SECTION 1: A conversation on a prescribed text 10 marks

Concentrate on aspects such as:
(a) Theme – main idea of book, poem or short story.
(b) The candidate’s preference for certain characters.
(c) The candidate’s opinion on the suitability of the specific book for his/her age group.
(d) What is the plot? According to the candidate, is it realistic/acceptable or not?
(e) What did the candidate like most about the book/poem/short story?
(f) If the candidate does not like reading at all, did the choice of the book change his/her opinion? Why and how?
(g) Describe the main character and explain whether the reader can identify him/herself with the main character. Why/Why not?
(h) What, if any, are the literary merits of the text?
SECTION 2: ROLE-PLAY

Choose ONE question from this section.

A  Watching films and reading books are both leisure-time activities.

(a) Why would you prefer one to the other?

(b) Why should reading be too demanding an activity?

(c) How does watching films impact on society?

(d) Suggest a few ways which could make reading an attractive activity for your fellow pupils again.
B 2006 was the Year of the Animal. However, you feel that the learners of your school still do not see the necessity for prevention of cruelty to animals and even maltreat animals themselves. You strongly feel that this should be dealt with.

(a) Explain to your principal why you feel something should be done at school to change the attitude of your fellow learners.

(b) Which arguments would you use to convince your fellow learners?

(c) You would like to invite speakers to support your efforts. Whom would you choose? Why? What tips would you give them to speak effectively?

(d) How could the learners of your school make a concrete and positive contribution to show that cruelty to animals cannot be tolerated?
C UNICEF estimates that by 2021 one third of Namibia’s children under the age of 18 will be orphaned. Already 111 000 orphans and vulnerable children had been identified in the country by July 2006.

(a) What is your first reaction to these figures?

(b) What, in your opinion, should be done to help these children? Are you aware of any organisation that already provides relief to these children in some way? If so, what do you know about this organisation?

(c) How would you raise the money to put into practice the suggestions you have just mentioned?

(d) A social development coordinator, Matthew Rukoro, stated: “…, we must work together to make optimal use of the resources we have.” How do you understand his appeal?
D  “Homework during weekends? Never! Weekends are for relaxation.”

(a) What is your opinion? Give reasons.

(b) Why do teachers feel that there is a need for homework to be done during weekends?

(c) If homework is dropped, suggest how the next day of the 7-day cycle should be continued on the Monday after a weekend.

(d) Offer a compromise solution.
Technology rules our lives. Therefore we need to keep up with technology and use cellphones and ipods wherever we go.

(a) Is this a positive trend in our society? Give reasons for your opinion.

(b) How do you view the use of cellphones?

(c) Listening to music is important to everybody. Does this mean that ipods should be used everywhere?

(d) About twenty years ago these inventions were not around and society managed life without them. Nowadays, however, life without these gadgets seems impossible. What has changed so much that we cannot live without them any longer?
F You have witnessed the following incidents at your school:
- three sets of school sports clothes have not been returned after the soccer team had played a league match.
- the second speaker selected to speak in the next interschool debating competition pulled out one day before the event.
- you saw how a cellphone was stolen out of a learner’s bag, yet the boy denies having done so.

(a) Do you view these incidents as minor or are they of a more serious nature?
(b) Are the first two incidents examples of a lack of commitment to the school?
(c) What do you see as the reason for the third incident? Can it be seen as an example of cowardice?
(d) Are the above actions an expression of selfishness?
(e) How would you have dealt with these incidents?