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Questions [45 marks]

1. In the sentence "Refilwe's family struggled to afford nutritious food during the drought," identify the noun phrase that describes what Refilwe's family struggled with. **(1)**

2. Which word in this sentence is a verb: "The government distributed maize to villages in Limpopo"? **(1)**

3. Rewrite this sentence in the passive voice: "Khanyisa planted vegetables in the community garden." **(2)**

4. What is the main purpose of a newspaper article about food shortages in Khayelitsha township? **(1)**

5. Correct the error in this sentence: "Thabo and Liezel was concerned about food security in their region." **(2)**

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6. Which sentence uses a complex sentence structure correctly? (A) Because crops failed, the farmers lost income. (B) The farmers lost income because crops failed and they needed help. (C) Crops failed and the farmers lost income because drought. (D) The farmers lost income, crops failed because of drought. **(2)**

7. Read this paragraph and identify which sentence does NOT support the topic of hunger in rural areas: "In Free State, many families lack access to fresh produce. The local school built a nutrition programme. Marco enjoys playing soccer after school. Malnutrition affects children's learning ability." What is the irrelevant sentence? **(2)**

8. Write a one-sentence summary of this information: "Priya's grandmother grew spinach, carrots, and beans in her garden. She sold the surplus at the market. This provided income for her family and improved their nutrition." **(3)**

9. Write a topic sentence for an argumentative paragraph about why communities should start vegetable gardens to fight food insecurity. **(3)**

10. In an article about hunger, which headline is most effective? (A) Food Problems in South Africa (B) Rural Communities Face Critical Food Shortages: What We Must Do Now (C) Some people don't have food (D) Food **(2)**

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11. Rewrite this vague sentence to be more specific and informative: "Nokwanda had problems getting good food for her family." **(3)**

12. Edit this paragraph for grammar, spelling, and clarity: "Tshepiso live in a small village where the soil are poor. Many families cant grow enough food. Government programs helps them by providing seeds and training. However, many farmers still struggle with water shortage." **(4)**

13. What is the difference in tone between these two sentences? (A) "Children in rural areas experience hunger." (B) "Children in rural areas are suffering from preventable hunger while resources exist to help them." Explain your answer. **(3)**

14. A newspaper article about food security in Soweto should include which of the following? (A) Only the journalist's personal opinion (B) Quotes from residents, statistics, and background information (C) Only positive news to encourage readers (D) The journalist's family history **(2)**

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15. Summarise the argument in this passage in ONE sentence: "Urban food gardens in Bo-Kaap have transformed empty spaces into productive areas. Residents like Gadija and Sameera grow herbs and vegetables. The project reduces food costs, builds community connections, and improves nutrition. It also creates small income opportunities for participants." **(4)**

16. Write a three-sentence argumentative introduction on why government funding for rural agricultural training is essential to reduce hunger. Your introduction must include a clear position statement. **(5)**

17. Analyse this headline from a food security article: "Drought Steals Hope from Polokwane Farmers." (A) Identify the figurative language technique used. (B) Explain why this technique is effective in a newspaper headline. (C) Rewrite the headline using literal language instead. **(5)**

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