



# EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF ESWATINI

## Junior Certificate Examination

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**101/01**

Paper 1 Reading and Directed Writing

**For examination from 2024**

**SPECIMEN PAPER**

**1 hour 30 minutes**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.  
No additional Materials are required.

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided.

Write in **blue** or **black ink**.

Do **not** use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **all** questions.

Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

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## Exercise 1

Read the following passage and answer the questions on the opposite page.

### Food for thought

Have you ever stopped to think about what your food choices say about you? Alternatively, have you ever wondered what people might be able to conclude just by looking at what is on your plate? The answer may surprise you, as it seems that people tend to make very strong associations between food and aspects of identity.

There are a number of ways of interpreting the common expression 'you are what you eat.' The traditional view is based on the idea that humans, like the food that they eat, are simply collections of well-organized chemicals, and that health is achieved by eating the right chemicals to support our body systems. While these interpretations have a grain of truth, the relationship is far more complex.

Historically, we have assigned meaning to certain foods, to the point where the food we choose to eat can be viewed as adopting a moral or political stance. We use food as a way to communicate, such that large aspects of who we are can certainly be derived from what we eat. For instance, we often come across online quizzes that claim to be able to tell us what our personality type is based on our coffee orders, or that claim to know our character based on our attitudes towards pizza. According to Time Magazine, people who drink creamed coffee (cappuccino) are creative and

honest, whereas if you drink black coffee you can be construed as a simple and straightforward person. It is almost irrelevant whether or not these associations are accurate; their mere existence demonstrates the human tendency to attempt to derive meaning from food.

Throughout history, people have ascribed meaning to their body's fuel; meanings that are still relevant today. It is not unusual for people to make judgments about features of a person's personality based on the foods they choose. Consider the thoughts that come to your mind when you meet someone who is a vegetarian. You might assume that this person has a love for animals or that they are extremely health-conscious. Of course, you cannot declare that any of these assumptions are correct with any certainty, but what is important is that people might actually choose certain foods in order to portray a specific image of themselves, or indeed avoid other foods for fear of being judged. Therefore, what we choose to eat to fuel our bodies has much more powerful meanings. The variety of eating choices we have today has been developing over centuries, and it continues to do so. During this time, we have paired certain foods with their own messages about who eats them. In this way, food and identity have become unmistakably linked.

- (a) What information can be learnt simply by looking at a person's plate of food?  
..... [1]
- (b) Give **one** way in which we can explain the expression 'you are what you eat'.  
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..... [1]
- (c) In what way has food always had certain meaning?  
..... [1]
- (d) According to the text, how are 'coffee orders' and 'personality types' linked?  
..... [1]
- (e) What perception might people have about vegetarians? Give **two** details.  
.....  
..... [1]
- (f) Mention **one** reason our food choices might get influenced?  
..... [1]
- (g) In your own words what does the phrase 'we have paired certain foods with their own messages' mean?  
..... [1]
- (h) Describe how human beings use food in different circumstances. Give three details  
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..... [3]

**[Total: 10 Marks]**

## Exercise 2

Benedict Samuel McCarthy is a South African former footballer who is currently the head coach of Canola City Football Club in South Africa. He was born on 12 November 1977 to Dudley and Dora McCarthy in Cape Town and grew up in Hanover Park on the Cape Flats. He has two brothers and a sister.

McCarthy began playing at a local side called Young Pirates, which was managed by his uncles. He then joined the youth structures of a local amateur club called Crusaders. At age 17, he was signed by first division club Seven Stars and he scored an impressive 12 goals in 20 matches in his second season. Such a feat earned him a transfer to Cape Town Sparrows, which merged with Seven Stars two years later.

Growing up in Hanover Park and playing in the gangster league helped turn him into the person and player he became. At the age of 12 he could play against grown men – that made him grow up very quickly. Cape Town is full of gangs, but the violence stopped on a Sunday to make time for football.

In 1997, after an impressive showing at the FIFA World Youth Championship in Malaysia, he joined Ajax in the Eredivisie, where he scored nine goals and was

crowned champion in his first season. After a relatively successful 1998-99 season, he was sold to Spanish side Celta de Vigo for a transfer fee reported to be over E6 million, and this was the most expensive transfer fee for a South African player at the time.

In 2004, McCarthy married Maria Santos from Spain. They have three daughters: Minna, Mya and Allegra. In 2007, they separated. In May 2014, McCarthy married Scottish model Stacey Munro. Together, they have one daughter, Lima Rose.

After Celta, McCarthy moved to Porto playing under the then newly appointed coach, José Mourinho. He helped them to third place in the Primeira Liga and automatic qualification for the UEFA Cup by scoring a remarkable 12 goals in 11 matches, winning the Portuguese Golden Boot Award in the process. McCarthy was also instrumental in Porto's superb run in the 2003-04 UEFA Champions League, which made him the first South African ever to win the cup.

As a coach, he has already earned his stripes by winning the MTN8 with his current team. He attributes all his success to the effort and dedication he puts to everything that he does.

**Imagine that you are Benedict Samuel McCarthy, fill in the profile form on the opposite page.**

PROFILE FORM

**SECTION A** (use Block Capitals to complete this section)

Full name: ..... [1]

Date and place of birth: ..... [1]

Current job: ..... [1]

**SECTION B** (use small letters to complete this section)

First Professional Team: ..... [1]

What made the move to Celta de Vigo special?  
..... [1]

Name of current spouse: (put a cross[x] in the appropriate box) [1]

Maria Santos

Stacey Munro

**SECTION C**

1. Write a sentence of **12 to 20 words** describing the hardships you faced while growing up.

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.....  
..... [2]

2. Write a sentence of **12 to 20 words** describing what made you one of the greatest footballers South Africa has ever had.

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.....  
..... [2]

**[Total: 10 Marks]**

### Exercise 3

#### How Wi-Fi has revolutionised the internet

One of the most notable change of the post-internet era was the way people chose to communicate with one another. Those with access to an internet connection were able to instantly chat or email their family, friends, and pen pals across the globe. International friendships were far easier, online dating was made possible, and people were able to create their own personalised websites to reflect their interests.

Once the world got a taste of the internet, there was no slowing down. As more and more people came online, the demand for easier access and an improved service increased. Our love for the internet even surpassed television, as the public would rather abandon their TV over their internet access.

The next logical step in improving the internet experience was to make it more accessible in homes, workplaces, and the public – as you may have guessed; this is where Wi-Fi came into play. Almost instantaneously, Wi-Fi made it easier to access the internet, as laptops and other mobile devices could be taken to the nearest Wi-Fi ‘hotspot’.

As Wi-Fi technology continues to develop, the potential to improve ourselves and our society gradually increases. Police can now use their mobile devices to instantly track

mug shots and criminal records. Social media is also playing a vital role in crime reduction and the improvement of emergency services: police are using social media to involve and inform the public on various issues, and also use it to request information.

Hospitals and clinics have also seen many major developments using Wi-Fi, largely through the use of location services and way-finding (GPS) tools to get patients and equipment to the right location. According to Wi-Fi Alliance, there is already a variety of apps that use and rely on Wi-Fi in the healthcare industry, including infusion pumps, oxygen monitoring devices, and smart beds, alongside mission-critical information applications such as access to electronic medical records (EMRs) and real-time access to X-rays and MRI scans.

In addition to individual industries, whole cities are now becoming connected. Smart Cities incorporate digital technologies to generate huge amounts of data. This information can be used intelligently by city officials to improve various industries and services within the city such as retail, public transport, facilities, airports, advertising, and more. For citizens, smart cities also provide them with smooth access to the online world no matter where they go.

You are going to deliver a talk to your classmates on how Wi-Fi has changed the internet.

Make short notes under each heading.

**Notable changes in the post-internet era**

- ..... [1]
- ..... [1]
- ..... [1]

**How Wi-Fi contributes to a better society**

- ..... [1]
- ..... [1]

**Applications using Wi-Fi in hospitals and clinics**

- ..... [1]
- ..... [1]
- ..... [1]

**Benefits of Wi-Fi for Smart Cities**

- ..... [1]
- ..... [1]

**[Total: 10 Marks]**

## Exercise 4

Read the following passage and answer the questions on the opposite page.

### A Luxurious Safari Experience

It's always a good idea to step out of your daily routine and treat yourself to a tranquil holiday. Although I had been to Kruger National Park before and thought I'd seen and done it all, I soon learnt that you can visit the same place numerous times and still have new experiences.

When travelling, I always want to get to my destination quickly. Because of this, I opted to take a 45-minute flight from O.R. Tambo International Airport to Skukuza Airport in Mpumalanga. When I arrived, I was surprised that my shuttle to the hotel was a game drive vehicle. The chauffeur explained that we had to drive through Kruger National Park because the hotel is situated on the banks of the Sabie River at the Paul Kruger gate. He also mentioned that there was a big chance of coming across animals. This meant I didn't have to wait for a game drive to see wildlife. And to my delight, I did spot zebras and a few Impalas crossing the road as we made our way!

When checking in, I was impressed by how fancy this hotel is; it exudes sophistication. I was also captivated by the unique safari-inspired deco. I felt like I was in a huge extravagant treehouse because I was surrounded by tall trees, soaring wooden walkways and elevated viewing decks. I

slept in one of the upgraded rooms and I loved that it was spacious with an outdoor seating area. After I had checked in, I spent my afternoon relaxing on the deck, which was near a mesmerising infinity pool under the trees.

In the evening, I enjoyed the delicious meal served at the hotel's outdoor restaurant with a blazing fire in the middle. Eating under the stars while the choir serenaded us, was a magical experience which I wouldn't mind repeating. I also loved that the hotel is family-friendly with a kids' play area as well as tennis and volleyball courts. It's also a spacious environment where little ones can run around freely.

In the morning, I went on a three-hour game drive where I spotted springboks, zebras, elephants, giraffes, lions and wildebeests. I loved that the guide was able to drive closer to the animals and provided information about them. I was also glad that the vehicle had protective bars and the guide was trained; this made me feel safe.

During this trip, I was introduced to a lavish safari resort experience where I indulged in uninterrupted breath-taking views. I didn't visit other tourist attractions in the area because I was enjoying being at the beautiful hotel.



- (a) What has the writer learnt about visiting the same place numerous times?  
..... [1]
- (b) What suggests that the writer is an impatient traveller?  
..... [1]
- (c) What made the writer excited about the drive to the hotel?  
..... [1]
- (d) Why do you think the writer's hotel exudes sophistication? Give **two** details  
..... [2]
- (e) What was enchanting about the holiday that made the writer want to do it again?  
..... [1]
- (f) What **two** fears did the writer have about taking a game drive?  
..... [2]
- (g) What are the writer's feelings about this holiday? Give a relevant phrase from the last paragraph to support your answer.  
..... [2]

**[Total: 10 Marks]**

## Exercise 5

**Write a summary detailing advantages and disadvantages of using Bitcoin. Your summary should be 100 words (and not exceed 120 words). You should use your own words as much as possible.**

**There shall be 6 marks for the content and 4 marks for the style and accuracy of your language.**

### The New Currency

The Bitcoin is undoubtedly the best cryptocurrency in the world. It was the first digital money to have ever been created, and to this day, it remains the largest and most popular digital currency around the globe.

True, one of its best advantages lies in its decentralised nature. Decentralisation actually existed in the minds of human beings for a long time. However, through block chain technology; the Bitcoin introduced practical methods of achieving this concept. While many believe that there are still centralised factors behind this, such as mining pools, it is still far more centralised than any paper money.

Another big reason why the Bitcoin became so much popular is its low transaction fees. Making transactions via Bitcoin is much cheaper than making payments via bank cards or even online services. This makes it more convenient and practical and allows users to save a lot on transaction fees.

Making cross-border payments via traditional systems, such as banks, is a long and cumbersome process. The process can take a long time before recipients can access the cash from their accounts. In addition, doing so is very expensive, which is especially hard on those who are working overseas. Bitcoin easily solves such

problems because it does not need any middlemen; all transactions are nearly instant and done in groups of transactions called blocks.

Even so, this crypto is by no means the perfect coin, and it has had more than its fair share of troubles. Bitcoin has always had problems in handling an increased volume of transactions. Since its block size is only 1MB, this means that there are only a small number of transactions that can be processed at once. At first, this was not an issue at all since there were only a handful of people making transactions than there are today. This causes long waiting periods before transactions are processed, in the process increasing fees.

Another downside of the crypto-currency is the fact that it stores users' public keys on the public domain. As such, there is the possibility that a skilled hacker might uncover the origin of any transaction and thereby bridge its security.

Finally, as mentioned before, Bitcoin has had a number of flaws for a decade now, as a result a number of alternative coins have emerged, each one attempting to solve these problems. That is why; so many critics believe that one of these would finally replace it someday.



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