

SECTION A: COMPREHENSION

QUESTION 1

Read the text below and answer questions 1–11.

GO ON, GIVE UP!



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- 1 It's enough to give you a persecution complex. Strangers glare at you on the street. On planes, buses and trains you have to suppress your craving and if you're in a restaurant or pub you have to hit the pavement. Even friends tell you to go outside.
- 2 It's been a long time since smoking was considered cool or sophisticated. You know as well as everyone else the dangers of cancer, heart attacks and strokes. And that your clouds of nicotine can make the people around you sick too. No wonder smoking has a social stigma attached to it.
- 3 In South Africa, as in many countries, the number of smokers is dropping. "Only 22 per cent of the South African population smokes", says Peter Ucko, director of the **National Council Against Smoking (NCAS)**. In 1990, 37 per cent of South Africans older than 15 smoked.
- 4 Legislation banning smoking in public places, the ban on cigarette and tobacco advertising, the high price of cigarettes and negative perceptions of smokers have all contributed to this drop.
- 5 Yet there are people who still crave to fill their lungs with smoke. They've tried to give up but can't stop. Well, it's never too late to try again. **The World Health Organisation's World No Tobacco Day** is on 31 May, when people are asked to abstain from using tobacco products for 24 hours.
- 6 Why don't you give up for 24 hours? It may be the beginning of the end of smoking for you!

2. What does the writer mean by 'you have to hit the pavement'?

(2)

3. In paragraph 2, give TWO words showing that smoking was considered to be something special.

(2)

4. Circle only the letter of the correct answer of the multiple-choice question.

Smoking causes one of the following diseases.

- A Stomach-ache
- B Cancer
- C Boils
- D Headache

(1)

5. Name ONE of the things that contributed to the dropping in numbers of smokers.

(1)

6. Fill in the missing word:

The World Health Organisation's World No Tobacco Day is on _____

(1)

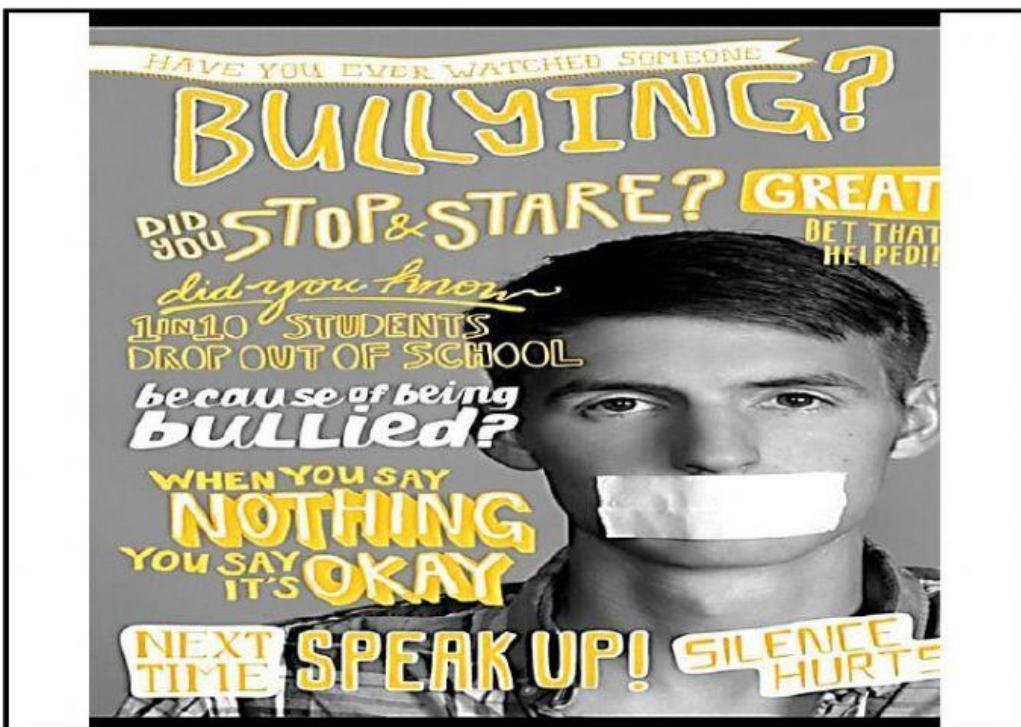
7. What is the moral of the story?

(2)

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QUESTION 2: ADVERTISEMENT

Study the advertisement and answer questions 1–5.



1. What is the advertisement about?

(1)

2. How many students drop out of school because of bullying?

(1)

3. What do you 'mean' when you say nothing about bullying?

(1)

4. Circle the letter of the most correct answer.

The boy's mouth is taped because he is _____

- A happy
- B sorry
- C scared
- D excited

(1)

5. Tick the correct box: ✓ Speak up because silence hurts.

True		False	
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(1)

[5]

QUESTION 3: POEM

Read the following poem and answer questions 1–7.

In Praise of my Diary



1. In my diary can be found truths or hope-truths of me.
3. Dreams and disasters are all there for peeping eyes who dare to dare.
5. Sometimes the ink blurred by a tear shed for someone I once held dear.
7. There are margin hearts that I've jot with arrows and initials of names now forgot.
9. Yet still dear diary, I fill you with my soul and patient, you carry your load.
11. No valiant history of names through the ages just me, I'm afraid, getting older on your pages.



[Adapted from the poem by Holly Prior]

1. According to lines 1–2 what can be found in the diary?

(1)

2. Quote a phrase from lines 3–4 that tells the reader that the diary has many experiences.

(2)

3. What does the word 'peeping' in line 4 mean?

(2)

4. Choose the most correct answer.

How would you describe the mood (feeling) of the poem? Circle the letter.

- A Serious
- B Happy
- C Grateful
- D Excited

(1)

5. In the poem, which words rhyme with the following?

(a) Tear and _____ (1)

(b) Ages and _____ (1)

6. Circle the correct answer.

In line 9 the words dear diary are an example of:

- A Simile
- B Alliteration
- C Metaphor
- D Personification (1)

7. Who is the author of the poem?

(1)
[10]

TOTAL SECTION A: 25

SECTION B: LANGUAGE STRUCTURES AND CONVENTIONS

QUESTION 4

The questions below are based on "Go on, give up!" in QUESTION 1.

Answer ALL the questions.

1. Which word in paragraph 1 has the same meaning as the word 'look'?

_____ (1)

2. Punctuate the following sentence. Rewrite the sentence.

On planes buses and trains you have to suppress your craving

_____ (2)

3. Rewrite the sentence in the negative form.

Students drop out of school.

_____ (2)

4. Choose the correct word from the words in brackets.

(a) People still (fill, fills) their lungs with smoke.

_____ (1)

(b) Many of them (has, have) tried to stop.

_____ (1)

5. Write the opposites/antonyms of the words in bold.

The **high** price of cigarettes and **negative** perception of smokers contributed.

_____ (2)

6. Underline the adjective in the sentence below.

No wonder smoking has a social stigma attached to it.

_____ (1)

7. Rewrite the sentence in the future tense.

Smoking has a social stigma attached to it.

_____ (2)

8. In your own words explain the meaning of the word 'abstain'.

_____ (2)

9. Rewrite the sentence in direct speech.

Peter Ucko says that only 22 per cent of the South African population smokes.

_____ (2)

10. Make a sentence with the word 'tear(s)'.

_____ (2)

11. Choose the correct prepositions from the words in brackets.

(a) There are truths (in, on) my diary.

_____ (1)

(b) The poet writes (with, by) a pen.

_____ (1)

12. Rewrite the sentence in the past tense.

You know as much as everyone the dangers of smoking.

_____ (2)

13. Write a pronoun for the words in bold.

Dreams and disasters are all in there.

_____ (1)

14. Write the correct form of the word in brackets.

To keep quiet about bullying is the (big) mistake to make.

_____ (1)

15. Write the correct spelling of the word in brackets.

Speak up because silence (hats, hurts).

_____ (1)

16. Rewrite the sentence below in the simple present tense.

I am getting older on your pages.

_____ (2)

17. Join the two sentences with the word 'while'.

I fill you with my soul. You carry your own load.

_____ (2)

18. Write the plural form of the bold underlined word.

No **story** can be found in the diary.

_____ (1)

TOTAL SECTION B (30 ÷ 2): 15
GRAND TOTAL: 40