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QUESTION 1 LANGUAGE PRACTICE [39 marks]

1. Rewrite this sentence in the passive voice: "Keamo cast his vote at the polling station in Polokwane." **(2)**

2. Identify whether the following statement is a FACT or an OPINION: "Voting is the most important responsibility citizens have in a democracy." **(1)**

3. Form a nominalization from the verb in this sentence: "The community decided to participate in the local election." The nominalization is: the community's _____. **(1)**

4. In the sentence "Priya felt empowered when she voted for the first time," what is the connotation of the word "empowered"? **(2)**

5. Which word is the object of the preposition in this sentence: "For many South Africans, voting represents hope"? **(1)**

6. Rewrite this sentence using a Type 2 conditional: "Ruan does not understand why voting matters, so he will not vote." **(2)**

7. Read this sentence: "The politician's promises were hollow and meaningless." What does the word "hollow" connote about the promises? **(2)**

8. Edit this paragraph for THREE errors: "Every citizen have the right to vote. Voting allow us to shape our country's future. Gadija goes to the polling station because she want change." **(3)**

9. Explain how the author creates persuasive effect by repeating the phrase "your voice matters" three times in a campaign about voting. **(3)**

10. In the context of democratic voting, what is the difference between the denotation and connotation of the word "choice"? **(3)**

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11. Which of the following sentences uses subjunctive mood? A) "Thabo voted yesterday." B) "If voting were compulsory, more people would participate." C) "Lungelo will vote in the next election." D) "The voting centre was crowded." **(2)**

12. A school newsletter states: "We suggest that every learner consider the importance of voting." Rewrite this sentence with a clear imperative verb that has stronger persuasive effect. **(2)**

13. Read this argument: "Democracy is pointless because politicians never keep their promises." Identify the logical flaw in this argument and explain your answer in one sentence. **(3)**

14. In a letter to a newspaper, Marco writes: "Voting is not just a right; it is a sacred duty." What effect does the nominalization "duty" have instead of the verb form "we must do"? **(3)**

15. A poster in Bo-Kaap reads: "Your vote is your voice." Explain how this metaphor reinforces the argument for voting participation. **(4)**

16. In a critical reading task, you encounter two texts: Text A claims "Young people don't care about voting" (written by a 70-year-old journalist), and Text B provides statistics showing 45% youth voter turnout (from an election commission report). Identify which text shows potential bias and explain why, using evidence from the texts. **(5)**

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