1.4) Explain the main idea behind the phrase "ocean-dwelling" (paragraph 3), and why this term is used for turtles, when they need to breathe air? (2)

1.5) Where would the author of this text work? (1)

1.6) How would you go about raising awareness to protect the endangered turtles? Explain. (2)

1.7) Where would you expect to see an article such as this one? (1)

1.8) True or false:

1.8.1) There are more predators in the deeper parts of the ocean. (1)

1.8.2) A turtle is a reptile. (1)

1.8.3) Because turtles “hatch”, they are born out of an egg. (1)

1.8.4) Sea turtles shells are made from their modified spine and ribs. (1)

1.9) Do you think the title of this article summarises what the text is about? Provide a title of your own for this text. (2)

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Section A: [20]

Section B

Summary

Question 2:

- Summarise the following text (Text B)
- Summarise the text into SIX separate points, no more than 60 words.
- Number your six points 1-6.
- Use your own words, unless certain words are necessary.
- Indicate your word count at the end of your summary.

Text B

Making the most of your time

Have you ever thought of making a difference in your community? Well, I am here to tell you how you can! I am going to talk about the benefits of being good to your neighbours, and building a sense of community where you live.

Imagine walking down your main road, and waving to everyone you meet. Would that be a nice feeling? You would know your neighbours names, you would even know their dogs' names. I could not think of much better than that.

What would you make for your neighbours if you knew it was their birthday? I think I would like to make them a cake, and maybe some flowers from my garden. The important thing about a gift is that it has meaning.

The best part about being part of a community, such as the one you live in, is that everyone can help one another. Help can come in many different forms. It could mean helping the elderly neighbour to mow his lawn, or taking a sick neighbour's dog for a walk each evening.

Another good thing about giving time and effort to the people in your community, is that when you need help, they will be able to return the help you gave them. Now, I do not mean that you should only help so that others must help you, I mean that we should give help where it is needed without expecting something in return.

How amazing would life be if we all gave a bit of our time to those who needed it? Instead of watching more TV than we can handle, we could be outside, making others happy, and finding our own happiness in that. Would that not be amazing?

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Section C: Visual Literacy (15)

Question 2: Advertisement (Text C)

Have a look at the advert and answer the questions which follow:



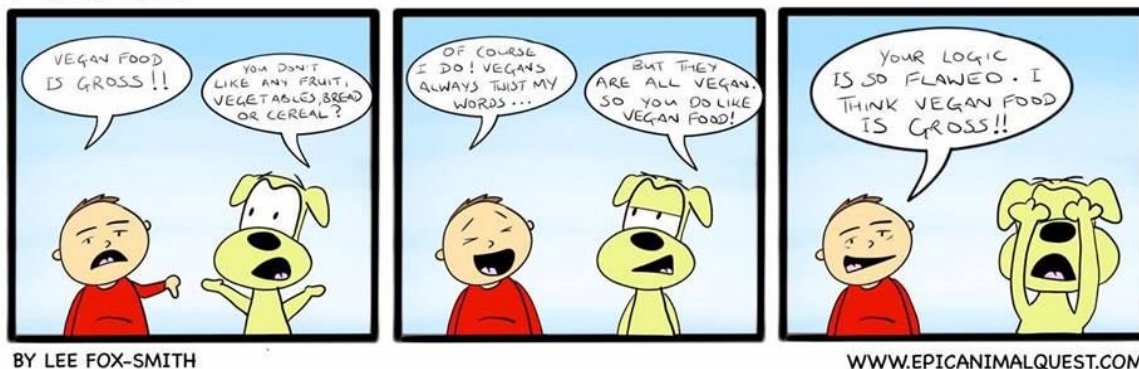
<https://www.wordstream.com/blog/ws/2019/08/13/persuasive-ads>

- 2.1) According to the advertisement, how can a person find happiness? (1)
- 2.2) Why is the bottle of Coke the biggest object in the advertisement? (1)
- 2.3) Why is the label for Coca-Cola red? (1)
- 2.4) Would you buy a coke to “open happiness”? Explain your answer. (1)

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Question 3: Comic strip (Text D)

ALFIE



BY LEE FOX-SMITH

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<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/817333032361792655/>

Note: Alfie is the dog.

3.1) Write out the second frame with direct speech.

(1)

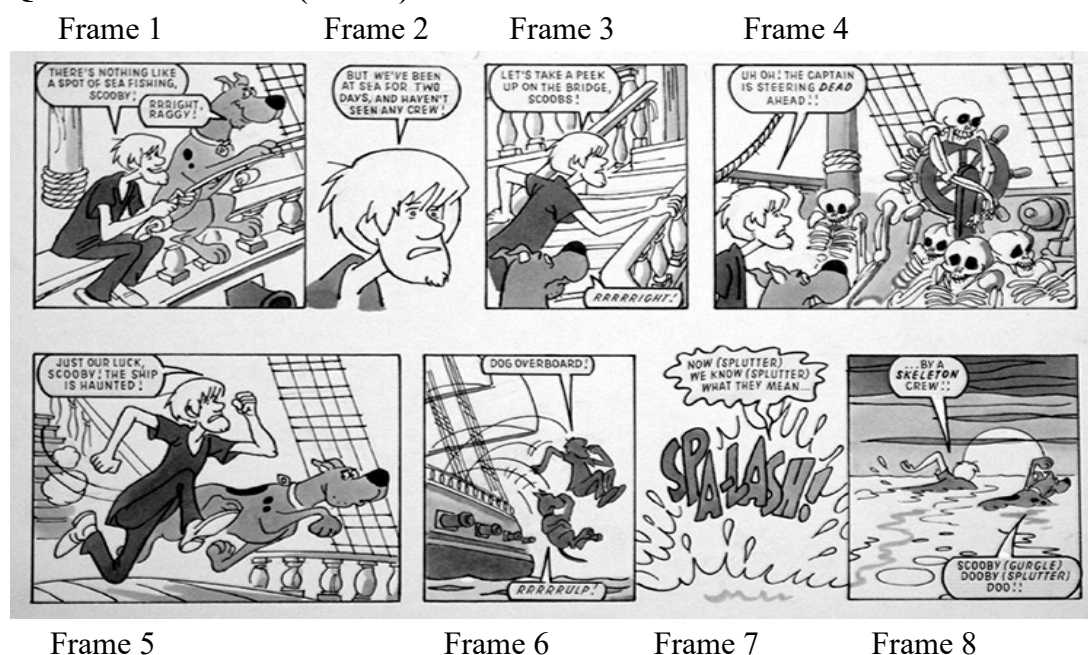
3.2) Explain the effect of the two exclamation points after the sentence “vegan food is gross” in the first frame. (2)

3.3) After reading Alfie’s bubble in frame 1, what do you know about vegans? (1)

3.4) Explain what the boy means when he says that vegans “always twist his words”. (1)

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Question 4: Cartoon (Text E)



https://bookpalace.com/acatalog/info_TitcombeSD102.html

Note: the man is Shaggy and the dog is Scooby-Doo. These two characters fight crime and solve mysteries with their friends.

- 4.1) Write out the third last frame (frame 6) in indirect speech. (2)
4.2) Why are Shaggy and Scooby-Doo running in frame 5? (1)
4.3) Write out Scooby-Doo's speech in frame 1 into standard English with direct speech. (2)
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Section C:

Language in context

Question 5: Editing

Please note: There are spelling errors in the text. You will need to identify them for the first question.

Text F

1. When I was thirteen I reseived my letter for Hogwarts School of Wizardry! Can you believe that! I was actually a wizzard and the story about Harry Potter was true! I could not believe it! Would you? I don't think so.
 2. My first day there was a bit of a nightmare - they are still busy fixing the castle after that huge fight with that bad guy happened. The teachers seemed quite mean and there were so many other students that I could not decide which ones seemed friendly enough to be friends with! It got better later though, because I met Kreaterch - he is a house-elf. Hose elves are basically creatures which clean, cook and help make everything in a house or school run smoothly. I did not like Kreaterch in the Harry Potter books, he was grumpy, old, and mean! But he is actually quite a nice person - or creature?
 3. Thank goodnes it has gotten better since then! I have made a ton of freinds and they have these things called "Hoppy Hobbits" which are white chocolate sweets shaped like dwarfs that can do cool magic tricks if you tickle them on their nose!
- 5.1) List the six spelling errors. (6 x ½ =3)
5.2) Write down two proper nouns from the text. (2)
5.3) Turn the following into a question: (1)
Was my first day there was a bit of a nightmare
5.4) Give an antonym for the word "fixing" (line 4). (1)
5.5) Do you think the writer's reaction to their new school is realistic? (1)
5.6) How many conjunction words can be found in the last sentence of the text? (1)
5.7) What is the comparative for the adjective "nice"? (1)
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Question 6: Nouns and Verbs

6.1) Write out the plural nouns in the following sentences:

6.1.1) “The guests will be arriving from different cities, all across the globe.” (1)

6.1.2) The old man tied his shoes in a hurry. (1)

6.2) Write out the correct form of the verb in the following sentences:

6.2.1) In the morning we will be going for a (running)_____ because we need to keep fit. (1)

6.2.2) She was not going to (saw)_____ him because he did not (bought)_____ her flowers for Valentine’s day. (2)

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Section C: [15]

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