



**ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE
JUNE COMMON TEST 2023**

MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

GRADE 7:

TOTAL: 60

TIME: 1 ½ HOURS

MARK ALLOCATION

SECTION A: 20	
SECTION B: 10	
SECTION C: 10	
SECTION D: 20	
TOTAL: 60	

This question paper consists of 8 pages including the cover

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF FOUR SECTIONS:

SECTION A: Comprehension (20)

SECTION B: Visual Text (10)

SECTION C: Summary (10)

SECTION D: Language in context (20)

2. Read ALL the instructions carefully.
3. Answers all the questions in the spaces provided.
4. Pay special attention to spelling and sentence construction.
5. Write neatly and legibly.
6. Suggested time allocation:
- SECTION A: 35 Minutes
- SECTION B: 15 Minutes
- SECTION C: 15 Minutes
- SECTION D: 25 Minutes
10. Write neatly and legibly.

SECTION A- LITERARY/NON-LITERARY TEXTS**QUESTION 1: COMPREHENSION**

Read the *NEWSPAPER ARTICLE* and answer all questions in full sentences

Chris Rock's brother Kenny wishes to fight Will Smith in a boxing match after Oscars slap

Chris Rock's brother Kenny wishes to challenge Will Smith to a fight after he slapped the comedian on the global stage at the Oscars 2022

1. The Oscars 2022 witnessed several notable moments that viewers from across the globe will remember for years to come, including when actor Will Smith slapped Chris Rock. This altercation took place after Rock attempted a joke about Will Smith's wife Jada Pinkett Smith's baldness, which is due to a medical condition called Alopecia. Chris Rock's brother, Kenny Rock has now challenged the actor to a boxing match after the incident which made headlines across the world. **5**

Kenny Rock challenges Will Smith to boxing match

2. According to a report by *TMZ*, Kenny Rock signed a deal with Celebrity Boxing founder Damon Feldman and suggested that he would like the *Men in Black* actor to be his first opponent in the ring. This came after Kenny Rock was asked if he thinks his brother Chris and Will Smith should fight in the ring. **10**
3. He did not believe that should happen but was up to challenge. Will Smith in the boxing ring himself. He said, via *Screen Rant*. **15**
4. "No they shouldn't. But I should get in the ring with Will Smith. No offense to us about it. I'll let the hands do the talking."
5. This is not the first time Kenny Rock has spoken about the infamous Oscars slap and earlier spoke about the same to *Los Angeles Times*. He mentioned he wanted the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to revoke the Best Actor Oscar that was awarded to Will Smith for his role in *King Richard*. **20**
6. He mentioned that watching the repeat of the incident ate him up as he has 'seen a loved one being attacked and there's nothing you can do about it'. He told the publication, "Every time I'm watching the videos, it's like a rendition that just keeps going over and over in my head. My brother was no threat to him and you **25**

just had no respect for him at that moment. You just belittled him in front of millions of people that watch the show.' The **30** Academy recently banned Will Smith from being in attendance at the Oscars or other Academy events for 10 years after he slapped Chris Rock on the global stage.

QUESTIONS

- 1.1 Who challenges Will Smith? (1)
- 1.2 When and where did the slapping incident take place? (2)
- 1.3 Choose the most suitable answer
- 1.3.1 What was the reason that Will Smith slapped Chris Rock?
- A. He felt aggressive
 - B. Chris Rock insulted Will's wife
 - C. Will Smith do not like Chris Rock
 - D. Kenny Rock insulted Will Smith (1)
- 1.4 Explain Kenny's feelings about the incident? (2)
- 1.5 According to the article, state the reason why Jada Pinkett is bald? (2)
- 1.6 Provide an example of personification from the text. (1)
- 1.7 Identify the main idea of this newspaper article. (2)
- 1.8 List the two publications Kenny spoke to. (2)
- 1.9 Read the scene below and answer the question.
- Will Smith slapped Chris Rock because he insulted his wife and now Kenny Rock wants to fight Will Smith because he slapped his brother.**
- 1.9.1 Explain in your own words, what makes these situations similar or different from each other? (2)
- 1.10 Why is Kenny so determined to fight Will Smith? (1)
- 1.11 What is your opinion about Kenny's attitude? (2)
- 1.12 How do you think that this conflict situation can be resolved? (2)

TOTAL: [20]

SECTION B**QUESTION 2: VISUAL TEXT**

Look at the comic strip and answer the questions

BENNY and BOONE.com

**FRAME 1****FRAME 2****FRAME 3**

2.1 How does the setting of the cartoon fit the characters? (2)

2.2 The purpose of the cartoon is to:

- A. Show us it is good to share.
- B. Learning to be nice
- C. A leopard never changes its spots.
- D. The bear eating the berries is a thief. (1)

2.3 State what type of bubble is used in frame 2. (1)

2.4 In Frame 3 explain Spikes facial expression (2)

2.5 By making reference to the visual how has the cartoonist illustrated Spikes happiness in frame 2? (2)

2.6 Do you think that people can change? Justify your answer. (2)

TOTAL: [10]

SECTION C**QUESTION 3: SUMMARY**

The text below provides information about Alopecia. Summarise the extract in your OWN WORDS by focusing on seven **facts** about the disease.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Your summary must include 7 main points and be presented in POINT FORM.
2. Make use of the text and not your own knowledge.
3. Do not exceed **70 words**.
4. Use your own words as far as possible.
5. **Indicate the number of words** you have used at the end of your summary.



What you need to know about alopecia areata

Is this something new? No! Will Smith's wife's disease just brought the attention of the world on it again.

Alopecia Areata is a common autoimmune skin disease, causing severe hair loss on the scalp, face and sometimes on other areas of the body. In fact, it affects as many as 6.8 million people in the U.S. with a lifetime risk of 2.1%.

People of all ages, both sexes and all ethnic groups can develop Alopecia Areata. It often first appears during childhood and can be different for everyone who has it.

With Alopecia Areata, your hair follicles remain alive and hair can regrow at any time

Alopecia Areata appears to be a genetic condition with multiple genes playing a role. Environmental influences such as exposure to a virus or chemicals might cause a predisposition to this condition. "Alopecia Areata affects men and women similarly and has no known predilection for any ethnic group," says Brett King. It typically develops before age 20, but it can also arise later in life.

TOTAL: [10]

SECTION D**QUESTION 4: LANGUAGE STRUCTURES**

Refer to the newspaper article (comprehension) and answer the set questions.

4.1 Identify the following parts of speech:

4.1.1 Comedian (In the by-line) (1)

4.1.2 Infamous (line: 20) (1)

4.2 Change the following sentence into:

Will Smith slaps Chris Rock because he insulted his wife.

4.2.1 Simple past tense (1)

4.2.2 Future tense (1)

4.3 Choose the correct answer.

4.3.1 Chris Rock was not the (good/better/best) person between him and Will. (1)

4.3.2 Provide the feminine form of the word **hero** (1)

4.3.3 TMZ forms part of:

A. Abbreviation

B. Acronym

C. Clipped

D. Initialism (1)

4.3.4 State the function of the apostrophe in the word **shouldn't**. (1)

4.3.5 Provide a synonym for the word disease. (1)

4.3.6 Correct the spelling error in the sentence: **Kenny and his brother are feeling insulted** . (1)

4.3.7 Underline the dependant clause:

They visited his hometown where he was born. (1)

4.4 Change the following sentence from active to the passive voice.

The camera man recorded the slapping incident. (2)

4.5 Punctuate the following sentence.

people of all ages both sexes and all ethnic groups can develop Alopecia
Areata (3)

4.6 Rewrite the following sentence in reported/indirect speech.

Kenny Rock says: "It is terrible to witness violence." (4)

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