English Home Language · Grade 4

Memorandum · Term 3–4

TOTAL
79
MARKS

Marking guidelines

1. Award the full mark for a correct answer, even if the learner words it differently.
2. Where a question asks for FULL sentences, the answer must be a complete sentence before the mark is awarded.
3. Where a question asks for two or more things, award one mark per correct item.
4. Questions 6, 7 and 8: award marks against the rubric printed with each question, not for exact wording.
5. In Question 1, spelling must be correct for the mark to be awarded.

Question	Answer	Marks	Marking note
QUESTION 1 · Language Structures and Conventions · 20 marks			
1.1	What a strange old bottle this is!	**1**	*Capital W and exclamation mark both needed.*
1.2	Nandi found three things on the beach: a shell, a rock and a bottle.	**1**	*Colon and both commas needed. Accept a comma before "and".*
1.3	The waves were crashing against the rocks.	**1**	
1.4	had / been	**1**	*Either one.*
1.5	the bottle	**1**	
1.6	herself	**1**	
1.7	very	**1**	
1.8	to work	**1**	
1.9	because she wanted to make a new friend	**1**	
1.10	Although the ink had run, Nandi could still read most of the letter.	**1**	*Also accept: Nandi could still read most of the letter, although the ink had run.*
1.11	If you never try, you will never get anything.	**1**	*Any answer with the idea of trying or taking a chance.*

Question	Answer	Marks	Marking note
1.12	Nandi found a green glass bottle.	**1**	
1.13	were	**1**	
1.14	bay, beach, bottle, cork	**1**	*All four in the correct order for the mark.*
1.15	wet / moist	**1**	*Any correct synonym.*
1.16	The thick green bottle	**1**	
1.17	in / into	**1**	
1.18	Dr (also accept Dr.)	**1**	
1.19	very happy / delighted	**1**	
1.20	en-ve-lope	**1**	*Also accept en-vel-ope.*
QUESTION 2 · News report · 6 marks			
2.1	From old tyres that were dumped on a vacant plot nearby.	**1**	
2.2	84.	**1**	
2.3	R380.	**1**	
2.4	A school built a playground entirely from dumped tyres.	**1**	
2.5	Own sentence.	**2**	*1 = who + what; 1 = where, in the past tense, as one complete sentence.*
QUESTION 3 · Dialogue · 6 marks			
3.1	His school bag.	**1**	
3.2	Navy blue / broken zip on the front pocket.	**1**	
3.3	There are three navy bags, so he must be sure which one is Sipho's.	**1**	
3.4	The speaker's name is written before each line / there is no narrator / no inverted commas.	**1**	
3.5	Own lines.	**2**	*1 per line: speaker's name in capitals + colon, no inverted commas, and the words make sense in the situation.*

Question	Answer	Marks	Marking note
QUESTION 4 · Reading a table · 6 marks			
4.1	Knysna, with 147 mm.	**1**	
4.2	Oudtshoorn.	**1**	
4.3	July.	**1**	
4.4	108 – 21 = 87 mm.	**1**	
4.5	E.g. All four towns get the most rain in July. Knysna is the wettest town, but Oudtshoorn gets very little rain.	**2**	*1 = two correct facts from the table; 1 = sentences joined with "because"/"but" and correctly punctuated.*
QUESTION 5 · Poem · 7 marks			
5.1	pitter-patter-plop (accept pitter-patter or plop).	**1**	
5.2	A simile (it compares using "like").	**1**	
5.3	Puddles and a mirror (1); both shine and reflect the light / the world (1).	**2**	
5.4	Personification (the sun acts like a shy person).	**1**	
5.5	Own lines, e.g. "The cold wind whistled, wild and free, / And blew the leaves right off the tree."	**2**	*1 = the two lines rhyme; 1 = alliteration used (two or more words that start with the same sound).*
QUESTION 6 · Friendly letter · 10 marks			
6.1	Mark against the rubric above.	**10**	*Any friendly tone is acceptable. Format: 1 mark lost per missing element (address+date / greeting / closing), up to 3.*
QUESTION 7 · Advertisement · 8 marks			
7.1	Mark against the rubric printed with the question. There is no single correct advertisement.	**8**	*Information: 2 = all four facts, 1 = two or three facts. Do not mark drawing skill, only that a picture supports the message.*

Question	Answer	Marks	Marking note
QUESTION 8 · Writing · 16 marks			
8.1	Mark against the rubric in the question paper: Content 5, Character 2, Dialogue 2, Language 4, Spelling and punctuation 2, Paragraphs and length 1. All topics are equally valid.	**16**	

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