

**Text 1** (Source: adapted opinion piece from City Press 15/01/17)

**We are on the highway to 2019** [By *Mondli Makhanya* - **City Press** editor in chief]

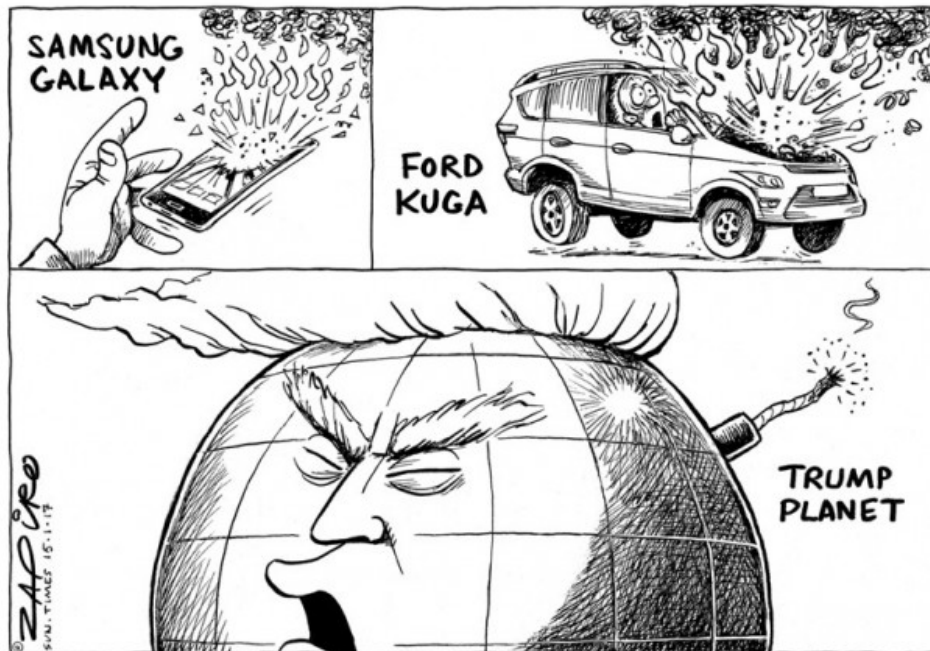


1. It was a privilege to be an insomniac on Wednesday morning. If you were one of us at 4am that day, you would have witnessed Barack Obama delivering his final address to the American nation.
2. And what a speech! It was Obama at his most magical.
3. By the time he came to the end of his hour-long address, you just wished he could go on, so inspiring and eloquent it was.
4. Tens of millions who had tuned in from around the world were as inspired as many of the American people he was directly addressing. Social media was abuzz with world citizens saying in unison: “We will miss this man.”
5. Obama came into office in 2008 following an electric campaign that was premised on the promise of change.
6. He galvanised diverse constituencies with the message “Yes, we can” to bring about change in society. He delivered on some crucial issues, but fell short on some others.
7. A hostile, Republican Party-dominated Congress made sure his tenure was hell. Gridlock was the name of the game as they frustrated his every initiative, mostly just for the sake of it.
8. Republican legislators were unrelenting in their hatred of the man and US citizens became victims of the campaign to frustrate and punish Obama.
9. There were many things he couldn’t change. On his watch, the issue of race continued to be stubborn, Americans continued to regard guns as extra limbs, the sport of bombing Arab lands remained popular and the suffering of Palestinians continued unabated.
10. But as he, Michelle and their daughters wave goodbye from the steps of the presidential helicopter on Thursday, he should be content in the knowledge that he leaves behind a sound legacy.
11. In the US and around the world it will always be acknowledged that he didn’t just warm the Oval Office; he did his best to use it to effect some positive change in his country.
12. Beneath the smile will be regret that the person following him into the White House (Donald Trump) is the most deranged president that Americans have had in the history of their country.
13. Obama will know that when Americans voted for him in 2008 and 2012, they were voting for hope. He knows that in November last year, they voted for the destruction of hope and for a warped future.
14. He will be aware that the colossal mistake that the US made will take a lot of hard work to undo.
15. South Africans learnt the hard way about the folly of gambling with a nation’s future.
16. Daily they are given rude reminders about the expensive experiment they made by giving power to an individual with a moral deficit.
17. After the steady hands of the first two presidents and the brief custodianship of the third, we decided that we wanted a bit of chaos in our lives. All of us – not only the next president and his government – have our work cut out in righting the wrong.
18. In correcting this mistake, South Africans should not just be bandying about names of possible contenders. We should look at what sort of person we want to lead the repairing of the damage we inflicted on ourselves.
19. There needs to be a thorough discussion about what we want the next person to do. Do we just want a seat-warmer who won’t rock the boat, or do we want an activist and a bold visionary?
20. Do we want a gentle uncle/auntie or do we want a forward-looking person who will be impatient with our walking pace?
21. Do we want a careful person in immaculate white attire or do we want someone with scars to prove that he or she is a battler who will risk injury fighting for us?
22. Do we care about the morality and the intellectual weight of such a person?
23. There should also be discussions about the process leading up to the choice of this person.
24. We should approach the 2017 political season with the awareness that we are now on the highway to 2019.

Text 2 (Source: The Times 11/01/17)

## Nando's USA gives Trump a grilling

1. The international company that launched in Johannesburg in 1987 has covered the walls of all six of its Washington DC locations with posters stating that are part of a campaign entitled "#EveryoneisWelcome".
2. The chicken outlet, well-known for its witty advertising campaigns which often lampoon political leaders, launched the campaign as president-elect, Donald Trump, prepares to move into the White House in two weeks. Many of his statements on minorities and foreigners have been seen as divisive rhetoric.
3. "The Nando's brand and its DNA is at the core of all that we do, including marketing communications," said Sepanta Bagherpour, vice-president of marketing for Nando's Peri-Peri, USA.
4. While Nando's is synonymous with this kind of topical communication in South Africa, says Bagherpour, "the motivation behind the campaign in the United States comes from matters close to home in Washington where we will be hosting hundreds of thousands of visitors with massively different points of view over the next few weeks."

Text 3 (Source: Zapiro cartoon from Sunday Times 15/01/17 and [www.zapiro.com](http://www.zapiro.com)): Accidents waiting to happen

**WORKSHEET 1: FET phase (Grade 12)**

In this worksheet, the focus is on comprehension (answering questions, inferring meaning and drawing conclusions) and critical language awareness; expressing an opinion; vocabulary development; sentence structure; personal pronouns; genre; purpose; style; tone; visual literacy (analysing cartoons and posters). *CAPS: Reading and Viewing; Language Structures and Conventions.*

**Refer to Text 1:**

1. Explain in your **own words** why the writer says it was a “privilege to be an insomniac” (paragraph 1) that particular Wednesday morning. (2)
2. Discuss the effect of the **sentence structure** that is used in paragraph 2. (3)
3. What does “electric” (paragraph 5) suggest about the type of campaign that Obama ran? (2)
4. Deduce from the context in which it is used the **meaning** of “gridlock” (paragraph 7). (1)
5. Refer to the statement, “Americans continued to regard guns as extra limbs” (paragraph 9):
  - a. What is implied by the writer about the way in which Americans regard guns? (2)
  - b. In your **opinion**, would you say the writer’s viewpoint on this is justified? Explain. (2)
6. The writer makes **critical statements** about Donald Trump and our own situation in South Africa in paragraphs 12–16. In your opinion, would you say this is appropriate? Take into account the **genre** and **purpose** of Text 1. (3)
7. Refer to paragraphs 17 and 18: What do the **personal pronouns** suggest about the role South Africans have played in the past and should play in the future? (2)
8. Is “scars” (paragraph 21) **literal** or **figurative**? Explain your answer. (2)
9. Refer to paragraphs 19 to 22: Discuss two elements of **style** that help to convey the **tone** of these paragraphs. (4)

**Refer to Text 2:**

10. Comment on the **pun** in the heading: “Nando’s USA gives Trump a grilling.” (2)
11. Explain how this poster is an example of “topical communication” (paragraph 4). Refer to the details of the poster and the text alongside it in your answer. (3)

**Refer to Text 3:**

12. The cartoon is captioned, “Accidents waiting to happen”. Discuss the **appropriateness** of the caption by referring to the details of the cartoon. (3)
13. Would you say that Text 3 supports any of the opinions given in Text 1? Justify your argument by referring to both texts. (4)

**[35 marks]**

**Memorandum:**

1. Because he was an insomniac (someone who has difficulty with sleeping) the writer was awake at 4am and was thus able to watch Barack Obama give his final speech which was moving and uplifting. This made him feel it had been an honour to watch it. (2)
2. Two short sentences are used to highlight the writer's view that the speech was "magical". The first sentence is incomplete (there is no verb) and it unusually begins with "And"; this conveys the writer's excitement and delight. The way in which the second sentence is structured – short and simple – builds on the first sentence and reinforces its positive sentiments. (3)
3. "Electric" suggests that the campaign was dynamic and energetic, perhaps even full of "light". (2)
4. "Gridlock" is often used to refer to traffic that has come to a standstill. Here it means being unable to make progress or move forward. (1)
5.
  - a. This implies that according to the writer, Americans would see guns as an extension of themselves; they would be used as "extra limbs"; guns were so normalised that it was as if they were simply part of their bodies. (2)
  - b. Students may express their own opinions. They might argue that the writer is generalising about Americans; that not all Americans see guns in this way. However, they might also argue that the policies around gun ownership in America allow for guns to be normalised in everyday use, thus creating this perception. (2)
6. Text 1 is an opinion piece in a newspaper and as such, it reflects the views of the writer. In a column of this nature, a writer would normally give his/her opinion on an issue. It is therefore a space that allows for criticism and controversial views – the reader should understand that this is the point of view of an individual; it is therefore appropriate to express critical views. (3)
7. The use of the personal pronouns "we", "us" and "ourselves" helps to create the impression that South Africans themselves should be held to account for what has happened in the past – "we decided we wanted a bit of chaos"; "the damage we inflicted on ourselves"; – and that "all of us" have a role to play in making things right. By using these pronouns, the writer makes us feel that all South Africans stand together to right "the wrongs". (2)
8. "Scars" is figurative, referring to life-forming experiences that show someone has been out in the world and fought "battles" or experienced hardships. (2)
9. **Rhetorical questions** are used to present a series of questions as a way of listing and emphasising various points; they also make the reader feel included. The questions convey an emphatic, challenging tone. **Repetition** is used six times in "Do we want..." and this again reinforces the challenging, forceful tone. (4)
10. The pun is in "grilling", referring to a method of cooking chicken, but also figuratively meaning "giving someone (Trump) a hard/difficult time". (2)
11. "Topical communication" refers to using something that is current to bring across a message or to make a point. Here Nando's is making use of Trump's prospective term as president of the USA to convey its own values which seem to be in opposition to some of Trump's "divisive rhetoric" and his "statements on minorities and foreigners". The sentiments on the poster reflect the idea that "everyone is welcome". (3)
12. Three potentially flammable situations are highlighted in this cartoon – the Samsung phones that have caught alight; Ford vehicles that have gone up in flames and Trump coming to power signifying danger. The caption is appropriate, as according to the cartoonist, these three scenarios all spell danger and are "accidents waiting to happen". (3)
13. Text 3 shows "Trump Planet" being a potentially explosive force for our world; there is a burning fuse ready to explode. In Text 1, Trump is described as "deranged" and the writer says that by voting for

him, voters have voted for the “destruction of hope and a warped future”. These statements would seem to be supportive of the image of “Trump Planet” which embodies destruction and danger. (4)

**[35 marks]**

Below are suggested cognitive levels that could be associated with the different questions. (The cognitive levels are listed and described on page 76 of the English Home Language FET CAPS document.)

**Suggested cognitive levels:**

Question number	Mark allocation	Cognitive level
1	2	1
2	3	3
3	2	3
4	1	1
5.a.	2	3
5.b.	2	5
6	3	5
7	2	3
8	2	1
9	4	3
10	2	2
11	3	3
12	3	1
13	4	4

**Summary:**

**Levels 1 and 2 (Literal and Reorganisation): 10 marks**  
**Level 3 (Inference): 16 marks**  
**Levels 4 and 5 (Evaluation and Appreciation): 9 marks**

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