English Home Language · Grade 7

Memorandum · Term 3–4

TOTAL 40 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 · 20 marks			
1.1	She wrote to him every Sunday for eleven years.	**2**	*1 mark each.*
1.2	Her church kept a list of prisoners who received no post at all, and his name was on it.	**2**	*1 mark for the church list, 1 mark for 'received no post'.*
1.3	(a) Fact (1). (b) Opinion – "kindly enough" is the writer's own judgement of how the friend spoke; it cannot be proved (1).	**2**	*1 mark each. For (b) the word 'opinion' earns the mark; a reason is not required.*
1.4	In the first year he did not reply at all. In the second year he sent three lines. By the fifth year his letters ran to four pages and asked about the cat by name.	**2**	*1 mark for the silence and the three lines, 1 mark for the four pages.*
1.5	That her letters were disappearing without effect — nothing was coming back, so the effort seemed wasted.	**2**	*1 mark for 'no response', 1 mark for 'wasted effort'.*
1.6	She reasoned that the hole in the ground had not asked her to stop — the absence of a reply was not a request to stop. It shows she did not need encouragement to keep going, and that she saw the writing as her own choice rather than a transaction.	**2**	*1 mark for the reason, 1 mark for what it reveals.*

Question	Answer	Marks	Marking note
1.7	Her ordinary descriptions had given him a mental map of a place. When he was released he was not arriving nowhere — he already knew the streets, so the town was familiar rather than frightening. The letters had built him somewhere to belong.	**3**	*1 mark for the mental map, 1 mark for what release would otherwise have been, 1 mark for a full explanation.*
1.8	It shows she was writing to a person rather than to a crime, and that her kindness came with no conditions attached.	**2**	*1 mark for the idea, 1 mark for the explanation.*
1.9	Any reasoned opinion. Strong points for agreeing: the value was in eleven years of letters, not one short conversation; the meeting could not add anything the letters had not already done. Strong points for disagreeing: meeting proved she was real; it gave the correspondence an ending.	**3**	*1 mark for the position, 1 mark per reason.*
QUESTION 2 · Visual Text · 10 marks			
2.1	A coastal clean-up weekend.	**1**	*Accept any answer showing it advertises a beach or coastal clean-up.*
2.2	At the Mossel Bay pier.	**1**	
2.3	It is free.	**1**	
2.4	044 555 0288.	**1**	
2.5	14 to 15 September.	**1**	
2.6	www.coastalcleanup.co.za	**1**	
2.7	Bags and gloves supplied; teams of four; weigh-in at 12:00; data sent to a marine survey.	**2**	*Any two from the left column.*
2.8	Under 12s must bring an adult; closed shoes only; free boerewors roll at noon; certificate for every volunteer.	**2**	*Any two from the right column.*

Question	Answer	Marks	Marking note
QUESTION 3 · Summary · 10 marks			
3.1	1. A woman wrote to a prisoner she had never met, every Sunday for eleven years. 2. Her church listed prisoners who received no post. 3. She wrote about ordinary things and never asked about his crime. 4. He did not reply for a year, then wrote three lines, then four pages. 5. After eight months of silence she nearly stopped. 6. She continued because no one had asked her to stop. 7. On release he knew the town from her letters.	**10**	*Mark against the rubric. Do not deduct for wording that differs from the memo.*

Total **40 marks**



Free quizzes

Finished this test? Keep practising online!

More than 12 000 free questions for Grades 4 to 7, in every subject and aligned to CAPS. After every answer your child gets a short explanation. No registration needed, and it works on a phone.

meerkatskool.co.za

Scan with your phone to start right away

A small request from us

Thank you for supporting MeerkatSkool! We are a small South African business, and every paper is put together with great care.

This test and memo are a free sample: feel free to share them with other parents and teachers. Ask us about the full booklet: meerkatskool.co.za or WhatsApp 066 462 7629.

Thank you!
The MeerkatSkool team

Free quizzes
meerkatskool.co.za

Email
info@meerkatskool.co.za

WhatsApp and calls
066 462 7629

Help us improve

Found a mistake in this test? WhatsApp us straight away. We fix it within 24 hours and send you the new version.

Scan to WhatsApp us · 066 462 7629