

Nelson Mandela Bay Education

Grade 4: English Home Language

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Marking Guidelines

Marks: 40

Time: 15 minutes reading

1 ½ hours writing

This marking guideline consists of 4 pages.

NOTE:

- This marking memorandum is intended as a guide for markers.
- Learners' responses should be considered on merit.
- Answers should be assessed holistically, and marks awarded accordingly.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MARKERS:

- For open-ended questions, no mark should be awarded for YES/NO or TRUE/FALSE if no reason/substantiation/motivation is given.
- Where one-word answers are required and the candidate gives a whole sentence, mark correct provided that the correct word is underlined / highlighted.
- For multiple choice questions, accept EITHER the letter corresponding with the correct answer OR the answer written out in full.
- Do not award ½ marks.

Question	Maximum Mark
1. Comprehension	15
2. Visual Text	10
3. Summary	5
4. Language Structures and Conventions	10
Total Mark: 40	

QUESTION 1 – COMPREHENSION (15 MARKS)

QU	EXPECTED ANSWERS	MARK	Cognitive level
1.1	Baking with their grandma.	1	1
1.2	They saw tiny white footprints on the floor.	1	2
1.3	Whiskers, the cat.	1	1
1.4	He knocked over the flour and tried to hide it.	1	2
1.5	Yes, because it made baking more fun. / No, because they lost time baking.	1	4
1.6	She was happy they worked together and had fun solving the mystery.	1	3
1.7	He might have thought it was something fun to play with.	1	3
1.8	Excited and proud.	1	3
1.9	Yes, because they spent time together, solved a problem, and baked cookies.	1	4
1.10	I would look for clues and ask questions like a detective.	1	5
1.11	He might have felt guilty or surprised.	1	3
1.12	In Whiskers' food bowl.	1	1
1.13	The footprints and the flour trail leading to Whiskers' food bowl.	1	2
1.14	She wanted to make the situation fun and exciting for them.	1	3
1.15	She is playful, kind, and loves to teach in a fun way.	1	3

Level 1&2	Level 3	Level 4&5	Total
6	6	3	15

QUESTION 2 – VISUAL TEXT (10 MARKS)

POSSIBLE ANSWERS	MARK
LOWER ORDER (4 MARKS)	
1. Choc-chip	1
2. 24 cookies	1
3. R29.99	1
4. Any two of the following: • Coconut • Hazelnut • Dark chocolate	1
MIDDLE ORDER (3 MARKS)	
5.1 To show what the cookies look like and make them look tasty so people want to buy them.	1
5.2 To make the cookies seem fresh, special, and made with care.	1
6. Tasty / Yummy / Scrumptious / Mouth-watering (Any suitable synonym that fits the sentence)	1
HIGHER ORDER (3 MARKS)	
7. Accept answers such as: • Big, bold heading • Fun fonts and layout • Yummy cookie pictures • Exciting words like “ALL NEW” and “irresistibly”	1
8. Accept reasoned answers such as: • Yes, because the cookies look tasty and the advert uses nice words. • Yes, because there is a special price and a caramel surprise inside. (Must give a valid reason)	1
9. Any creative answer that includes a flavour and a description. Example: • Strawberry swirl – a fruity cookie with real strawberry bits and creamy vanilla chips. (1 mark for creativity and descriptive effort)	1

QUESTION 3 – SUMMARY (5 MARKS)

Dark chocolate can be **good for your heart** ✓ because it keeps the blood flowing.
It also **gives you energy** ✓ and can make you feel happy.
Cocoa beans have nutrients that can help **keep your body strong**. ✓
Chocolate contains calcium to help your **bones stay healthy**. ✓

QUESTION 4 – LANGUAGE STRUCTURES AND CONVENTIONS (10 MARKS)

QU	EXPECTED ANSWERS	MARK
4.1	Did Siphó enjoy the vetkoek from the café?	1
4.2	(b) borrowed word	1
4.3	a crowd of customers / a crowd of hungry customers <i>Do not accept crowd only.</i>	1
4.4	friendly	1
4.5	"Good afternoon, Mr. Jacobs! Do you have any of your famous vetkoek today?" he asked. <i>Must be completely correct for the mark to be awarded.</i>	1
4.6	Tasty Treats <i>May not include the word Café.</i>	1
4.7	walked	1
4.8	The best thing since sliced bread	1
4.9	crowd	1
4.10	tastier	1