

29.1.3 English Paper 3 (101/3)

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ENGLISH
Paper 3
(Creative composition
and essays
based on set texts)
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2½ hours

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Instructions to candidates

*Answer **three** questions only.*

*Questions **one** and **two** are **compulsory**.*

*In question **three** choose only **one** of the optional texts you have prepared on.*

Where a candidate presents work on more than one optional text, only the first one to appear will be marked.

*Each of your essays must **not** exceed **450** words.*

All answers to be written in the answer booklet provided.

This paper consists of 2 printed pages

Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that both pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.

Answer **three** questions only.

1 Creative Composition (compulsory) (20 marks)

Either

(a) Write a composition illustrating the saying: "Honesty is the best policy".

Or

(b) Write a story beginning:

I had never found myself in such a situation before . . .

2 Drama (compulsory) (20 marks)

Using William Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice* for your illustrations, write an essay on the need for forgiveness in human relationships.

3 Optional Set Texts (20 marks)

Either

(a) The Short Story

Macmillan (Ed), *Half a Day and other stories*

Using illustrations from the story 'The Town' by Eneriko Seruma, write an essay on the characteristics of Townspeople as seen through the eyes of The Villager.

In a paragraph, say whether or not you agree with The Villager.

Or

(b) Drama

John Ruganda, *Shreds of Tenderness*

There are several instances of "Play within a play" in John Ruganda's *Shreds of Tenderness*.

Write an essay describing any **three** such instances and indicate how they contribute to the play.

Or

(c) The Novel

Velma Pollard, *Homestretch*

With illustrations from Velma Pollard's *Homestretch*, write an essay on the relationship between children and their step-parents.