



# SHARPEVALE ZONE EXAMINATIONS BOARD

2021 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE MOCK EXAMINATION

## ENGLISH

(100 Marks)

Subject Number: P052

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Time allowed: 2hr 15mins  
8:00 - 10:15am

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Surname First)

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

### Instructions:

- This paper contains 7 printed pages. Please check
- Write your name and name of your school in the spaces provided above and on top of each page of the question paper.
- This paper consists of 4 sections: A, B, C and D.
- You are expected to answer one question only from section A. Your composition should be between 100 and 150 words. You should answer all questions in sections B, C and D.
- The first 10 minutes are for reading the questions and choosing the questions to answer from section A.
- In the table provided on this page, tick against the question number you have answered apart from questions 14 to 53.
- Hand in your worked question paper to the invigilator when time is called to stop writing.

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**SECTION A (30 Marks)**

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

EITHER

1. Imagine that you witnessed a fire accident at your school which destroyed the Head teacher’s office. The police have asked you to give them information on the accident. In your report include the following points:

**Paragraph 1**

- Where the fire accident happened
- What caused the fire
- Where you were at the time the fire started

**Paragraph 2**

- What the head teacher was doing at the time the fire started
- What two helpful things you did during the accident

**Paragraph 3**

- Two things which were burnt by the fire
- Two problems that the accident has caused to your school

OR

2. Imagine that you had an interesting school trip to the parliament. Write a composition titled ‘AN UNFORGETTABLE TRIP TO THE PARLIAMENT’. In your composition include the following points:

**Paragraph 1**

- Who organized the trip
- When the trip took place
- Who you went there with
- Why you made the trip

**Paragraph 2**

- How you traveled to the parliament
- Who welcomed you at the parliament
- Two interesting things you saw at the parliament

**Paragraph 3**

- Two lessons you learnt from the trip
- Why the trip is unforgettable

**Answer sheet.**

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**SECTION B (20 Marks)**

**3. COMPREHENSION PASSAGE**

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Mrs. Chimwaza and her husband lived with Peter and Paul, their twin sons. The two eleven year old boys had everything they wanted. This family of four lived near Linga hospital. In many ways, the two brothers looked alike. However, they were very different in character. Peter was often in trouble but his twin brother never got into trouble.

Paul was his mother’s favourite. He never did anything wrong. Everyday Paul brought his mother presents. One day, he gave her avocado pears, the next day some oranges or peaches or bananas. There were always different kinds of fruits in the cupboard or in the fridge.

One Saturday morning, Peter wanted to go and play football. He played for Silver Bullets. As he was leaving, his mother gave him K3000.00 to buy medicine from Chirani shop.

After the game, Peter hurried to change his shirt and a pair of shorts in order to buy the medicines. He looked for his bag in which he had put his clothes. Alas! It was not there. Someone had taken it. He was told that a big man in big boots had taken it. Suddenly, the man appeared with a stick in one hand and Peter’s bag in the other. Peter ran for his life to his home. Peter got home at around five o’clock in the evening. He did not know what to do. He was very hungry, he had lost his shirt, he had also lost his shorts and he had not brought the medicine. What was he going to tell his mother? He wondered.

Later, Peter reported to his mother what had happened. Suddenly, they heard a loud knock. It was the big man in his big boots.

“I am a gardener at the hospital. Your son is a thief. Everyday, he steals fruits from my garden,” he said. Peter replied, “I think you have made a mistake, I think you want my brother not me.” The gardener looked at Peter, then Paul. “You look the same!” He looked at them in surprise.

**Adapted from:** *Twins in trouble by Amu Djoletto*

**Questions:**

- a. Where did Peter and Paul live? (1 mark)

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- b. In what way did Peter differ from Paul? (2 marks)

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- c. Why was Paul favoured by his mother? (2 marks)

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- d. Why did Peter hurry to change his clothes after the game? (2 marks)

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- e. Give one reason why Peter failed to buy medicine from Chirani shop? (2 marks)

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- f. Which of the two boys was a thief? (1 mark)

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- g. Give a reason for your answer in 2f above. (2 marks)

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- h. Why did the gardener fail to identify the boy who always stole fruits from the garden? (2 marks)

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- i. Give the meaning of each of the following words as used in the passage:
  - i. alike \_\_\_\_\_ (1 mark)
  - ii. replied \_\_\_\_\_ (1 mark)
- j. What was Peter worried about as he arrived home in the evening? (2 marks)

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- k. Suggest a suitable title for the story. (2 marks)

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**SECTION C (10 Marks)**

Answer all questions in this section using the spaces provided after each question.

Change the following sentences from **Active** to **Passive** voice. (5 Marks)

- 4. **Active:** Tamanda kicked the ball.  
**Passive:** \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. **Active:** Mr. Banda teaches English.  
**Passive:** \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. **Active:** Jacqueline has passed the examinations.  
**Passive:** \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. **Active:** He will write the letters.  
**Passive:** \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. **Active:** The doctor is treating the patient.  
**Passive:** \_\_\_\_\_

Make a sentence using each of the following words to show that you understand its meaning. (5 Marks)

- 9. carefully  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 10. treat  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 11. absent  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 12. importance  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 13. beautiful  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION D (40 Marks)**

Encircle the letter (A, B, C or D) that represent the correct answer in the following questions.

**Questions 14-26.** Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

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| <p>14. My uncle as well as my aunt _____ present at the meeting last night.<br/>A. were                      B. are<br/>C. have been              D. had been</p> <p>15. She _____ talk for hours in those days.<br/>A. can                        B. may<br/>C. could                      D. might</p> <p>16. _____ Tinyade nor Takondwa has stolen the book.<br/>A. Either                      B. Both</p> | <p>C. Neither                  D. Or</p> <p>17. The head teacher was looking _____ the missing pen.<br/>A. on                          B. for<br/>C. after                       D. over</p> <p>18. Timve and Tsala are _____ ill.<br/>A. both                        B. either<br/>C. each                        D. all</p> <p>19. They return home _____ the evenings.<br/>A. at                            B. in<br/>C. by                            D. on</p> |
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20. Dictatorship is the most popular form \_\_\_\_\_ government in Africa.  
 A. with                      B. in  
 C. of                         D. for
21. If I had lots of money, I \_\_\_\_\_ a car.  
 A. would buy              B. will have bought  
 C. will buy                 D. would have bought
22. They cannot sleep here unless we \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
 A. would know          B. know  
 C. knew                     D. had known
23. Malaki \_\_\_\_\_ from her work tomorrow.  
 A. could resign          B. would resign  
 C. might resign          D. is resigning
24. You can't board a plane \_\_\_\_\_ you have an air ticket.  
 A. unless                    B. if  
 C. but                        D. since
25. The lion is running \_\_\_\_\_ the man.  
 A. to                         B. for  
 C. after                      D. at
26. If I \_\_\_\_\_ strong like you, I would become a soldier.  
 A. was                        B. am  
 C. get                         D. were

**Questions 27-39.** Choose the correct part of speech for each of the following underlined words.

27. A bird with a broken wing fell off the tree.  
 A. verb                        B. adjective  
 C. adverb                     D. noun
28. There is a big garden behind the school.  
 A. preposition              B. conjunction  
 C. adjective                 D. adverb
29. All of us must do something to stop the spread of COVID 19.  
 A. adverb                     B. noun  
 C. pronoun                    D. preposition
30. Why have you done that?  
 A. adjective                 B. verb  
 C. adverb                     D. noun

31. If you run fast, you will find her.  
 A. preposition              B. adverb  
 C. verb                        D. conjunction
32. He was asked to book the hall for the occasion.  
 A. adjective                 B. verb  
 C. noun                        D. pronoun
33. The man was very excited.  
 A. adverb                     B. noun  
 C. pronoun                    D. adjective
34. Reading novels is my hobby.  
 A. verb                        B. adjective  
 C. adverb                     D. noun
35. Whew! I'm glad she is gone.  
 A. preposition              B. verb  
 C. interjection              D. adjective
36. Timoteo is going to his vegetable garden.  
 A. noun                        B. adverb  
 C. pronoun                    D. adjective
37. Mr. Nkhoma has killed an elephant.  
 A. verb                        B. adverb  
 C. article                     D. noun
38. None of them went there.  
 A. adverb                     B. preposition  
 C. pronoun                    D. conjunction
39. She is one of the best learners at our school.  
 A. preposition              B. adjective  
 C. pronoun                    D. adverb

**Questions 40-44.** Choose the correct question tag for the statement.

40. The head teacher was a student at this school, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. was he                     B. wasn't he  
 C. didn't he                 D. did he
41. Pick up those writing materials, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. won't you                 B. doesn't you  
 C. will you                    D. do you
42. Mr. Maulidi is not a doctor, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. isn't he                    B. was he

C. wasn't he      D. is he

43. He often plays football, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. doesn't he      B. didn't you  
 C. does he      D. don't you

44. She hardly speaks French, \_\_\_\_\_?  
 A. doesn't she      B. don't she  
 C. didn't she      D. does she

**Questions 45-46.** Choose the answer that best completes the simile.

45. The beggar was as \_\_\_\_\_ as a church mouse.  
 A. thin      B. poor  
 C. sad      D. hungry

46. Atupele runs as fast as a \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. lion      B. giraffe  
 C. zebra      D. cheetah

**Questions 47-48.** Choose the word that best completes the proverb.

47. Birds of the same \_\_\_\_\_ flock together.  
 A. colours      B. beaks  
 C. wings      D. feathers
48. \_\_\_\_\_ die many deaths.  
 A. Soldiers      B. Cowards  
 C. People      D. Dogs

**Questions 49-53.** Choose the answer that gives the correct type of clause and its function. The clause has been underlined.

49. Whoever answered that question should have been intelligent.  
 A. noun clause, subject of 'should have been'  
 B. noun clause, object of 'should'  
 C. adverb clause, modifies 'have been'  
 D. adjective clause, qualifies 'intelligent'

50. The head teacher was pleased with what he said.  
 A. noun clause, object of 'pleased with'  
 B. adverb clause, modifies 'pleased'  
 C. noun clause, object of 'with'  
 D. adverb clause, modifies 'with'

51. I shall do the exercise as I have been told.  
 A. noun clause, subject of 'shall do'  
 B. adjective clause, qualifies 'exercise'  
 C. noun clause, object of 'shall'  
 D. adverb clause, modifies 'shall do'

52. My father who came last week is a great man.  
 A. noun clause, in apposition to 'father'  
 B. adjective clause, qualifying 'father'  
 C. adverb clause, qualifying 'father'  
 D. noun clause, subject of 'is'

53. This is the dog which my father brought yesterday.  
 A. adjective clause, qualifying 'dog'  
 B. noun clause, object of 'is'  
 C. adverb clause, modifying 'dog'  
 D. noun clause, complement of 'is'

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