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GRADE 10

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MARKS : 35

This question paper consist of 4 pages including the cover page

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. This question paper consists of TWO sections:
Section A: comprehension & Section B: Language
 2. Answer all questions in this paper
 3. Read all questions carefully.
 4. Write neatly and legibly.
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SECTION A

QUESTION ONE: READING FOR MEANING AND UNDERSTANDING

Read TEXT A below and answer the set questions:

TEXT A

SA too schooled in violence

1 Like Kevin Carter's photograph of the starving Sudanese child stalked by a patient vulture in the background, last week's photograph of a student, a brick and a car was — from a photographic point of view — brilliant. The student seemed to swivel on one leg as he let rip with a brick that slammed into the window of a car trying to enter a Cape Town university campus. 1 5

2 Like Carter, the photographer is likely to have many sleepless nights when the full horror of that picture eventually sinks in. What kind of corrupt human being would throw a brick at fellow learners given the possibility of serious brain injury, even death? How can someone with this capacity for random violence be considered for a place in higher education? How did it come to this? 10

3 It is a tough week to ask such questions on personal responsibility and behaviour of students in light of the public meltdown in parliament. Did this student take his cue from his seniors in government — that public violence, trash talk and confrontation are acceptable, and the new normal within state and society?

4 I did not see any public condemnation of this violent act from the same people who would have thrown a fit at the slightest hint of racism. Imagine what an outcry would have followed if the two students with head wounds, wiping blood from their faces, had been black and the assailant white. 15

5 Then, the separate but difficult issue. The violent black student is clearly frustrated and you have to be deaf not to recognise the pain and danger in the protester's question: 'Why must they learn while we struggle?' It is a fair question that strikes at the heart of our social justice commitments. The question, though, is more complex. Government financial aid to poor students stands at record levels. Valiant efforts by Johannesburg students to raise R1-million must be applauded but it is a drop in the ocean and not sustainable.

6 With every year that passes, more and more students qualify for higher education but will not have the funds to study. Once again campuses will be trashed, classes interrupted and teaching time lost. In the meantime we have a problem with the response of citizens to injustice. Whether it is the quarrels in parliament or the brick throwing outside those chambers, both events reflect the failure of education.

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7 Education, after all, is not the achievement of paper qualifications. It is the acquisition of a set of values that elevates minds over muscles. It is a commitment that, in a democracy, violent means do not justify noble ends.

ADAPTED: JONATHAN JANSEN

QUESTIONS: TEXT A

1.1 Do you think that the title of this article 'SA too schooled in violence' is suitable?

Substantiate your answer. (3)

1.2 Explain why the focus on the photograph in **paragraph 1** is an effective introduction. (3)

1.3 In **line 4**, what do the expressions 'let rip' and 'slammed' reveal about the feelings of the student? (3)

1.4 Discuss the effect the many question marks in **paragraph 2** are likely to have on the reader. (2)

1.5 Comment on the writer's opinion of the 'seniors in government' (**line 13**) (3)

1.6 Refer to **paragraph 4**

Why does the writer mention the public's response to the violence displayed by the student? (3)

1.7 Refer to **paragraph 5**

In the context of this article, is the student being denied 'social justice'?

Motivate do your answer. (3)

1.8 In what ways, according to the writer, do protesters in general show their dissatisfaction at not being able to attend university. (2)

1.9 Refer to **paragraph 7**

Explain, clearly, why the writer believes that education has failed. (3)

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SECTION B

QUESTION TWO: TEXTUAL EDITING

Read the following article and answer the questions set.

SOLANGE'S FLARE UP

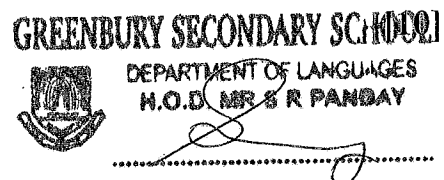
1. Solange has always been known as one of the calmer and committed chicks in the music industry but does she have a tempestuous side to her?
2. Jay-z, 44 and Beyonce 32, were not surprised by the younger Knowles sister's latest violent outburst. The incident was caught on surveillance cameras in an elevator at the Standard Hotel in New York City.
3. In the footage, a furious Solange physically attacks Jay-z, shoving and kicking at him repeatedly. Apparently the *Losing You* singer had also been angry earlier that evening with designer Rachel Roy. The reason for the outburst was unknown.
4. A celebrity website leaked the video of the fight which sparked a social media storm. Photographs taken of the celebrities moments later shows a pensive-looking Jay-z, holding his left cheek, while a smiling Beyonce appears completely unfazed.

ADAPTED : 'SUNDAY TIMES'

Questions

- 2.1. Correct the spelling error in paragraph 1. (1)
- 2.2. Choose the correct answer from the list below.
The word 'chicks' line 1 is an example of:
a) Colloquialism
b) Slang
c) Adjective (1)
- 2.3. Give an antonym for the word 'violent' by adding a prefix. (1)
- 2.4. 'The reason for the outburst is unknown.'
The above sentence is a:
A) Phrase
B) Clause
C) Idiom (1)
- 2.5. In paragraph 3, the writer has used italics to indicate the title of a song.
State one other way in which it may be written. (1)
- 2.6. Refer to paragraph 3. Identify and correct the verb tense error. (1)
- 2.7. Identify and correct the concord error in paragraph 4. (1)
- 2.8. State the part of speech of, 'smiling' in paragraph 4. (1)
- 2.9. 'A celebrity website leaked the video of the fight which sparked a social media storm.'
Write the above sentence in the passive voice. (2)

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1.1. Yes ~ It contains the main theme i.e. Violence is dominating South Africa. The word 'schooled' has a double meaning: 1)

Focus of school is education which students are being deprived of. 2) Educational institutions which should build character are instead dominated by violence. (3)

1.2. The reader is provided with an image of the student in action which after appreciating that it has artistic value, will analyse and unpack. The details in the visual makes the act real, forcing the reader to take note. (3)

1.3. 'let up' ~ student loses focus/direction/stability. Student reveals strong/passionate feelings of anger and frustration. 'slammed' ~ aggressive/violent. (3)

A. Reader identifies with writer and feels writer's anguish.

Forces reader to become further involved by attempting to answer questions, assess student and this violent act. Has dramatic impact. (2)

1.5. They weak leaders and poor role models. Their moral code and value system is unbecoming of those who should be emulated by youngsters — hence, the student's violence. That they are so unskilled in the art of effective communication and negotiation and their lack of finesse and dignity at the highest level is reflected in the chaos they create 'public violence, trash talk and confrontation'. (3)

1.6. To highlight the hypocrisy that prevails and that black people especially, via their silences, are also racist. Had the student been white and the occupants white, the same people would have condemned the act and created an outcry. The public is feeble ~ they lack fairness and justice. (3)

1.7. Yes. It is the responsibility of the government to provide financial aid to the deprived and impoverished. Policies and

strategies should be set in place to ensure that deserving students are able to uplift themselves and given hope for a more meaningful life. (3)

Credit for 'No'

1.8. They trash campuses, interrupt classes and ensure that teaching time is lost. (2)

1.9. According to the writer education is not about qualifications but a set of values that educate minds over muscles. That in the highest level of the country, politicians can behave without decorum, engaging in violence that filters to the youths, the future leaders eg. the student, then certainly he is quite right. (3)

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Question Two: Textual Editing

- 2.1. Committed (1)
- 2.2. B) Slang (1)
- 2.3. Non-violent (1)
- 2.4. B) Clause (1)
- 2.5. Bold/ Inverted commas/ Capital letters/ Underline (1)
- 2.6. was- is (1)
- 2.7. Shows- Show (1)
- 2.8. Adjective (1)
- 2.9. The video of the fight which caused a social media storm was leaked by a celebrity website. (2)

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