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Grade 7 English HL · Language Practice · Paper 9 — Marking Memorandum

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Total Marks: 42

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Award marks for correct meaning. Half marks (½) may be awarded for partial answers.

Q	Answer / Marking Points	Marks
1	✓ Dr Priya Naidoo developed a water-purification system that helped communities in Chatsworth.	
2	✓ invented	
3	✓ B) is	
4	✓ Acceptable connectives: Then / After that / Subsequently / Following this / Afterwards. Example: "Khanyisa studied engineering at Wits University. Then he started his own tech company in Polokwane."	
5	✓ Subject: "The young inventor Tinyiko" / Predicate: "created affordable prosthetics for disabled children"	
6	✓ Acceptable synonyms: remarkable / outstanding / impressive / wonderful / outstanding / excellent. Example: "Liezel's breakthrough in agricultural biotechnology was remarkable for rural farmers."	
7	✓ Acceptable answer: "Local scientist Lerato has achieved a major breakthrough in HIV treatment research, offering new hope for patients across South Africa" or similar formal expansion showing elaboration and professional tone.	
8	✓ Dylan conducted experiments to test renewable fuels, and his impressive results impressed the scientific community. (Accept variations using different subordinating conjunctions--because, which, etc.)	

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9	✓ Jané and Ruan were working on a sustainable building material. They hoped it would reduce carbon emissions in Johannesburg construction.
10	✓ Dr Kavya Sharma developed low-cost water filters that are now used in over 50 township schools across the country. (Accept other single-sentence summaries containing the main three ideas joined by subordination.)
11	✓ B) "Meet the engineer transforming waste management across South Africa."
12	✓ Metaphor: "Nkhensani's innovations are lighthouses of hope." Effect: This metaphor suggests that the innovations provide direction and illumination (guidance/solutions) in darkness (crisis/hardship), making the inventions appear essential and life-changing.
13	✓ Yes, this introduction is effective because: (1) it provides a clear reason (solving real problems) that readers can understand and relate to, and (2) it connects the argument to ordinary South Africans, making it personally relevant rather than abstract.
14	✓ Sameera studied marine biology, and she discovered three new species of fish in the Atlantic Ocean near Cape Town. (Accept alternative correctly punctuated versions.)
15	✓ Dr Vikram Singh developed a cheaper insulin production method that reduced costs by 40%. His invention enables diabetic patients in rural areas of South Africa to afford their medication. The method has been adopted across Africa and has saved thousands of lives by preventing diabetes-related complications.
16	✓ Some people argue that South African inventors should work abroad where there is more funding. However, working locally means that inventors can tap into government grants, collaborate with universities, and build sustainable businesses that create jobs--which proves that funding opportunities exist at home without requiring relocation.

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17	✓ B) The tone is admiring and the purpose is to inspire and inform.■Evidence 1: The use of phrases like "transformed access" and "demonstrates that innovation isn't about unlimited resources" shows admiration for Nuraan's achievement and inspires others by framing his success as achievable.■Evidence 2: The statement "Schools now study Nuraan's model as a case study" informs readers of the practical impact and credibility of the project while celebrating it as exemplary.

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