English Home Language · Grade 4

Memorandum · Term 3–4

TOTAL 36 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. Summary: award marks against the rubric printed with the question, not for exact wording.

Question	Answer	Marks	Marking note
QUESTION 1 · Reading Comprehension · 21 marks			
1.1	She found it wedged between two rocks, where the tide had left a ring of foam.	**1**	
1.2	It was made of thick green glass "the kind you do not see any more"; the letter inside was dated 1994; the ink had run.	**2**	*Any two. One mark each.*
1.3	The cork had been pushed into the bottle so hard that she could not pull it out with her fingers.	**1**	
1.4	She felt bored and lonely, as though her life was dull and she wanted something interesting to happen.	**2**	*1 mark for bored/lonely, 1 mark for the explanation.*
1.5	The letter is dated 1994 and the writer was eleven then, so many years have passed and she would be an adult today.	**2**	*1 mark for the date, 1 mark for the reasoning.*
1.6	thick	**1**	*Only "thick" (from "thick green glass"). Spelling must be correct.*
1.7	She may have moved away; the address may no longer exist / no one may live there any more; the ink had run so the address may be unclear.	**2**	*Any two. One mark each.*
1.8	She means that the letter is worth writing even if it never arrives — the act of replying matters more than being certain of an answer.	**2**	*1 mark for the idea, 1 mark for the explanation.*

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1.9	Any reasonable opinion with two supporting reasons.	**2**	*1 mark per reason. Both 'yes' and 'no' are correct if reasoned.*
1.10	A girl finds an old message in a bottle on the beach and decides to write back, even though the letter may never reach the person who wrote it.	**2**	*1 mark for the bottle/letter, 1 mark for her decision to write back.*
1.11	Any diary entry that fits the story.	**4**	*1 = date and "Dear Diary"; 1 = first person (I) and past tense; 1 = at least two events from the story (bottle, letter, envelope); 1 = says how Nandi felt.*
QUESTION 2 · Visual Text · 10 marks			
2.1	A book fair.	**1**	*Accept any answer showing it advertises a book event.*
2.2	At the George Hall / 3 Market Street, George.	**1**	*Accept either.*
2.3	R10 entry.	**1**	
2.4	Children and families who like books / readers of all ages.	**1**	*Accept any sensible audience that is supported by a clue, e.g. story corner, comic workshop, "All welcome".*
2.5	8 to 10 May.	**1**	
2.6	"Don't miss the biggest book party in George!"	**1**	*Accept "ALL WELCOME" only if the learner explains that it invites everyone.*
2.7	Meet a real author; second-hand book stall; poetry slam; story corner.	**2**	*Any two from the left column.*
2.8	The pictures show at a glance that the fair is about books, writing and prizes; the big bold heading catches the eye from far away; colour makes it attractive.	**2**	*1 mark per design choice that is explained.*

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QUESTION 3 · Summary · 5 marks			
3.1	Any five of: a hive can hold up to sixty thousand bees; every bee has a job; bees visit about two million flowers to make half a kilogram of honey; a bee may fly over five kilometres from the hive and still find its way home; bees dance in a figure-of-eight to tell others where flowers are; bees carry pollen so our fruit and vegetables can grow; farmers depend on them. Facts: 5 facts = 3; 3–4 facts = 2; 1–2 facts = 1; no facts = 0.	**5**	*Mark against the rubric. Do not deduct for wording that differs from the memo.*

Total **36 marks**



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