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Grade 8 English HL · Language Practice · Paper 2 — Marking Memorandum

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Total Marks: 34

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Credit valid alternative responses where meaning is correct.

Q	Answer / Marking Points	Marks
1	✓ Khanyisa decided to start a water-saving business in her Limpopo township.	
2	✓ B) Aryan's development of the recycling app impressed investors.	
3	✓ FACT (It contains measurable, verifiable data: "80%")	
4	✓ B) Type 2 conditional	
5	✓ D) Radical (Radical has a negative/unstable connotation, whereas the others are positive.)	
6	✓ A social enterprise was established by Deven and Kavya in Chatsworth last year.	
7	✓ B) Nuraan's mentorship programme is the best initiative in the Cape Peninsula. (Uses absolute language "best" without evidence; the others contain verifiable facts.)	
8	✓ "Struggled" has a connotation of difficulty and resistance. It suggests Chloe faced genuine obstacles but overcame them through determination. This makes her achievement more admirable and her character more resilient than if the writer had used a neutral word like "worked."	
9	✓ Riaan's proposal to create a skill-sharing hub in Polokwane received government support.	

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10	✓ If Tshepiso had capital, she would be able to expand her laundry service to Khayelitsha.
11	✓ Error 1: "has design" ? "has designed" (present perfect agreement)■Error 2: "have already employ" ? "have already employed" (auxiliary verb agreement and past participle)■Error 3: "prove" ? "proves" (subject-verb agreement with singular noun "success")
12	✓ The bias is the unfair comparison ("Unlike other unsuccessful township schemes"). It assumes other initiatives are unsuccessful without evidence, and it favors Liezel's programme by contrasting it against unnamed, generalized failures. This is a form of hasty generalization and loaded language that undermines credibility.
13	✓ "Sculpted" connotes artistry, precision, intentionality, and creation of something permanent and beautiful from raw material. It elevates Mbuso's work beyond mere construction--it suggests he shaped his community with care and vision. "Built" would be neutral and mechanical by comparison, lacking the connotation of craft and human dignity.
14	✓ Aisha's youth mentorship scheme has supported youth development in several townships and has received positive feedback from participants.■(Removed superlatives like "groundbreaking" and "superior," replaced opinion markers with measurable outcomes.)
15	✓ To strengthen an argumentative paragraph, I would analyze how positive/negative connotations of words describing Murendeni's cooperative affect reader perception. For example, if I wrote "Murendeni revived the failing soil" versus "Murendeni restored the degraded soil," the first uses "revived" (life, hope) while the second uses "restored" (repair, dignity). In an essay, I would show how these word choices shape the reader's emotional and intellectual response to the argument that agricultural cooperatives empower rural communities. I would select words with precise connotations to support my claim and analyze their effect on persuasion.

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