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TIME: 2 HOURS
MARKS: 140

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of FOUR sections.

   SECTION A: COMPREHENSION
   SECTION B: SUMMARY
   SECTION C: READING AND VIEWING
   SECTION D: COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE IN PRACTICE

2. Answer all the questions.

3. Read all the questions carefully.

4. Number the answers according to the numbering system used in this question paper.

5. Start each section on a new page.

6. Use only a black or blue pen.

7. All the work that you do not want to be marked must be crossed out.

8. Write neatly and legibly.

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SECTION A: COMPREHENSION

QUESTION 1

Read the passage below and answer the following questions.

HOW DOES YOUR DIABETES AFFECT YOUR EYES?

Did you know? According to U.S. Centre for Disease Control (CDC), diabetes is the primary cause of blindness in adults aged 20 to 74. Referred to as diabetic retinopathy, high blood sugar levels caused by diabetes damages the blood vessels located in the retina. Diabetic retinopathy may not cause any symptoms from the onset, but early detection, timely treatment, and appropriate follow-up care can reduce a person's risk for severe vision loss from a diabetic eye disease by 95 percent.
Here is how to spot the tell-tale signs of vision loss, and the steps you can take to prevent or delay vision loss.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

- ***Blurry Vision***

If your vision seems blurry, it may be caused by high blood sugar- this causes your lens to swell, which affects your ability to see. When your sugar levels return to normal, your vision clears up again. To rectify this, you need to get your blood sugar back into target range. It may take as long as three months to fully restore your vision.

- ***Cataracts***

The internal lens of your eye allows you to focus on an image, and when this lens gets cloudy, a cataract may be formed. When your lens is cloudy, your eye can't focus as it should. People with diabetes tend to develop cataracts earlier, and the condition worsens quicker. Cataracts require surgery to rectify vision loss.

- ***Glaucoma***

People with diabetes are more likely to have glaucoma, a condition where pressure builds up inside your eye when fluid can't drain as it should. This can permanently damage nerves and blood vessels and affects vision as a result. Medications can treat glaucoma; they lower eye pressure, speed up the drainage and/or reduce the amount of liquid your eye makes.

BE PROACTIVE

It is important for people with diabetes to have a comprehensive and dilated eye exam at least once a year. New treatments are being developed all the time, and doctors are continuously learning that different treatments may work best for different patients.

HOW TO PREVENT DIABETIC RETINOPATHY

Managing your diabetes is the best way to lower your risk of diabetic retinopathy. That means keeping your blood sugar levels as close to normal as possible. This is aided by regular physical activity, a healthy diet, and carefully administering your insulin or other diabetes medicines. Hypertension or high cholesterol in conjunction with diabetes increases your risk for diabetic retinopathy, so controlling your blood pressure and cholesterol can also help lower your risk for vision loss.

Compiled by Rene Very, Vision Works Optometrist

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1.1 Who would be the target audience for this passage? (2)

1.2 Various options are given as possible answers to the following questions. Choose the answer and write only the letter (A–D) next to the question number (1.3.1–1.3.3) in the ANSWER BOOK.

1.2.1 What is the purpose of this article?

A To inform
B To scare
C To emphasise
D To entertain

1.2.2 The synonym of the word ‘located’ in the first paragraph is:

A Near
B Atop
C Positioned
D Around

1.2.3 The antonym of the word ‘normal’ in the second paragraph is:

A Anormal
B Denormal
C Unnormal
D Abnormal

(3 × 2) (6)

1.3 Indicate whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE by writing only 'True' or 'False' next to the question number (1.3.1–1.3.2) in the ANSWER BOOK.

1.3.1 Glaucoma needs surgery to be treated.

1.3.2 Diabetics should have a comprehensive and dilated eye exam annually.

(2 × 2) (4)

1.4 What is *diabetic retinopathy*? (3)

1.5 Name TWO symptoms of diabetic retinopathy. (2)

1.6 Can the symptoms mentioned in QUESTION 1.5 above be rectified or managed? Quote ONE statement from the passage to support your answer. (3)

1.7 Explain each symptom you mentioned in QUESTION 1.5. (4)

1.8 In your opinion, can diabetic retinopathy be avoided? Give a reason for your answer. (3)

1.9 What ages are mentioned as the most susceptible to diabetic retinopathy? (1)

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1.10 Give TWO ways that can help one keep their blood sugar levels as close to normal as possible. (2)

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TOTAL SECTION A: 30

SECTION B: SUMMARY

QUESTION 2

Read the passage below and draw a FIVE-point mind-map to summarise the article.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. You should have ONE central idea and FOUR supporting facts.
2. Use half a page to draw/present your mind map.
3. Use your own words as far as possible.
4. You will be marked according to the following rubric.

CONTENT	LAYOUT	GRAMMAR/LANGUAGE	TOTAL
5	3	2	10

Magashule's former PA, Cholota, denies any wrongdoing in R255m asbestos tender case.

Alpha Ramushwana, 12 August 2024 | 11:19

Moroadi Cholota is accused of enabling financial favours on Ace Magashule's behalf, which allegedly led to the looting of the R255 million tender.

Fraud and corruption-accused Moroadi Cholota appeared in the Bloemfontein Magistrates Court on 12 August 2024.

JOHANNESBURG - The former personal assistant of former Free State Premier, Ace Magashule, has denied being involved in any wrongdoing in connection with the botched R255 million asbestos contract.

Thirty-seven-year-old Moroadi Cholota made her first appearance in the Bloemfontein Magistrates Court on Monday morning after being extradited from US on Thursday last week.

She is accused of enabling financial favours on Magashule's behalf, which allegedly led to the looting of the R255 million tender.

Delivering Cholota's written affidavit in court on Monday, her lawyer, Loyiso Makapela, said that the State had no evidence proving her client was guilty of fraud, corruption and money laundering.

"The law requires that the State prove the case against me beyond reasonable doubt. I am certain that it will fail to do so as it has no evidence that links me to any fraud, corruption or money laundering. I thus intend to plead not guilty in the envisaged trial."

The matter has been postponed to Tuesday, to allow the State to respond to the defence's bail application.

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TOTAL SECTION B: 10

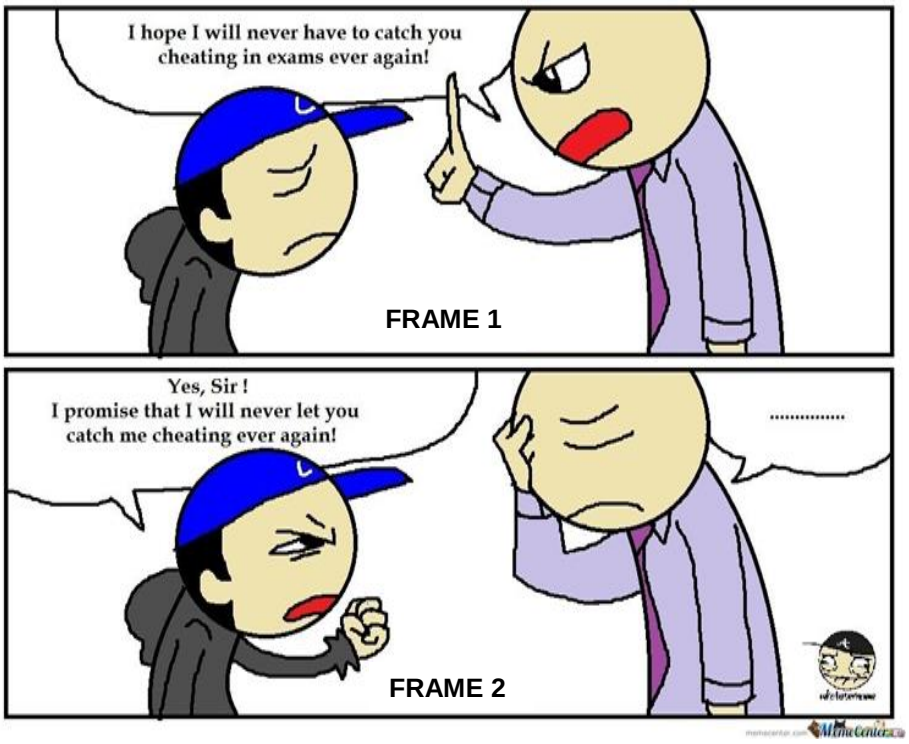
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SECTION C: READING AND VIEWING

QUESTION 3

Study the cartoons below and answer the questions that follow.

CARTOON A



3.1.1 In Frame 1, how does the teacher's body language show that he is angry? (2)

3.1.2 Study Frame 2. Why are there only dots in the teacher's speech bubble instead of words? (2)

3.1.3 Who is the sender in Frame 1? (1)

3.1.4 Choose the correct answer from the list below and write only the letter (A–C) next to the question number in the ANSWER BOOK.

Cartoon A is an example of:

A Mass communication
B Interpersonal communication
C Intrapersonal communication (1)

3.1.5 What is the message in Frame 2? (1)

3.1.6 Do you think Cartoon A is funny? Give a reason for your answer. (2)

CARTOON B



Word list
- Facilities: comforts, conveniences, accommodation, services, living conditions
- Advancement: getting ahead, promotion opportunities, moving up

3.2.1 In what type of institution (place) are the two characters in Cartoon B staying? (2)

3.2.2 Give TWO reasons for your answer in QUESTION 3.2.1. (2)

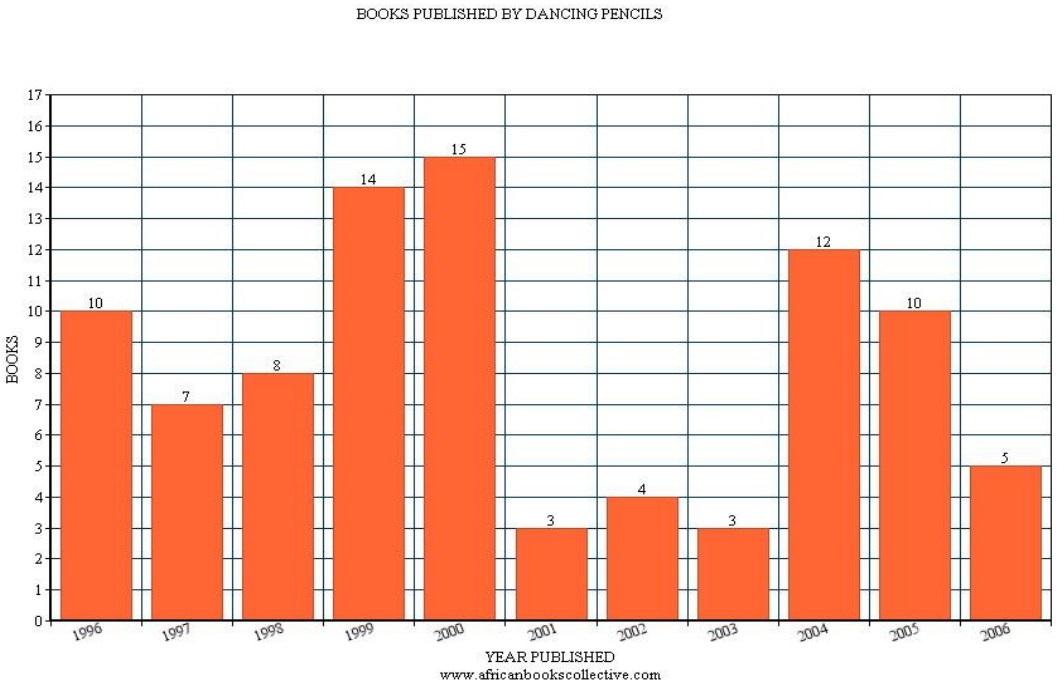
3.2.3 Which ONE of these characters has been there for longer? (1)

3.2.4 Give a reason for your answer in QUESTION 3.2.3. (1)
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QUESTION 4

4.1 Study the following graph and answer the questions that follow:



4.1.1 During which TWO years were only three books published? (2)

4.1.2 In which year was the highest number of books published? (1)

4.1.3 Between which TWO years was the biggest increase in books published? (2)

4.1.4 Write ONE sentence describing what the graph tells us. (3)

4.2 Study the table below and answer the questions that follow:

NAME OF BOOK	AUTHOR	PUBLISHER	YEAR
Against All Odds	Charles Cantalupu	Hdri Publishers, UK	2007
Courage and Consequence	Mary Jay, Susan Kelly	African Books Collection, UK	2002
A Handbook for Writing Skills	Naan Jane OpokuAgyemang	Ghana University Press, Ghana	1998
The African Writers' Handbook	James Gibbs	African Books Collection, UK	1999
A Creative Writing Handbook for African Writers and Students	Tanure Ojaide	Malthouse Press, Nigeria	2005

4.2.1 Where was '*Against All Odds'* published? (1)

4.2.2 What is the function of a publisher? (2)

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4.2.3 What do you think the content of '*A Handbook for Writing Skills*' would be? (2)

4.2.4 Name ONE of the authors who wrote '*Courage and Consequence*'. (1)

4.2.5 How many books were published in the USA? (1)

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TOTAL SECTION C: 30

SECTION D: COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE IN PRACTICE

QUESTION 5

5.1 Complete the following sentences by filling in the correct pronoun:

5.1.1 Thabo rides … bicycle to school.

5.1.2 To … was the letter addressed?

5.1.3 (Who's/Whose) … shoes are these?

5.1.4 The lecturer gave (I) … an assignment.

5.1.5 John is the King's only son, which makes (his/him) … an heir.

(5 × 1) (5)

5.2 Identify the adjectives in the following sentences. Write only the adjective next to the question number (5.2.1–5.2.5) in the ANSWER BOOK.

5.2.1 This is the laziest child I have ever seen.

5.2.2 Their car sped past a red traffic light.

5.2.3 A cheetah is the fastest animal on land.

5.2.4 He told silly jokes at the wedding

5.2.5 Usain Bolt broke a longstanding record in the 100m finals.

(5 × 1) (5)

5.3 Copy and complete the following table in your ANSWER BOOK by writing the answer next to the question number (5.3.1–5.3.10) as shown below.

POSITIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
Wet	5.3.1	5.3.2
Thankful	5.3.3	5.3.4
Good	5.3.5	5.3.6
Little	5.3.7	5.3.8
Much	5.3.9	5.3.10

(10)

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5.4 Choose an adverb from the box below to complete each of the following sentences.

absolutely; everywhere; fortunately; hurriedly; rarely; tonight; fast; nearly; late; generously; quietly; soon

5.4.1 The thief left the scene of the crime … . (1)

5.4.2 I … agree with you; it is a freak accident. (1)

5.4.3 He … offered to pay for the damage. (1)

5.4.4 … it will be spring again. (1)

5.4.5 Poor people … go on holiday. (1)

5.4.6 We searched for the stolen car … . (1)

5.4.7 Is the party …? (1)

5.4.8 When she came home …, she … closed the door so as not to wake her parents. (2)

5.4.9 The thief ran so … that the police officer could not catch him. (1)

5.4.10 I … missed the taxi, but … I didn't, that's why I'm on time for class. (2)

5.5 Give the past tense of the following verbs:

5.5.1 Be

5.5.2 Walk

5.5.3 Cry

5.5.4 Grow

5.5.5 Light

5.5.6 Mistake

5.5.7 Raise

5.5.8 Weep

(8 × 1) (8)

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QUESTION 6

Study the cartoon below and answer the questions that follow.



FRAME 1 **FRAME 2** **FRAME 3**

6.1 Mention the category of communication in Frame 1. (1)

6.2 Give a reason for your answer in QUESTION 6.1. (1)

6.3 Name the emotion or feeling of the character in Frame 2. (1)

6.4 Look at Frame 3 and identify who the sender is. (1)

6.5 State and explain the barrier experienced by the character in Frame 1. (3)

6.6 A different/second barrier is evident in Frame 3. Name the barrier and give a reason for your answer. (3)

6.7 Why is the character in Frame 2 screaming? (2)

6.8 Name the category of communication in Frame 3. (1)

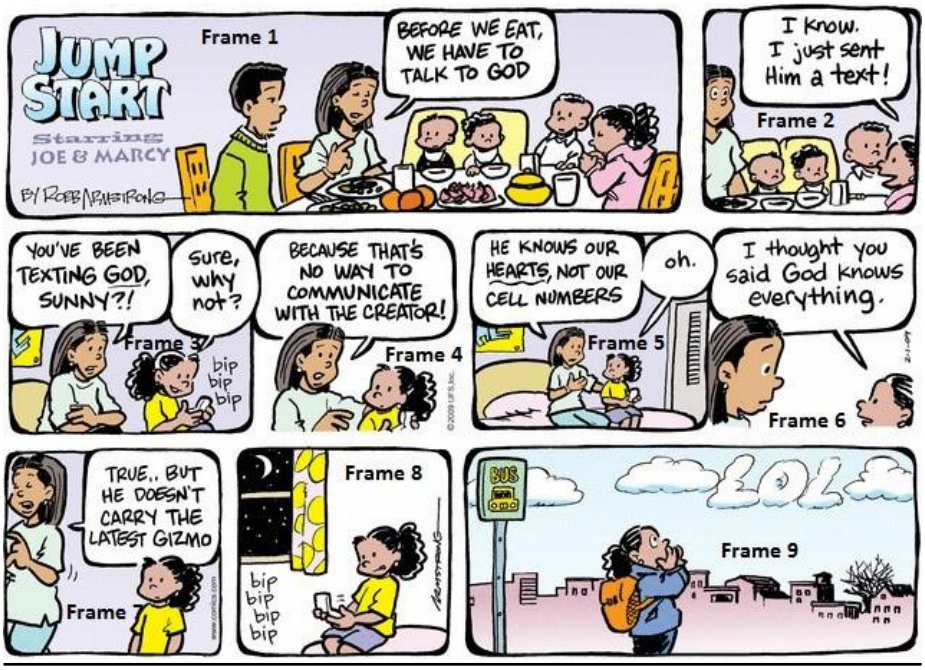
6.9 What is said to be stupid in Frame 1? (1)

6.10 What category of communication is a comic strip? (1)

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QUESTION 7

Study the cartoon below and answer the questions that follow.



7.1 What is the function of the question and exclamation mark after the name 'Sunny' in frame 3? (1)

7.2 How does Sunny react to her mother in frame 3? (1)

7.3 What other word for God is used in frame 4? (1)

7.4 Choose the correct answer from the list below and write only the letter (A–C) next to the question number (7.4) in the ANSWER BOOK.

Give a synonym for the word 'Gizmo' in frame 7:

A Gadget
B Brand
C Calculator (1)

7.5 Explain the non-verbal message Sunny is communicating in the last frame. (2)

7.6 Why is 'LOL' written in the clouds? (1)

7.7 What does the acronym in QUESTION 7.6 stand for? (1)

7.8 What is the communication barrier between the mother and daughter in the cartoon? (1)

7.9 Motivate your answer to QUESTION 7.8. (3)

7.10 Why do you think the cartoon is called 'Jump Start'? (3)

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TOTAL SECTION D: 70
GRAND TOTAL: 140

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