

Nelson Mandela Bay Education

Grade 7: English Home Language

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Marks: 60

Time: 15 minutes reading

2 hours writing

Name and Surname: _____

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This question paper consists of 14 pages.

Instructions and Information:

1. This question paper consists of TWO sections and FOUR questions.
2. Read all the questions carefully before writing.
3. Answer all the questions, using the space provided.
4. Write neatly and legibly.

Question	Maximum Mark	Mark Obtained
1. Comprehension	20	
2. Visual Text	10	
3. Summary	10	
4. Language Structures and Conventions	20	
Total Mark: 60		

Question 1:

Read the following then answer the questions based on the Novel Extract *Dead on Target* by Franklin W. Dixon

Chapter 1

"GET OUT OF my way, Frank!" Joe Hardy shoved past his brother, shouting to be heard 1
over the roar of the flames. Straight ahead, a huge fireball rose like a mushroom cloud over
the parking lot coming from the yellow sedan. "Iola's in there! We've got to get her out!"

Frank stared, his lean face frozen in shock, as his younger brother ran straight for the 2
billowing flames. Then he raced after Joe, catching him in a flying tackle about five metres
away from the blaze.

"Do you want to get yourself killed?" Frank yelled, rising to his knees. "Joe! She wouldn't 3
have lasted a second," he said, trying to soften the blow. "Face it, Joe."

For an instant, Frank thought the message had gotten through. Then he surged up again, 4
eyes wild. "No! I can save her! Let go!" Before Joe could get to his feet, Frank tackled him
again, sending both tumbling along the ground.

Painfully pulling himself up, Frank wiped something wet from his lips - blood. He sprinted 5
after Joe, blindly snatching at his T-shirt. The fabric tore loose in his hand. The air was so
hot it scorched Frank's throat as he gasped for breath. He flipped Joe free, throwing him off
balance. Then he wrapped one arm around Joe's neck and cocked the other back, flashing
in a karate blow. Joe went limp in his brother's arms.

As Frank dragged them both out of danger, he heard the wail of sirens in the distance. We 6
should never have come, he thought, never. Just an hour before, Joe had jammed the brakes
on the car, stopping in front of the mall.

"So this is why we had to come here," he exclaimed. "They're having a rally! Give me a break, 7
Iola." "You knew we were working on the campaign." Iola grinned, looking like a little dark-
haired pixie. "Would you have come if we'd told you?" "No way! What do you think, I'm going
to stand around handing out Walker for President flyers?" Joe scowled at his girlfriend.

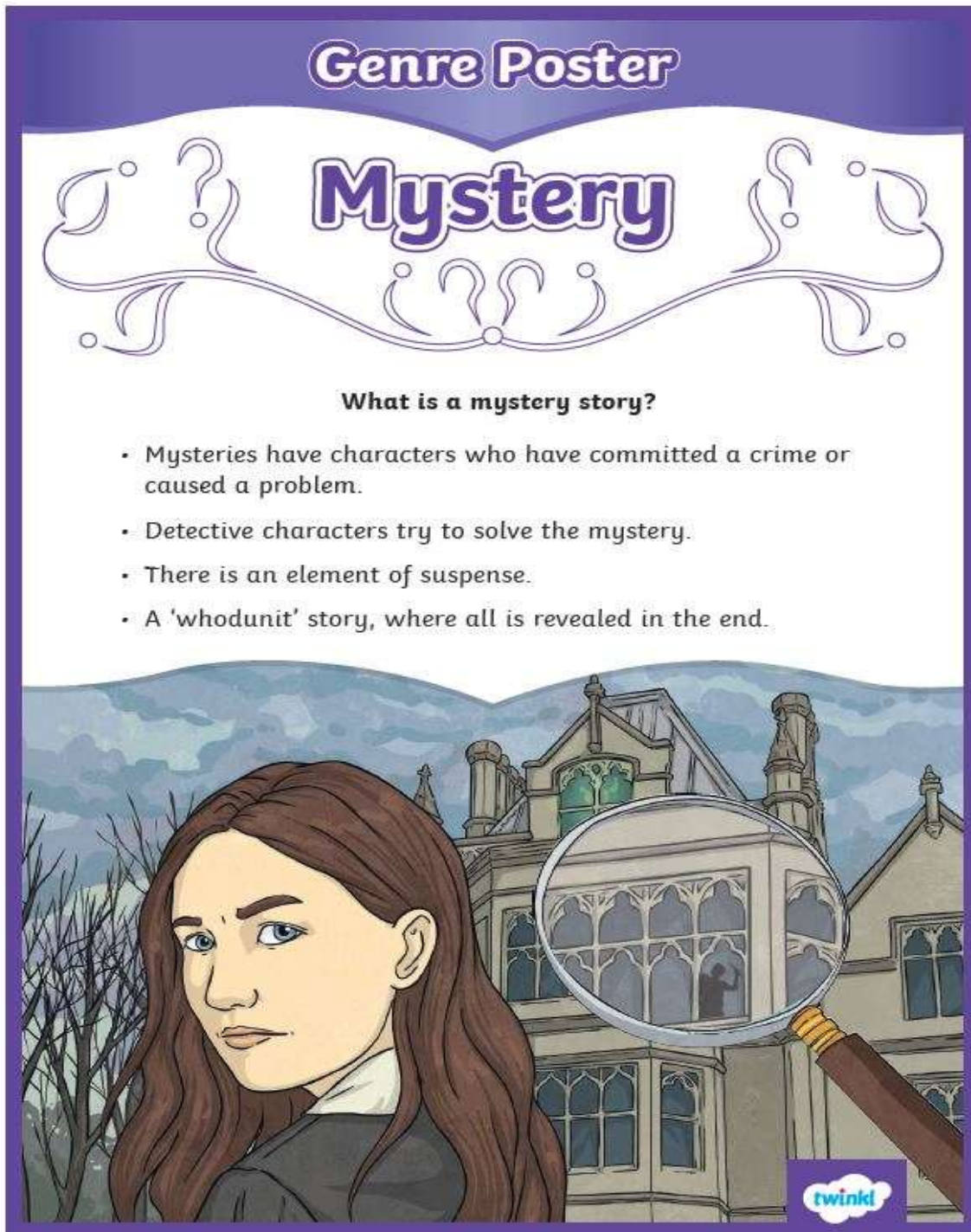
Answer the following questions:

- 1.1 What does "novel extract" mean? 1
- A a section from a book
 - B meaning in a novel
 - C a piece of a poem
 - D condensed book

- 1.2 Which words indicate that it is from a novel? 1
- A chapter
 - B extract
 - C novel
 - D read
- 1.3 Who is running towards the flames? 1
- A Hardy
 - B Frank
 - C Iola
 - D Joe
- 1.4 Locate the simile in paragraph 1. 1
- A roar of the flames
 - B like a mushroom cloud
 - C from a yellow sedan
 - D huge fireball
- 1.5 What is a sedan? Paragraph 1 "yellow sedan". 1
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- 1.6 Who was in the sedan? 1
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- 1.7 Why was Frank shocked? (Paragraph 2) 1
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- 1.8 Which word/s in paragraph 2 indicates that Frank might play American football. 1
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| 1.9 | Why does Frank ask Joe if he wants to get himself killed? (Paragraph 3) | 1 |
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| 1.10 | What does “she wouldn’t have lasted a second” in paragraph 3 mean? | 1 |
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| 1.11 | What does Frank’s message, “Face it, Joe” in paragraph 3 mean? | 1 |
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| 1.12 | Which words in paragraph 4 indicate that Frank’s message did not make Joe change his mind | 1 |
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| 1.13 | Which word/s in paragraph 5 indicates that Frank was injured. | 1 |
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| 1.14 | What does “give me a break” in paragraph 7 mean? | 1 |
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| 1.15 | Would you run into flames to save someone? Justify your answer. | 1 |
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Study the poster below and then answer the questions that follow



1.16 What genre is similar to a “mystery”?

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- A Detective Fiction
- B Romance
- C Horror
- D Action

1.17 Describe a typical villain. 1

1.18 Judging from the picture, what is the setting? 1

1.19 Explain why you enjoy or do not enjoy reading books. 1

1.20 Explain why reading the book is better than watching it at the movies or on television. 1

OR

Explain why you prefer watching the movie than reading the book.

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Question 2: Visual Text

Look at the following Visual text then answer the questions that follow



2.1 This is an example of a

- A Cover of a Blu-Ray box
- B Cover of a book
- C Advert for the movie
- D Flyer for the movie

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- 2.2 How do we know that this movie is not set in the 21st century? 1

- 2.3 Which word/s in the title indicates that the setting is on a train? 1

- 2.4 Which word in the title indicates the genre could be a mystery? 1

- 2.5 What is "Movies Anywhere"? 1

- 2.6 The setting of the picture is in the bar compartment of the train. Give a reason for this statement. 1

- 2.7 Why would the man with the moustache be using a cane? 1

- 2.8 Why would the word "Spectacular" be regarded as emotive language? 1

- 2.9 Why will you or why will you not watch this movie? 1

- 2.10 Explain how you could have made this picture better. 1

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Question 3: Summary

Read the following then summarise the content into no more than 70 words or seven sentences.

Instructions:

1. Remove unnecessary information.
2. Find the topic sentence.
3. Use your own words.
4. Use one word for many words.
5. Count the words.

Hercule Poirot Investigates a Deadly Love Triangle on an Egyptian Cruise in Agatha Christie's "Death on the Nile"

Agatha Christie's mystery novel, "Death on the Nile," takes the famous Belgian detective Hercule Poirot into a web of passion, jealousy, and murder aboard a luxurious Nile river boat. The Egyptian honeymoon of heiress Linnet Ridgeway and her new husband, Simon Doyle, takes a dark turn when Linnet is found shot dead.

The story begins with Linnet having recently married Simon, who was previously engaged to Linnet's once-close friend, Jacqueline de Bellefort. The jilted and vengeful Jacqueline relentlessly stalks the newlyweds on their honeymoon, creating an atmosphere of palpable tension. Despite Poirot's attempts to dissuade her, Jacqueline's bitterness remains a constant shadow over the couple.

Aboard the S.S. Karnak, a cosmopolitan group of passengers, each with their own secrets and potential motives, becomes entangled in the unfolding drama. When Linnet is discovered murdered in her cabin, suspicion naturally falls on Jacqueline. However, Jacqueline appears to have a seemingly airtight alibi: at the presumed time of Linnet's murder, she had a public, hysterical confrontation with Simon, culminating in her shooting him in the leg with a small pistol, after which she was sedated and watched.

In a classic ending, Poirot reveals the shocking truth by calling all the suspects together then unveiling to everyone his take on the "psychology of the crime."

"Death on the Nile" is a classic example of Agatha Christie's intricate plotting, offering a captivating tale of love, betrayal, and revenge set against the exotic backdrop of Egypt.

First Draft:

Final Draft:

Word Count: _____

Correct Facts	/ 7
Language	/ 3
Total	/ 10

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Question 4: Language Structures and Conventions

Read the below text and answer the questions that follow

The Hound of the Baskervilles

When Sir Charles Baskerville, a wealthy and eccentric nobleman, dies under mysterious circumstances, his nephew and heir, Sir Henry Baskerville, is warned to stay away from the family's ancestral home on Dartmoor.

Legend has it that the Baskerville family is cursed by a supernatural hound, a creature said to haunt the misty and eerie Grimpen Mire. As Sir Henry arrives at Baskerville Hall, a series of strange and terrifying events unfolds.

Enter Sherlock Holmes, the brilliant and analytical detective, who is tasked with unravelling the mystery behind Sir Charles's death and the alleged curse. With his trusty sidekick, Dr. Watson, Holmes delves into a web of deceit, murder, and family secrets to uncover the truth behind The Hound of the Baskervilles.

Written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in 1902, this classic detective novel remains one of the most beloved and enduring tales of mystery and suspense in literary history.

Answer the following questions:

4.1 What is the plural form of “nobleman”? 1

There were many in the court of the king.

4.2 Correct the Degree of Comparison. 1

Sir Charles Baskerville was the (wealthy) man in Dartmoor.

4.3 Choose (by circling the letter) the sentence with the underlined Present Tense Verb. 1

A Sir Henry Baskerville, was arriving at Dartmoor.

B Sir Henry Baskerville, will arrive at Dartmoor.

C Sir Henry Baskerville, arrived at Dartmoor.

D Sir Henry Baskerville, arrives at Dartmoor.

4.4 Which sentence is written in the Simple Past Tense?
(Circle the letter only) 1

A Sir Charles, at the beginning of the book, was dead.

B Sir Charles, at the beginning of the book, is dying.

C Sir Charles, at the beginning of the book, will die.

D Sir Charles, at the beginning of the book, died.

4.5 Choose the correct word to complete the sentence. 1

The (hare, hair) is like a rabbit.

4.6 Complete the Idiom. (Circle the letter only) 1

There is no honour

A amongst thieves

B under the sun

C in the prison

D in that man

4.7 Choose the correct Preposition. 1

Sir Henry will arrive at Baskerville Hall 8 o'clock.

A per

B by

C to

D in

4.8 Complete the sentence using a Reflexive Pronoun. 1

Their neighbours only have To blame for what happened next.

4.9 What is the appropriate punctuation at the end of this sentence? 1

Do you believe in the supernatural

4.10 Write down the Proper Noun. 1

Their ancestral home was on Dartmoor.

4.11 Choose a word which better suits the sentence. 1

(An, a) unknown hound was heard barking and howling.

4.12 What is the root word of the following: **terrifyingly** 1

4.13 What is the meaning of the underlined Prefix in this sentence? 1

Sherlock has to unravel the mystery.

4.14 What is the Predicate of the sentence? 1

The story is written by Sir Doyle.

- 4.15 Correct the sentence. 1
Neither Sherlock nor Dr Watson was in Dartmoor.

- 4.16 Write the following sentence in Indirect Speech. 1
Sherlock said, "I solved the crime."

- 4.17 Join the following sentences using the word within brackets. 1
Sherlock Holmes is a detective. He solves crimes. (who)

- 4.18 What type of Sentence is the following? ***He was shot!***

- 4.19 What is the work of the Adverb? 1
A series of strange and terrifying events **gradually** unfolds.

- 4.20 Which word is the Abstract Noun? 1
He **lovingly** **restored** the house to its **former** **glory**.

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