English Home Language · Grade 5

Memorandum · Term 3–4

TOTAL 70 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 and 7: 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 · 22 marks			
1.1	"Where is the kestrel?" asked Ndumiso.	**1**	*Both inverted commas, the question mark inside them and capitals W and N needed.*
1.2	Auntie Renée warned that the kestrel (she) would bite.	**1**	*'will' must change to 'would'; no inverted commas. 'that' may be left out.*
1.3	The bird will fly over the fields.	**1**	
1.4	We walked to the shop and bought bread.	**1**	
1.5	An abstract noun.	**1**	
1.6	who	**1**	
1.7	himself	**1**	
1.8	angrily	**1**	
1.9	wildest	**1**	
1.10	cautioned / alerted / advised	**1**	
1.11	broken / injured / worsened	**1**	
1.12	were	**1**	

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1.13	the cage door	**1**	
1.14	If the wing heals	**1**	
1.15	Feeding	**1**	
1.16	The kestrel bit Ndumiso, but he came back every Saturday.	**1**	*Accept without the comma.*
1.17	a volunteer	**1**	*Accept 'volunteer'.*
1.18	the	**1**	
1.19	The kestrel did not look back.	**1**	*Accept 'didn't'.*
1.20	unhappy	**1**	
1.21	not heavy	**1**	*Not 'bright'.*
1.22	If you keep working patiently, you will succeed in the end.	**1**	*Any answer with the idea of patience/steady work leading to success.*
QUESTION 2 · Weather report · 7 marks			
2.1	Oudtshoorn (24 °C).	**1**	
2.2	George / Knysna.	**1**	
2.3	Kilometres per hour.	**1**	
2.4	A strong south-easterly wind of up to 50 km/h will blow along the coast.	**1**	
2.5	Oudtshoorn will be sunny, dry and warmer (24 °C); the coast will be cold and cloudy with rain in some towns.	**1**	
2.6	Own sentences, e.g. Tomorrow Mossel Bay will be sunny with a maximum of 22 °C. A light wind will blow from the west.	**2**	*1 = two complete sentences with a temperature and wind/rain; 1 = future tense ('will') and correct spelling and punctuation.*
QUESTION 3 · Play · 7 marks			
3.1	At the animal shelter, early on a Saturday morning.	**1**	*Both place and time needed.*
3.2	They are stage directions: they tell the actors where they are, what to do or how to speak. They are not spoken.	**1**	

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3.3	Crash!	**1**	
3.4	That he was the one who forgot to close the cage after feeding the tortoise.	**1**	
3.5	Ha!	**1**	
3.6	Own lines, e.g. AUNTIE RENÉE: (laughing) Well, at least he enjoyed his breakfast! / NDUMISO: I'm sorry, Auntie. I will check every cage tonight.	**2**	*1 = both lines set out as a play script (name, then the words, no inverted commas) and they fit the scene; 1 = one stage direction in brackets.*
QUESTION 4 · Reading a table · 4 marks			
4.1	58.	**1**	
4.2	Chess (18 → 39).	**1**	
4.3	E.g. Chess and athletics grew every year, while soccer stayed almost the same. Netball dropped in 2025 but grew again in 2026.	**2**	*1 = two correct facts from the table; 1 = two complete sentences joined with 'but'/'while', correctly punctuated.*
QUESTION 5 · Instructions · 4 marks			
5.1	C, D, A, B.	**2**	*2 = all four in the correct order; 1 = C first and B last.*
5.2	They tell the reader exactly what to do, clearly and in a few words.	**1**	
5.3	wear	**1**	
QUESTION 6 · Report · 10 marks			
6.1	Mark against the rubric printed with the question: Format 3, Content 3, Language 2, Spelling and punctuation 2.	**10**	*Format: 1 mark lost per missing part (heading / introduction / body / conclusion), up to 3. Facts may be made up if they fit the clean-up day.*

Question	Answer	Marks	Marking note
QUESTION 7 · Writing · 16 marks			
7.1	Mark against the rubric in the question paper: Content 5, Description 3, Language 4, Spelling and punctuation 2, Paragraphs and length 2. All topics are equally valid.	**16**	*Description: 3 = a vivid description with a correct simile or metaphor; 2 = description without figurative language; 1 = one weak describing sentence.*

Total **70 marks**



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