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Paper 1 Reading and Directed Writing

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Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

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Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in **blue** or **black ink**.

Do **not** use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **all** questions.

Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

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Exercise 1

Read the following article about finding a home and answer the questions on the opposite page.

FINDING A HOME

At a certain age, many people are financially, emotionally and mentally ready to find their own house. In their quest to acquire a house, they still need an independent opinion. This helps them to weigh the options available to them.

Most people start their home ownership journey through renting. This is when you pay a monthly amount to a landlord to live in their house. Renting is a good way to learn how to budget before being bound to the long-term commitment of paying a house loan. It is advisable to rent before buying a house as this gives you practice in managing your finances and being a homeowner. When paying rent, you are liable for the rental amount. On the other hand, when you buy, you incur additional costs such as rates, homeowner's insurance and structural maintenance of the property.

Although renting may be affordable, it is not a good option in the long term as you will never own the property. It is for this reason that the next logical step is buying a house. However, many people cannot afford to do this due to the high cost of living. Saving for a deposit and other costs involved when buying a house is not possible when you are struggling financially. This is where the rent-to-buy option comes in.

The rent-to-buy method was introduced to help those who do not qualify for a house loan. Instead of these people trying to meet their monthly financial obligations of a loan, they keep a good credit record and save towards a deposit. This helps them to save while they rent. First, you have to identify a property that you like. Then you can pay rent over time until you are in a position to afford or qualify for

sufficient finance to purchase it. The rental proves to the financiers that you can handle a monthly repayment of that size.

One's financial position is more important than following one's emotions when it comes to buying property. Some people are uncomfortable about renting as it poses the risk of having to move at the end of the lease period. However, it is better to remain flexible than being stuck with a house that may end up being repossessed if not adequately budgeted for. So, calculate the total cost of owning a home as opposed to just the monthly instalment. On top of that, ask your financier to check if you can afford to buy by comparing your income and expenses. In view of this, the amount you pay as rent should be closer to the instalment for the house loan. In doing this, you have to be honest and provide accurate information about your financial status or risk running into trouble later on.

Many people ask if sales agents are a good or bad idea. Some are only after the commission they get after selling you the property. They make your affordability look good simply for the sale of the property. However, some agents add value during the house buying process. They can save you time as they do the work for you. Most importantly, through their experience they will also help you make the best offer. If your initial offer is too low, the seller might reject it altogether. If it is too high, you would have shot yourself in the foot as the seller would have been willing to accept less. The best place to start is to conduct your own assessment, then find a sales agent to assist you within your budget. At the end of the day, what matters is that you make the financial decision that is best for you.

Questions

(a) Why is an independent opinion necessary before finding a house?

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(b) What do people learn by renting a house prior to buying a house?

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(c) What is the overall advantage of buying a house instead of renting a house?

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..... [2]

(d) Why might some people not be able to buy a house?

..... [1]

(e) Explain the rent-to-buy financing method.

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..... [2]

(f) How can one avoid repossession of their house?

..... [1]

(g) How do sales agents help the buying process run smoothly? (Give **two** details)

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..... [2]

(h) What advice is given to people thinking of buying rather than renting a house? (Give **four** details).

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[Total: 14 marks]

Exercise 2

Read the following article about teaching assertiveness to children and complete the notes on the opposite page.

TEACHING ASSERTIVENESS TO CHILDREN

Being assertive does not come naturally to most children. They also do not know when and how to say 'no' or stand up for themselves. Assertiveness is an important skill to teach them because they learn the right way to communicate. This also enables them to express their feelings, thoughts and beliefs in a clear, respectful manner.

If parents want their children to be authoritative, they should lead by example. Experts believe that children who are raised by parents who are pushovers are likely to be the same because their children look up to them. Parents need to be aware of how they assert themselves when they interact with others. As a parent, you need to express your needs and feelings without hurting others or being passively aggressive. Judgemental statements and using an aggressive tone should not characterise your behaviour as a parent.

Parents in former times used to punish their children for saying 'no' which turned them into people who were afraid of turning others down. Most parents, however, respond negatively when a child says 'no', and this makes the child uncomfortable with saying the word. Parents should teach children how to use correct body language and tone when saying 'no'. Children should be able to disagree in uncomfortable situations and push back when they feel that their boundaries have been crossed. Consent should be explained and children should be encouraged to trust their intuition.

Setting of emotional and physical boundaries is important and therefore parents need to teach this to their children. Most parents tend to talk on behalf of their children without giving them the chance of expressing themselves. Children have to be able

to express their feelings in order for them to know which emotional boundaries cannot be crossed. They need to see their limits respected at home in order for them to do the same for others. An open and honest relationship is important between parents and their children so that they know what is going on in their lives. Children need structure, guidance and love. They also need to know that their personal space and opinions are respected even if someone disagrees with them.

Parents can use phrases like, 'I think' or 'I feel' so that they do not come across as hostile. Also, they should keep the conversation simple, direct and concise. It can also be helpful to use age-appropriate and real-life situations when teaching assertiveness. When your children practise what you have taught them, avoid shutting them down. Instead, praise them for standing up for themselves. This will improve their confidence and they will have the courage to defend themselves. As long as parents do not ignore or hurt the opinions, needs and feelings of others, their children's assertiveness should be acknowledged and celebrated. There will be times when they do not get it right; use this as an opportunity to teach them so they do not become discouraged.

Teaching this skill of assertiveness has its own challenges because the children can become authoritative towards their parents. It is advisable for parents to continue encouraging them, especially when they disagree. Considering there is a thin line between assertiveness and aggression, children are bound to make many mistakes. Throughout this time, the adults have to remain patient and be understanding.

You have some information to share with parents on assertiveness. Using the information from this article make short notes under each heading as a basis for your talk.

Importance of assertiveness

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Ways for parents to teach their children assertiveness

- [1]
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Challenges of teaching assertiveness

- [1]
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[Total: 8 marks]

Exercise 3

Read the following article about four professionals who nurture and help other women to give birth.

THE LIFEBRINGERS

A. DOCTOR ESTHER DLAMINI, 33, Obstetrician/Gynaecologist

Growing up I wanted to be a banker because I was good in accounting. After seeing my sister's paediatrician, I loved how gracious and caring she was, which made her patients feel special. This made me opt for gynaecology.

My career highlight was when I completed my post-graduate studies in record time and got a distinction in my oral exam.

I am fulfilled by the journey of seeing a little dot at six weeks, and then nurturing it into a fully-fledged human being. It is a beautiful one! The beginning of a life determines someone's destiny. If I'm present at the beginning of any child's life, and treat their mother with utmost care, I'm already paving a way for that child to soar.

B. DOCTOR SANDA MABUZA, 36, Obstetrician/Gynaecologist

I've always wanted to work in medicine as long as I can remember. As a child, I'd hang out at my dad's surgery and pretend to give my dolls injections. In matric, I suddenly felt an urge to become a chef, but suppressed it and proceeded to medical school. It was during my internship as a doctor that I decided to indulge my passion of going to chef school, but only part time. After being exposed to all my internship rotations – from working in trauma to paediatrics – it finally dawned on me, in 2008, that gynaecology and obstetrics was where my heart belonged. I started specialising in 2011.

Someone trusting you with her baby's life and her own life is a huge responsibility. Delivering a baby still astounds me to this day. I still marvel at how our bodies are able to grow entire human beings. I was fortunate to give the chef thing a bash but this is my true calling.

C. PHINDILE MASEKO, 59, Private Midwife

I was already a professional nurse, but was clueless as to what field to specialise in. I realised that there was a gap in the midwifery space after having received quality care from one of the hospitals in town where I lived. My fascination with this profession began during this time and I was inspired to provide to other women the same quality care that was afforded to me.

The joy I feel when I witness the happiness, firstly on the mother's face – and then on the faces of the entire family – as the little one makes an entry into the world, is precious. Knowing that I helped to contribute to that joy makes my job worthwhile.

The maternal support that I give to mothers always makes me feel as though I'm doing a bit of women empowerment. Private midwifery can be exhausting because of the travelling and long hours, but it still gives me satisfaction.

D. NONHLANHLA SIMELANE 30, Midwife

My initial plan was to study medicine, but I was hindered by lack of finances. After matric, I worked at a creche for a year, until I caught wind of nursing school application forms being disseminated. I fell in love with midwifery in second year.

I became close to Dr Esther Dlamini who used to stand in for a doctor that I currently work for. I told her about my dream of starting a maternity unit where a woman from a suburb and a woman from a township could both experience the same care.

Witnessing new life enter the world brings pleasure. When I start a week without a baby delivery, I write it off as a bad week. With all the challenges in our healthcare system, I'd still choose midwifery any day!

The questions below are about four professionals in medicine. Each professional has been given the letter A, B, C or D. For each question, write the correct letter which corresponds to the correct person A, B, C or D on the spaces provided.

Questions

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| (a) Who was torn between two careers? | | [1] |
| (b) Who got into medicine against all odds? | | [1] |
| (c) Who got the most outstanding results in medical school? | | [1] |
| (d) Which speaker was inspired by good treatment? | | [1] |
| (e) Who is overwhelmed by the experience of seeing a child being born? | | [1] |
| (f) Who would not change her career for anything? | | [1] |
| (g) Who believes that good treatment of mother and child leads to successful individuals? | | [1] |
| (h) Which speaker has had good family relations career-wise? | | [1] |

[Total: 8 marks]

Exercise 4

Read the following article about **Me Time** and then answer the questions that follow.

ME TIME

Last July, I left for a 12-day solo trip to the Greek Islands. After seven years of being a stay-at-home mom and wife, I had not travelled alone. There were practical reasons why the holiday did not include my daughter, India, or husband, Mike, such as not wanting India to miss school. But mostly, I had waited patiently for my reprieve from what I quite honestly term as ‘domesticity burnout’. Mike had cycled in the Karoo with friends, run the Prague marathon and travelled abroad for work a few times. An avid traveller, I had not left my country since India was born. Now, with a support plan in place, she was old enough to cope without me for a while.

I had always loved motherhood, but never completely adjusted to that heel-nipping feeling that demanded I exchange a paintbrush for a play-date chart. Years ago I had stuck up a picture of a village perched on a cliff in the Mediterranean, where I dreamt of having some ‘me time’. I imagined I would dine on olives and read the books by my bed. Then last January, fate intervened. An invitation arrived from my cousin Patrick to attend his wedding on the Greek island of Skiathos. It is one of the four Sporades islands. It was, I decided, time for me to travel solo. From then on, I planned every second of my trip making sure each detail was researched and taken care of.

On the day I left, I hugged India goodbye and imprinted on my mind her velvet-soft cheek. Suddenly, it was just me and an explosive ball of anticipation in my gut. My first glimpse of the Aegean Sea from the plane almost made my heart crack open with a joy as natural as the sea. I stayed on the remote island of Skopelos, after which I travelled to Skiathos for the wedding. Both islands

are popular with tourists, but Skiathos is more affordable and less populated. I booked into the tiny Three Home Hotel which was the best decision I made on the trip.

Wasting no time, I walked down the hill past a line of freshly laundered sheets, lace-curtained windows and scooters parked outside front doors. In what became a ritual, I returned *kalimeras* (good mornings) to women sweeping the narrow stone streets as children played outside. It was an intimate glimpse into real Greek island life. The best part? It felt effortless. It is light until 10pm in summer, so shops stay open. Browsing through their wares of cotton and linen, dyed in rich hues and crafted into bohemian-style clothes, leather sandals, woven baskets, and jewellery made from gold and turquoise, was bliss. Unaccustomed to having such free time, I began to feel exceptionally alive.

The next morning, I woke at dawn and ventured past the pool to paint the town scene below. Seeing me there, the hotel owner called from where he was picking tomatoes in the garden, offering a real Greek coffee.

Three days later, I caught a ferry to Skiathos, where my cousin’s wedding unfolded atop a hill in a small chapel on an olive farm overlooking the blue sea. Soon, my solo sojourn was over. I had discovered marvellous things. My time alone had afforded me the calm insight that life, despite its challenges, presents what you need, when you truly need it. When I arrived home and hugged my family again, it was as a well-rounded happier me.

(Adapted from Woman and Home, May 2019)

Questions

(a) For how long has the writer not travelled?

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(b) For the writer, what was the most important reason for taking this trip?

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..... [1]

(c) What kind of place did the writer want to visit on her own?

..... [1]

(d) Explain the following figurative expressions as used in the passage:

(i) fate intervened... (para 2)

..... [1]

(ii) explosive ball of anticipation (para 3)

..... [1]

(e) Give two advantages which the island of Skiathos has over the island of Skopelos.

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(f) What phrase in the passage indicate that the writer felt more content after the trip?

..... [1]

[Total: 8 marks]

Exercise 5

Read the following passage. On the opposite page, write a summary of the disadvantages mobile phones have on employees in the workplace. You should use your own words as far as possible.

Your summary should be about 100 words and not more than 120 words. You will receive up to 6 marks for the content of your summary and up to 4 marks for the style and accuracy of language.

Many people cannot live without their cell phones, and spend so much time looking at them that screen time has become a health concern. Phones have also changed the way we work and even what can get us fired.

As phone usage and time spent on the internet becomes even greater than that spent on watching TV or listening to the radio, companies are trying to manage social media and cell phones during office hours. Some employees find that access to social media is banned or blocked by their employer. Because workforces are becoming younger, they tend to spend more time on their screens and poor sleeping patterns result. Therefore, they suffer from fatigue even before they get to work and hence productivity is affected. Companies are now struggling to manage this situation. Employers do have a right to regulate the conduct of employees and how they should work during office hours. However, this can cause tensions in the workplace, making the work environment unconducive to productivity.

There is no specific law dealing with this, but the employer's rights arise from the contract of employment and common law. Cell phone usage can burden both employers and employees with legal issues. For example, the law prohibits using hand-held phones while driving. If employers require or permit their staff to use a mobile phone while driving on duty, they could be committing an offence. Some employees cannot attend to personal business while at work. As a result, they may miss out on important information. For instance, an emergency situation where your child's school is calling or you are ill would be a reasonable circumstance in which the prohibition can be waived. However, best practice suggests that some allowance be made for receiving and making calls during working hours, provided this does not interfere with your performance or that of a colleague.

In some businesses, a ban on cell phones can be for safety reasons. For example, radiation from mobile phones can endanger the lives of colleagues as well as the lives of others. In such situations, using a cell phone might cause great destruction. This can be considered as gross misconduct which may lead to dismissal.

Employment contract may have a clause about employees acting in the company's best interest and exercising care. This means that the company trusts you not to share information with which employees have been entrusted. Confidential information, trademarks and copyrights are all the property of your employer. So, if employees leak information, they can get fired for failure to uphold company policies or be sued for damages and losses the company suffered by the leaking of information.

Mobile phone usage could also escalate the company's bills. Workers can use them for surfing the internet or playing games. In so doing, they are distracted from business tasks. Moreover, if the workers are expected to travel overseas and to roam, this might incur additional costs.

Another complication phones and the internet have added is the blurring of private versus public life. Countless stories have been told where people have been fired for social media posts and things said or written in private. People do not have to be at work to get into trouble. They can even get fired for something they said in private if a connection that causes reputational damage can be drawn between them and their employer. Reputational damage involves the employer saying that they can no longer be associated with you because of your conduct which goes against what they stand for.

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