

## Mixed questions

1. Look at page 1.

Find a **group** of words which tells you that Johannesburg is very busy.

the streets throb with movement

Marks

1 mark

2. **'Leaving the village, the roads peter into dusty tracks.'**

In this sentence, the word **'peter'** is closest in meaning to... Tick **one**.

- expand quickly
- fade gradually.
- disappear quickly.
- increase gradually

1 mark

3. Look at the paragraph that begins: **Across the hillside...**

Whitewash is the name for... Tick **one**.

- tiles
- plaster
- wallpaper
- paint

1 mark

4. **'...and the landscape becomes an ocean of furnace-baked soil.'**

What does this tell you about the weather and landscape?

The weather has been so hot that it has baked all the ground really hard,

as though it has been in an oven.

1 mark

5. Give **two** things that roofs are made from in the small township.

1. terracotta slates
2. corrugated metal

2 marks

6. Tick **one** box in each row to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

|  | True                                | False                               |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Johannesburg is a city.                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| People queue for water in the township.        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| The settlement does not have electricity.      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Farmers sell their produce in roadside stalls. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

2 marks

7. Why do the houses have open plots with unmarked boundaries? Give **one** reason.

Because land is plentiful here.

1 mark

8. According to the text, what do most residents of the township do for a living?

work the land

1 mark

9. Why are the windows of the houses in the township small?

- They can't afford much glass.
- To keep the heat out.
- To let the breeze in.
- They like dark houses.

1 mark

10. Look at the paragraph that begins: **At the heart of the settlement...**

**The precious gift is sacred.**

What is the precious gift?

water

1 mark

11. Look at page 1.

Complete the table below using a different piece of evidence to support each statement about the text.

Any one piece of evidence in each box and one mark for each up to 3 marks.

| Statement  | Evidence  |
|--|---|
| It is quite hard to survive in rural Africa.                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• where survival walks a perilously thin tightrope.</li> <li>• An existence where nothing is certain...</li> </ul>   |
| It doesn't rain much here.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an ocean of furnace-baked soil.</li> <li>• heat hazes dance above the orange crust which – barren and thirsty</li> <li>• welcome shade over the parched ground</li> <li>• Not a drop (of water) is wasted. The precious gift is sacred.</li> </ul> |
| The settlement is a friendly place where people know and trust each other. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doors remain unlocked.</li> <li>• Neighbours visit unannounced.</li> <li>• women and children who chat amicably</li> </ul>   |

3 marks

12. Explain why it might be better to **'load up their open-sided trucks to try their luck in township markets'** than to sell their produce by the roadside.

Because there will be more people in the towns to sell their products to.

They may have to wait a while for cars to pass them on the road.

1 mark

13. Look at the first paragraph.

Which of the following words is closest in meaning to the word **'illuminates'**? Tick **one**.

- clarifies
- lights up
- darkens
- twinkles

1 mark

14. **'Their charged cables offer erratic bursts of electric power to those who can afford the luxury.'**

The words **'can afford the luxury'** suggests that only some people ...

- are unwilling to pay for electricity.
- do not want to have electricity.
- can afford to pay for electricity.
- are very rich but don't use electricity.

1 mark

15. Look at page 2.

Find and copy **one** word that shows that the mountains are far away.

distant

1 mark

16. What does the word **'amicably'** mean in the sentence below?

**At the heart of the settlement, a freshwater pump beckons a long queue of women and children who chat amicably while they await their turn.**

in a friendly and pleasant way

1 mark

17. **Circle** the correct option to complete each sentence below.

a) Life in rural Africa is so unfamiliar to city dwellers that it could be a...

**thriving metropolis.**

**foreign land.**

**village.**

**small township.**

b) When day surrenders to night, darkness falls like...

**an inky silhouette.**

**a fuming volcano.**

**a heavy, velvet drape.**

**an inky blanket.**

c) Scraping a meagre profit, farmers sell their produce in tattered roadside stalls or...

**sell it to their friends.**

**load it upon open-sided trucks to try their luck in township markets.**

**put it into cars and take it to the city.**

**use it to barter for other things that they need.**

1 mark

18. Look at page 1.

Give **one advantage** and **one disadvantage** of living in a small township.

**Advantage**

*Either: plenty of land or space for houses or friendly neighbours*

**Disadvantage**

*Either: have to get water from a water pump or it's extremely hot and dry*

2 marks

19. Give **two** examples of 'the skeletal remains of victims that lost their battle with the elements'

Any two of the following:

1. *ashen, bare-branched trees*

2. *ox skulls crowned with decaying horns / Roofless shacks,*

2 marks

20. Look at the first paragraph.

What impressions do you get of Johannesburg and rural Africa?

Give **two** impressions – one of each place.

**Johannesburg is...**

a big, busy city with lots of different nationalities of people. It is very prosperous.

**Rural Africa is...**

a much simpler, harder life where nothing is certain and it is difficult to survive.

2 marks

21. **Life in rural Africa is so unfamiliar to city dwellers that it could be a foreign land. It is impossible for them to recognise the hardship felt by countryfolk...**

Give **two** ways that life is hard for the countryfolk.

1. There is very little water and this has to be fetched from a pump, not out of a tap.

2. They grow their own food and sell it to make a living. It is very hot and the ground is rock solid so difficult to farm.

2 marks

22. **People here have retained the ancient skills, customs and beliefs of their forefathers, yet the community is steadily developing to embrace modern influences.**

Tick **two** ways the community is changing and becoming more modern.

- Some houses have satellite dishes.
- They use a freshwater pump.
- The people sell their produce at stalls on the road.
- There are pylons bringing power cables.

1 mark

23. Look at the paragraph beginning: **Lacking the energy to soar...**

How do you know there is not much vegetation in this part of Africa.

Because the goats are roaming about in tangled shrubs desperately seeking essential nutrients which means they are having to search for food which is not easily found.

1 mark

24. Think about the whole text.

Would you like to live in this part of rural Africa?

- Yes
- No
- Yes and No

Use evidence from the text to support your opinions.

Give **two** reasons.

Any answers that are backed up by evidence from the text.

**For Example:**

**If yes:** I would like to live there because everyone is really friendly -Neighbours visit unannounced and they chat amicably at the water pump. There is plenty of space there to run around – it says land is plentiful.

**If no:** It is very hot and barren -things don't grow well. It says they fear drought and famine. They don't have a lot of money because it says they scrape a meagre profit.



2 marks