



Parktown Boys' High School

English Home Language

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Grade: 8

Date: 23 May 2017

Marks: 30

Time: 1.5Hours

Instructions:

- a) Choose ONE of the following topics below.
- b) Your response to the essay must be between 180-200 words and to the transactional piece 60-80 words.
- c) Remember you must plan your writing, edit your final copy and proofread your work.
- d) Write down a word count.
- e) Clearly state the number of the topic that you have chosen at the top of your page.
- f) Please remember to indicate clearly which is your final copy at the top of your page.
- g) Draw a line through any rough work.

SECTION A
ESSAY [20]

Write a response of 200-250 words on **ONE** of the topics below. You must show evidence of planning and editing.

1. Pretend you woke up one day and there were no rules. People could suddenly do whatever they wanted! Explain what the world would be like. Use your imagination!

OR

2. Imagine this is you speaking: 'Despite my sadness, I look up from the park bench and watch a train speed into the tunnel. A passenger in the last compartment waves and I gasp. It can't be, it just can't be!' Describe what happens next.

OR

- 3.



OR

- 4.



Section B

Transactional writing [10]

Choose **ONE** of the topics below and write a response of 60-80 words. You must show evidence of planning and editing.

2.1

Diary Entry

You recently celebrated your 14th birthday. Your friends threw a huge surprise party for you.

Write a short diary entry about your thoughts, experiences and feelings after the event.

2.2

Speech

Your father is turning 50 and has asked you to speak at his birthday party. Write the speech that you will deliver.

2.3

Newspaper article

Write an article for a newspaper about the use of cellphones in schools and their effects on learners.