**Grade 8 English**

**QUESTION 1**

**PARAGRAPHS**

Write a descriptive paragraph. Describe your feelings, surroundings, and the events that occurred in each situation posed. Try to use strong verbs and descriptive adjectives.

1. I had forgotten to complete my Maths homework and knew this was the day I would be punished.
2. As I opened the examination paper, I realised I had studied for the wrong exam….
3. It was the assembly during which the prefects/leaders/executives were to be announced and I was feeling….

**Question 2**

**Finding bias in newspaper reports**

*Reporters claim that they report only facts. They should not express opinions.*

Examine the two extracts from different newspapers and decide whether they present the same facts.

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| **6 Die as police fire on crowd**  ***CAPE TIMES***  Police and soldiers manned roadblocks  around Mamelodi, near Pretoria, late  last night after at least six people –  including elderly women – died and hundreds of people were injured when  police opened fire on a crowd of 50 000.  The crowd had been marching on the  Development Board office after a  massive stayaway organised by local  youths in protest against the army  presence in the townships, high rents,  stringent restrictions imposed on unrest,  funerals and the banning of weekend  funerals.  The Mamelodi doctors, who together  treated over 50 people, said most of the injured  had been shot in the back with birdshot and buckshot and many had  lacerations.  Dr Fabian Ribero, 52, said his consulting  rooms were visited by over 30 people  who ‘looked like they had been in a war’.  Residents claim that they had asked the  mayor of Mamelodi, Mr Bennet Ndlazi,  to lead the march to meet senior  police officials to protest against the  police presence in the area, the banning of funerals at weekends and high rents.  Witnesses said the crowd, consisting of old and young men and women and their children, gathered outside the board offices and waited for the mayor.  Armed police and soldiers arrived at the offices  and told the crowd to gather at the local stadium if they had any grievances to voice.  The mayor tried to address the crowd from a  police Casspir but was drowned out by chanting.  Police ordered the crowd to disperse within five  minutes. They ignored the order and police  opened fire.  Witnesses said scores of people were injured as the crown stampeded. Old men and  women were trampled underfoot.  Youths then went on the rampage, stoning  and gutting a number of delivery vehicles  and setting up barricades with burning tyres,  rocks and electric poles. |

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| **2 Die in clashes at Mamelodi – Police**  **Report**  ***CITIZEN***  Two people, a man and a woman, were  shot dead as police clashed with mobs  during a day of unrest in Pretoria’s  Mamelodi township yesterday.  A police report said that at 10 am a  group of Blacks stoned a police  vehicle. Police opened fire, fatally  wounding a Black female. A Black male was also arrested.  In a later incident a group of Blacks  threw a petrol bomb at a police vehicle.  One round from a shotgun was fired, fatally wounding a black man, the police report said.  Residents of Mamelodi staged a  stayaway from work yesterday.  township residents confirmed that  most residents had not gone to work.  Earlier there were reports of people  marching through the township in  protest against the local council. The  march was said to be in protest at high  rents, the presence of police in the  township, and the banning of weekend funerals.  The march was stopped by police.  Most bus and taxi drivers servicing  Mamelodi were warned by organisers  of the stayaway not to operate yesterday  and groups of youths stood at terminals  and railway stations to turn away workers. |

2.1. Compile a comparative table. [16]

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|  | **Citizen** | **Cape Times** |
| How many people died during the unrest on 21 November? |  |  |
| Why did the police begin to shoot? |  |  |
| Identify words and phrases reporters used to describe the crowd and its actions. |  |  |
| Where do the reporters get their information from? |  |  |

2.2. **Compare the two columns.**  
It is clear that each reporter’s view of the facts is different. They each have their own point of view or bias.

* 1. Discuss what your findings tell you about the attitude of each reporter towards the police and the crowd. [2]

Citizen: ………………………………………………………………………..

Cape Times: …………………………………………………………………..

* 1. Which article do you think is most credible? Why ? (2)

*NB: Provide responsible answers.*

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**Question 3**

**Spelling**

In each sentence, one or more words have been spelt incorrectly.

Rewrite the incorrect words correctly .

1. Thank goodnes the mountian was easy to climb. [2]
2. In the robbery, all there appliances had been taken and there was a mess every where. [2]
3. The maneger new who had commited the crime. [3]
4. Quiet a few people have found it dificult to find employment. [2]
5. His favorite program was on TV. [2]
6. The ladys had been murderd in the dessert. [3]
7. It is a privelege being given the oportunity to play sport their. [3]
8. There was alot of chaos during the robery. [2]
9. All of a sudden, the man grabed the valubles and escaped. [2]
10. He was arested imediately and beaten by the police. [2]
11. He joined the comitee because he beleived their aims. [2]
12. He was inprisoned although he was inocent. [2]
13. All the jewelery was stollen. [2]
14. Im not going to name the horrible children who threatend their freinds. [3]
15. I allways beleive any one who speaks with sincerity. [3]
16. Lukily, she studied for the test. [1]
17. The gaurd accidentally delivered the message in an envalope. [2]
18. Arent you going to the ofice? [2]
19. The neighbor was losing patence with the child. [2]
20. The psycologist gave a solution to the problem. [1]
21. She listend to the intersting story again. [2]
22. The whether is still warm in Febrary. [2]
23. The princess was beautifull in her new cloths. [2]
24. I recieved the letter about the swiming gala. [2]
25. Are you comming or didnt you know the party was a surprize? [3]
26. The poppulation in China is large. [1]
27. We eventally anounced the winner of the prize. [2]
28. The main caracter in the play reprasented evil. [2]
29. You will acheive sucess if you work diligently. [2]
30. The doctor took the temprature of the sick child [1]
31. My pjamas are cosy. [1]
32. The first dimond was found in Kimberley. [1]
33. Do you believe everything that is advertized? [1]
34. Unfortunatly the pakage was severly damaged. [3]
35. The hotels acommodation was uncomfotable. [3]
36. Can you imagin what the distressd child must have thought? [2]
37. When backing a cake,seperate the dry ingredients. [2]
38. To avoide dissapointment, book now. [2]
39. The situation was embarassing. [1]
40. The leaders introduced them selves at the start of the intresting discusion. [3]