

Replace the information on pages 8 and 9 of Exam Success English Poetry prescribed for Grade 12 with the information on these two pages to have the updated requirements according to the CAPS curriculum.

Assessment in Grade 12

To be awarded a National Senior Certificate at the end of Grade 12, you need to complete a formal programme of assessment that is set and marked by your teachers, and write national examinations set and marked by outside examiners at the end of the year. The oral tasks you complete during the year are set and assessed internally but moderated externally at the end of the year. An outside examiner moderates a random selection of between 10 and 15 per cent of the Grade 12 learners at each school. Aim to get excellent marks for your written and oral continuous assessment tasks. This helps in two ways: if you work regularly, you will be well prepared for the end-of-year assessments, and if you have a high total you will require fewer marks to pass at the end of the year. You have to achieve a score of at least 2 (30–39%) for English First Additional Language or at least 3 (40–49%) for English Home Language in order to qualify for a National Senior Certificate. If you want to study for a Bachelor’s Degree, you need a score of at least 4 (50–59%) for English Home Language or at least 2 (30–39%) for English First Additional Language if the institute teaches in English.

English First Additional Language examinations

You will have 10 school-based assessments to complete for Grade 12: 1 test, 7 tasks, 2 examinations (mid-year and trial). These will count 100 marks, which is 25% of your final mark for Grade 12. Your year-end external examinations count 300 marks, which is 75% of the total mark. *The oral tasks (Paper 4) you do during the year count for 50 of the 300 marks in the year-end external assessment.

You need to achieve at least 120 marks out of 400 to pass.

Formal Assessment		
School-based assessments during the year	End-of-year examination papers	
25%	75%	
	62.5% Written examinations	12.5% Oral Assessment Tasks*
1 test 7 tasks 2 examinations (mid-year & trial)	Paper 1 (2 hrs): Language in context Paper 2 (2 hrs): Literature Paper 3 (2½ hrs): Writing	Paper 4: Listening Prepared speech Prepared reading aloud/unprepared speech/informal speaking in group

Literature examination English First Additional Language (Paper 2)

In the examination paper, there are four sections. There will be questions on genres you have not studied. Do not panic! Consult the table of contents provided in the examination paper and mark the questions that have been set on the texts you studied in Grade 12. Then read those questions and select the ones you wish to answer. You need to answer the required number of questions from TWO sections, i.e. from each of the two genres you have studied. Use about ten minutes at the beginning of the exam to select the questions you wish to answer. Use the checklist provided in the examination paper to help you.

Section	Options	Number of questions to answer	Marks	Approximate time for each section
A: Novel	One contextual question on each novel prescribed for FAL Grade 12.	ONE question if you studied a novel in Grade 12.	35	± 1 hour
B: Drama	One contextual question for each drama prescribed for FAL Grade 12.	ONE question if you studied a drama in Grade 12.	35	± 1 hour
C: Short stories	Questions on two short stories. You will be expected to answer questions set on both short stories.	TWO questions set on both short stories if you studied short stories in Grade 12.	35	± 1 hour
D: Poetry	Questions on two seen (prescribed) poems. You will be expected to answer questions set on both poems.	TWO questions set on both poems if you studied poetry in Grade 12.	35	± 1 hour
Total	Answer questions from TWO sections.		70	2 hours

English Home Language examinations

You will have 10 school-based assessments to complete for Grade 12: 1 test, 7 tasks, 2 examinations (mid-year and trial). These will count 100 marks, which is 25% of your final mark for Grade 12. Your year-end external examinations count 300 marks, which is 75% of your total mark. *The oral tasks (Paper 4) you do during the year count for 50 of the 300 in the end-of year external assessment.

You need to achieve at least 160 marks out of 400 to pass.

Formal Assessment		
School-based assessments during the year	End-of-year examination papers	
25%	75%	
	62.5% Written examinations	12.5% Oral Assessment Tasks*
1 test 7 tasks 2 examinations (mid-year & trial)	Paper 1 (2 hrs): Language in context Paper 2 (2½ hrs): Literature Paper 3 (2½ hrs): Writing	Paper 4: Listening Speaking – prepared and unprepared speeches

Literature examination English Home Language (Paper 2)

There will be questions on two novels and two dramas. Do not panic! You need only answer questions on the drama and the novel that you have studied in class.

Section	Options	Marks	Time
A: Poetry	Answer THREE questions: TWO questions on prescribed poems that you have studied and ONE compulsory question on an unseen poem (one you have not studied). You have a choice to answer an essay question in the prescribed poems.	20 + 10 = 30	± 40 min
B: Novel	Answer ONE question: either an essay question or a contextual question	25	± 55 min
C: Drama	Answer ONE question: either an essay question or a contextual question	25	± 55 min
NOTE: You must attempt ONE ESSAY question and ONE CONTEXTUAL question from either SECTION B or SECTION C. If you answer the essay question in SECTION B you must answer the contextual question in SECTION C. If you answer the essay question in SECTION C you must answer the contextual question in SECTION B.			
Total	Answer five questions in all.	80	2½ hours