



NENO DISTRICT EXAMINATION BOARD

2023 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE DISTRICT MOCK EXAMINATIONS

ENGLISH

(100 Marks)

Wednesday, 15th March

Time allowed: 2 h 15 min

Time: 8:00 – 10:15 am

Name of Candidate : _____

(Surname First)

Name of School : _____

Instruction

- This paper contains **7 printed pages**. Please check
- 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
- This paper consists of **4 sections: A, B, C and D**.
- 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 sections **B, C** and **D**.
- The **first 10 minutes** are for reading the questions and choosing the question to answer from section **A**.
- 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
- 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.

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

Answer one question only from this section. Write your answers in the lined answer sheets provided. Write between 100 and 150 words

EITHER

1. Imagine that you have gone on a transfer to a new school. write a letter to your friend from the school you were.

In your letter include the following points

Paragraph 1

- The name of your new school
- Where the school is found
- When you arrived at the new school

Paragraph 2

- The number of classrooms the new school has
- Number of teachers at the school
- Any three interesting things at the new school

Paragraph 3

- When you expect to visit your friend
- Any two pieces of advice you can give your friend

OR

2. Write a composition on the topic “My holiday plans”. Include the following points

Paragraph 1

- The time you plan to go
- Where you want to go
- With whom you want to go

Paragraph 2

- Two things you want to do
- When will you come back

Paragraph 3

- Are your holiday plans exciting and educational? (give two points)

The chief continued and said, “the people of Dodoma have a strange custom which we do not have in this village. They believe that twin children are evil and that they bring evil to the village and the family. Sometimes twin children and their mothers are sent out of the village and are left to be killed by wild animals or to die of starvation in the bush. At other times only the twins are not killed. In certain cases, when their father is an important man, the twins are not killed straight away. They are each put in a basket. Some pieces of boiled potatoes are put in the basket. The two baskets are placed in a stream. Often the bodies cry and kick. As a result, the baskets turn over and the babies drown.” The chief went on, “this time one of the basket must have been caught in the grass at the edge of the river. If you had not picked it up, this baby too would have died.”

He finally said, “Go in peace and keep your baby. I will inform the people of this village.”

Lidia was happy because she found a baby. However, she was sad because the other twin baby was either dead already or about to die.

QUESTIONS

- a. What did Lidia do when she found the baby?
_____ (2 marks)
- b. What did Lidia beg the chief to do?
_____ (1 mark)
- c. Where did Lidia find the baby?
_____ (1 mark)
- d. Why do the people of Dodoma kill twin children?
_____ (1 mark)
- e. Who puts the babies in the baskets?

_____ (2 marks)
- f. How do the babies drown?

_____ (2 marks)
- g. Give the meanings of the following words as used in the passage
(i) requested
_____ (1 mark)
(ii) starvation
_____ (1 mark)
- h. Why are the twins not killed straight away?

_____ (2 marks)
- i. What would have happened to the baby if Lidia had not picked it?
_____ (2 marks)
- j. Why was Lidia happy?
_____ (1 mark)
- k. What would you do if you were the Chief?

_____ (1 mark)
- l. Mention one custom that the people of Dodoma have?

- _____ (1 mark)
 m. Give a title for the story
 _____ (1 mark)

Section C (10 Marks)

Change each of the following sentences from active to passive voice

4. Active : Precious repaired the radio
 Passive: _____
5. Active: The president handed over the girls’ hostel.
 Passive: _____
6. Active: The learners are writing an assignment.
 Passive: _____
7. Active: She will wash your dirty clothes.
 Passive: _____
8. Active: Careless driving caused the accident.
 Passive: _____

Making sentences using the following words to show that you understand their meanings

9. wonderful _____
10. keep _____
11. mountain _____
12. grow _____
13. quietly _____

Section D (40 Marks)

Questions 14 – 26: In each of the following questions choose the word or phrase A, B, C or D that best completes the sentence.

14. Mr Phiri’s car bumped ___ a loaded lorry.
 A. off B. on C. at D. into
15. The young girl could not cross the road because of the ___ traffic.
 A. busy B. heavy C. big D. high
16. You know him better than ____
 A. me B. I C. I do D. I know
17. If I ___ rich enough, I would build a school.
 A. have been B. _____ C. were

- B. had been D. am
18. I have been living in Balaka ___ seven years
 A. for B. since C. in D. at
19. I will see my wife ___ at the airport
 A. away B. off C. through D. over
20. I have never heard Mercy _____ in that way.
 A. to speak C. speaks
 B. spoke D. speaking
21. Doreen prefers studying _____
 A. to dancing C. than dancing
 B. to dance D. from dance

22. Rome is not as old ____ Athens.
A. like B. but C. as D. than
23. You should always write your name clearly so that ____ can read it easily
A. some B. others C. other D. another
24. His clothes look dirty because he ____ them for a month
A. wouldn't wash C. couldn't washed
B. hasn't washed D. hadn't washed
25. All the learner handed their work ____ the teacher for marking
A. in B. out C. to D. from
26. The patient needed the nurses ____ every hour
A. attend C. attention
B. attendant D. attendance
- Questions 27 – 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. A bird with a broken wing fell off the tree
A. verb C. adverb
B. adjective D. noun
28. Nobody will agree to what you are saying
A. adjective C. adverb
B. pronoun D. noun
29. Alinafe hurt her leg badly
A. noun C. verb
B. adjective D. adverb
30. The rumour that mr. Moyo is sick is not true
A. noun C. adverb
B. verb D. adjective
31. Oh! We have lost all the money.

- A. interjection C. article
B. Pronoun D. Adjective
32. Unless she apologies, I will punish her.
A. pronoun C. adverb
B. conjunction D. noun
33. The book is fairly easy to read
A. adjective C. adverb
B. preposition D. conjunction
34. Chikondi is eating unripe mangoes.
A. verb C. noun
B. adjective D. adverb
35. I entered the competition to try my luck.
A. adjective C. adverb
B. noun D. verb
36. We water flowers every morning
A. adverb C. verb
B. noun D. pronoun
37. The forest has different kinds of trees
A. interjection C. article
B. conjunction D. preposition
38. I will pair up with Florence in the next round.
A. pronoun C. adverb
B. verb D. noun
39. Talumba sits behind me in class.
A. preposition C. adjective
B. adverb D. conjunction
- Questions 40 – 44:** In each of the following questions, choose the correct question tag (A, B, C or D) for the statement
40. Hard work pays, ____?

- A. doesn't it C. can it
 B. does it D. do they
41. She never comes in to me, ____?
 A. does she C. is she
 B. doesn't she D. don't she
42. Don't tell anyone about this, ____?
 A. do you C. can you
 B. will you D. should you
43. I am a good learner, ____?
 A. aren't I C. I mn't I
 B. are you D. I m I
44. He didn't go to church, ____?
 A. does he C. didn't he
 B. will he D. did he

Questions 45 – 46: In each of the following questions, choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best completes the smiles

45. His hands were as cold as ____
 A. water B. rain C. ice D. hail
46. The fruit is as ____ as honey
 A. tasty B. good C. nice D. sweet

Questions 47 – 48: In each of the following questions, choose (A, B, C or D) that best completes the proverb

47. A bad workman always blames his ____
 A. tools B. hands C. time D. effort
48. You cannot ____ an old dog new tricks
 A. force B. give C. teach D. fight

Questions 49 – 53: In each of the following questions, choose answer (A, B, C or D) that

gives the correct type of clause and its function. The clause has been underlined

49. Take this rain coat in case it rains.

- A. noun clause, object of take
 B. adverb clause modifies verb take
 C. adjective clause qualifies rain coat
 D. noun clause complement

50. This is the friend I was telling you about

- A. adjective clause qualifying friend
 B. noun clause object of is
 C. adverb clause, modifying is
 D. noun clause complement of is

51. What he said surprised my sister.

- A. noun clause subject of surprised
 B. noun clause in apposition to sister
 C. adjective clause qualifying sister
 D. adverb clause modifying surprised

52. The news that her grandmother is a witch is totally untrue

- A. adjective clause qualifying noun news
 B. noun clause in apposition to noun news
 C. adverb clause modifying is
 D. noun clause subject of the verb is

53. This is the car that was swept away by the floods.

- A. noun clause, complement of verb was
 B. adjective clause, qualifying noun car
 C. adverb clause, modifying verb was
 D. noun clause object of verb was