



SASTRI COLLEGE
DRAMATIC ARTS GRADE 10
CHARACTER BIOGRAPHY
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MARKS: 25

DURATION: 1 Hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. You have been allocated FIVE minutes reading time before the start of the examination.
2. Answer all the questions.
3. Number your answers according to the numbering system used in this examination paper.
4. Write neatly and legibly.

QUESTION ONE: CHARACTER BIOGRAPHY OF SARAFINA

STUDY THE SOURCE BELOW AND COMPLETE THE CHARACTER BIOGRAPHY ON PAGE 2.

SOURCE



The plot of Mbongeni Ngema's Sarafina! centres on students involved in the Soweto Uprising, in opposition to the implementation of Afrikaans as the language of instruction in schools. The character Sarafina feels shame at her mother's acceptance of her role as domestic servant in a white household in apartheid South Africa, and inspires her peers to rise up in protest, especially after her inspirational teacher, Mary Masombuka, is imprisoned. In the opening scene, Sarafina is seen talking while staring at Nelson Mandela's picture, at the time the South African icon was still imprisoned. In the latter scene Sarafina is again talking while staring at Mandela's picture on the wall, criticizing him for being gone for a long time and not responding to the nation's pleas, idolizing him as someone who can change the horrific situation that the Black nation of South Africa is in.

CHARACTER BIOGRAPHY

Answer the following questions as if you are Sarafina.

1. What is your full name?
2. Where did you grow up?
3. Where do you live now?
4. Describe your home and community.
5. How has your childhood affected your life?
6. Give a brief history of your family. Include names of parents and siblings (brothers and sisters).
7. List three important events in your life.
8. Write the names of three important friends.
9. Describe your school life.
10. What is your religion?
11. What is your socio economic status? (Are you rich, poor or middle class)
12. What are your hobbies?
13. What are your dreams in life?
14. What are you willing to do to accomplish your dreams?
15. What is your worst nightmare?
16. How do you view yourself?
17. How do other people view you?
18. What kind of music do you listen to?
19. What is your favourite thing to do?
20. Explain how your character changes by the end of the play

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