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Questions [39 marks]

1. Which word is spelled correctly in the following group? (a) conciousness (b) consciosness (c) consciousness (d) conciousnes **(1)**

2. Rewrite the sentence in the passive voice: "Thabo researched Steve Biko's life in the Soweto library." **(2)**

3. Read this sentence: "The Black Consciousness Movement, which started in the 1960s, challenged apartheid laws." What is the function of the clause in commas? (a) It adds a main idea (b) It provides extra information about the noun (c) It changes the verb tense (d) It creates a question **(1)**

4. Which sentence uses a complex sentence structure correctly? (a) Because the movement was powerful, and it inspired many people. (b) Although apartheid was brutal, the Black Consciousness Movement fought against it. (c) Steve Biko led while he organized communities. (d) If people were brave, so they protested. **(1)**

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5. Read the paragraph below and identify the main idea in one sentence: "Steve Biko believed that Black South Africans should take pride in their identity and culture. He rejected the idea that Black people were inferior to white people. Through the Black Consciousness Movement, he taught young activists to stand up for themselves and challenge the unjust system of apartheid. His message spread across townships and schools, inspiring thousands of young people to become leaders in their own communities." **(2)**

6. Write down a synonym for the word "rejuvenate" as it might be used in a sentence about the Black Consciousness Movement's impact. **(1)**

7. Read the sentence: "Khanyisa said, 'I will study the speeches of Steve Biko,' she whispered loudly." Correct the punctuation error and rewrite the sentence. **(2)**

8. Which of the following is a summary of the text about Steve Biko and the Black Consciousness Movement? (a) Steve Biko was arrested many times. (b) The Black Consciousness Movement encouraged Black pride and self-reliance as resistance to apartheid. (c) Apartheid laws were very strict. (d) Many students attended meetings in Khayelitsha. **(2)**

9. Read this newspaper headline from a Cape Town publication: "LOCAL ACTIVISTS CHALLENGE GOVERNMENT POLICIES ON EDUCATION." Write a subheading (one sentence, 8-12 words) that summarizes what the article might discuss. **(2)**

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10. Which sentence contains a noun in the possessive case? (a) The movement's influence spread throughout South Africa. (b) The leaders were powerful and brave. (c) They organized meetings in the townships. (d) Biko's dedication inspired future generations. **(2)**

11. Read the following extract from an opinion piece: "The Black Consciousness Movement was not just a political organization; it was a psychological revolution. It taught Black South Africans to see themselves as agents of change, not victims of circumstance. Without this shift in thinking, the struggle against apartheid would have taken a different path." Identify the writer's main argument in this extract. **(3)**

12. Liezel is writing a newspaper article about a community forum on the Black Consciousness Movement. She has written this introduction: "The Black Consciousness Movement started in South Africa. It was about Black pride. Many people supported it. Steve Biko was the leader. He was important." Rewrite this introduction (3-4 sentences) to be more engaging and suitable for a newspaper article. Include specific details. **(3)**

13. Read the sentence: "Although the apartheid government tried to suppress the movement, the activists' determination never wavered." What type of clause does "Although the apartheid government tried to suppress the movement" introduce? (a) Independent clause (b) Subordinate clause (c) Relative clause (d) Noun clause **(2)**

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14. Write a one-sentence summary of this passage: "Steve Biko's vision was revolutionary for his time. He believed that true liberation required Black people to first liberate themselves psychologically from the internalized inferiority imposed by centuries of oppression. Only then could they effectively challenge the external structures of apartheid. His philosophy influenced activists across South Africa, from Soweto to the Cape Flats, and continues to shape South African thought today." **(3)**

15. Read this argumentative opening sentence written by Aisha for an essay on the Black Consciousness Movement: "The Black Consciousness Movement was important because it changed things in South Africa." Rewrite this sentence to be more specific and compelling as an argumentative introduction (two sentences, maximum 30 words combined). **(3)**

16. Identify THREE errors in the paragraph below and correct them: "The movement spread rapidly through townships, universities, and informal settlements. Biko's message where it encouraged self-determination resonated with young people. However, the government responded harshly; it banned the organization, arrest activists, and intimidated supporters." **(4)**

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17. Read the extract below and write a detailed summary (4-5 sentences, 60-80 words): **(5)**

"The Black Consciousness Movement emerged in the late 1960s as a radical departure from earlier anti-apartheid strategies. Rather than seeking negotiation with the white government, it prioritized building Black self-reliance, cultural pride, and psychological independence. Steve Biko and his contemporaries argued that apartheid's greatest weapon was not legislation but the mental colonization of Black minds. The movement organized youth, workers, and intellectuals around a shared vision: that Black liberation must begin internally before external political change could be achieved. This philosophy attracted thousands of followers and fundamentally altered the trajectory of South Africa's resistance struggle."

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