



GRADE 12

ENGLISH FIRST ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

JUNE EXAMINATION

PAPER 2

MEMORANDUM

**SECTION A: NOVEL – My Family and Other Animals** Gerald Durrell**Question 1**

1.1

- The Durrell family moved from England to Greece
- The Durrells move to Greece for the sake of their health and warmer weather.
- They find living very different to living in England.
- They meet many interesting people.
- Gerald/Gerry the youngest son is very interested in plants and animals (nature).
- Most emphasis is on Gerry and his explorations of nature.
- Gerry had many different pets while he was on the island; and he always came home with a new insect or creature.
- The family did not approve of all the animals in the house.

ANY THREE or other significant fact that succinctly summaries the novel thus

far✓✓✓

(3)

1.2 b✓

(1)

1.3

- The Durrell family do not speak Greek.
- They are in a foreign country.
- Spiro knows everybody in the village.
- Spiro is able to negotiate better prices.

ANY TWO or any other suitable reason. ✓✓

(2)

1.4

- He is very kind.
- He is helpful towards the Durrell family.
- He is loud and talkative.

ANY TWO or other suitable answer ✓✓

(2)

1.5 Spiro is the driver who collected the Durrell family from the station ✓

(1)

1.6 Roses. ✓ Pansies. ✓

bougainvillea ✓ Fuchsia ✓ Marigolds ✓

ANY THREE.

(3)

1.7 The mother will do anything to please the children, is very patient, is easily influenced by her son Larry, has a forgiving heart, is kind and is sympathetic.

Any 3 ✓✓✓

(3)

1.8 Spiro bargained. ✓

(1)

1.9

- My Family and Other Animals is an interesting title. Its significance lies in the fact that it demonstrates how five very different people with very different interests can live together in harmony.
- Spending so much time in the garden and fields watching the animal kingdom in its natural habitat allows Gerald to learn more incisively about the habits of an altogether different species: his family.
- Durrell's writing focuses on the relationship between humans and animals. A primary theme is that of all the odd creatures in the world, humans are the oddest

Mark globally. Answer must be reasonable. ✓✓

(2)

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- 1.10 The presence of a noisy donkey outside his bedroom window. ✓  
OR similar answer (1)
- 1.11 Larry complained to his family about it, and asked that someone to  
move it. ✓ Later on, Gerry and Mother move it a little further down  
the hill. ✓ (2)
- 1.12 True: ““That's the trouble with this family ... no give and take, no  
consideration for others.”. ✓✓ (2)
- 1.13 d ✓ (1)
- 1.14 Margo was wearing a microscopic swimsuit ✓ This attracted the  
attention of the local youths. ✓ Accept any other suitable answer. (2)
- 1.15 Margo was using this as an excuse for her inappropriate attire.  
It was a totally irrelevant answer.  
Her mother did not respond to this comment.  
Accept answers along similar lines. ✓✓✓ (3)
- 1.16 It was originally intended to be an account of the natural history of the  
Greek island, Corfu. ✓✓ But, according to the author he made a grave  
mistake by introducing his family into the book in the first few pages.  
Having got themselves on paper, they then proceeded to establish  
themselves and invite various friends to share the chapters. ✓✓ (4)

- 1.17 He set up his own zoo. ✓ He was one of the first people to raise the awareness of environmental issues. ✓ (2)

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## SECTION B: POETRY

### QUESTION 2

- 2.1 The speaker is the hermit. ✓✓ (2)

- 2.2 The speaker is old and afraid of the world outside. ✓✓ (2)

- 2.3 The speaker wants to be left alone.

Sick, crippled and unhappy people are crying to him for help from outside his door.

He just wants to be left alone in peace.

- ANY 3. Accept other answers on merit. ✓✓✓ (3)

- 2.4 c✓✓ (2)

- 2.5 The hermit cannot assist the sick, crippled and unhappy people. ✓

They are waiting outside for him, but he does not reveal his presence. ✓

- He wishes someone would chase them away. ✓ (3)

- 2.6 "Patient as death" compares the patience of the waiting people to death. ✓

They are not prepared to give up on waiting just as Death waits. ✓

- Accept other answers on Merit (2)

2.7 “He is dead!” is repeated to emphasize that the hermit is not able or willing to help the people who are crying at his door for help.

Accept other answers on merit. ✓✓✓

(3)

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### QUESTION 3

3.1 The setting is in Africa.

The poet is remembering his childhood in Africa.

He is remembering the sounds of the African drums, the wild animals, the hunters, being breastfed by his mother and walking along footpaths through the jungle.

Award 3 marks for any of the above. ✓✓✓

(4)

3.2 This is an image of violent, and the law of the jungle ✓

and of the hunter and the hunted. ✓

(2)

3.3 The leopard ✓

The panther ✓

Any one.

(1)

3.4 In the first two stanzas, the poet describes his life as a child in Africa, represented by the vibrancy and vigour of the African drums. ✓

In the last two stanzas, the poet describes his life as an adult in Europe, represented by the sophisticated classical music. ✓

Accept similar answers on merit.

(2)

- 3.5 “Its complexities” refers to the complicated classical music.  
“labyrinth” refers to a maze, showing how lost and confused the poet feels in a foreign land, in the western world.  
Any 3 or other reasonable answer ✓✓✓ (3)
- 3.6 b / metaphor ✓✓ (2)
- 3.7 Answers will vary. Mark Globally ✓✓ (2)
- 3.8 The “mystic rhythm of jungle drums” refers to the speaker’s childhood and youth in Africa, which he yearns for.  
The “concerto” refers to the speaker’s adulthood in Europe, where he feels lost, confused and alone.  
Accept other answers on merit. ✓✓ (2)

**[18]****TOTAL SECTION B: [35]****GRAND TOTAL: [70]**