



# basic education

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Department:  
Basic Education  
**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL  
SENIOR CERTIFICATE**

**GRADE 12**

**ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE P3**

**FEBRUARY/MARCH 2015**

**MARKS: 100**

**TIME: 2½ hours**

**This question paper consists of 8 pages.**

**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. This question paper consists of TWO sections:  
  
SECTION A: Essay (50)  
SECTION B: Transactional Texts: 2 x 25 (50)
2. Answer ONE question from SECTION A and TWO questions from SECTION B.
3. Write in the language in which you are being assessed.
4. Start EACH section on a NEW page.
5. You must plan (e.g. a mind map/diagram/flow chart/key words, etc.), edit and proof-read your work. The plan must appear BEFORE the answer.
6. All planning must be clearly indicated as such. It is advisable to draw a line through all planning.
7. You are strongly advised to spend approximately:
  - 80 minutes on SECTION A
  - 70 minutes on SECTION B
8. Number each response as the topics are numbered in the question paper.
9. The title/heading must NOT be considered when doing a word count.
10. Write neatly and legibly.

**SECTION A: ESSAY****QUESTION 1**

Write an essay of 400–450 words (2–2½ pages) on ONE of the following topics. Write down the NUMBER and TITLE/HEADING of your essay.

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|-----|---|-------------|
| 1.1 | A handful of miracles   | <b>[50]</b> |
| 1.2 | Secrecy   | <b>[50]</b> |
| 1.3 | 'The soul would have no rainbow, if the eyes had no tears.'<br>(Indigenous American proverb)              | <b>[50]</b> |
| 1.4 | A borderless world  | <b>[50]</b> |
| 1.5 | 'What is freedom of expression? Without the freedom to offend, it ceases to exist.'<br>(Salman Rushdie)   | <b>[50]</b> |
| 1.6 | The pictures reproduced on pages 4 and 5 may evoke a reaction or feeling in you or stir your imagination. |             |

Select ONE picture and write an essay in response. Write the question number (1.6.1, 1.6.2 or 1.6.3) of your choice and give your essay a title.

**NOTE:** There must be a clear link between your essay and the picture you have chosen.

1.6.1



[Source: *Reader's Digest*, October 2013]

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1.6.2



[Source: [www.bing.com/images](http://www.bing.com/images)]

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1.6.3



[Source: [www.bing.com/images](http://www.bing.com/images)]

**[50]**

**TOTAL SECTION A: 50**

**SECTION B: TRANSACTIONAL TEXTS****QUESTION 2**

- Respond to TWO of the following topics.
- The BODY of your answer should be 180–200 words (20–25 lines) in length.
- Pay careful attention to the following:
  - Audience, register, tone and style
  - Choice of words and language structure
  - Format
- Write down the NUMBER and TITLE/HEADING of the text you have chosen, e.g. 2.1 Formal Letter.

**2.1 FORMAL LETTER**

The advertisement below appeared in a magazine. Write a letter to Ubuntu Welfare Organisation, offering your support.

*The bare reality is ...*



[Source: [www.img295.imageshack.us](http://www.img295.imageshack.us)]

*... poverty is right on your doorstep!*

At UBUNTU WELFARE ORGANISATION, we walk the talk.

**STEP UP AND SUPPORT!**

Please help us to provide for impoverished communities.  
Write to **Ubuntu Welfare Organisation**, P.O. Box 293, Pretoria, 0001.

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**2.2 SPEECH**

A group of young people has gathered to protest against an issue that affects them.

As the chairperson of a youth group, write the speech that you would deliver to the protestors.

**[25]****2.3 OBITUARY**

An actor/artist/novelist/poet/musician has died tragically.

Write the obituary for publication in a newspaper.

**[25]****2.4 FORMAL REPORT**

Parents have complained about the unhealthy food sold at the school tuck shop. The principal has instructed you to conduct an investigation and to compile a formal report.

Write the report that you will submit to the principal.

**[25]****2.5 LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

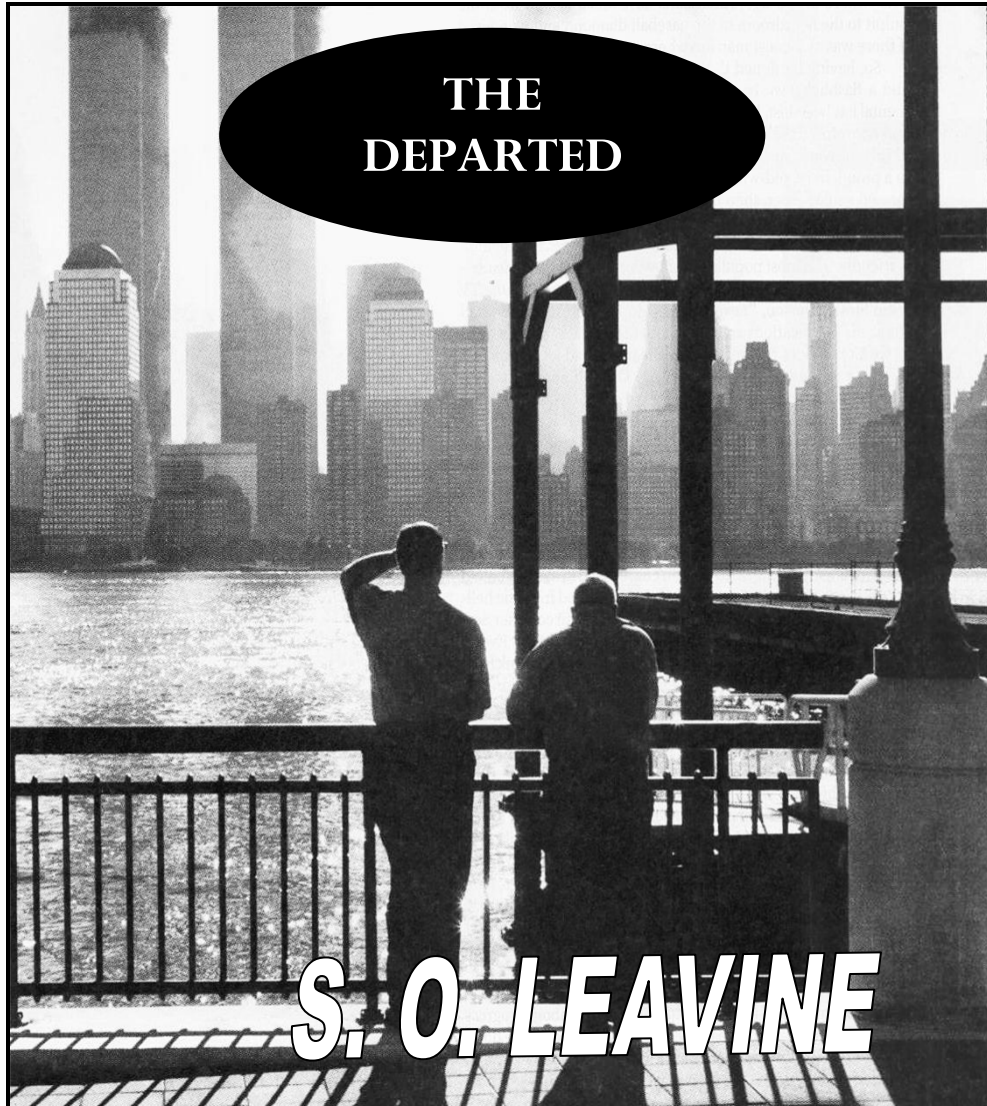
You have visited a local hospital where you witnessed patients being treated poorly by the hospital staff.

Write a letter to the editor on the state of health care in that hospital.

**[25]**

2.6 **BOOK REVIEW**

Study the cover below and then write a review of the novel, *The Departed*, for a publication.



[Adapted from *Time*, September 2002]

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**TOTAL SECTION B: 50**  
**GRAND TOTAL: 100**