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2021 PSLCE ZONAL MOCK EXAMINATIONS

ENGLISH (100 marks)

Subject Number: P052

Time allowed: 2 h 15 mins
8:00 – 10:15 am

Name of Candidate: _____
(Surname First)

Name of School: _____

Instructions

1. This paper contains 10 printed pages. Please check.
2. Write your **Name** and **Name of your school** in the spaces provided above and your **Examination Number** on top of each page of the question paper.
3. This paper consists of 4 sections: **A, B, C** and **D**.
4. You are expected to answer **one** question only from section **A**. Your composition/letter should be between **100** and **150** words. You should answer **all** questions in section **A, B, C** and **D**.
5. The **first 10 minutes** are for reading the questions and choosing the question to answer from Section **A**.
6. Write **all** your answers to the questions in sections **A, B** and **C** in the spaces provided on the question paper. In section **D**, encircle the letter representing the right answer to each question.
7. In the table provided on this page, **tick** against the question number you have answered apart from questions **14** to **53**.
8. Hand in your question paper to the invigilator when time is called to stop writing.

Question Number	Tick if answered	Do not write in these columns	
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Section A (30 marks)

Answer **one** question only from this section on the lined answer sheet. Write between **100** and **150** words

EITHER

1. Imagine that you read an advertisement that appeared in Tikhoza Newspaper in which Chisomo Company is looking for a shopkeeper. Write a letter applying for the job using the following address: The General Manager, Chisomo Company, P. O Box 2129, Chokwanira.

In your letter include the following points:

Paragraph 1

- the date you read the advertisement
- indicate whether you are male or female
- indicate your age
- qualification you have

Paragraph 2

- **two** reasons why you want the job
- the responsibility you had at school related to this job

Paragraph 3

- things you like doing when you are free
- **two** things you promise to do for the company when you start the job

OR

2. Imagine that you have invited your best friend to spend the coming holiday with you. Write a composition entitled "**My plan for the coming holiday**".

In your composition include the following points:

Paragraph 1

- name of your friend
- **two** reasons why you have decided to invite your friend
- how long the holiday shall take

Paragraph 2

- **two** ways you want your parents to help you prepare for your friend's visit

Paragraph 3

- **two** things you and your friend shall do together during the holiday

Section B (20 marks)**3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

One Saturday morning, Mr. Mwale called his son, Pempho, to give him a present on his ninth birthday.

"Here, I have a present for you," he said. "Thank you, father." Pempho said. It was a small radio.

He took the radio to his room and danced to some of his favourite songs. In the afternoon, he took it to his friends who made a circle around the radio and danced to its music. The boys felt hungry. They thought of going a little further to pick some mangoes. Pempho left the radio by a big rock.

After sometime, they decided to go to the rock to dance again but the radio was not there. "Someone has taken it then!" Pempho said. There were some tears in his eyes. "My father will beat me up." Pempho's friends felt very sorry for him and started to look for the radio in the bush.

Dalitso heard a voice from one of the bush saying, "Get ready now because tomorrow may be too late!"

"Help! Help!" Screamed Dalitso. "It's an evil spirit!" He ran away. "And now for some more music," continued the voice in the bush.

"It isn't an evil spirit. It's my radio!" Said Pempho. The boys pushed through the bush and came to a tall tree. On one of the high branches they saw a big monkey. It was holding the radio and playing with the knobs. Sometimes it heard the music and sometimes a voice. When there was music the monkey danced about on the branch. When there was a voice he answered it. Each of Pempho's friends suggested ways of recovering the radio. One of them thought of going to police for help. Others wanted to throw stones at it but feared that it might drop the radio.

Finally, Chiyembekezo had a plan. "Let's get some of those juicy mangoes perhaps the monkey is hungry too." he said. They picked the mangoes and put them on the ground in a long line from the tree to the bush. They hid and waited.

In a few minutes, they saw the monkey climbing down. It ate several mangoes. Then Chiyembekezo quickly climbed up the tree and grabbed the radio. The monkey saw him. It raced to the tree and jumped up from branch to branch while chattering at him. The monkey was angry and jumped away to another tree.

"Thank you Chiyembekezo," Pempho said. "You have saved me from a beating."

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Questions

a. Why did Mr. Mwale buy a radio for his son?

(2 marks)

b. What shows that Pempho really liked the radio?

(2 marks)

c. Why did Pempho leave the radio by the rock?

(2 marks)

d. What made Pempho's friends feel sorry for him?

(2 marks)

e. Why did Dalitso think there was an evil spirit in the bush?

(2 marks)

f. What **two** things was the monkey doing with the radio?

(2 marks)

g. State **two** plans which the boys thought of in order to recover the radio

(2 marks)

h. What shows that the monkey was actually hungry?

(2 marks)

i. In the passage, find a word in

(i) **paragraph 1** which means 'gift'

(1 mark)

(ii) **paragraph 7** which means 'huge'

(1 mark)

j. Suggest a title for this story

(2 marks)

Section C (10 marks)

Change the following sentences from **active** to **passive** voice.

4. **Active:** This company makes cars.

Passive: _____
(1 mark)

5. **Active:** My uncle will bring the food.

Passive: _____
(1 mark)

6. **Active:** Children like fruits.

Passive: _____
(1 mark)

7. **Active:** The president is addressing the nation.

Passive: _____
(1 mark)

8. **Active:** The children ate all food.

Passive: _____
(1 mark)

Make a sentence using each of the following words to show that you understand its meaning.

9. late

(1 mark)

10. treat

(1 mark)

11. country

(1 mark)

12. already

(1 mark)

13. any

(1 mark)

Section D (40 marks)**Questions 14 to 26**

In each of the following questions, choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best completes the sentence.

14. The librarian was looking _____ the missing book.
A. for
B. on
C. after
D. over
15. My uncle goes to work _____ public transport.
A. with
B. on
C. in
D. by
16. They started learning _____ January.
A. since
B. on
C. in
D. by
17. The thief was _____ those three fishermen.
A. among
B. upon
C. between
D. within
18. I appreciate the trust you have _____ me.
A. at
B. about
C. on
D. for
19. I wanted the chief to look ___ this matter seriously.
A. at
B. in
C. into
D. on
20. The bicycle is good enough _____ our trip.
A. at
B. to
C. for
D. on
21. The aeroplane disappeared _____ thick clouds.
A. over
B. in
C. at
D. into
22. Mayamiko and Tiyamike are _____ ill.
A. both
B. all
C. either
D. each
23. She _____ talk for hours in those days.
A. could
B. can
C. may

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D. might

24. They _____ to plant trees in time last year.

- A. would fail
- B. fail
- C. have failed
- D. failed

25. You cannot sleep here, unless we _____ you.

- A. would know
- B. know
- C. knew
- D. had known

26. Tendai _____ from her work tomorrow.

- A. would resign
- B. might resign
- C. is resigning
- D. could resign

Questions 27 to 39

In each of the following questions, choose the **correct part of speech** (A, B, C, or D) for each of the underlined words.

27. The hungry dog ate my chicken.

- A. verb
- B. adverb
- C. adjective
- D. preposition

28. You should never write unnecessary things on walls.

- A. adverb
- B. verb
- C. adjective
- D. conjunction

29. What is that gentleman's name?

- A. pronoun

- B. adjective
- C. adverb
- D. preposition

30. They were treated with kindness.

- A. verb
- B. adjective
- C. adverb
- D. noun

31. They had to walk a long distance.

- A. noun
- B. conjunction
- C. pronoun
- D. adjective

32. I grow local varieties of maize.

- A. preposition
- B. adverb
- C. verb
- D. adjective

33. The story was not true.

- A. pronoun
- B. adverb
- C. noun
- D. adjective

34. This is not the first time that I entered a dancing competition.

- A. conjunction
- B. pronoun
- C. preposition
- D. adjective

35. It is my sincere hope that you will arrive safely.

- A. preposition
- B. noun
- C. verb
- D. adverb

36. Three of them were punished.

- A. preposition
- B. pronoun
- C. adjective
- D. adverb

37. I am not happy with the loss.

- A. verb
- B. noun
- C. adverb
- D. adjective

38. Singing is a good hobby.

- A. pronoun
- B. adjective
- C. adverb
- D. preposition

39. Her story is very interesting.

- A. adverb
- B. verb
- C. adjective
- D. conjunction

Questions 40 to 44

In each of the following questions, choose the **correct question tag (A, B, C or D)** for the statement.

40. It is cold this morning, _____?

- A. is it
- B. isn't it
- C. doesn't it
- D. does it

41. There was nobody in the room, _____?

- A. wasn't there
- B. is there
- C. was there
- D. isn't there

42. He did not want to do the work, _____?

- A. doesn't he
- B. didn't he
- C. does he
- D. did he

43. My father goes to the garden daily, _____?

- A. didn't he
- B. doesn't he
- C. does he
- D. did he

44. I am writing an English test, _____?

- A. am I
- B. aren't I
- C. don't I
- D. do I

Questions 45 to 48

In each of the following questions, choose the word **(A, B, C or D)** that **best completes the proverb**.

45. An early bird catches the _____

- A. fish
- B. worm
- C. snake
- D. frog

46. You cannot teach an old _____ new tricks.

- A. horse
- B. cat
- C. donkey
- D. dog

47. Too many cooks _____ the soup.

- A. improve
- B. finish
- C. prepare
- D. spoil

48. One good turn deserves _____.
- A. much
 - B. another
 - C. more
 - D. a little

Questions 49 to 53

In each of the following questions, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) that gives the **correct type of clause** and **its function**. The clause has been underlined.

49. Hide the medicine where the child cannot find it.
- A. adjective clause, qualifying "medicine"
 - B. noun clause, object of "hide"
 - C. adverb clause, modifying "hide"
 - D. noun clause, in apposition to "medicine"
50. This is the place where I saw Omega.
- A. adverb clause, modifying "is"
 - B. adjective clause, qualifying "place"

- C. noun clause, object of "is"
 - D. noun clause, in apposition to "place"
51. The dog I saw was fierce.
- A. adjective clause, qualifying "dog"
 - B. noun clause, in apposition to "dog"
 - C. adverb clause, modifying "was"
 - D. noun clause, object of "dog"
52. When they found her, she was extremely happy.
- A. noun clause, object of "happy"
 - B. noun clause, subject of "was"
 - C. adverb clause, modifying "was extremely happy"
 - D. adjective clause, qualifying "she"
53. He draws whatever he sees.
- A. noun clause, in apposition to "He"
 - B. adverb clause, modifying "draws"
 - C. noun clause, complement of "draws"
 - D. noun clause, object of "draws"

END OF QUESTION PAPER

NB: This paper contains 10 printed pages.