**ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE**

**GRADE 12**

**TASK 9 – LANGUAGE TEST – 2011**

**TOTAL: 20**

**QUESTION 1 – COMPREHENSION**

Read the following article and answer the questions:

**A beacon of light**

When Busisiwe Mali left Cape Town she left behind her old life. She did this deliberately; her shack had been razed to the ground in Joe Slovo informal settlement near Langa. Her neighbour – a close friend – died in the fire. Thankfully Busisiwe’s daughter, who had been out, was not hurt.

Busisiwe and the other residents who had lost their homes were given accommodation near Langa. But some members of the community there were angry; they said that they should be first in the queue for accommodation. They had been on the housing list for many years. Busisiwe and her daughter did not feel comfortable living with people protesting at the gates persistently.

Busisiwe’s sister in New Brighton offered her a small shack at the back of her home. Busisiwe noticed the many homeless children on the streets of New Brighton. Knowing how it felt to be homeless, Busisiwe took some of the children in. She managed to get donations from local businesses, but these had to spread far. There was not always money left over for her, but she became a beacon of light for the children.

She and her sister worked hard and eventually they were able to nuy a Wendy house for a play room for the children. With the support of the local school and clinic, she managed to help those children to start over again – just as she had.

* 1. Choose the correct answer (A-C). Busisiwe moved to New Brighton:
1. To help her sister in New Brighton.
2. To escape painful memories
3. To start ahome for homeless children

(1)

1.2 Quote a phrase of three words in which alliteration is used to emphasise the fact that the community protested repeatedly.

(3)

1.3 Choose the correct answer (A-D). Busisiwe’s salary is:

 A. insufficient

 B. irregular

 C. non-existent

 D. A and B

(1)

1.4 Examine the title of this passage. Look at the following dictionary definitions of the word “beacon”. Which definition best suits the phrase as it is used in the title?

(1)

**Beacon** *n. (*plural **beacons**) **1.** A fire lit on the top of a hill as a signal. **2.** A light serving as a signal, warning, or guide for ships or aircraft. 🡺a radio transmitter signalling the position of a ship, aircraft or spacecraft. **3.** (also **trig beacon**) **S. African** a marker used for surveying boundaries; a trig point **4** source of inspiration or a guide to others.

1.5 Describe in your own words what happened to Busisiwe’s shack in Joe Slovo. You may not use the word (razed) in your answer.

(2)

1.6 Explain why the community of Langa was angry that Busisiwe received a house there?

(2)

(10)

**QUESTION 2 - Visual literacy**

Look at the following advertisement and answer the questions that follow:

**Caravans R Us**

***Introducing the new range of modern, inexpensive caravans.***

At last, an affordable extra room

or a new way of enjoying your leisure

time without having to pay for

accommodation!

Good times and better holidays

begin here.

Visit us at *22 King’s Road, Polokwane*

**Give us a ring at (015) 642-1893**

2.1 What is the advertiser selling?

(1)

2.2 Where is the advertiser located?

(1)

2.3 What does the advertiser suggest that we can use caravans for?

(1)

2.4 What is the advantage of having a caravan when you go on holiday?

(1)

2.5 What does the abbreviation R stand for in the heading?

(1)

2.6 How many different styles of type does the advertisement use?

(1)

2.7 Why does the advertiser also include a picture?

(1)

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**QUESTION 3**

**Read the following text and answer the multiple choice questions (choose A or B for each question).**

**Big Brother contestant regrets entering**

One of the Big Brother contestants said yesterday that if she *had known* what unhappiness the show *would cause* her, she *would never have* entered for it. She thought that she *would enjoy* being part of the Big Brother house and *would stand* a chance of winning R1 million. However, the other contestants were mean to her, she says, and also said that if the organisers *had checked* out the conditions in the house more carefully, they *would have realised* that there certainly is not space for eight people in there!

3.1 “If she had known” means the same as:

 A. She did not know.

 B. Unless she knew…

(1)

3.2 “she would enjoy” means the same as:

 A. She did not enjoy the contest

 B. She might enjoy…

(1)

3.3 “she would stand a chance” means the same as:

 A. She had no chance

 B. She could have a chance.

(1)

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