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Grade 8 English Home Language

Paper 1: Language

November 2017

Time: 1½ hours

Marks: 60

MEMORANDUM VERSION

Instructions and information

1. This question paper consists of three sections:
 - SECTION A: Comprehension
(20)
 - SECTION B: Summary
(10)
 - SECTION C: Visual Literacy and Language
(30)
2. Answer all of the questions.
3. NUMBER your answers exactly as the questions are numbered in the question paper.
4. Use only BLUE or BLACK ink.
5. Write on both sides of each page.
6. DO NOT USE TIPPEX or correcting fluid of any kind.
7. You are advised to spend approximately:
 - 35 minutes on SECTION A
 - 15 minutes on SECTION B
 - 40 minutes on SECTION C

This question paper consists of 7 pages

SECTION A

Question 1: Comprehension

Read the article below and answer all the questions that follow.

- **Use your own words** unless you are asked to quote.
- You may give one-word answers where appropriate.

Got the Man Flu Blues

1. Man Flu is the psychological condition where men claim to suffer more from colds than women. It's the one where our menfolk are 'struck down' and must lie on the sofa and have their brows mopped, while we ladies (though often suffering from a slight sniffle ourselves) run in all directions with chicken soup and Vicks.



2. There's even a website devoted to the illness - www.manflu.org.uk - which runs under the banner 'We're There When She Don't Care' and offers information, advice, support and sympathy for all those affected by Man Flu. For any readers who share my reservations about how real the illness is, I'd like to pass on to you this invaluable information to understand better what men are going through the next time they are struck down. Ladies, please take note.

3. Man Flu is more painful than childbirth. This is an irrefutable scientific fact. Man Flu is not 'just a cold'. It is a condition so severe that the germs from a single Man Flu sneeze could wipe out thousands of people living in the rainforest. And probably loads of monkeys too.

4. Women do not contract Man Flu. At worst they suffer from what is medically recognised as a 'Mild Sniffle'. If a man caught it, he would still be able to run, throw a ball, tear the phone book in half and compete in all other kinds of manly activities.

5. Men do not 'moan' when they have Man Flu. They emit involuntary groans of agony that are entirely in proportion to the unbearable pain they are in. Full recovery from Man Flu will take place much quicker if their simple requests for care, sympathy and regular cups of tea are met. Is that really so much to ask? Florence Nightingale would have done it.

6. Men suffering from Man Flu want nothing more than to get out of bed and come to work, but they are too selfless to risk spreading this awful condition amongst their friends and colleagues. In this sense, they are the greatest heroes this country has ever known.

7. Every minute in this country one man is struck down by Man Flu, it would seem. And we womenfolk are urged to offer them a cup of tea, some kind words and our undivided attention and care. Then maybe, just maybe, we can all beat this monstrous disease together.

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Title

1.1 What does the title suggest about the content of the article?

(2)

The article is about men with a specific type of flu called Man Flu.

✓ **“Blues” implies someone being sad with the flu.** ✓

Paragraph 1

1.2 Quote one word from paragraph 1 which suggests that the author does not believe that Man Flu is purely physical.

(1)

“Psychological”

1.3 What is “flu” short for?

(1)

Influenza

Paragraph 2

1.4 How does the writer involve the reader in this paragraph? Refer to the text in your answer.

(2)

The writer addresses the reader directly ✓ - “For any readers who share my reservations about how real the illness is, I’d like to pass on to you...”/“Ladies, please take note”. ✓

1.5 Why do you think men would need a website devoted to Man Flu?

(2)

Men do not feel as if women appreciate their struggle with Man Flu. They do not feel like they get enough support and sympathy from women. They need more advice and information about Man Flu.

Paragraph 3

1.6 What is the author using to mock Man Flu in paragraph 3?

a) Fear tactics

b) Fact

c) Exaggeration

d) Opinions

(1)

1.7 Refer to: "Man flu is more painful than childbirth" (line 14). Is this an "irrefutable scientific fact" (line 14), as the author claims? Give a reason for your answer. (2)

No, it is not a fact. ✓ The author is mocking Man Flu by exaggerating its severity. ✓ She has not done any research to back it up, and cannot prove it. It is just being used to make her point that men feel Man Flu is terrible and could be as bad as childbirth.

Paragraph 4

1.8 What does a "Mild Sniffle" (line 19) imply about the attitude towards women's flu in comparison to men's flu?

(2)

It implies that men believe women's flu is nowhere near as bad as men's flu. ✓ Men suffer much more from flu, and if they had women's "sniffles" they would still be fully functional. ✓

Paragraph 5

1.9 "Is that really so much to ask? Florence Nightingale would have done it" (line 24). Explain the reference to Florence Nightingale in this context.

(2)

Florence Nightingale served as a nurse in the Crimean War. She is seen as the founder of modern nursing, and saved many lives. The reference is that all women should be incredible nurses like Florence Nightingale and look after men with Man Flu. She is also seen as a very kind, caring person.

Paragraph 7

1.10 Is this article written by a man or a woman? Quote two consecutive words from the paragraph as evidence for your answer.

(2)

A woman ✓ “We womenfolk” ✓

The passage in its entirety

1.11 How does the author of the article feel about Man Flu? Support your answer with close reference to the text.

(3)

The author does not believe that Man Flu is different from normal flu. She is derisive towards men and the way they behave when they have Man Flu. She is mocking men for being pathetic with Man Flu.

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SECTION B

Question Two: Summary

- Read the passage below.
- Summarise the main ideas into a **numbered** point-form summary.
- Your summary may not exceed 90 words.
- It must have **seven** numbered points. It must be written in your own words.
- Entitle it “Seven ways you can save water at home”.

Easy ways you can save water at home

Carmen Williams, 05 December, 2016

Capetonians were recently asked by the City of Cape Town to cut down their water usage due to drought and dry conditions. There is a very real worry that our dams will be depleted to dangerous levels by the end of what promises to be a very hot summer, according to [News24](#).

The amount of water used in the city has decreased since mid-November, but officials are hoping for a drop in litres used daily - from 854 million to less than 800 million litres per day. So how exactly do we do that? There are a couple of small but effective things you can do to minimise your water consumption.

Instead of letting water just go down the drain when you're waiting for your shower to warm up, use a bucket to catch the water you're not using. Then use this water to water your house plants or your garden, or even use it to flush the toilet.

Shower, instead of bathing, as often as you can. Also, limit your showers. Do you really need to be in there for 20 minutes? I'm pretty sure you're clean after two.

If you really must bath, then let that water cool down and re-use it to water plants, or do what hand-washing you need to do.

If you're one of those people who lets the water run while you brush your teeth, stop it. Close the tap and only open it when you're actually rinsing your mouth and toothbrush. All that water just running down the drain could be used in far better ways.

If it's yellow, let it mellow...and if it's brown flush it down. We're not saying you have to do this, but we're saying you can. It's not actually as bad as you think and there aren't any health risks, [as urine is sterile](#).

Go DIY, or call a plumber, but get those leaks fixed! It could save you a lot of money. Yes, even that small leak from your bathroom tap.

Lastly, running your dishwasher or your washing machine when it is half empty is really just a waste and can add up. Also, be sure to set your washing machine to the eco setting.

Seven ways you can save water at home

- 1. Use a bucket to catch your shower water when it is warming up.**
- 2. Shower instead of bath and only for two minutes. (Could be two separate points)**
- 3. Re-use the bath water to water plants or wash your clothes.**
- 4. Don't let the water run while you brush your teeth.**
- 5. If it's yellow let it mellow and if it is brown then flush it down.**
- 6. Fix the leaks in your house.**
- 7. Only run your dishwasher or washing machine when they are full.**

7 marks for content/1 mark for each content point

3 marks for language if not verbatim

1-3 points correct: 1 mark

4-5 points correct: 2 marks

6-7 marks correct: 3 marks

If verbatim: 1-5 points verbatim: 1 mark

6-7 points verbatim: 0 marks

-1 if more than 3 over word count. -2 if more than 6 over word count.

No word count = -1.

Even if the summary is in the wrong format, assess but -1 mark.

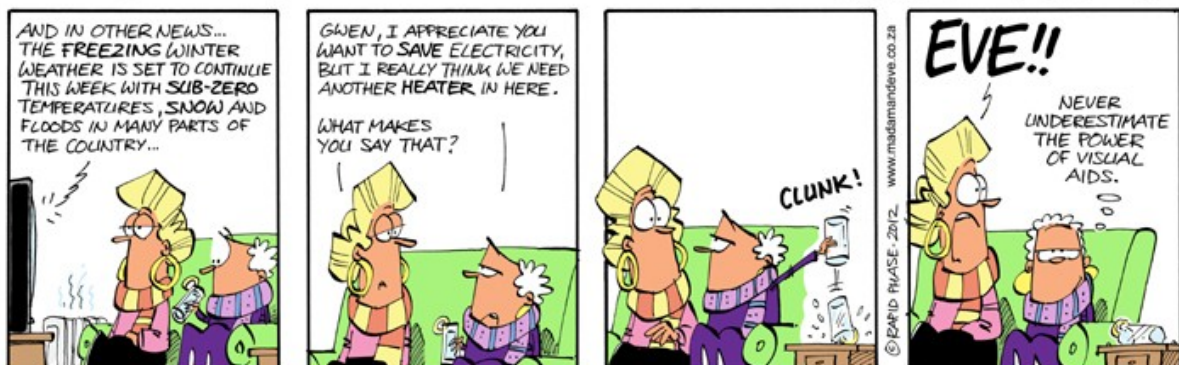
SECTION C

Question 3: Visual Literacy

Examine the cartoon below and answer the questions that follow.

MADAM & EVE

by Stephen Francis & Rico



Frame 1

Frame 2

Frame 3

Frame 4

3.1 Refer to Frame 1. How does the reader know that it is very cold weather? Give one visual and one verbal clue in your answer.

(2)

They are wearing scarves/ The heater is on/ “Freezing winter weather”/ “Sub-zero temperatures, snow and floods”

3.2 How do we know that Madam (the woman on the left) is surprised in Frame 3? Refer to her body language and facial expression in your answer.

(1)

Madam’s eyes are bulging/She has changed her posture and is sitting up straighter.

3.3 Explain how humour is created in Frame 3.

(2)

Humour is created through the frozen drink falling from the glass. Madam’s mother is proving her point by showing that it is so cold that the drink has frozen. Also, the use of the onomatopoeic word “clunk” adds to the humour.

3.4 Refer to frame 4. Who do you think is victorious in this frame, Madam or her mother? Explain your answer by referring closely to the visual and verbal clues.

(3)

Madam’s mother is victorious. Her eyes are half-closed, making her look smug. She is thinking “never underestimate the power of visual aids”, which shows that she believes she has proven her point by using the glass to show how cold it is. Madam’s mouth is downturned and her eyes are wide open, making her look distressed. Also, the word “EVE” is written in capital letters and bigger font, showing her distress.

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Question 4: Language

Refer to the passage below which contains some deliberate errors, and answer the questions which follow.

A pop-up Fluffytorium is coming to London where you can cuddle extremely fluffy animals

1. The Fluffytorium is the brainchild of Guinness World Records who will be covering the room from floor to ceiling in colourful, soft fluffy material,

before filling it with super furry animals like Maine Coon cats, and fluff-ridden dogs like Chow Chows, poodles and Pomeranians.

2. “Animal botherers” can book themselves into a 30 minute session, which will 5 include all the pet cuddling that your heart desire, as well as a giant dog house and a human-sized cat flap. You can also order milkshakes to drink. They’ll be providing both dairy and dairy-free milkshakes, so that’s nice. And all for free!

3. The fur-filled experience has been created to celebrate the release of the brand new book from Guinness World Records - *Amazing Animals*. It’s a book totally dedicated to 10 celebrating the fastest, tallest, strongest, strangest and most talented animals in the world. Visitors will also have the chance to get their hands on the brand new book for free.

4. If you’re a parent and you’re a bit worried about your kids being mauled by a room full of strange animals then take a deep breath and relax. Every single pet in the experieince has been selected for its wonderful character. 15

5. Oh, and if you’re currently furrowing your brow worrying about the animal’s welfare - the critters will be given breaks every 30 minutes, and there are strict rules on not picking up or badgering the animals.

4.1 Identify the parts of speech of the following words (underlined):

a) “who” (line 1)

Relative Pronoun

(1)

b) “to” (line 2)

Preposition

(1)

c) “fluff-ridden” (line 3) **Compound Descriptive Adjective (must say compound to get mark - can have descriptive too)**

(1)

d) “Pomeranians” (line 4)

Proper Noun

4.2 Give the antonym of “colourful” (line 2) by changing the suffix.

(1)

Colourless

4.3 Provide the adverbial form of “soft” (line 2), and use the adverb in a sentence. (2)

Softly. ✓ Eg The girl played her flute softly. Any correct sentence.

✓

4.4 Identify the function of the hyphen used in line 7 (“human-sized”).

(1)

To create a compound adjective (must say adjective to get the mark)

4.5 Correct the grammatical error in the first sentence of paragraph 2.
(1)

Include all the pet cuddling your heart desires.

4.6 Refer to: "You can also order milkshakes to drink" (line 7). Rewrite the above sentence in the passive voice.
(2)

Milkshakes can also be ordered ✓ (by you) to drink. ✓

4.7 Suggest a better word to use than "nice" in line 8.
(1)

Lovely/wonderful/great /pleasing

4.8 Refer to: "And all for free" (line 8). Is this a full sentence? Give a reason for your answer.

(1)

No. It has no finite verb ✓

4.9 "To celebrate" (line 9) is an example of

- a) an auxiliary verb
 - b) an infinitive**
 - c) a preposition
 - d) a past participle
- (1)

4.10 What is the function of the apostrophe in line 10?
(1)

To form a contraction/omission.

4.11 What degree of comparison is the adjective "fastest" (line 11)?
(1)

Superlative

4.12 What is the gender of "kids" (line 14)?
(1)

Neuter

4.13 Correct the spelling error in paragraph 4.
(1)

Expereince → experience

4.14 Refer to paragraph 5. What types of verbs are the following (underlined):

a) “furrowing” (line 17) **Present Participle**
(1)

b) “will” (line 18) **Auxiliary Verb**
(1)

4.15 Correct the punctuation error in line 17.
(1)

Animal’s → animals’

4.16 Provide an antonym for “strict” (line 18).
(1)

Lax, lenient

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TOTAL: 60