



Nelson Mandela Bay Education

Grade 7: English Home Language

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Marking Guideline

Marks: 60

Time: 15 minutes reading

2 hours writing

This marking guideline consists of 5 pages.

Instructions and Information:

1. Do not penalise for spelling.
2. Do not engage in negative marking.
3. Give the learner the benefit of the doubt.
4. Allow for own interpretation of questions, when the occasion arises.
5. If the learner has written more than 70 words, do not mark after the first 70 words.

Grade: 7 English Home Language Formal Assessment**Text Type:** Novel, Poster, Book Review, Book Blurb**Text:** Novel Extract – Dead on Target by Franklin W. Dixon; Genre Poster; Blu Ray Cover Murder on the Orient Express; Death on the Nile Book Review; Hounds of the Baskerville Blurb

Question	Answer	Mark	Level
LEVEL 1 / 2 = 40 LEVEL 3 = 40 LEVEL 4 / 5 = 20			
LEVEL 1 / 2		8	8
LEVEL 3		8	8
LEVEL 4 / 5		4	4
<u>Question 1: Comprehension</u>			
1.1	A section from a book. (categorise)	1	2
1.2	Chapter (classify)	1	2
1.3	Joe Hardy (state)	1	1
1.4	C. like a mushroom cloud (recall)	1	1
1.5	It is a car. (infer)	1	3
1.6	Iola was in the sedan. (relate)	1	1
1.7	His brother was running towards flames. (infer)	1	3
1.8	“flying tackle”	1	3
1.9	Nobody runs into flames. His actions are bizarre. (Infer/ Guess)	1	3
1.10	The fire was too hot for her to have survived. She was dead.	1	3
1.11	Joe had to accept that Iola was dead. (Infer)	1	3
1.12	“Surged up again” (relate)	1	1
1.13	“painful” or “blood”	1	3
1.14	It means she must stop nagging.	1	3
1.15	Open ended but not limited to No, I would not as I have a fear of fire. Yes, I would but it depends on who needs help.	1	4

1.16	Detective Fiction	1	1
1.17	A villain is a person who is up to no good and probably committed a crime.	1	4
1.18	The setting is the house.	1	1
1.19	Open ended but not limited to I enjoy reading because I love stories/ it keeps me busy/ it makes me interact better with people. I do not enjoy reading because I find it boring/ I don't know the words/ the words are hard to read.	1	5
1.20	Open ended I enjoy the book more than the movie because the book gives you more detail. I enjoy watching the movie rather than reading the book, because it takes less time, I can also speak on the movie if anyone asks/ I do not enjoy reading so watching the movie is better for me.	1	5
		Total:	20

Question 2: Visual Text

2.1	A cover of a Blu-ray box (recall)	1	1
2.2	The clothes and the hairstyles indicate that it is not 21 st century. (infer)	1	3
2.3	Orient Express (relate express to train)	1	1
2.4	Murder (infer)	1	3
2.5	It is a streaming platform or streaming app.	1	3
2.6	They are holding glasses in their hand. There is a bar counter.	1	3
2.7	He needs it to walk. (relate)	1	1
2.8	The word "spectacular" is regarded as emotive language because it is primarily used to evoke a strong emotional response in the audience, rather than to provide a purely objective or neutral description. (relate)	1	1
2.9	Open ended but not limited to I would watch this movie as I enjoy murder mysteries. I do not enjoy this genre.	1	4
2.10	Open ended but not limited to I would have printed it in colour. I would have spaced the characters better.	1	4
Total:			10

Question 3: Summary

3	1. The setting of Death on the Nile is in Egypt. 2. An heiress, Linnet Ridgeway and husband, Simon Doyle, are on honeymoon. 3. Jacqueline de Bellefort, Simon's ex-fiancé and Linnet's former friend stalks them while they were on their honeymoon. 4. Linnet is then murdered. 5. Hercule Poirot, a detective, is asked to investigate. 6. Jacqueline has a solid alibi although she was the prime suspect. 7. At the end, Poirot calls together all the suspects and solves the crime.	Total: 10
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Marking guideline

Where own words (i.e., not direct quotations) have been used, award marks for **language** as follows:

Award marks for Language:

- 1-3 facts correct 1 mark
- 4-5 facts correct 2 marks
- 6-7 facts correct 3 marks

Where direct quotations from the text has been used, award marks for language as follows:

Award marks for Language:

- 6-7 direct quotations – no mark for language
- 1-5 direct quotations - 1 mark for language

Question 4: Language Structures and Conventions

4.1	noblemen	1
4.2	wealthiest	1
4.3	arrives	1
4.4	died	1
4.5	hare	1
4.6	Amongst thieves	1
4.7	by	1
4.8	themselves	1
4.9	Question Mark	1
4.10	Dartmoor	1
4.11	An	1

4.12	terrify	1
4.13	It means not	1
4.14	Is written by Sir Doyle	1
4.15	Neither Sherlock nor Dr. Watson were in Dartmoor.	1
4.16	Sherlock said that he had solved the crime.	1
4.17	Sherlock is a detective who solves crimes.	1
4.18	Exclamation	1
4.19	It modifies the verb. Tells us more about the verb.	1
4.20	glory	1
Total:		20