



Candidate Name: _____

MACHINGA BOMA ZONE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

2022/2023 END OF TERM ONE EXAMINATION FOR STANDARD 8

ENGLISH

(100 Marks)

Date: _____

Time allowed: _____

Candidate Name: _____

(Surname First)

School Name: _____

Instructions:

- This paper **contains 6 pages**. Please check
- Write your name on every page of this paper.
- This paper has **sections A, B, C and D**
- Follow instructions for every section

SECTION A: (30 Marks)

Answer one question only from this section on the lined answer sheet.

EITHER

1. Imagine that the Headteachers' office at your school was damaged by strong winds. Write a report to the member of parliament of your area asking him/her for assistance.

In your report include the following points

Paragraph 1

- Name of school where the incident took place
- When the incident took place
- Any two friends you were with at the time of incident.

Paragraph 2

- What you were doing during the incident
- Any two things that were damaged by the winds at the school

Paragraph 3

- Any two ways in which the incident has affected activities at your school
- What people did to protect property during the incident
- Any two ways in which you want the Member of Parliament to assist the school

OR

2. Write a composition entitled “**TAKING CARE OF SCHOOL BOOKS**”

In your composition include the following points

Paragraph 1

- Some text books found in your school
- The subject in which you need more text books
- Why you need more text books in those subjects

Paragraph 2

- Uses of text books
- Who is supposed to take care of text books

Paragraph 3

- How text books in your school get damaged
- Ways of caring for the text books
- Why it is important to take care of the text books.

- I. Habitat _____
 - II. Irrigation _____
 - j. Suggest the title of the passage. (2marks)
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SECTION C (10 marks)

Change the sentences from Active to passive voices.

- 4. He gives the patients drugs. (1mark)

 - 5. The teacher will punish the learners. (1mark)

 - 6. They have won the match. (1mark)

 - 7. Febe is sweeping the rooms. (1mark)

 - 8. The dog killed the cat. (1mark)
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Make sentences using each of the following words.

- 9. each

_____ (1mark)
 - 10. accept

_____ (1mark)
 - 11. gift

_____ (1mark)
 - 12. too

_____ (1mark)
 - 13. finally

_____ (1mark)
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SECTION D (40 marks)

Questions 14-26: in each of the following questions choose the correct word (A, B, C or D) that best completes the sentences

- 14. I was delighted _____ the present you gave me
A. for B. to C. with D. about
- 15. Everyone is aware _____ the dangers of smoking.

- A. about B. to C. on D. of
16. Mr Bengo's shop is _____ the road.
A. behind B. at C. near D. on
17. I have not seen jersey _____ yesterday.
A. For B. from C. since D. before
18. They take a bath _____ going to bed.
A. after B. on C. between D. before
19. The headteacher congratulated them _____ passing the examinations.
A. at B. for C. on D. about
20. The injured girl was taken _____ the hospital for treatment.
A. by B. to C. at D. in
21. It was Mr Banda who presided _____ the ceremony.
A. over B. with C. at D. on
22. As I am talking now, John is _____ bed
A. at B. on C. in D. into
23. We return home _____ bus.
A. with B. by C. on D. at
24. If I had money, I _____ buy a car.
A. would C. can
B. could D. will
25. Sekani is the _____ of all the boys.
A. most tall C. tallest
B. taller D. tall
26. Neither the president _____ the minister agrees to the decision.
A. and B. nor C. with D. or

Questions 27-36 choose the correct parts of speech.

27. James will chair the meeting tomorrow.
A. Adjective C. verb
B. Noun D. adverb
28. Alas! This is the end.
A. Adjective C. verb
B. Preposition D. interjection
29. I heard a shout from our neighbors' house.
A. Noun C. adjective
B. Verb D. conjunction
30. The little boy is very excited.
A. Conjunction C. preposition

- B. Adjective D. adverb
31. If it rains, I won't go to school.
A. Preposition C. pronoun
B. Conjunction D. adverb
32. Good citizens do not cut trees carelessly.
A. Adverb C. adjective
B. Verb D. noun
33. Gift has broken an egg.
A. Verb C. noun
B. Article D. adjective
34. They were told what to do.
A. Pronoun C. adjective
B. Adverb D. noun
35. I grow varieties of maize.
A. Preposition C. adverb
B. Verb D. adjective
36. She will go to Lilongwe tomorrow.
A. Noun C. conjunction
B. Adjective D. adverb

Questions 37-44 choose the correct question tag

37. She liked it, _____?
A. did she C. didn't she
B. do she D. don't she
38. Mary is cleaning plates, _____?
A. will she C. is she
B. isn't she D. won't she
39. Let's start homework now, _____?
A. do we C. don't we
B. shall we D. shouldn't we
40. I am not happy to see you, _____?
A. amn't I C. am I
B. aren't I D. do I
41. We should have a duty roster, _____?
A. should we C. haven't we
B. have we D. shouldn't we
42. She will not pass the examinations, _____?
A. will she C. is she
B. won't she D. isn't she
43. Zion rarely goes to school, _____?
A. isn't she C. is she

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B. does she D. doesn't she

44. He had two books, _____?

- A. have he C. hadn't he
B. haven't he D. had he

Questions 45-48 choose the word that best completes the simile

45. He is as _____ as a snail.

- A. lazy C. slow
B. small D. weak

46. Her teeth are as _____ as snow.

- A. pink C. brown
B. yellow D. white

47. She runs as _____ as a hare.

- A. fast C. good
B. slow D. bad

48. He is as _____ as a lion.

- A. clever C. slow
B. brave D. bad

Questions 49-53 choose the correct type of clause and its function.

49. If you are not feeling well, go home.

- A. Noun clause, subject of 'go'
B. Adverb clause, modifying 'go'

C. Adjective clause, qualifying 'home'

D. Noun clause, complement of 'go'

50. This is not what the doctor advised him.

- A. Adverb clause, modifying 'is'
B. Noun clause, object of 'is'
C. Noun clause, complement of 'is not'
D. Adverb clause, modifying 'is not'

51. The teacher who teaches us English is coming.

- A. Noun clause, in apposition to 'teacher'
B. Adjective clause, qualifying noun 'teacher'
C. Noun clause, complement of 'is'
D. Adverb clause, modifying 'is'

52. I cannot depend on what you say.

- A. Noun clause, object of the verb 'cannot depend'
B. Adverb clause, modifying 'depend'
C. Noun clause, object of preposition 'on'
D. Adverb clause, modifying 'cannot depend'

53. She speaks as if she is an Indian.

- A. Noun clause, object of 'speaks'
B. Adverb clause, modifying 'speaks'
C. Adjective clause, qualifying 'Indian'
D. Noun clause, in apposition to 'Indian'

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