

**LESSON:** 19 May 2020 – Language Structures and Conventions

**LESSON THEME:** Language in context

**RESOURCES:** Dictionaries, Booklet for Grade Twelve Easter Programme -2020, Grade 12 Language Exercises – Annexures A & B

**Instructions**

Complete the task below in your English notebooks. Remember to date your work.

**QUESTION 5: USING LANGUAGE CORRECTLY**

Read TEXT F, which contains some deliberate errors, and answer the set questions.

**TEXT F**

<b>THE PERFECT CRUSH IS IMAGINARY OR DEAD</b>	
1	The first crush I had was on a cartoon bird. He was one of the vultures in <i>The Jungle Book</i> . The tall one, if you can say that a bird is tall. I thought he was incredibly cool. I liked his hairstyle and his perfectly flawless singing voice. He was superior to the other vultures in every way. Even at the age of five, I recognised my feelings for what they were. This is a crush, I told myself. Watch out, bird. 5
2	I thought, 'These crushes are incomprehensible, the ones to which you can assign no sense or meaning.'
3	The ideal crush object is someone that you will never meet. Really, they should be fictional, or at least dead. This way you are free to imagine all the excellent times you will have together, the laughs, the jokes and the free exchange of complementary views. Crushes will never turn out to be possessive of their stationary, nor correct your grammar, nor refer to the internet as 'the interwebs'. A crush will never do any of these things because, for your purposes, they exist only in your head. 10 15

[Adapted from *Sunday Times*, 15 July 2015]

**QUESTIONS: TEXT F**

- 5.1 In line 1 the word, 'cartoon' is a/an ...
- A noun.
  - B adjective.
  - C verb.
  - D pronoun.
- (1)
- 5.2 Account for the use of the italics in line 2. (1)
- 5.3 Rewrite the following sentence in formal English:
- 'I thought he was incredibly cool' (lines 2–3). (1)
- 5.4 Remove the redundancy in the following sentence:
- 'I liked his hairstyle and his perfectly flawless singing voice' (lines 3–4). (1)
- 5.5 Rewrite lines 7–8, 'I thought ... or meaning', in reported speech. (2)

- 5.6 'The ideal crush object is someone that you will never meet' (line 9).  
Rewrite this sentence, beginning with the underlined clause. (1)
- 5.7 Correct the error of tense in the following sentence fragment:  
'This way you are free to imagine all the excellent times you will have together, ...' (lines 10–11). (1)
- 5.8 A word has been incorrectly used in lines 12–14: 'Crushes will never ... as "the interwebs".' Correct the error. (1)
- 5.9 Correct the grammatical error in the concluding sentence, 'A crush will ... in your head.' (1)

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