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**ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE
GRADE 12**

**COMMON CONTROLLED TEST
MARCH 2024**

MARKS: 35

TIME: 1 hour

This paper consists of 8 pages.



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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. This question paper consists of THREE sections:
SECTION A: Comprehension (20)
SECTION B: Summary (10)
SECTION C: Language in context (5)
2. Read ALL the instructions carefully.
3. Answer ALL the questions.
4. Start EACH section on a NEW page.
5. Rule off after each section.
6. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
7. Leave a line after each answer.
8. Pay special attention to spelling and sentence construction.
9. Suggested time allocation:

SECTION A: 30 minutes
SECTION B: 15 minutes
SECTION C: 5 minutes

Write neatly and legibly.

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION**QUESTION 1: READING FOR MEANING AND UNDERSTANDING**

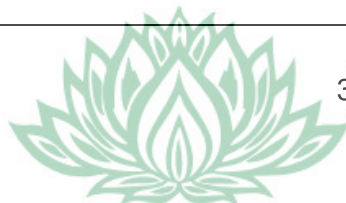
Read TEXTS A and B below and answer the questions set.

TEXT A

Western Cape battling unrelenting blazes.	
1	<p>Cape Town - Devastating fires continue to spread like a plague through parts of the Western Cape as some areas have been declared as a Red Zone.</p> <p>On Monday, the province was ravaged by fire, displacing hundreds of people and destroying several homes. The devastating fires sweeping through parts of the Western Cape have plunged communities into chaos and despair, leaving a trail of destruction and displacement in their wake. With some areas now designated as Red Zones, the urgency of the situation cannot be overstated. Monday bore witness to the province being engulfed by flames, displacing hundreds of residents and reducing numerous homes to ashes. The affected regions, including the Overstrand, Cape Winelands, and segments of Cape Town, have been engulfed by monstrous infernos, laying bare the vulnerability of both urban and rural landscapes to the ravages of wildfire.</p>
2	<p>Families in Silversands and Betty's Bay were forced to flee their homes as the fires raged dangerously close, prompting authorities to issue mandatory evacuation orders. The sense of urgency and fear was palpable as residents scrambled to seek safety, uncertain of what the future held. While many were able to return home later in the evening, the threat of the inferno loomed large, casting a shadow of uncertainty over their lives. Moreover, the Sea Farms area in Hangklip suffered substantial damage to critical infrastructure, exacerbating the challenges faced by residents and emergency responders alike.</p>
3	<p>Charlotte Powell, spokesperson for the disaster risk management center in Cape Town, provided grim statistics reflecting the toll of the fires on human lives and livelihoods. In Overcome Heights, 150 people were displaced, with 40 structures left in ruins. The toll on human lives was</p>



	tragically underscored by the treatment of a 12-year-old boy for severe burn wounds, serving as a poignant reminder of the indiscriminate nature of wildfires. Furthermore, the infrastructural damage was extensive, with vital amenities such as standpipes, portable toilets, and electrical infrastructure being rendered unusable, compounding the hardships faced by affected communities.	25 30
4	The fires showed no mercy as they swept through Masiphumelele, where 30 dwellings were reduced to rubble, leaving 100 people homeless and destitute. Similarly, in Broadlands, Strand, the flames consumed three formal houses and six informal dwellings, exacerbating the already dire housing crisis in the region and leaving families with nowhere to turn for shelter and support.	35
5	As the fires continued to rage unabated, the South African Weather Service issued yellow-level two warnings for damaging coastal winds and thunderstorms, further exacerbating the already perilous situation. In response, authorities ordered a full evacuation of Pringle Bay, underscoring the gravity of the threat posed by the inferno. Dean O'Neill, Overstrand Municipal manager, emphasized the necessity of the evacuation as a precautionary measure for the safety and well-being of residents, urging them to seek refuge at designated emergency evacuation centres.	40 45
6	However, the challenges persisted, with "disaster tourists" disregarding safety protocols and entering restricted areas to take photographs, jeopardizing their safety and impeding the efforts of firefighters battling the blaze. Despite these obstacles, firefighters and emergency responders remained undeterred, working tirelessly through the night to contain the fire and protect lives and property.	50
7	In addition to the immediate firefighting efforts, concerns were raised about the welfare of local wildlife, particularly baboon troops unsettled by the encroaching flames. Kogelberg Villages Environmental Trustees diligently monitored the situation, striving to ensure the safety and well-being of these vulnerable animals amidst the chaos and destruction.	55



8	<p>Meanwhile, municipal cleaning teams in the Cape Winelands worked tirelessly to clear and mop up areas affected by the fires, demonstrating a coordinated response to the crisis. While the cause of the veld fire in Onderpapegaaiberg remained under investigation, municipal spokesperson Stuart Grobbelaar commended the bravery and dedication of firefighters who had responded to nearly 600 fires during this challenging fire season.</p>	60
9	<p>As the battle against the inferno rages on, communities remain united in their resolve to overcome this ordeal and rebuild their lives from the ashes left by the devastating fires. The road to recovery will be long and arduous, but with resilience and solidarity, the people of the Western Cape will emerge stronger than ever before, determined to rebuild their communities and safeguard against future disasters.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[Adapted from <i>Cape Argus</i>-Published Jan 31, 2024]</p>	65

AND

TEXT B



**WAITING UNTIL
THERE'S A BUSH FIRE TO
DECIDE WHEN TO LEAVE**

IS NOT A FIREPROOF PLAN

HOW FIREPROOF IS YOUR PLAN?

FIND OUT IN 5 MINUTES AT MYFIREPLAN.COM.AU

[Source: Google.com]

QUESTIONS: TEXT A

- 1.1 Identify and explain the figurative language used in the sub-heading to describe the spread of the fires. (2)

Refer to paragraph 1.

- 1.2 List TWO regions in the Western Cape which were affected by the devastating fires. (2)

Refer to paragraph 2.

- 1.3 How did the fires impact the communities of Silversands and Betty's Bay? (2)

1.4 Discuss some of the challenges the residents and emergency responders in the Sea Farms area in Hangklip faced. (2)

Refer to paragraph 3.

1.5 What were the grim statistics provided by Charlotte Powell regarding the toll of the fires? (2)

Refer to paragraph 5.

1.6 Explain why a full evacuation was ordered for Pringle Bay (2)

Consider the text as whole.

1.7 Comment how the diction creates a sense of urgency in the text. (2)

1.8 How effectively do you think the text portrays the multifaceted impacts of the wildfires on both human lives and the environment in the Western Cape? (2)

QUESTION: TEXT B

1.9 What does the statement imply about the importance of preparedness in bush-fire regions? (2)

QUESTION: TEXTS A AND B

1.10 Refer to both TEXT A and TEXT B.
Comment on how TEXT B links with TEXT A. (2)

TOTAL SECTION A: 20

SECTION B: SUMMARY**QUESTION 2: SUMMARISING IN YOUR OWN WORDS**

TEXT C discusses the prevention of fires. Summarise, in your own words, **seven points on how to prevent a fire**.

- NOTE:
1. Your summary should include SEVEN points and NOT exceed **90 words**.
 2. You must write a fluent paragraph.
 3. You are NOT required to include a title for the summary.
 4. Indicate your word count at the end of your summary.

TEXT C**Fire Prevention: A Comprehensive Guide**

Fire prevention is paramount in residential and commercial settings due to the potential for extensive property damage, injuries, and loss of life. To mitigate these risks, proactive measures are essential. Installing smoke alarms on every level of a building, testing them monthly, and replacing batteries annually is crucial for early fire detection and safe evacuation. Additionally, placing fire extinguishers strategically, particularly in high-risk areas like kitchens and workshops, and providing proper training on their use is vital.

Electrical safety measures, such as avoiding overloaded circuits and promptly addressing malfunctions, can prevent electrical fires. Regular inspections and maintenance by qualified electricians are recommended. Similarly, proper use and maintenance of heating equipment, such as furnaces and space heaters, can prevent fire hazards. Keeping flammable materials away from heating sources and ensuring regular professional inspections are essential.

Cooking safety practices, including never leaving cooking unattended and using appropriate extinguishing methods for grease fires, are critical for residential fire prevention. Similarly, smoking indoors safely involves sturdy ashtrays, avoiding smoking in bed, and ensuring proper extinguishing of cigarette butts.

Fire safety education is crucial for all occupants, including knowledge of evacuation procedures and conducting regular fire drills. Proper storage of flammable liquids and maintaining fire-safe landscaping can further reduce fire risks. Compliance with building fire codes, including installation and maintenance of smoke detectors, fire alarms, and sprinkler systems, is essential.

Implementing these fire prevention measures and promoting a culture of safety awareness significantly reduces fire risks and protects lives and property. Remember, prevention is the most effective approach to fire safety.

TOTAL SECTION B: 10

SECTION C: LANGUAGE STRUCTURES AND CONVENTIONS**QUESTION 3: USING LANGUAGE CORRECTLY**

Read TEXT D, which contains some deliberate errors, and answer the set questions.

TEXT D**Cape Winelands blazes rip through thousands of hectares, people evacuated.**

- 1 Tuesday witnesses the tragic destruction of holiday homes and caravan structures at Vogelvlei Yacht Club, adjacent to Voëlvlei Dam, as the relentless fire ravaged through the area. Additionally, Elandsberg suffered the loss of 11 houses to the infernos' wrath. The preceding Sunday, the valley found itself shrouded in thick smoke, a somber reminder of the Western Cape's most extensive wildfire of the year, spanning across thousands of hectares. 5
- 2 In a unified effort to combat the blaze, farmers and locals mobilized, traversing the fields with tractors and bakkies, endeavoring to quench the flames encroaching upon vineyards and habitats. The firefighting strategy predominantly and mainly focused on safeguarding structures, suppressing the fire, and conducting controlled burnout operations. 10
- 3 Despite challenges posed by erratic winds, notable achievements, such as the establishment of firebreaks through controlled burns, were attained. A formidable force comprising ten ground crews, 18 firefighting vehicles, and 158 firefighters valiantly battled the blaze's relentless advance. Despite the immense efforts, the fire's duration and escalation remain unpredictable, exacerbated by adverse whether conditions and challenging terrain. 15

[Adapted from the *Daily Maverick*]

QUESTIONS: TEXT D

- 3.1 Correct the error of tense in line 1. (1)
- 3.2 Correct the punctuation error in line 4. (1)
- 3.3 Provide a synonym for the word 'preceding' (line 4) (1)
- 3.4 Remove the redundancy in line 11. (1)
- 3.5 Correct the malapropism in line 18. (1)

TOTAL SECTION C: 5

GRAND TOTAL: 35