

# Rural Africa

## Mixed questions

Marks

1. Look at page 1.

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

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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?

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1 mark

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People queue for water in the township.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The settlement does not have electricity.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farmers sell their produce in roadside stalls.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2 marks

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

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1 mark

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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?

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1 mark

11. Look at page 1.

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

Statement	Evidence
It is quite hard to survive in rural Africa.	<hr/> <hr/>
It doesn't rain much here.	<hr/> <hr/>
The settlement is a friendly place where people know and trust each other.	<hr/> <hr/>

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.

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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.

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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.**

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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**

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**Disadvantage**

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2 marks

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

1. 

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2. 

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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...**

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**Rural Africa is...**

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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. 

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2. 

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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.

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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.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**2 marks**